OBSERVATIONS AND REFLECTIONS

AN OREGONIAN WRITES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

has, indeed, many claims to beauty. It has as with a rod of iron, it comes to failure avenues, and in Summer, when the trees one way in New York will persist in doing being above the cares and interests of the worksday world, and of the beholder. But regarded as a city and as a beautiful city, Washington is, I think, nowhere near the top of the list.

The criticism of Washington is that it

is a composite of architectural and other Incongruities-a jumble of the noble, the tawdry, the beautiful, the commonplace. The Capitol, for example, is in its impresiveness a thing almost sublime. It is one of the few things in the world associated with high tradition, patriotic sentiment and universal repute for intrinsic beauty of a noble kind, which, do not dwindle and cheapen under this test. Viewed in any light and in any spirit, it still matches and dominates the imagination by its beauty and dignity. But for all this, the eye of criticism cannot fall to note that in its relationship to the city it looks the wrong way; that what is practically its front door is at the back. This, of course, domn't hurt the Capitol as a thing of beauty, but it is and does affect the city, and it is one of the incongruities to which reference has been made. Furthermore, the Capitol stands in immediate relationship to many things which, to put it gently, are commonplace and out of keeping and calculated to detract from its impressiveness. There is, for example, opposite one wing of the Capitol, a row of chanties not better in any way than the average of what may be seen in any of our Slabtown streets. Standing one morn. ing last Summer upon the gallery which surrounds the great dome of the Capitol I looked down upon a group of negro women busy in the useful labor of washing clothes. There is a theory among artists, I believe, that effects are heightoned by extreme and powerful contrasts, but for myself I preferred the fine har mony of the view which took in the National Library to the contrast afforded by the other view down upon the negro

Take Pennsylvania avenue for another example. It is so distinguished by patriotic memories that one feels instinctively that it ought to be a noble thoroughfare and it is so in its breadth and length; but it is always with a sense of displeasure that the visitor finds it to a considerable extent bordered by low and commplace structures devoted to kinds of business which in most large cities are relegated to inconsequential side streets. One cannot but resent the presence of oting galleries, candy counters, pinchof its development its great central thoroughfare of Pennsylvania avenue shall be built up from end to end with sightly and noble structures.

Washington, in its general character, is both a Southern town and a country town, The mark of the South is everywhere over it, not more in the multitude of blacks, who number one in three of its whole population, than in the Southern suggestions everywhere in evidence. The clerk at the hotel counter, the man who sells you your railroad ticket, the streetcar conductor and the plausible gentleman who beguiles you with individual histories about colonial furniture, all by a certain unmistakable trick of voice, and, it is only fair to say, by an unusual grace of manner, beiray the characteristic qualmy and-one sighs to say it-the fallen fortunes of the South. There is no question about it-the North may like it or not, as it pleased but the fact remains that the National capital is Southern in its social tone, domestic life and customs, and in its local influence upon Congress. The soft speech of the South is everywhere; the exaggrerated esteem of the Southerner for political distinctions and for professional as distinct from business occupations is everywhere manifest; let the orchestra at any theater start up 'Dixie' and hats go in the air, the applicuse shakes the rafters, and more than likely some venturesome gallery god will let loose an old-time "robel yell." And, let it be understood-though many believe otherwise -neither "Dixie" nor even the rebel yell is meant to be either impertment or unpatriotic. It means nothing more than does the formal salute of the Senator idols are prostrate; her sons daughters are scattered, but their hearts are warm with old memories and with the pathos of struggles past and lost. Is there any wonder that the strains of "Dixle" stir what fire is left in the Southern heart? Is there any wonder that in the one modern city where the mind and habit of the South dominate there should now and again be some outburst of the love and the grief which neither disappointments, time nor poverty can over-

Washington differs from every other modern city on the Atlantic scaboard in being strictly American in its mental habit and in its domestic customs. There is only a hint there of the deference which New Francisco - pay to the social habit and opinion of the Englishman. Washington cares not at all if it raining in London; its clothes are in the American fashion, and it wears them as it pleases. It mounts the negro into the driver's seat of its most fashionable equipage in spite of the fact that it would not be esteemed good form in New York or elsewhere, where the real or imitation Englishman only is permissible in a figure in the social world. Men should buy Carter's Little Liver Pills. Forty pills in a vial; only one pill a dose,

