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THE "FURIES"

How e'er it be, it seems to me 'Tis only noble to be good.— Kind hearts are more than coronets And simple faith than Norman blood. —Tennyson.

QUEEN MARY of England has called the Militant Suffragettes by a new name; "The Furies." Now, as everyone knows, the Furies were, according to Greek mythology, a horde of demon personifying all that men most loath and dread, coming up from the house of Hades, to hound the evil doer to his doom.

Perhaps the Militants have a similar mission to perform. The English aristocracy have not been above reproach in the past and probably still need an occasional reminder of their shortcomings. We believe the English Queen has given her tormentress an exceedingly apt name.

Writing in the early part of the last century Victor Hugo, the great French philosopher, statesman and humanitarian, has given us a picture of conditions in England at that time, when men were begging for an opportunity to work in order that they might keep their families from starving, but were denied the right to labor, forced off the land by the lords and compelled to lead lives of beggary and crime.

The same social conditions which provoked Hugo to write his bitter condemnation of the ruling class in England may still be found in many parts of Britain, notably in the east end of London, where, associated with the slobbery and incalculable wealth

ARE WE CIVILIZED

DR. JOHN A. WITHERSPOON, of Nashville, Tenn., says that future civilization will be horrified at the conditions of drunkenness, immorality, disease and economic waste which we of today permit to exist among us. All this is perfectly true. It will, indeed be exceedingly hard for historians of the future to draw just conclusions as to the particular status of our civilization. There are men and women now living who are as far advanced in culture and morality as the average man and woman of 1000 years hence. There are others who are uncivilized as the average man of 2000 years ago. The tremendous distance between these two extremes of culture is what gives our present civilization such a low medium.

One of the strange phenomena brought to notice in the course of human events is that fact that while the earliest civilizations have had their beginnings in the East and advanced westward it is the Western peoples—the most recently civilized nations which have made most rapid and notable progress, and which have in turn become the teachers of the East. Thus the old, conservative (that is to say, non-progressive) civilizations of Asia are being uprooted and replaced by the more rational kind developed in Western Europe. Again European civilization transplanted in America soon developed new and startling characteristics; it raised the standard of human liberty (one might almost say, humane liberty), instigated the French Revolution and was thus instrumental in raising many of the European peoples out of the bondage of Medievalism, and into a new and higher plane of life. Then, again, in America it is the newer and more western communities which have evolved the most progressive ideas of government—it is the Western States which have set the pace for those east of the Mississippi in political reforms.

An indication of the progress civilization has made since the discovery and settlement of America may be seen in the facts that in European Turkey today women receive an average wage of 15c for 14 hours work, while in some of the most enlightened sections of Western Europe the peasant still hitches his wife to the plow, and makes her the beast of burden generally. Imagine our Oregon ladies enduring such treatment! All over the world the status of woman indicates the grade of civilization attained, and in this respect our western states of America are superior.

Those women who are so very fortunate as to have their homes in Oregon should make it their chief ambition to furnish a good example for those semi-barbarians east of us who profess to believe that American-born women have less patriotism and political common sense than have negroes, Indians, and comparatively ignorant foreigners. Certainly by studying the politics of their state and assisting intelligently in its government our new-made citizens can do much, not only for themselves and other American women, but they will thus greatly assist in the progress of the movement for the emancipation of woman which is world-wide in extent;—the Eastern woman who is a slave, the European woman who is a serf, the English woman who is a martyr, and the large majority of American women who are political non-entities, all look to their sisters in Oregon for inspiration and help.

We have no need to tell the ladies how to vote—they are perfectly capable of finding that out for themselves; but we believe there is need to remind them of the tremendous responsibilities which rest upon them, and to urge them to put forth their utmost efforts politically for the good of humanity and the advancement of civilization. Women of Oregon the eyes of the world are upon you. DO YOUR DUTY!

Here is the national roll of honor, —and after November third we shall add OREGON.

CO-OPERATION

This bank wishes all of its customers, both large and small, to know that its officers hold themselves ready at any time to consider with them any business proposition which they themselves are thinking of, and to give each customer all the time necessary to obtain a full understanding of the needs and requirements of the business of each, with a view to giving to each cooperation as will insure the success of all worthy enterprises.

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PATENT MEDICINE HUMBAG

People who are sick will buy almost anything in the way of medicine if it is put up in an attractive bottle and properly labeled.

In investigating a recent case under the Food and Drugs Act the Department of Agriculture found that a certain "Lithia Water" which was being sold as a certain remedy for various human ills contained so little lithium that it would be necessary for a person to drink about 200,000 gallons of water a day in order to get a medium dose of the drug.

