#### LOWELL: CRITICAL STUDY BY PROF. GATES

THE OREGONIAN'S HOME STUDY CIRCLE: DIRECTED BY PROF. SEYMOUR EATON

LITERARY TALKS AND REMINISCENCES

Perhaps the first and most vivid impression one gets from reading rapidly large quantities of Lowell's prose is that of the richness and generosity of his nature. Nothing in Lowell's essays is eked out; "here is God's plenty." His knowledge of fact and of anecdote in his treatment literary topics is seemingly boundless, and his critical essays have the air of bemot the clever and showy expression masses of knowledge fresh won for the occasion, but the easy outpouring of stores of learning acquired through years of leleurely and happy communion with books. He is, for example, far more coplous in thought and fancy and illus-tration than Matthew Arnold, whose essays in contract seem somewhat thin and closely calculated-directed with 'malice prepense" toward a single point. In Lowell's essays there is much of the exuberance and luxuriant detail of nature. Lowell's lyrical praise of June in several of his poems is typical of his character, and his writings have the waymth, the full-hearted case and the human through and through, and his essups have a racy carthiness of substance and an aromatic fragrance of wild, natural life that remove them far from the egion of key academicism. He had mixed his blood with sunshine" and taken the winds into his pulses."

Up to the very last-even after his years of brilliant foreign service-Lowell was wont to speak of himself as "a bookman," and doubtless it is as a writer about books that he will finally be distinctively remembered. Mr. Leslie Stephen has left in a published letter a de-lightfully vivid sketch of Lowell in his mwood study:

At first sight I found a singularly complete specimen of the literary recluse, I renorm-her, with a curious vividness, the chairs in which we sat by the fireplace in the study. I wood chimneys' deep-throated roat," and in-feed can almost hear it still. I need hardly add that we wurshiped Nicotia, dearer to the Muse Than all the grape's bewildering juice.

All around up were the crowded book shelves, whose appearance showed them to be the com-panions of the true literary workman, not of the mere dilettante or fancy biographer. Their regred bindings and thumbed pages accred with frequent pencil marks implied that they were a student's tools, not mere ornamental playthings. He would sit among his books, pipe in mouth, a book in hand, hour after r, and I was soon intimate enough to sit by him and enjoy intervals of silence as well as periods of discussion and always delightful

This picture of Lowell as an American scholar devoted to letters is worth special emphasis because of the fact that his social successes abroad has tended somewhat to pervert his image in the popular mind into that of a polished so-clety functionary and a welcome and wellpleased dweller in Kings' houses. Great indeed was the favor he won in England as a graceful unveiler of busts and as a skilled coiner of after-dinner epigrams; very genuine, too, and deep was his appreciation-as appears from his lettersof the peculiar position he attained in English society and of the intensely stim-ulating human intercourse to which it admitted him. In the later years of his American life at Deerfoot he seems sometimes to have missed rather keenly in his "cell" there the "breakfasts, luncheons teas, dinners and 'goings-on' " of his London life. Yet he insists that after all he "likes Deerfoot best," and no fair render of his letters or later writings can justly accuse Lowell of having been fled by his foreign popularity having lost any of his early ardent and almost religious love for American ideals and the best types of American charac-

Lowell's addresses on political subjects ought to be gathered together into a single cheap volume and sent broadcast Chron igh the land. Nowhere are the dan gers of modern democracy more wisely and wittily set forth always however with concurrent unfaltering faith in the worth of the democratic ideal and in the cortainty of its future. There is not much scientific thoroughness or acumen in Lowell's comments on institutions and ollical tendencies, very little philo-ophic suggestiveness such as is found in Sir Henry Maine's or Mr. Bryce's treatment of similar topics. But there is great practical wisdom, abundant intuitive insight into the American character and its elements of weakness and strength, and a wise and accomplished cense of the possible value to Americans of foreign experiments and meth-ods and traditions; and, finally, there is everywhere a glowing affection for the faith of the fathers and a noble loyalty to ideals in politics-a faith and a lovalty that we nowadays perhaps more than ever before need to have eloquently expressed by way of countercheck to "smart" selfishness of many of practical politicians, and also to the sa tirical superlority of the "remnant" who too often injure their cause by their airs and affectations. Lowell's wise earnestness and fervent urbanity impress and conciliate instead of rasping and repelling. In his political utterances there is united more perfectly than anywhere else the wisdom of the fathers that be gat us, the assimilated worth of contemporary political experiments abroad and a shrews appreciation of the actual problems and conditions of "practical poltties" in America.

