tainty that many would lend their efforts to raise a fund for this purpose if deetned GOLDEN AGE OF ITALIAN LITERATURE

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XIL-DANTE AND HIS RELATION TO MODERN LITERATURE.

BY C. W. BENTON, PH. D.

The philosopher Gioberti has compared Dante to the acoatha tree in India, which, by throwing out from its branches new shoots into the ground, becomes of itself a forest. "The Middle Ages," says Lowell, "were reflected in his soul as the uni-verse in a drop of dew." As the materials of different geologic

ages entered into the composition of his favorite church of San Giovanni, the gates of which 'Michael Angelo declared were worthy to be the gates of paradise, so the "Divine Comedy" embraced earth and heaven-a curi a porto mano e cielo e ter-

Italy had been the center of the crusades Her popes had given the order to march. Her ships had furnished the means of transport. The enthusiasm of that con-flict of centuries had not fallen with the herole figure of St. Louis, but was turned in other directions-to the building of cathedrals and great systems of thought. Armies as well as ideas had orossed the national boundaries. The conflict be-tween Gregory VII and Henry IV of Germany was still shaking the Continent, a distant echo of which was recently heard in the remark of a German Prince that

there was no more going to Canossa. Frederick Barbarossa and Henry VII were still fighting to maintain the imperial power. In England from the weak hands of King John was being wrested the Magna Charta. In Spain Alphonso X heard the first strains of the poem of the Cid. In France the troubadours of Provence were producing the first outburst of lyric poetry in any language of modern Europe, while the North was singing of the prowess of the paladins of the great Emperor and covering the land with its white mantle of churches.

In Italy the free air of the sea brings to Venice and Genoa the sense of liberty and the commerce of the Orient. Nominally under the suzerainty of the Emperor, in fact independent republics, most of the Italian cities of the north, electing their own magistrates while many of the nations of Europe were still under the rule of despotism, show that boldness of char-acter and thought which are fostered by the institutions of popular liberty. To-gether with this political ardor were other influences of culture, chief among which was the memory of ancient Rome. Al-though the empire was no more, Rome still lived in her splendid ruins and in her literature. Her monuments, visible on ev-ery hand, still spoke of a greatness and a dominion which Italy blushed to have lost and dreamed to regain. The German Em-perors who inherited the title of the holy Roman Empire, given by the Popes to Charlemagne, promised that dominion, and Italy followed the Emperors. This was the Ghibelline party. The Popes, on the other hand, with the title of spiritual Governors hand, with the title of spiritual Governors of the Universe and makers of Kings, promised that dominion, and so Italy fol-lowed the Popes. This was the Guelf or popular party. Moreover, many of the Popes themselves sprang from the com-mon people. Hildebrand, the greatest of them, was the son of a carpenter; Syl-vester II, who, as the Monk Gerbert, had introduced into Europe the Arabic numer. introduced into Europe the Arabic numer-als and encouraged learning, was the son of farmer peasants of Lorraine: Urban IV was son of a shoemaker; Celestin V was a While the nobles had some shadow of