Will some one who is quick at figures please tell us how much it would cost to cure the average case of rheumatism with this stuff, at 25c a pint?

The Patent Medicine humbag is a blot on American civilization. When a person is really sick he needs first class medical advice, and self-treatment is dangerous in the majority of cases. Any drug preparation which is powerful enough to interrupt the course of a serious disease is powerful enough to do great harm if improperly used; any drug which is so weak as to be incapable of doing harm is likely to be worse than useless as a remedy.

Millions and billions of dollars have been abstracted from the pockets of poor and suffering dupes by the army of medical fakers of this land. Their pernicious goods are everywhere, and American newspapers are saturated with their advertisements. Of course the quacks are absolutely pitiless, but it seems to me that kind hearted editors who print their stuff must needs sleep with a candle near their beds to ease a seared conscience, and must wake from troubled dreams to echo the cry of Lady Macbeth as she frantically tries to cleanse her hands of Duncan's blood—

WHEN THE WORM TURNS

The rapacity, stealthy brigandage and selfish insolence of the ultra-rich, are rapidly bringing about conditions which constitute a national menace. The constant flow of millions and billions of dollars into the pockets of a few unscrupulous individuals who use their financial power to exploit the poor and unfortunate, cannot go on much longer, or "the worm will turn." Just what will come of the worm's flip-flop nobody knows, but it is pretty safe to predict that it will be a performance well worth watching.

The French people celebrate the 14th of July as their Independence Day and the spirit of that celebration corresponds very closely with our 4th of July festivities. After centuries of patient suffering from the tyrannies of the nobility the common people of Paris arose en masse and attacked the ancient stronghold of French royalty, the grim old castle called the Bastille.

Constructed originally for use as a fortress for defense of the city of Paris the Bastille had long been used as a military and political prison, behind the grim walls of which the nobility wreaked vengeance upon those who opposed their acts of high-handed oppression and selfish brutality.

The temper of the French people is to endure patiently to the limit of patience and then retaliate with merciless savagery. And so it was with the Bastille. In July, 1789 the oppressed people of France and especially the poor people of Paris and their champions, armed with whatever weapons they could find, marched upon the Bastille and demolished it. Following the fall of the Bastille came the bloody reign of terror for the French nobility, when the French people guillotined their haughty oppressors by the hundreds and crushed forever the power of royalty in France.

Having purged France of the obnoxious nobility, the French people went mad with joy and with unparalleled generosity offered to fight for any and all the European peoples who wished to be free. In reply to that

France has a national debt of nearly 7 billion dollars and yet she is prosperous because the French people control their own debt; the government bonds are purchased by the peasants and France is paying the interest on her debt to her own people. In France waste and extravagance are looked upon as a crime by the common people. And they would not tolerate the thieving and exploitation from which the American people suffer. Let us profit by their example. Let us storm the Bastille of the American Monopoly Kings!

PERSONAL LIBERTY

Confiscation of property and "personal liberty" are stereotyped phrases in the vocabulary of the anti-prohibitionists. Their constant references to "confiscation" gives one to think they must have extensive financial interests in common with the breweries.

There is no such thing as personal liberty in any civilized community—Robinson Crusoe being probably the only white man who ever caught up with the simon-pure article, and was able to do just as he pleased.

HOPE FOR WETS

Mr. W. J. Smith, candidate for governor on the Socialist ticket is not at all in favor of prohibition, as his recent Oregon City speech, reported elsewhere in this issue, plainly shows. This fact clears away a great difficulty. It gives to the wets a candidate for whom they can conscientiously cast their ballots.

Indeed, it is right and proper that those who profit by the liquor business should vote for the candidate who represents the workingman; for it is precisely this workingman who is the mainstay of the liquor business. We have known a considerable number of laborers who spent for years the larger part of their earnings over the saloon bar. It would be decidedly ill-mannered for the wets to "cut" the only man who has the nerve to openly espouse their cause.

And, in fact, who else is there for the saloon crowd to vote for? They cannot vote for U'Ren or Gill, for these two are so dry that the sight of anything that looks even politically damp gives them a species of hydrophobia; they cannot vote for Dr. Smith, for he is the man you know who is going to take up the work as West lays it down and prod the liquor lion out of his lair with the O. N. G. bayonet, and they will not vote for Withycombe, for his peculiar flirtation with the brewery crowd has filled them with disgust.