It has come to be the fashion to speak | the American rather than the English of Washington as the most beautiful tradition which rules, Wherever the effort American city, but I am among those is made to engraft upon Washington life cannot see it that way. Washington | English formalism, which rules New York one of the noblest state buildings in the The two-fold American spirit-that of the rid; it has many very costly and beau- South and that of the West-is too much tiful residence houses, including the for it. Every now and again this attempt President's mansion, which it would not is newly made by some ambitious hotelbe easy to match anywhere for simplicity keeper, but he invariably goes broke. and dignity; it has many parks and broad Somehow the very people who do things are in loaf, it is a wilderness of shade them another way when they get to Washand abounds in what landscape artists ington. One instinctively puts on his for "purk effects." Above all, Washing- mal clothes when he goes down to din ton has the atmosphere of repose, a ner in a New York hotel; and by the same instinct he cannot be driven to do it when two days later he has come on to this is not without its magic upon the eye | Washington, Furthermore, while he will insist upon a French or English dinner at New York, his appetite turns to shellfish, hominy and combread the very hour h It is not in the competition with Cleve- gets to Washington. These matters are in land, and hardly equal to Buffalo or De- the atmosphere; they proceed from influences which no man is able to control, and which few may understand.

> The political life of Washington chean ens under close observation. One needs not to mingle long in the throngs about the Washington hotels or in the committee-rooms of the Capitol to see that the old ideals of ability and character in high public station are lost. The work of law making and of directing the affairs of the ountry is not carried on with much regard or with any regard for old-fashioned notions of conscience, dignity or state craft, Legislation has largely been degraded to a system of barter. The most effective man now in Congress is not the man who has most carefully studied the principles of government or who is most steadfast in maintaining sound convictions, but the man who has no consideration for principles which is not willing to "arbitrate," no convictions which prevent him from standing in with every logrolling scheme which presents itself. If he is going to get his measures through if he is going to get "help" for his state In any form, he must have "friends." He must be on terms with the heads of committees, to the end that they will look out for him and for his schemes with close personal interest. It follows, therefore, that a man, to be influential, must not be aggressive or persistent upon lines which disturb the plans of others, and so give offense. Concillation, good-fellowship, the habit of shutting one's eyes and standing n-these are the qualities which go farthest and accomplish most even in so high a place as the United States Senate.

In a sense the old tradition of the Sen

ate survives; it is still the one forum

whose every utterance reaches the re-

on the floor of the Senate is heard by

the whole American people; and it is a

thing to be deeply regretted that the con-

litions of Senatorial life tend to stifle rather than to promote discussion of great questions, to suppress and discipline opinon rather than to invite it and make it full and free. But the force of the situation is not wisely to be ignored. A Senator, say, from some new and ambitious state, is looked to by his constituents to get "help" from the Government in one bock jewelry snops and a multitude of bors, appropriations for public buildings, who have much in the hands of those similarly cheap and tawdry things in the places in the public service for favorite who have little or nothing. Property famous avenue down which Liceoln passed sons. Active constituents want new post- would rather have such administration his inauguration-and to his tomb-and offices established and the allowance for through which Grant rode at the head of old ones increased; pensions are wanted the Nation's triumphant Armies. I shall by men who deserve them, or at least are like Washington better when in the course eager for them; surveys are needed, and afraid of at the hands of the least responand clamored for. Now, what is the Senator to do-what course will get most of these things? The question hardly needs to be answered. He will succeed best by standing in all along the lite from the White House down to the Senate doorkeeper, by being polite and complaisant to everybody, by Insisting upon nothing which adversely affects the pur pose of anybody else, by treading upon no corns. When schemes like the ship-subsidy bill, for taking money from the United States Treasury In the interest of powerful corporations or for men already rich, are proposed, he must not oppose them. Indeed he must support them, or all his own measures will fall under the ban. He cannot main tain protection for wool in Oregon if he opposes the demands of those who in the name of protection want to keep out the products of the Philippine Islands. To make these illustrations plain, let it be remembered that Senator Frye, who fathers the ship-subsidy job, is chairman of the committee on commerce, to which appeal must be made for appropriations for rivers and harbers. A Senator who applies for care how he stands toward the ship-subsidy bill and other similar grabs and grafts, backed as they are by the powerful nterests which fight for control of the Semate.