value of these political addresses, it is Lowell, the bookman, who is likely to be most perennially interesting in the history of our literature. He is beyond debate the greatest of our critics, and he has left, of all our writers, the most considerable mass of essays that deal with purely literary problems. His meth-od and manner as a critic vary widely. At times he is the reviewer pure and simple dogmatic, caustic, contempora-neous partisan. His essay on Cariyle's "Frederick" is written in this vein; it is searching, suggestive, impressively competent, but somewhat intemperate in tone, violent both in praise and blame. Sometimes his essays are faithful scholastic discussions of his subject, treat thoroughly and systematically the life as well as the works of his author and consider patiently the traditional cruxes and the conventional doubts and ques-His "Dryden" in favorite essay with Lowell himself) is of this type. Sometimes he is wayward capricious, purely appreciative—a willful gossiper about likes and dislikes in literature. But whatever his method or vein, he is always and invariably a man, and he never loses right of life and of the human worth of his subject. Our scholarship nowadays tends disastrously to hole-and-corner c poring over trifles—that is what of our Teutonically trained students devote themselves to, Some Frenchmon has called our age "the age of the microbe," and indeed in scholarship as everywhere else the might and the worth of the infinitely little have been perhaps exaggerated, or at any rate the study of indubitably great. Into this latter-day neglect of the vital in scholarship L-well betrayed. He is always master of his learning; whatever the age or the man or the book he discusses, his imag-ination finds underneath the facts and the technical problems involved some permanent human interest, the dramatic interest of character in action, the artistic interest of embodied beauty, the the race. With Lowell scholarship al- our newly acquired possessions, and bull

ways subserves life and ministers to the present needs of the human spirit. Lowell's poetry, apart from the "Big-low Papers," falls into three periods, of

which the second contains what is finest and most imaginative. Before 1850 his poetry is for the most part, despite some poems that will always be favorites, over-rhetorical and declamatory; much of it is grotesquely imitative of English models; "Rosaline" is palpably inspired by Tennyson, and a "Legend of Brittany" is full of absurd echoes of Keats' rhythms and tricks of manner. "Rhoecus," "Columbus," "Hunger and Cold" and "To the Dandellon" are among the more original and permanently delightful of the poems of this first period. The "Present Crisis" is magnificent rhetoric, is filled with noble passion for truth and right, and rises now and then to passages of memorable power and beauty; yet it is eloquence rather than poetry pure and simple. In many of the poems in "Under the Willows," on the other hand, in the "Washing of the Shroud" and in parts of the "Commemoration Ode" They demand them as their right. Just

up a country rivaling in grandeur and pa-triotism our own United States? I say by all means hold on to all

that rightfully belongs to us. If the great country west of the Rocky Mountains was filled with wild Indians at the present moment, how long would it take us to suppress them and make them respect our laws and our Consistution? The same thing applies to the Philippines and any other country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country the country that may fell the country that may fell the country t and any other country that may fall into our hands by the province of peace or

It is an insult to the American peo It is an insuit to the American peo-ple and to our fing even to suggest that we abandon the peoples we have released from bondage, or, what would be more disgraceful, that we should offer to sell them to

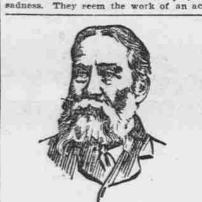
the highest bidder.
Such a proposition places the American people in the same category with the Chinese, who have neither patriotism nor a foreign policy, and are in consequence utilized as a doormat by the powers of

the world. This is too great a question to be considered as a mere matter of dollars and cents. Our people want their rights protected; they will not figure on the cost. Bring it down to local government-in the case of street cleaning-the cry is, "We want clean streets," regardless of the cost.