Putting the pieces of this "Chinese" puzzle together in the way it seems to us they should go, we find that Mr. U'Ren and Mr. Gill will get the dry vote almost entirely; Mr. Smith (Socialist) will get practically all the wet vote, and Dr. Smith and Mr. Withycombe will get what's left, —if there should happen to be anything left.

AWAKENING OF GREECE

The fine old American battle-ships Idaho and Mississippi have been sold to Greece and Uncle Sam has received a check from that country for 12½ millions of dollars—the original cost of the vessels.

We congratulate Greece upon the purchase and trust she may be able to give a good account of herself in the approaching conflict with the barbarous Turks. The famous little kingdom under able leaders, has been gradually rising in power since the successful defense of her rights by the Greek soldiers and sailors during the recent Balkan war. Greece has grown ambitious with success and hopes to regain her ancient power. To do this she must drive Turkey from the Aegean coasts and the purchase of the Idaho and Mississippi is her first move in that direction.

For their part the Turks are getting even with Greece by a grand movement to drive all Hellenes out of lands which are in dispute between the two nations. Already tens of thousands of Greeks have been driven out of Turkish territory in Europe and are finding refuge in Macedonia. Probably 200,000 Greeks have been driven from their homes and their property confiscated by the Turks. Of course all the refugees are in a destitute condition and Greece has already spent nearly half a million dollars for their relief. These refugees will never be able to return to their homes in the Thrace and Smyrna districts till the Turks have been driven out for good.

If the little kingdom of Greece should be able to accomplish this, the Hellenes will have gone a long way toward regaining their ancient reputation as warriors. They only need an Alexander

KNOWLEDGE

American education is the mainstay of American civilization. It is to the superiority of our systems for placing education within the reach of the common people that we owe our superiority as a nation. The little red school house has made it possible for the American people to accomplish more for civilization and humanity in the last 50 years than China with its 500 millions of people and its wonderful literature has been able to accomplish in 5,000 years and more.

Yet there are opportunities and possibilities for great improvement in our educational systems. Advancement is continually being made, and we can confidently look forward to the coming of a time when we shall consider the school of today barbarous and crude.

Knowledge is the key to happiness and education is the way to knowledge. Education, good or bad, cannot be avoided—every living person must inevitably acquire education of some sort—knowledge of some kind comes to us in the course of time, either by our own experiences and observations or by the teaching of others. There is no such thing known as an uneducated man or woman. We all have education of some sort, but the question is, what kind of education have we? Is it the education of a person who would stand in the forefront of civilization? or is it the education of the savage,—or something between those two extremes? What is the best education? What knowledge is really worth having?

The cat educates her kittens to be skillful at the business of catching birds and mice, and that is the best possible education for a cat; but such training would be of little use to the average man; also there are plenty of individuals who have been educated to be skillful in arts which are of less value to humanity than the catching of rats and mice would be. And yet we are foolish enough to say that the life of one man is worth as much as the life of any other.—We have not yet learned to appreciate fully the worth of that man who has been properly educated, nor the worthlessness of that man who has been improperly educated.

Now the nation can never rise higher than the standard of its average citizen, and the average citizen can never rise higher than his education and the opportunities of life permit him to rise. Probably NAPOLEON was not the greatest general ever born; probably BEETHOVEN was not the greatest musician who ever lived—so far as natural qualifications were concerned, but education and opportunity enabled these two to rise to the pre-eminent places they have taken in the history of the world.

The man is the property of the state, and it is the duty of the state to educate him to the highest point of usefulness to the state. Men as great in intellect as Plato or Shakespeare have been born, have lived and have died, and the world has never heard their names nor gained anything by their existence, because they were improperly educated.

It is environment, education, opportunity that makes the man. Perhaps we shall some day have our educational system so developed that it will be no longer left to chance for the person of master talents to find his proper place in the world—when each individual life will be trained to yield its utmost for the happiness of the individual and the good of humanity. That, it seems to me, is the ultimate purpose of education.

DEGRADE OR ELEVATE

With all the wealth that is flowing into the pockets of the moving picture concerns it is strange that their work should retain such a low standard. Is this a fact because of a depraved popular taste? We believe that the films were of a more wholesome nature ten years ago than they are today. It is rarely indeed that one sees in the average theatre nowadays a picture that is worth looking at so far as decency and instruction are concerned—and yet the moving picture is one of the greatest educators in the world. No one can attend a picture show without being educated in one way or another. But usually the education is of a very undesirable kind. The majority of pictures are very bad.