All this implies, in relation to a Senator who would succeed in getting what his people want, that he must assert no adverse or offensive opinions, set himself in persistent opposition to nobody, talk commonplaces when he talks at all. If from Kentucky when the band strikes up he have knowledge, he must keep it dark; "My Old Kentucky Home," The South is if he have convictions, he must smother broken and poor-oh, so pitifully poor! them; if he have eloquence and force, he must discipline the first to mere holiday discourse and put the promptings of the second behind him. Of course, there will be among his constituents those who will view his course wondering, amazed and chagrined. The contempt of all such he must learn to endure, for hath he not in his keeping the "interests" of his state and of "politics" in general, and is he to sacrifice these to hear the echoes of his voice asserting principles and arguments which no man among his colleagues will take notice of excepting to mark his name and the name of his state off the book of Senatorial remembrance and favor?

The Senate of the United States is coming very largely to be filled up with men York, Philadelphia, Boston-and even San selected for any reason excepting working efficiency. Men of wealth and position. but without experience of a kind fitting them for the working duties of political life have come to look upon a Senatorial career as a dignified finish of life. They do not go to Washington to work; rather, on the other hand, to avoid work, to lead a life of dignified ease upon the basis of a position which gives the women of their family connection opportunity to make

business of the Senate, for they will not attend committee meetings and will not work, while they fill places where work is required and where it is positively essential to the progress of legislation. One effect of this condition is the delay of business; another is the doing of things upon an insufficient basis of investigation and understanding; another is to put a disproportionate and illegitimate measure of authority and power in the hands of the relatively few who have the working habit. Senator Allison, for example, a man of commonplace powers, has come to a position of really large influence through his willingness to work in season and out season, and through the willingness of others to permit him to do things which properly belong to their own relationships and responsibility. Other men of similarly moderate caliber have risen to something like leadership upon no other basis than an industry which enables them

One easily sees and hears at Washington more than he cares to of the po-

to get into working relations with large

EXERCISES AT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MONMOUTH.

Baccalaurente Sermon Delivered by President W. H. Lee-Reception Given by the Juniors.

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 2.-The opening of the annual mid-year commend exercises of the State Normal School was held Saturday evening, at which music, during which light refreshments were served. President W. H. Lee, of Albany, delivered the baccalaureate ser-

MID-YEAR COMMENCEMENT debt to pay, an obligation to fulfill, that far exceeds that of many, And here the glory of this noble calling glistens like the sparkling diamond. Lose sight of this, and our sacred calling becomes mere drudgery. Heep this uppermost in mind during the wearying labor and petty annoyances of the daily routine, and enthus-lasm and inspiration whets the flagging spirit to a warm glow that cannot but be communicated to others.

"To whom much is given, of him shall much be required. Yours has been a time of ingathering and discipline, running back through years. Now comes the time to pay the debt you owe to the succeeding generation. Let it be done under the inspiring pressure of the principle that governed Paul, and made him the cham-pion hero of the first century. And how with potted plants and wild grape. Some very delicate festoons were arranged from the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The Juniors, by their courteous attention, made all feel at home and a very pleasant are recorded to the courter of the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The Juniors, by their courteous attention, made all feel at home and a very pleasant are recorded to the celling the courter of the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The Juniors, by their courter of the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors, by their courter of the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. The juniors are considered to the celling are considered to the celling and the effect presented was very artistic. teous attention, made all feel at home our pupils the development of their high-and a very pleasant evening was spent. The orchestra rendered some excellent education to that end!

"But, third, we are debtors to God. This is a large subject to treat fully. We

TACOMA MAYORALTY ROW

THE CAMPAIGN ALREADY REACHES A WARM STAGE.

Campbell, the Present Incumbent, Is a Candidate for Re-election-Opposition in His Own Party.