"ELMWOOD," THE HOME OF LOWELL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Lowell is really creative; he no longer merely talks in meter about ideas and feelings, and expatiates on them through the help of brilliant figures, but he rises into a region of intense lyrical feeling where every object is radiantly alive with imaginative meaning, and where beauty of image and music of phrase work to-gether to instill a mood and a thought into the reader's mind. There is also far more sensuous splendor in these poems of the second period than in Lowell's earlier work; the intense, vibrant impressionism of the "Appledore" sketches in "Under the Willows" fairly rivals Mr. Swinburne's outdoor canvases, and the title poem, "Under the Willows," contains some lustrous river landscape whose rich impasto and emotional glow will always be specially dear to dwellers by the Charler. The poems of Lowell's third period. be found for the most part in "Heartsease and Rue," are often suggestive of Landor. They are for the most part permeated with a genial world-ly wisdom through which there often sounds a note of Horatian half-playful



James Russell Lowell.

complished scholar who smiles out upor life and back upon his earlier years of ideal enthusiasm with kindly tolerance and yet by no means with entire disbe lief in ideals and certainly without cyn

Though Lowell was greatly Longfellow's superior in vigor of thought, he had not Longfellow's singing instinct: too often in Lowell's verse the prose intellectual processes fall to "pass in mu sic out of sight." As an essayist and a writer of literary "causeries" he is without a rival among our American authors. His ubanity, his common sense and delicious worldly wisdem, his large and sane outlook over life, his union of scholarship with artist'e sensitiveness, h's inexhaustible geniality and his inveterately busy sense of humor unite to give his essays perennial charm and value



CROKER FOR EXPANSION.

The Democratic Leader Declares That It Is a Question of the Day and Believes in It as a Patriotic Policy.

From the New York Journal. Every man, in my opinion, should ex-press himself clearly on the great question of the day. That question is Na-tional expansion, which has been the mainspring of this Nation and the policy of the Democracy since the Nation's birth. The views which follow are mine personally, and I write them as a private

I believe in expansion; I believe in holding whatever possessions we have gained by annexation, purchase, or war.

This policy is not only patriotic, but it is the only safe one to parsue. Any other policy would show weakness on the part of the United States and invite foreign complications. This must be avoided, hence our polley must be vigorous.

Every patriotic American, and every Democrat in particular, should favor expansion.

Jefferson was an expansionist, other wise he would not have favored the acquisition of Louisiana, with its foreign population, which in Jefferson's time was guite as remote as the Philippines, In this age of steam and electricity, distance is no argument against expansion.

We spend millions annually for missionhave a chance to spend this money in our own possessions, and make the people of our new lands good, law-abiding citizens, who in time will be loyal to our Constitution and our flag. Take England, for example. The people of this little isle come pretty near owning the universe. Are not our people as intelligent, as powerful, and as patriotic as the English people? The United States is the only o try on earth superior to the English. Why not illustrate to the world that we are fully able to cope with greater problems than we have had occasion to in the past, and in the future dominate any emer-

gency?
We have a population of 80,000,000 of people; the country teems with young men full of life, hope and ambition. Why not give three young men a chance to develop

so with our possessions-the people want the properties acquired by war protected. They will pay for a standing army, a powerful navy, and the protection of our flag the world over regardless of any monetary consideration. They have proved their willingness to sacrifice their blood for the honor of their country and their flag! And when the question is brought to an issue they will arise as one man and demand expansion as a citizen's sacred RICHARD CROKER. New York, January 6, 1899.

TRACES OF THE DELUGE.

Object of Dr. Wright's Trip Through Siberia.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21-Dr. G. S. Gregor, editor of the Homiletic Review, has just received a letter from the Rev. Dr. George Frederick Wright, of Oberlin Col-lege, Ohio, which discloses the object of the trip the professor has started to make through Siberia. He is considered an authority on the glacial period of the earth's reological history and refuses to accept the theory that the deluge merely sub merged the regions round about Pales-He believes that when the author of the Pentateuch said the waters covered the face of the earth he meant it Professor Wright will go through the mountains of Siberia far from where men ordinarily go. There he will make ex-cavations. He will dig up the earth until. with the geologist's eye, he discovers just that stratum which should have been deposited during the period in which the leluge took place. Next he will explore the Caucasus Range, pass down to an-cient Ararat, where tradition says the ark landed, and emerge from his travels somewhere near Smyrna, Asia Minor. If, in all the mountain regions he explores, Dr. Wright finds the remains of the sea for which he looks, he will conclude that the deluge was a historical fact,

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Today Expected to Eclipse All Records-Elks' Parade and Races Will Be Main Features.