No one is to blame for this condition excepting those nice people who consider a photo play as beneath their notice. Since those who might appreciate something of an elevating kind will not enter their theatres the picture men are compelled to cater to the depraved taste of those who are willing to part with their nickels and dimes for the privilege of looking at pictures of the kind that inspire vicious or depraved ideals.

Some time ago the proprietors of a theatre in this city advertised the beautiful religious play "Parsifal" from the Wagner opera. No one went to see it and he had to exchange the film for another for the evening show.

If those who wish humanity well and who recognize both the evil and the good which the movies are capable of doing, would consider it their Christian duty to attend those exhibitions which are of an elevating character, and would make it known to the show man that they would attend his theatre when such films are run, we believe that a long step

toward the solution of a great moral problem would have been taken. Try it.

UNSINKABLE SHIPS

The royal commission which has been investigating the recent wreck of the Empress of Ireland at Montreal, Canada, have reported that most of the blame for the wreck and loss of 1,000 lives should be placed upon Chief Officer Teftenes of the St. St. Lawrence river.

As a matter of fact no one can be held strictly accountable for this horror. It was due to the fragile character of the passenger steamer's hull for the most part. Modern ships are not made strong enough in proportion to their weight and bulk. So long as steamship companies are permitted to build and use these fragile tubs such accidents are bound to occur.

The big ships of English construction seem to be particularly unfortunate or unseaworthy. Years ago the first class British battleship, Victoria, sank in the Mediterranean after a slight collision, carrying to the bottom nearly all of her crew of several hundred men.

Later the English built a monster airship at a cost of more than half a million dollars. It collapsed at the first trial.

Two years ago the "unsinkable" Titanic went to the bottom of the Atlantic after a slight brush with an iceberg, while making her first voyage to America, drowning 1,600 persons. Then comes the Empress of Ireland with its aftermath of a thousand funerals to prove that there must be something wrong with the English methods for constructing big ships. Probably the craze for size and speed, together with the purpose of builders to extract every possible dollar of profit from the contract, lies at the bottom of recent disasters. At any rate, judging from recent events, anyone who should take passage on an English built ship and entertain expectations of reaching the other side in safety must be nine-tenths a fool and the other tenth intoxicated.

THE NEW INDIAN

In the good old days the plains Indian used to be a worthless, lazy thief, drunk vagabond. No one believed 20 years ago that anything less persuasive than the Angel of Death could tame the savage nature of these children of the wilderness.

But with the passing of the old time whiskey peddling frontiersman, and the coming of the agriculturist and school teacher, prospects have changed for the red man, and from Canada to Texas the Indian is fast becoming one of our most well-to-do and respectable citizens. When the people of the great plains have hanged the last stock rustler and sent the last bootlegger to the penitentiary, the last barrier to complete civilization for the Indian will have been swept away.

And in proof of all this word comes from South Dakota that many Indians—men of intelligence and education—are holding county offices in that state, and that the Indian residents of Millette county have organized an "Indian Political Association" under a charter from the Secretary of State, the incorporators are:

From savagery to whiskey and horse-stealing, from thieving and drunkenness to politics—thus does our red brother follow close upon the heels of the white man in ascending the ladder of civilization.

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Mr. James A. Barr is director of the division of congresses and conventions of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Two hundred and twenty-five conventions and congresses will meet there.

What with the anti-Chinese citizens and the prohi agitators and questioners, Dr. James Withycombe, candidate for governor, will soon need to take a rest at some vacation point in our picturesque Oregon. Verily, this running for office is not an easy job.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

M. J. Brown, editor of the Oregon City Courier, who goes away on a vacation each summer and gives a series of very interesting descriptive letters, telling his readers of what he sees as away on a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.—Newberg Graphic.

Advertisement for Ballard's Snow Liniment, including text: 'TIME IS THE BEST TEST', 'Ballard's SNOW LINIMENT', 'James F. Ballard, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.', and 'Jones Drug Co., Oregon City.'

Advertisement for E. H. Cooper, 'The Insurance Man', listing services like Fire, Life, and Accident Insurance.

Advertisement for Leon Dailey, 'Plastering and Lathing', 'All Work Guaranteed', 'Prices The Lowest', '416 Water St., Oregon City.'

Advertisement for Brownell & Stone, 'Attorneys at Law', 'Oregon City, Oregon'.

Advertisement for Mr. Gustav F. Flechtner, 'Violin Teacher', '12th and Main Streets', 'Will resume teaching Monday, July 13.'

Advertisement for Money To Loan, 'For Long or Short Periods', 'W.M. Hammond, Attorney at Law', 'Beaver Building, Oregon City.'

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