TACOMA, Feb. 2.—Notwithstanding the fact that Tacoma's city election does not occur until a month later than Seattle's, there is correspondingly as much interest and activity here as there is further down the Sound. Seattle's election takes April 1 place March 1, and Tacoma's Louis D. Campbell, the present Mayo

of this city, is the principal figure around which the political interest lies at pres-ent, and he will continue to occupy that position, in all probability, until the polis close on election day. It looks very much at this time as if the Republicans would renominate Mayor Campbell, although that result will not be brought about without a fight against him. Mr. Camp-bell, during the next week amounced bell, during the past week, announced publicly that he was desirous of being renominated. Prior to the date of the announcement it was determined by a number of his friends to place him in renomination by petition. This plan was renomination by petition. This plan was adopted for the purpose of giving people at large an opportunity to express themselves on the subject, but the Mayor placed his veto on the plan, for what deemed good reasons. He says he will look to the Republican party, which nominated him two years ago, for a vindication of his administration. The Mayor's administration, particularly within the past six months, has been attacked and it is the general opinion that he came out on top. For this reason above all others Mayor Campbell desires to have the indorsement of the Republican party, which, in a measure, is held can party, which, in a measure, is held responsible by the people.

The attack referred to was inspired by a disappointed aspirant for a city light-

ing contract. Early last year it became necessary on the part of the city to con-sider bids for lighting the streets of the city for a term of years. The parties putting in bids were the Tacoma Railway and Power Company and the Snoqualmic Power Company. On the face of the bids the tender made by the former company was the lowest, while the Mayor and his Commissioner of Public Works held that the bid of the latter company, all things considered, was the lowest and best. The Council disagreed with the Mayor and stood with the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, but the Mayor and his ommissioner made the contract with the noqualmie company just the same. The matter was taken into the courts by th unsuccessful company and an injunction asked for against the Mayor. The courts however, upheld the Mayor. In the mean-time he was savagely attacked by parti-sans of the Tacoma company and the two daily papers here, the Ledger and the News, aided in making it uncomfort-able for the city's chief executive. The result of the controversy, which was extremely heated and acrimonious at times was to make it the leading issue in the coming campaign. It is believed that the Mayor is really

stronger by reason of winning out over the Tacoma company and the Council than he was when he ran for Mayor two years ago. The people of Tacoma have not been famous in the past for following in the tracks laid out for them by the Ledger and the News. It is well known here that both papers are con. trolled by John L. Wilson and what is published is usually discounted to a very large extent. As a matter of fact, the Mayor's friends are not slow to say they would much rather have the opposition of the Ledger and the News than the friendship of those papers. About the only real opposition Mr. Campbell had two years ago was the "silk stocking" issue, it being claimed that he was aristocratic and out of touch with the laboring element. though as a matter of fact Mr. Campbell before he became a lawyer, worked for years as a machinist. This feeling has been relegated to the rear, as Mr. Campbell has done nothing since assuming of-fice to give the least ground for the charge of having aristocratic tendencies. The real opposition to the Mayor will come this year from within his own party. The opposition will probably rally around Councilman John M. Bell, of the Third Ward, and endeavor to win the onvention away from Campbell Mr.

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they can find in this fact to replace Campbell with Bell. In case it is found that Bell cannot centralize the opposition strength, he will be withdrawn from the field to make way for some one whom the "antis" think can defeat Campbell in the convention, but as it looks now, Bell will be the hope of Mayor Campbell's op-

ponents in his own party.

Tacoma will not be compelled to go into the wide-open or closed town issue, The city is run on a broad gauge plan, and there has been but very little opposi-tion to the Mayor's policy in this respect. The whole fight will be made on the eletric light contract measure and Campbell will win or lose on that issue.