excuse in calling in the Emperor, who was their sovereign, to ""le their disputes, the Popes, on the ct. er hand-Boniface VIII, for example-had called in the aid of the Frinces of France without having any such excuse. Thus Italy became the battle-ground of Europe, and the Panacy was fighting to take back a dominion which itself had formerly bestowed. The Popes found, more than once, reason to regret the'r having evoked from the tomb the importal shade. By so doing they had darkened the history of Italy. It was be-cause they had not limited themselves to spiritual weapons, but had used corrupt means for dominion, that they aroused the wrath of Dante, who consigned some of them to the fierest penalties of the infer-nal world. The poet stood where all the influences of the century met. His star is always on the horizon. His ancestor, Caccaguida, had been knighted for heroism by Coprad III, in the third crusade, so that he not only breathed the air, but in his veins flowed the blood of the great movement. Warrior at the Battle of Cam-paldino, ambassador, prior of Florence, a political exile and wanderer, his home was the world and human destiny his song. Out of the wars and tumult of his life sprang one of the extremest works of human genius. Over the storm ap-peared that perfect arch of many colors million two hemispheres. Through his uniting two hemispheres. Through his work the memories which thrilled his gen-eration re-echo still. As the statues of stone on the cathedrals still radiate their lessons of faith, so, in the "Divine Com-edy" the faces of Glotta and Cimabue and the musical strains of Caselia become articulate with speech. Like St. Paul, he had a vision of divine perfection: like Bunyan, he traces the pilgrimage of the soul. With him, as with Homer, a whole age, otherwise forgotten, comes to life again. He holds the same relation to modern lit-erature that Homer does to that of an-Both gave that heroic impulse flouity. to literature and art which carried them through a three-fold development, from the sublime to the beautiful, and finally to a search for the true. What would the literature of Greece be without Homer? The ideals and forms of classic art are all there. The breath of the morning and the brightness of the day. There are no shadows, no darkness with-out stars. The earth and Olympus, Jupiter and the council of the gods, the temples and the citles, Ulyases wandering over the resounding sea, Agamemnon, the King of Kings, the words of Nestor, falling like finkes of snow; the War of Troy, and the conflict of herees, fable and history, fancy and science all the destine of the sector. and science, all the depths of the tradi-tions of ancient Greece, lighted up with an immortal smile. Over all the rustling of the divine wings. Minerva with her shield, Apollo with his lute, Thetis rising from the sea, Mercury flying through the air on some message of the gods. Reading him, the world feels young again. Said Michael Angelo: "When I read Homer I look to see if I am not 20 feet tall." With Homer awoke Greek literature and art. His ideals were realized in the beautiful forms of Phideas and Praxiteles, the tragedies of Sophocles and the ideas of Plato. Then came the third period, which ends with Aristotle and the search for the true. Greece had accomplished her the true. Greece had accomplished her work and the torch passed on to other hands. The same three periods reappear in Italy. From the sublime in Dante art passes on to the beautiful in Petrarch and Raphael, when the whole noonday glory of the Italian renaissance burst upon Europe and kindled the flame of devotion to ar and letters which, beginning with Italy, surrounded the world. Then came the third period, with the search for new worlds by Galileo and Columbus, was in the "Divine Comedy" that all the elements of culture which were at work in the Middle Ages, each in its own sphere and possibly in a different language and in a different clime from all the others, meet for the first time and mbine in one living and perfect whole. Dante is at once a creative and a tra-

to raise a fund for this purpose if deemed necessary. With the coming of Spring it is but rea-sonable to hope for an influx of people from the Eastern and Northern states to the Pacific Coast. Oregon should have her share of the exodus, and doubtless would if people were enlightened as to the opportunities afforded here; indeed, the ignorance with regard to Portland and the State of Oregon in Eastern citles is surprising. Since the part the "Oregon boys" have taken in the war; the wonder-ful performance of the battle-ship which proudly bears our name, and the prizes won for our state at the Trans-Mississippi Industrial Exposition, our time is at hand, as never before, to advertise our city and state, together with its won-derful resources and great possibilities. I think if the Chamber of Commerce and our various commercial organisations would join in the effort to embrace our comparised our commercial organisations GOLDEN AGES OF LITERATURE he said, but there was also the barley bread of the vulgar dialect, and it was in this alone that the common people could be fed the bread of life. The "Divine Comedy" contains a record of all that con-cerned Europe in the Middle Ages; a complete system of what was thought and felt on politics, on art, on astronomy, on religion. These elements which each ex-isted separately would probably have been outgrown or supplanted, were they not combined through the mysterious prin-ciple of life by the personality of the poet. It was this faculty of harmonizity what were opposing tendencies of civilization, the power of expressing the thought of all time in the language of today and in the faultless form that make an era in present literature, for Dante first showed in an eminent degree that openness of mind which appreciates and appropriates the achievement is sure of attainment.

good wherever it is found, and which al-ways must remain the mark of the high-est culture. It is this universality which characterizes the work of Dante which has given so many theories as to the contents of the "Divine Comedy." For one it is a history of the political parties of Italy, containing portraits never to be

forgotten of the warriors and criminals of history. To another it is a treatise on

OREGON CITY, March 2% .-- (To the Ed scholastic philosophy. To Florence and itor,)-Will you kindly allow me a little other Italian cities of the 14th and 15th centuries it was a textbook on morals, and force fusion on the Democrata in Oregon was so commented in the churches. To this year? I am not permitted to discuss

AGAINST FUSION.

