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PROCLAMATION OF PEACE. Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

Our Friend With Green Ink

Some people desire to know the truth. This is proven by a letter the editor of this paper recently received. It is written in green ink and was mailed in La Grande. The letter addresses us in a very cordial manner and then says: "couldn't you give us a few editorials under the title, 'introspection?'"

The way to reduce expenses in state affairs, as we have often pointed out, is to lop off and abolish such departments as the public service commission, the highway commission, and many more agencies which we have, yet which we could do without.

A fine thing it would be to strip this state government down to its governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and school superintendent, but just try to do it and see if you don't uncover more dynamite than you ever thought existed in this broad land.

To the green ink friend we would say: Your veiled threat two years hence means not a thing in the world. You should have signed your name to your letter, and you should, furthermore, analyze state matters not from the standpoint of biased and partisan feelings, but from the standpoint of common honesty in state affairs.

The Girl's Hot Water Bag

About the most laughable thing that science has come up against lately is that Escanaba, Michigan, girl who had the hot water bag habit. Her physician was called to look after her physical condition. First thing, of course, was that ickey known as the thermometer, which goes in the mouth. Then came the wise look on the old physician's face as he adjusted his glasses to see the temperature of the youngster.

If Mrs. Miles Poindexter was the wife of some men she would be told that she is making a consummate donkey of herself by attempting to write syndicate articles exposing her associates in Washington society.

Heavy earrings are causing women's ears to elongate. That is, they are distending, drooping, as it were. The next generation may see ladies with flopping ears which will require more jewelry to decorate.

Utah is bootlegging cigarettes and Oregon is bootlegging oleo, so there will be something for the federal agents to work at when the whiskey is all gone.

The Old Oregon Trail association held another of its annual sessions at Baker, and did the boys have a good time? Well, just ask anyone who was present.

Edison might not be able to make the freshman class in college, as asserted, but then, his age would bar him from the football team, anyway.

There should be no sympathy for the person who buys so many luxuries that he cannot pay for necessities.

THE OFFICE CAT

What will become of our young people? Well a reformer. Oh, they will grow old and worry about the young people.

A TAKING GIRL. She took my hand in sheltered nooks. She took my candy and my books. She took that lustrous wrap of fur. She took those gloves I bought for her.

Any man is well off who thinks he is, even if he hasn't a penny. Mental wealth is more lasting than dollar wealth.

Women looking for some quiet place to spend the afternoon might try stores of some merchant who doesn't advertise.

TO SAVE HIS LIFE. "What makes Tinker carry such a big wad of bills every time he goes out in his car at night?"

A profit, also, is often without honor in its home town. Miss Effie Luffler, teacher of singing: Special pains given to beginners.—Ad in Ohio paper.

NEVER NO MORE. Amos Tash remembers about that same girl, her white petticoat was always coming down every time they played bean bag.

LEFT OUT THE DASH. Born, April 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase, a daughter. Send it to the Mohawk Laundry.

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legislative demands of the century. The senate is so struck with admiration for its own traditions that it forgets the time it wastes is not its own. While it is preserving its traditions the country is going without the services of one house of congress whose assent is necessary to the enactment of legislation.

The lack of a reasonable closure rule operates to completely nullify the purpose for which the senate was constituted. No legislative body of the size to which the senate has grown can get legislative results while it is permitted to talk against time. Unlimited discussion is an evil when its right is abused, and the filibuster as the senate practices it is such an abuse. It is not allowed in a court, for it would stop the wheels of industry. Only in the senate is unlimited discussion tolerated.

Let the senate, while it is preserving other traditions, preserve the great tradition of the privilege of recording its judgment.

DOUBTFUL PUBLICITY. New York Times: The wages of sin is death, but the wages of heresy is free publicity.

The foregoing is set down merely as a statement of fact, and not as an expression of preference in the controversy between Dr. Percy Grant and his bishop, which is causing so much excitement among elderly reactors and young intellectuals. Without indorsing the heresy-mongers who think that Washington Heights has a divine commission to regulate the opinions of Washington Square, it may be observed that now, as always, Dr. Grant is a trifle unhappy in his supporters. Most of them would do anything for him, except go to church.

This is the ill-fortune of an earnest and well-intended man, who even yet doesn't seem to understand the tastes of the consumers. When Dr. Grant used to preside over his turbulent Sunday night forum he was zealous for democracy—democracy on the speaking floor where he wanted every man to get a fair hearing and none to talk too long. But democracy was the last thing that most of his amateur orators wanted. Their idea of a fair hearing was to talk till they were tired out, and then howl down the speakers for the opposition.

Dr. Grant would wriggle out of a few Episcopals dogmas that he thinks the modern intellect has outgrown; but he would keep the injunctions to humility and long-suffering, poverty and chastity, fortitude, self-denial and brotherly love—everything, in short, which makes Christianity difficult and unpopular.

Gentlemen, may I expound a novel enthusiasm for religion, think that Dr. Grant has done a great thing in getting the church on the front page. But Dr. Hall of New Brunswick did that; even in more properly ecclesiastical fields, Bill Sunday did it. It isn't hard to get the church on the front page; nor is it certain that the front page is the church's best field of usefulness. One sees much excitement over religion, but few symptoms of the broken and the contrite heart.

THE LAND OF THE PIE. Minneapolis Tribune: Pie! It's an American institution—indigenous and flourishing.

An eloquent defender has just raised his voice in a compelling atmosphere to pie. Dr. Copeland lays the glorious credit for pie at the door of New England. With that allocation of public service we of the West will not quarrel. New England has furnished us with a lot of parents and grandparents; with a considerable share of the ingredients that enter into the making of our collective character; with the virtues of thrift; with the Thanksgiving idea and habit; with the genius for baking beans and making cornmeal mush; with most of the love we have for the salt of the seas in our nostrils, and that is something. But as to pie, whatever its genesis and native habitat, its reach today is from New England to the Pacific.

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