The Democrats have as yet been rather slow. They have apparently taken little interest in the election. Tacoma is a "safe" Republican town, and this will probably account for the lack of interest. But there are a number of Democrats who think that with Frank Cole, now City Treasurer, at the head of their ticket, they could defeat Campbell. Mr. Cole is one of the best known personal-ties on the Sound and he, like Mr. Bell, is popular, but it is not a certainty that Cole could be persuaded to give up a good chance of succeeding himself as Treas-urer to make the race for Mayor with uncertain results. "A bird in hand" with Mr. Cole may cause him to push aside the Mayoralty nomination of a minority party and endeavor to retain his present

ANSWER MILLER'S CHARGES. Statement by the Trustees of Chency

Normal School. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.-The Trustees of Cheney Normal make the follow-ing statement regarding Principal Miller's

"We are astounded at the information conveyed in the dispatch. There is absolutely no foundation in fact for any of these charges. This was our first intima-tion that anything of the sort was contemplated or that Mr. Miller had left his

post of duty.
"The board has only employed good, competent teachers. It has not employed in any instance a teacher not needed. At no time has it employed a faculty in excess of the demands of Mr. Miller In no instance has the board employed a member of the faculty without consulting Mr. Miller.

"Almost without exception Mr. Miller has attended all meetings of the board, He has been invariably consulted on all matters pertaining to the institution.
"All the members of the board residing

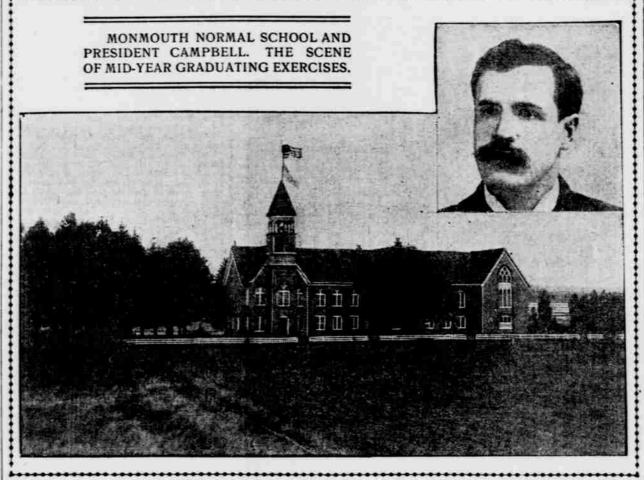
in Spokane, we have held frequent con-sultations here with the principal. We have taken this method to facilitate business and save expense to the state.
"The assertion that any of the funds have been spent in an improper manner is unqualifiedly false. The school has been run in an economical and business-like manner. There has been no de-ficiency and will be none. No bills have

been allowed that were not approved by Principal Miller. "Mr. Miller has solicited and urged every repair and improvement that has been made and a number that have not been made. He has been superintending all those repairs and acceptance of the all those repairs and acceptance of the same has been made by the board in all instances on his approval.

Out From Dawson.

progress in the district.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived from Skagway today with two well-known Klondike operators, Anbeen elected twice from a ward that is tone Stander and Max Endleman. They about equally divided between Repub-licans and Democrats, and the opposition Dawson, a vast amount of mining is in



litical boss. True, men like Hanna, Platt, mon to a large and attentive audience, owe it to Him to enhance His glory and Quay and others of their kind are not at Washington called by vulgar names. It is more polite to treat with them under the name of party leaders, but the fact is not altered by substitution of names Within the past two years I have met and talked-sometimes under conditions of great freedom-with pretty much all the motest corners of the land. What is said 'party captains" from Hanna and Platt lown, and I think I have fathomed the secret of the success of the machine manager and of his system. As a matter of fact, the political boss-even the greatest of them-is in truth no boss, but a servant. He is the agent of persons and interests who have large purposes connected with administration of public affairs, and not necessarily bad purposes. Property in these days is extremely distrustful of Democracy-of a system which puts form or another-aid for rivers and har. the power of unlimited taxation of those sure of at the hands of the political man-ager than such administration as it is afraid of at the hands of the least respon-eral heads: other "interests" in multitude are desired sible element of society, which it fears will control politics if politics be left to take care of itself. Here is the secret. It is not a pleasant one. I state it without disguise or diplomacy, and I leave the reader to his own reflections. A, H, January, 1962,

EASTERN OREGON MINING.

Development Work in the Brazos Property-Sale of the Cornucopia.