SALEM, Sept. 21.—The attendance at the State Fair increases daily, and prom-ises to mount still higher tomorrow, the closing day of Oregon's greatest industrial Fine weather has brought out many who have been prevented from attending early in the week. The chief attractions will be the Elk parade, the 2:14 pace, and the consolation pace for the nine horses that were relegized to the "also ran" class in the 2:18 pace for the Chamber of Commerce stake. The Elks' parade will be given by the

local lodge to allow home people and vis-itors as well an opportunity to see the uniforms and drill which won for the at the Portland Street Fair and Carnival. The lodge will parade at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the procession will be headed by a float bearing the much-es-

teemed prize.

The 2:14 pace will be the fastest event of the track, and will be participated in by nime horses. It will be the occasion for good betting by those who enjoy rac-ing best when they have money depending on the result.

The consolation pace will show to some extent the difference between a poor track and a good one, for it is quite cer-tain that some of the horses which were distanced in the 2:18 pace Tuesday will beat the time made by the horses that won the premiums. The track on Tues-day was wet, while tomorrow the best kind of fast time turf will be insured. The livestock continues to be a great center of attraction. There are many who never tire of looking at the exhibits in this department and they make a tour of the stocksheds every day. There was a magnificent parade of cattle and horses this morning-the second stock parade of the fair. An immense crowd of people lined the outer edge and filled the center field of the track, over which the process

Nearly all the livestock awards have been made and by the blue ribbons pin-ned to the stalls visitors are enabled to determine the animals which were or sidered best by the judges. Considerable buying and selling has been done, especially by goat breeders. Only the best of the many flocks have been brought to the fair, so the farmers who desire to embark in the goatraising business, as an aid to land clearing, have had an excellent opportunity to buy the finest stock

Dairy Premiums Awarded.

The dairy premiums were awarded to-day and went to the following exhibi-T. S. Townsend, of Portland, creamery

butter, 16 pounds in squares. Miss Emma Miller, Jefferson, dairy butter, separator process.

Mrs. J. B. Early, Salem, dairy butter,

gravity process, Mrs. D. W. Early, Salem, second premium, dairy butter, gravity process.

Miss Emma Miller, sweepstakes, best display of butter, either creamery or

dairy. Cheese premiums awarded in the following order: Salem cheese factory, first; Laurence Co-Operative Creamery Asso-ciation, second; Logan Cheese Manufacturing Company, third; T. S. Townsend, fourth; L. B. Zlemer, fifth; W. H. Murphy, sixth.

Deaf Mute School Papils Attend. Through the kindness of the Southern Pacific Company in granting rates, a carload of pupils from the deaf mute school were brought to the fair today. They were taken through all the departments, and all the exhibits were explained to them. A crowd of patients at the asylum for the insane have been brought to the fair,

on two days. The patients were given seats in the grandstand and were con-Old State Agricultural Society.

The old Oregon Agricultural Society consisting of some 50 life members, held its annual meeting this evening, and elected the following officers: President, John Wright; vice-president, John Min-to; secretary, Jefferson Myers. It was decided to donate to the present Board of Agriculture all the funds now on hand, amounting to about \$500. There is an understanding that in consideration of this gift, the members of the old society shall always be admitted free to the annual

RACES DREW LARGE CROWD.

Room in Grandstand Too Limited-Good, Clean Sport.

SALEM, Sept. 21.—The grandstand accommodations at the racetrack were far too limited for the vast crowd that assembled this morning to witness the races. Hundreds of men stood on the ground in front of the stand or crowded around the fence lining the track. The races were called promptly on time, and everything passed off with clock-like regularity. The heat, cheering the horses as they started and again when they passed under the wire on the return. It is very noticeable that the people have confidence that the races this year are free from any trickery. A visitor said today, "Money makes the mare go," but he was immediately contradicted by several men who have been regular witnesses of this year's The judges have watched closely for the slightest indication of crooke work, and are not at all backward in show any evidence of desiring to be otherwise than straightforward and honest Since it has been learned that trickery cannot succeed, there has been but little attempt at that kind of work. A summary of today's races is as fol-

Pacing, 2:25 class, best 3 in 5, purse \$400-Amos Wilkins' Al Me won, G. E. Peringer's Dewey Ann second, C. P. Webb's Prince Tom third; best time, 2:10½. There were four entries in this race, E. Stattz's Almolene was distanced in e first heat. There were four heats, the time in the last being 2:27%. Running, three-quarters of a mile, purse \$200-Mrs. E. Starkey's Jim Bozeman won. John Agnew's Aborigine second, C. A.