Stand Alone.



another it was the first clarion note of this subject in our local "Reform" paper. the Protestant reformation. To another still it is the most intimate personal reve-Since the adoption by the Oregon Demo-crats of that portion of the Populist prin-ciples demanded by the Fusionists in 1898, lation of a powerful human soul.

It is a textbook on astronomy and mediaeval science. All these and other there is no good reason, from the stand-point of principle, for the continued existtheories have been given, and all are true. It depends on the side from which the work is approached. Like the Bible, ence of a Fusion Populist party organiza-tion. The Democratic leaders do not want state fusion, though they are not averse every one found in it what he wished to to local deals;

find. Some read it because it placed their But there are other reasons for fusion enemies in hell; others with the hope of finding their friends in heaven; others because they find there the thought and feeling of many centuries, compressed like and Hon. Will R. King, the chief Fusion Populist, in a recent letter made it plain recting of many centuries, compressed like the gifts to humanity in Pandora's box. Into the compass of one "mysic, unfath-omable song." No danger that the spir-its of the deep or the odors of the center Its of the deep or the odors of the celes-tial plains shall ever evaporate, for they are held secure as by plates of triple steel. known in the state to all reform forces, which is sure to follow, if a union is not are held secure as by plates of triple siect. which is sure to follow, if a union is not Each perfect in itself, they follow each other, like the waves of the sea, these shafts of glowing rhyme revealing the wonders of the deep, until the travelers threat that if they do not divide the ofhave reached the further shore. And fices and the name, Populists will not

TRAIN SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO IMPROVE SERVICE APRIL 16.

Portland-Albany Trains Closely Connecting With Northern Pacific -Raffrond Notes.

time past, will take effect April 16, and in addition to the time of the old trains be ing much more satisfactory to the traveling public, an additional train will be put on between Albany and Portland, inpresent opportunity that many citizens would arise to the necessity of present stead of between Salem and Portland, as was talked of some time since. The new trains will be Nos. 12 and 14. No. 14 will action to secure the benefits to which we are entitled, and lend a helping hand. By unity of purpose and action, such an leave Albany at 7 A. M., Salem at 7:54, arriving at Portland at 10:10. No. 13 will leave Portland at 4 P. M., reach Salem at FRANK MOTTER.

6:15, and Albany at 7:10. No. 11 will continue to leave Portland at 3:30 A. M., passing Salem at II A. M., Al-bany at 12:10 P. M. No. 15 will be changed from 7 P. M. as at present, to 8:30 in the evening, making close connection with the Northern Pacific train from Puget Sound Mr. U'Ren Appeals to the Populists to points.

No. 16 will arrive at 7:45 A. M., instead of \$:15 as at present, and the dining-car will be stopped at Rossburg, as the early hour will make it unnecessary to perform the additional service of hauling the 200 miles between Roseburg and Portland.

A change in time on the Yamhill divi-sion has also been decided upon. Train A change in time on decided upon. Train sion has also been decided upon. Train No. 6, which now leaves Portiand at 4:30 P. M., will leave at 5 P. M.; will reach Dallas at 8:25, making close connection with the motor reaching Independence at 9:10 in the evening. This change is made for the purpose of providing a connection at Whiteson Junction with the West Side train leaving Portland at 5:50 P. M., enabling passengers from points between Port-land and Whiteson, both on the Yamhili division and West Side, to reach either Dallas, Independence or Sheridan, as the case may be, through connection which now be made at Whiteson,

The through evening train formerly stopped at East Washington street; but as the Albany express is expected to do all the local business, it has been decided to discontinue the practice of stopping the southbound California evening express at East Washington street.