BAKER CITY, Feb. 2.-The owners of the Brazos mine have ordered a steam heist capable of sinking a shaft 500 feet. The shaft is now down over 200 feet, and quite a heavy flow of water has been encountered. The lack of water has been of this property. The ore values are all right, and as the mine is developed the values increase. The ore is low-grade, averaging at present about \$8 per ton, but it is suitable for treatment by the cyanite process, therefore it can be handled at a profit, provided a sufficient supply of water can be obtained.

The Cornucopia mine, which was closed lown several weeks ago, is soon to be sold. General Manager Jones will leave aid for the Columbia River must have a meet the parties to the deal. All of the pumps have been removed from the mine, as it is impossible to keep them going, owing to the cold weather.

The heavy full of snow of the past few subject of favorable comment among farmers and miners, although there is not enough yet to insure a suminer. Several old settlers who have been out in the hills lately say that in pla where the snow is usually several feet deep at this season of the year there are now only a few inches, and that is not well packed. The late snowfall is never counted on for the Spring and Summer water supply, unless it should prove to be exceedingly heavy, so that it will pack down soild.

The only people who are well pleased men in the logging campa. The snow this Winter is just right for them It is not too deep, as is usually the case, but is just deep enough to facilitate the handling of sawlogs to advantage,

Four Months Under Water.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2-After lying nearly four months in the waters of the Sound, the body of Robert Lewis, who was drowned last Fall was recovered today. A steam dredge working in the harbor brought the body to the surface. He was a well-known coast marine fireman. The finding of the body makes it certain that his heirs, if he has any, will get his life insurance. The company refused to pay when he was drowned on the gr that confirmation of his death was lack-

Recruiting Artillery Men.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 2.-Lieutenant G. E. Carleton, of Fort Walla Walla, is here as a recruiting officer to enlist men for the artillery branch of the service He desires to secure 50 men at this point, if possible, and will spend two or three weeks here. He states that there is no likelihood of the barracks at Walla Walla

In addition to the sermon a quartette was add to His praise. What! You say a rendered, and a solo by Mrs. A. F. Compfinite creature enhance the glory of the bell, "Dream of Paradise."

The subject of President Lee's sermon was "I Am Debtor." He spoke from Romans 1:14, and as follows: "Paul impressed a strong personality and wonderful singleness of purpose upon the world, such as is granted to few. Next to the life of our Savior, his was a match-less life. His constancy of purpose, str-

"The significance of these words, upon closer study, become more and more apparent, especially to those who have devoted their lives to the noble calling of teaching. Instead of the words "The world owes me a living," we hear the noble, inspiring words of Paul, "I am debtor" to the world. How ignoble and unworthy the former, how grand and helpful the latter!

"I once was approaching the vast building of the Connecticut State Hospital for the league." The sum was almost setting

"It may be worth our while this morn-and the darkness of a Winter day was ing to inquire in what respects we are debtors to the world. Facing a problem steed crowning the summit of an adwould rather have such administration of this kind is very much like endeavoring, as we often do at Thanksgiving time, for every one of the hundreds of windows to enumerate our blessings. The numer-seemed on fire with the reflected light of

perfection. Third-Our duties to God, that we may recognize all we owe him, and labor to increase His glory and praise in the earth.

"Our Savior came to give life and to give it more abundantly. Our duty to self is to have life in its fullest possible measure, and in all the greatest degree. Hardly a man is fully alive. This may be illustrated in the student world. Here is an enthusiast in athletics. Approach him on a scientific or religious subject, a lecture on ethics or literature, a new book history or biography, he will say: 'Oh, I take no interest in that. The fact is, he is dead to that subject—he is only partly alive. Or, here is another, who is wrapped up in studies, and a desire to excel in them. Speak to him of an athextent in them. Speak to him of an athletic contest or a religious convention. If he responds languidly or indifferently to the appeal, you may be sure you have approached him on his dead side. How de. How will ateasy it is to predict many tend that coming minstrel show, political evention, or lecture on Shakespeare. Very few of us are alive to all that is highest and best in ourselves and our surroundings. What, then, is our duty? 'I am debtor,' says Paul-debtor to the world to be as alive-increasingly aliveas possible, ever widening the sympathies, affections, attention, upward to all that is good, that I may be better qualified to ich others, and thus attain the highest purpose of living. But, second, we are debtors not only to ourselves, but also directly to our neighbors. The Savior again and again emphasized this in his teachings and exemplified it in his life, "The parable of the good Samaritan enthe parable of the good samaritan en-forces this truth. The old cry comes down the ages, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' Yes, yes; a thousand times, yes—we are our brother's keeper. We are in debt to him. We owe him help to secure and maintain his rights. We owe him helpful example, the word of sympathy or en-couragement, high ideals, energizing in-This is the way to lay up treasure in heaven. It is the very of Christ's teachings-the key to His life. It develops the heavenly character. It charge of the office. makes sweeter music, greater raptures, wider visions possible

