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EFFICIENCY IN CHARITY.

"More charity in business, more business in charity," was the idea held up by Prof. Charles R. Henderson of the University of Chicago, in a recent address. It is a thoroughly modern idea. It remained for the twentieth century to conceive it.

We have grown up to think that the poor we always will have with us. Poverty has seemed inevitable. Prof. Henderson points out its curability. To cure, though, we must get to the bottom of the disease. We must remove causes, not merely treat the surface symptoms.

We have poverty problems because for thousands of years we have been superficial. It would be as easy to cure small pox by a face wash as to cure poverty by spasmodic and impulsive almsgiving. The problem must be attacked further down. We must try to learn why people are poor. We must attempt such social and industrial rearrangements as will give everyone a chance to be something else than poor.

It is a big problem—one of the biggest society faces—but here is a solution for it. We can, if we will, make such industrial readjustments as will minimize the shocks of unemployment. By widening the scope of the health movement we do much to remove one of the large causes of poverty—sickness. By education, we can minimize another—ignorance. Possibly we always will have some sick, some incompetent, but proper preventive measures will reduce the number of both. We are only beginning to realize what wonderful changes can be made in this grim old world by those twin agencies of civilization—sanitation and education.

Business methods in philanthropy

are bringing nearer the day when poverty and its host of attendant ills will be but a memory.

CURFEW LAW.

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dog licenses; drew warrants for \$39.96 accrued interest on bonds 615, 616 and 653, coupons No. 1.

The Water Supt. spent \$10.70 cleaning sewers between 3rd and 4th St. \$5.35 lowering pipe O Avenue, \$10.70 for 2 taps, and \$5.35 reading meters.

No fires.

The police arrested 20, released 19, one in jail, one horse in pond, fines \$55.00; raided Mr. Mose Thompson's house and found him selling whiskey; a large quantity of bottled whiskey and some beer was found. He also confessed to the police to having obtained cocaine from a legal drug store and delivering it.

The Street Supt. bought \$21.70 worth of rock for Fir Street at \$1.40, also a dump box for gathering refuse on streets. Spent \$48.50 repairs and \$75.00 cleaning streets.

I recommend the transfer of the blumbing inspection work to the Water Supt. for the former terms and conditions. The Engineer has more than he can do and the Water Supt. can do the work in connection with his work with less loss of time and a better chance at keeping tab than the engineer can. This increases the pay roll by \$15.00 per month and will release the engineer for his other work that is accumulating.

I recommend the resolution to request the County Court to cancel the tax on the R. R. Y. M. C. A. Also recommend the contract with the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation Co.

The police department should be supplied with a better system of records so as to easily keep a complete tab on the work.

OLD JAPANESE ART

Swords of Perfumed Steel That Cannot Now Be Made.

MARVEL OF A CRYSTAL BALL

Rubbed Into a Perfect Sphere by Hand, It Would Be Difficult to Duplicate It With Modern Machinery—Legend of the Secret of a Swordmaker.

Steel made more than 800 years ago, with a sweet odor put in so that the metal still retains the scent—that is one of the secrets of an old Japanese sword maker described by Reginald F. St. Fere Vaile of London. Mr. Vaile is an amateur collector and his enthusiasm for the beauty of old Japanese art has carried him far back into the centuries.

Mr. Vaile actually owned a sword of scented steel one time, but it was stolen from the office of his lawyer several years ago. He regards this loss as the greatest a collector could face and feels sure that he will never get that sword back again.

"The perfume was delicate and pleasing," he said. "It is not the only sword of the kind in the world. The royal collection at Vienna has one, and there are two or three more which

DYAL MOVES STORE.

Will Occupy Harris Building Just Across North Fir Street.

K. Dyal, who has been conducting a new and second hand furniture store in the Geddes building on Fir street is going to move into the Harris building on the opposite side of the street. Mr. Dyal asserts he has had a flourishing business since starting out for himself and the increase has forced him to make arrangements for larger quarters.

In addition to the store room in the Harris building he has rented a warehouse on the North Side to house his furniture and supplies and enable him to show his goods to better advantage. The new store is to be fitted up specially for the display of furniture, with balcony, racks and shelves and office space. Mr. Dyal's business is an example of energy and good management and will doubtless increase as the city grows in size and population.

have retained their fragrance for all these hundreds of years.