PASSENGER RATE WAR PROMISED. First Step Said to Have Been Taken

by Canadian Pacific. SEATTLE, Wash., March 37.-The first step toward what it is believed will ultimately result in a coast-bound passenger rate war between continental lines was taken today when the Canadian Pacific, according to local advices, accepted a large 'party destined for Washington through the Buffalo gateway at less than the tariff. So far as any of the Seattle agents are advised, neither of the Ameri-can transcontinental lines have yet moved in the matter, but all are agreed that un-less some action is taken that will result in controlling the Canadian Pacific a rate war is at hand

Extension to Mount Eaker Mines.

day on the extention of the Beilingham Bay & British Columbia Railway from its present terminus at Sumas into the Mount Baker mining district, a distance of 24 miles.

Hearing at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.-The In-erstate Commerce Commission met here today, and began a hearing of important coast freight problems. Today's proceed-ings concerned the complaint of the St. Louis Business Men's League against the transcontinental railroads.

Clover Leaf Railroad Sold. TOLEDO, O., March 27. - The Clover Leaf Railroad was sold here today for \$12 300,000 to Messrs. Hartshorn and Payton, representing the bondholders' reorganization committee.

Railrond Notes.

of the O. R. & N., was in Portland yester-E. St. Clair, Scattle, agent of the Lehigh Vailey, was among yesterday's transients.

The Rock Island will bring in a party of

20 people about April 15, from Kansas points. These people will outfit in Port-land for Cape Nome. J. W. Blabon, Western traffic manager

of the Great Northern, at Seattle, and R. C. Stevens, general Western passenger The new time-card on which the South-ern Pacific has been figuring for some the city yesterday.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

Livingstone et al. to John Enery ot 6, block 10, Caruthers' Addition . \$ 840

R. Livingstone et al. to John Enery. 10: 6. buock 10, Caruthers' Addition; February 25
F. A. Flächer and wife to Caroline Fläscher, W. ½ 10:87, 8. block 54, Car-uthers' Addition; 10: 3. block 21: 10: 2. block 25, Carson Heights; 10:87, 8. block 19. John Irving's First Addi-tion; 10:85, 6, 7. block 11: 10:18, 16, 17, 28, 29. block 2, Peninsular Addition; 10:18 13, 14. block 6, Peninsular Addition; 10:18 14. block 6, Peninsular Addition; 10:18 15, 14. block 6, Peninsular Addition; 10:18, 18, 3. E.; 12:49 acres; March 16, 8. block 10, Caruthers' Addition; March 14.
Susanna Dayman to V. A. Dayman, W. ½ of N. ½ of Nathan Melloy and wife's D. L. C. being 59 acres in section 34, T. 1 N., R 3 E.; Octo-ber 29, 1599
Fredericka Stark and Frank Stark to George Schreiber, 10:13, 14, 15, 16, block 11, Albina Homestead; March 25.
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500 Building Permits.

Mrs. J. W., Cook, two-story apariment-house, Fourth street, between Mill and Montgomery: \$4500, Julius Dortheimer, alteration to house

on Lovejoy street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; \$1000. G. W. Bates, alteration to building on Fourth, between Washington and Stark;

\$1000. S. G. Richardson, alteration to house on East Eighth street; \$250.

Deaths.

March 25-Rose Bonser, aged 72 years, St. Vincent's Hospital; chronic gastriiis. March 24-Mrs. A. S. Talbot, aged 81 years; Talbot Heights; old age. March 25-Infant of W. H. and Anna Games, aged 7 hours, 147 Thirteenth street;

March 25-Lenox von Carnop, aged 2 months, 526 Mill street; pneumonia. March 25-Kenneth A. Rors, aged 10 years 3 months, 534 Grand avenue; pulonary tuberculosis.

March 25-S. P. Andrews, aged 25 years, city; typhoid fever,

Births. March 25-Boy, to the wife of John W. Shepard, 156 Nebraska street. March 25-Girl, to the wife of E. M. Philebaum, 229 Clackamas street. March 24-Boy, to the wife of J. P. Mendt, 471 Alberta street, February 27-Boy, to the wife of Willis

E. Bender, 265 Fifth street. Contagious Diseases.

Edna Randelin, 863 Michigan avenue, aged 10 years, diphtheria. L. Bohlander, 633 Savier street; typhoid

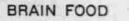
fever Mr. Therin, 308 Davis street; typhoid fever.