John Agnew's Aborigine second, C. A. Cline's Barnato third; time, 1:17.

James Boyd's Tennessee Maid "also ran." There was considerable difficulty in getting the horses away, and after the finish the judges took time to consider their decision. When the result was an approach the judges declared all hets off. nounced the judges declared all bets off, and fined the riders of Barnato and New Moon \$5 each. The people were left to draw their own conclusions as to the meaning of this action.

Running, five-eighths of a mile, 2-year-olds, purse \$150-N. S. Whitstone's Gracie W. won, L. H. Whitmore's Setma second, Silas Jones' Leola third; time, 1:05\(\frac{1}{2}\). Running, 5½ furlongs, purse \$150-F. O. Whitmore's Marengo won, A. Lester's Almendral second, H. L. Adams' Give to Me third; time, 1:11.

These two races were close, but were without particular incident.

DEER BEING EXTERMINATED. Indians Are Killing Large Numbers

on North Coast for Hides Alone. VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 21.—Passengers from the North Coast report that the Indians are practically exterminating the deer in that section. Many people are asking for action on the part of authorities in the matter. Deerskins this year are bringing 18 cents a pound, 8

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TACOMA STREET-CAR ORDINANCE. Law Which Prescribes Number of

Passengers Allowed in a Car. TACOMA, Sept. 21.-The City Council last night passed a street-car ordinance, limiting the number of passengers al-lowed in a car. There was much opposition to the measure, as it will be almost impossible to enforce the law, as one wanting to go home would not care to wait for the next can preferring to stand up in a full car to waiting 10 or 15 minutes for another. The ordinance allows cars having a

seating capacity of 35 persons to carry 100 per cent; 35 to 60, 75 per cent, and cars carrying 60 or over, 50 per cent of their scating capacity. Children not pay-ing fare are not included.

STRUCK BY TRAIN AND KILLED. Frank Kiser, Former City Commissioner of Spokane.

SPOKANE, Sept. 21.-Frank Kiser, former city commissioner, was struck by Northern Pacific train this afternoon hurled from a trestle and instantly kill-ed. Partial deafness prevented him from discovering the approach of the train. He leaves a widow here, and two sons in college at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was prominent in business and political cirles, but of late years had been in failing

One Way to Raise Compaign Fund BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 21.—All the cam-paign committees have adopted the plan of assessing the candidates 10 per cent of the salary for the next two years,

Oregon Mining Notes. A. M. McDonald, a mining man of San Francisco, has been examining Southern Oregon mining properties for Ballard & Martin.

Booth & Wilhelm are engaged in open ing up their newly discovered copper property on Pickett Creek. About 13 claims have been located in this belt. The ore gives good assays in both gold and copper.

Three 850-pound stamps are being in-stalled in Wright & Son's new quartz mill on the east side of Gilbert Creek, near the railroad, in Southern Oregon. The machinery will be in operation in

short time. The Old Channel Company, of Southern Oregon, during the coming season will be among the most extensive hydraulic operators in the state. It is making large improvements on the A. & B. prop-Galice, lately purchased, and will operate

four giants there during the coming sea-son. At the Old Channel mine on Six Mile it will run three giants. The owners of the Yellow Horn mine near Placer, are preparing to put up a quartz mill on their property and expect to have it operating in about a month They have been doing a large amount of development work recently and are more than satisfied with the appearance and prospects, both for excellence of ore and extent of deposit. The vein varies in width from 1 to 4 feet and carries high

Idaho Notes. The cornerstone of the new Presbyte-rian Church was laid Thursday. Rain has caused much damage to unthreshed wheat about Stuart. Lewiston is making large preparations

the dump awaiting the completion of the

for the Interstate Fair, to be held there from October 16 to 20. The joint Teachers' Institute of Sho shone and Kootenai Countles will meet at Wallace Monday and continue in session until Friday evening. C. E. Ambs, the soldier who was

charged with stealing pillows rested on the charge of burglary, was sentenced to one year in the peniten-

The question of an academic school will be proposed at Shaniko soon.

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