"The scent is actually a part of the steel. The sword was incased in a wood sheath, which gave forth no odor. The handle of the sword was of wood, which was easily removed and which gave no odor. The makers' names, father and son, were on the steel of the handle.

"I entertained a group of Sheffield steel men at my home several years ago and just as a surprise for them I had the sword on the table. They were boasting about what great steelmakers they were, and then I asked them to smell the sword. They were the most surprised men you ever saw.

"Steelmakers," I said. "There is some real art in making steel; let us see you equal that." They could not, of course.

Mr. Vaile said that there are hundreds of mechanical tricks of the Japanese artisans of hundreds of years ago which have been lost. These men have made many articles which cannot be duplicated with modern machinery.

"I have in my home a crystal ball six inches in diameter," he said. "It is as round as a billiard ball; it will stand any test for roundness. That was made by hand several hundred years ago. It would be difficult to make it now with machinery. If it is possible; but think of the years of toil and the special ability required for a man to rub a block of crystal into a perfect sphere."

Mr. Vaile said that old Japanese princes kept hordes of men at work, paying them fairly well. These men had food and lodging assured for the rest of their lives, and they didn't have to hurry with their work.

He told of one cabinet started by one man for the prince who employed him but who failed to finish it. He died and the prince died. The son of the artisan took up the work, expecting to finish it for the son of the former prince. They both died, and the cabinet was finally finished by the grandson of the original cabinetmaker and presented to the grandson of the original prince.

"There was one swordmaker who had the trick of making a dagger with a very hard steel point, which gradually grew softer toward the handle. He did this by taking a dagger blade of uniform hardness, packing it in clay which was thicker toward the handle. In this way when he heated the pack the heat was graded, being strong at the point and soft near the handle.

"The secret lay in the temperature of the water he put it in after heating it. No one could discover how hot the water was or how long he kept the mass in the water.

"He had several young men working for him, and one of these men, a trickster, was anxious to learn the secret. The old man prepared his bath in a private tent. One day he was coming out of the tent with a newly finished sword under his arm when the young man darted past him and stuck his hand in the water.

"The old man wheeled and struck out with his sword. He cut so quickly that he severed the young man's arm before the young man's nerves could convey any idea of the temperature of the water to his brain—or so they say."

One of the old swordmakers had the peculiar knack of making swords which, of themselves, continually searched for trouble. "Blood drinkers," these swords were named. There was one of them in the Bowes collection, which was sold in England seven or eight years ago.

"One of my friends bought this sword," said Mr. Vaile. "He was explaining its peculiar nature to some of us. One of the men laughed at the superstition. Just as he was in the middle of a guffaw the sword slipped out of its sheath, the handle struck the floor and the point fell against his leg. He was severely cut. I saw this, and while I myself don't attach any supernatural power to the sword, this series of facts keeps me from laughing at it."—New York Sun.

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Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe and Miss Rosine Vreeland left this noon for Telocaset, where Miss Vreeland will inspect the sanitary conditions in the schools.

Mrs. Hector McDonald who has been spending the winter in Portland, passed through La Grande this morning on her way home to Wallowa.

N. K. West returned this morning from Salem where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the State Fair board.

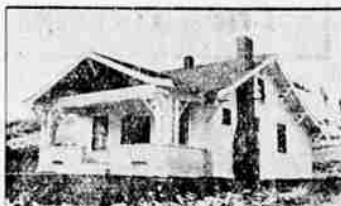
James Abegg of Mohler, Washington, arrived in La Grande last night and will visit a short time with his daughter, Mrs. Louise and his son George.

Al Jones, of Joseph, accompanied by his family, passed through La Grande this morning on their way from Salem to North Powder where they will visit a short time. Mr. Jones will probably enter the race for representative from Wallowa county this year on the republican ticket. He expects to return to La Grande Saturday.

Engineers C. M. Hutchinson, O. G. Olson, Jno. Daniels, and chief dispatcher C. W. Turner were among

the first to answer the call to the rippling river this morning. They expect to make a haul this afternoon. They have seen others pull them out near North Fork and Olson says if anybody can catch them he can. Be-

fore leaving they took enough orders to keep them at the river till fall, but they intend to return this evening.



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