Marriage License. J. P. Rankin, aged 22; Cora Saltmarsh, aged 16.

Pleasant Home Encampment.

R. N. Pool, commander of the M. A. Ross post, of Pleasant Home, cays the post has started preliminary arrangements for the annual reunion of 1900. It is proed, he save, to give about

the encampment this year, which is much longer than taken up in former re-unions. Mr. Pool says the post and Women's Relief Corps are able to carry out whatever they undertake, and if they conclude to hold an encampment for a W. A. Whitney, chief train-dispatcher of the Union Pacific at Grand Island, Neb., was in the city yesterday. week may be given up to the orders, while the remainder of the week will be oc-cupied by the post and corps. It will not be easy to urepare a programme for every day for a week's time, and it is thought that the interest can be best kept up by giving a portion of the time to fraternal orders. At the next meeting of the post the conference committee will report to the post what has been accomplished. Meanwhile, the post will take steps to improve the camp grounds and put them in better shape than ever before. Roads will be built so that access will become direct and water will be provided. All these details will be gotten out of the way so that when it comes to making up the daily programmes there will be no outside mat-ter to take up time.



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20 As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of mea, women

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and later, in company with a heavenly guide, the poet continues his flight through circles of infinite space, there is no touch of weariness until the great song is done and ends with the word

stelle-the stars. "The central man of all the world." says Ruskin, "as representing in perfect balance the imaginative moral and intellectual faculties all at their highest." We receive from Dante the same impression of universal intellect as from Shakespeare, with this difference: That

while Shakespeare conceals his own personality behind a moving multitude as broad as humanity, Dante himself is al-ways present with his undying love as

ways present with his undying love as "transcendent as his scorn". "A little philosophy," said Bacon, "leads away from religion, but much philosophy brings back to religion." Sainte Beuve has similarly remarked: "There is a cer-tain degree of poetry which carries away from reality, and there is a greater amount of poetry which brings back to it, which embraces all history." Such is the poetry of Dante. For him poetry is the very soul and utterance of truth. This is the character of Hebrew poetry. The is the character of Hebrew poetry. The prophets and the pealmists and the sublime author of the book of Job did not write history as such. They had another motive. But this view was so vast and convention,

so deep that it includes all history in one lasting lesson for all the centuries. And so in Dants are contained in germ all the tic, the romantic, the psychological school of art are all there. As he is the father of the romantic school by the power of his imagination and the abundance and intensity of his personal feeling, yet as he always subordinates fancy to reason, he has reached that simulative and another he has reached that simplicity and per-fection of form which is the mark of the classic genius. Both of these tendencies which have divided all ilterature and art which have divided all ilterature and art units in him. This is why his book is of interest to all classes of men-the his-torian, the artist the dramatist, the phil-osopher. His statue holds the place of honor in the ancient court of the College de France, which at the beginning of the French renaissance was founded by Fran-cis I to teach the humanities. And in the Hotel de Ville, on the other side of the Seine, in the Salon des Beaux Arts, is the first poet of Italy to symbolize the intellectual life of the artist. In the famous picture of Raphael in the Vatican, representing the holy sac-rament he again finds a place among the

rament, he again finds a place among the doctors and theologians of the church.

Note .- This study will be continued to-

ADVERTISING WANTED.

Now Is a Good Time to Bring Oregon to the Front.

PORTLAND, March 27 .- (To the Editor.) -Another enterprising friend from the Atlantic Coast reports that a great many people are about to migrate to the Middle Northwest as far as Dakota and Montana, but that few, however, are headed in this direction.