I saw a smile-to a poor man 'twas given, And he was old-The sun broke forth; I saw that smile in

Wrought into gold. Gold of such luster never was vouchsafed to ue; It made the very light of day more luminous

I saw a tolling woman, sinking down, Footsore and cold. A soft hand covered her-the humble gown Wrought into gold-Grew straight imperishable, and will be shown To smiling angels, gather'd round the judg-

ment throne. Wrought into gold! We that pass down life's So carelessly,

Might make the dusty way a path of flowers

If we would try.

Then every gentle deed we've done, or kind manent organization of a humans society word given.

Like the widow's two mites, it is something for heaven. -- Whittier.

Infinite? Is not His glory already infinite? How can it be increased?
"An illustration may clear the point.

The sun shines upon the earth through millions of miles of space. But its light would be wholly impotent and ineffective were it not for the countless myriads of atoms in the air which catch and reflect it, thus diffusing the light in all directions. less life. His constancy of process in defeat, are margieness of alm, success in defeat, are margieness of alm, success in defeat, are marvelous. They are all summed up in the
words of our text: 'I am debtor.'

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"The significance of these words, upon
closer study, become more and more apdecented hearts of God's creatures, turned
and devotion, catch the

the Insane. The nun was almost setting, eral heads:

First-Our obligations to ourselves to make all we can of our own powers, that we may the highest perfection possible, debt-the better meet the two succeeding kinds of ors to the world, we shall consecrate obligations. second—Our duties to our fellow-men, that our fellow-men; debtors to God, we shall we may the better help them to a higher state ever live so as to catch the blessed light light to those around us. Let us catch the enthusiasm of Paul and be molded by his thrilling words, 'I am debtor,"

APPROVED IN EASTERN OREGON. Chairman White's Position With

Reference to Fusion. BAKER CITY, Feb. 2.-Chairman Sam White, of the Democratic state commit-tee, returned from a successful political tour to Western Oregon yesterday afternoon. Chairman White said the tour was a success. His position with reference to fusion, in the coming state election, is heartily approved by his fellow Demo-crats in this part of the state. While the majority of them do not share his enthugiasm in regard to party success, they are willing to follow his lead. Immedi-ately after the close of the February term of court. Mr. White will resume his tour of the state with the intention of visiting every county in the state that has not

already been visited officially. On the same train returning from Portland with Captain White was Hon, B. T Potter, the retiring Postmaster of this city. Mr. Potter is a recognized authority in the Republican ranks in this city He does not deny that he visited Port-land on a political mission, yet he de-clined to talk for publication. Mr. Potter is a well-known opponent of the Hon, M. A. Moody, and while he was in Portland he does not deny that he consulted most of the party leaders in regard to the coming campaign.

It looks now as if Mr. Potter will lead the Williamson forces in the contest for the control of the Congressional delegation from this county.

Hon. David L. Moomaw received official notice from the Postmaster-General yesterday of his appointment and confirmation as Postmaster of this city. As eoon as his bond is filed and approved by the Postoffice Department his commission will be forwarded, after which he will assum

Cohen Lectured on the Talmad.

CORVALLIS. Feb. 2.—The faculty and students of the Agricultural College were addressed Friday night by D. Solis Cohen, of Portland. The subject was "Ol; From ar, Ancient Lamp," and the Talmud, with explanations of its philosophy, formation and character, was the theme. The speaker quoted liberally from the book in illustration of its various phases. He said in point of importance and value for its philosophical teachings, the Talmud was only second in value to the Scriptures, He explained how much that is now brought out as new is treated of in the Talmud and was known to the ancient

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