The reason for this is that practically nothing is being done in the East in the Dante is at once a creative and a tra-ditional genius. He said what everybody else was saying, but in a language and in an artistic form that no one thought of using. He takes the common dialet: moken by the women and children of Italy, thought unworthy for any serious work, and in the treats the great themes of philosophy and science hitherto con-fined to Latin and the quiet of the cloister.

vote the reform ticket, even though it

stands on the platform of 1898. The distribution of the Federal offices if Mr. Bryan is elected, is the prize really sought under this cry of "union," and not the state nominations. As the chief Fu-sion Populist, if Mr. Bryan is elected, Mr. King, if his attack on the Democrats suc-ceeds, can control a larger portion of these

fat offices than he could by voting the ocratic ticket for his principles and Der taking pot-luck with the Democrats for ple. Mr. King says the proposal that Popu-

All. Aling says the proposal that Popu-lists shall be independent voters in this campaign is "too ridiculous to admit of argument." Certainly, while they might advance some of their principles by that action, not an Independent Populist in the state can hope to get a fat office. Mr. King's letter was published after the meeting of the State Central Committee. and his followers did not know at that time the true reasons for giving the Democrats a chance to refuse "union," but that more of them see it now and will not permit themselves to be used as trading stock in this scheme is proved by the number of counties already heard from where the Populists will not call a county

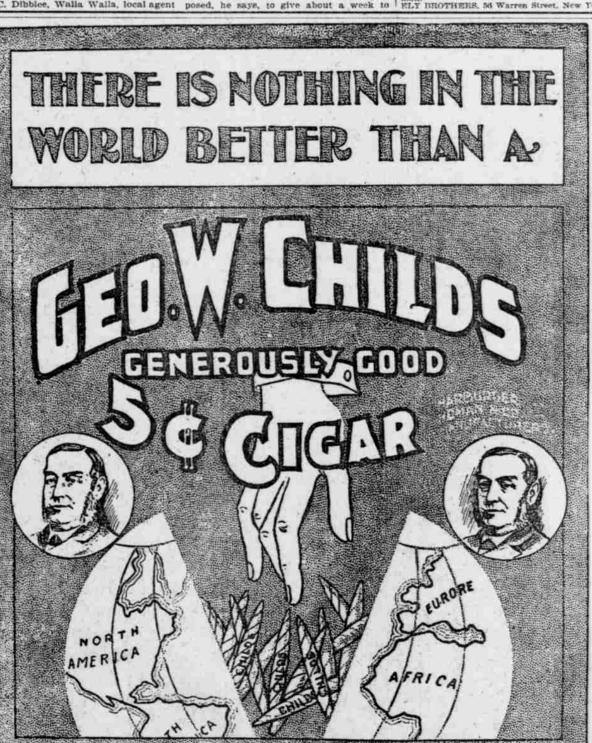
In past years our party has fused with the Democrats in some states, and with Republicans in others, always hoping that our measures might sooner be enacted into law by thus trading some of the offices to these forces for their adoption of part of so in Danie are contained in goin in the law by thus training adoption of part of forms of modern literature. He has in-these forces for their adoption of part of spired the artists and the thinkers of the modern world. The dramatic, the realis-modern world the armshological school threat to defeat the ticket if we did not get some of the offices. Fusion in the state will not add a single vote to Mr. Bryan's column, because most of the Populists will vote for him in any event, but they will do so as independent voters, and not as members of the Democratic organization. A majority of the Populists have always been willing to trade votes and salaried offices to advance our principles, but we never have and will not now be a party to trading votes and principles for political ple-counter privileges. We oppose this effort to force fusion on the unwilling Democrats because it is the same plehunting scramble on the part of a few Populist chiefs for which we have often condemned the old party leaders, and we honor those Democrats who refuse to be scared into submission by this threat of defeat to "all the reform forces."

The Populist convention, and the members of the party, can have vastly greater power to affect legislation, by resolving to be an independent force in politics for certain principles, than the same number of vator can example the same number voters can ever exert, either as Fusionists or as members of either of the old parties. Nearly all of us had some practi-cal experience in seeking the success of reform measures, either as earnest Re-publicans or Democrats, and very few of us will now take the back track and again become blind worshipers of a party name and party leaders, whether the conven tion

offers union" or not. W. S. U'REN.

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