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RAIN OUR GAIN.

R. M. Breerton Points Out Oregon's Debt to Jupiter Pluvius.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—During this pluvial season of the year our citizens are apt to grumble at the prevailing discomfort arising from the persistent rainfall, and to think too little of the vast benefit nature is thus bestowing upon their present and future industrial pursuits.

The agricultural classes view this beneficent feature of nature in the ordinary light; whether it be in the way of tillage, plant and tree growth, or of power requirements. Yet in the near future, there is every assurance of this ever-enduring power being applied in the generation and transmission of electric energy to the farming community.

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There is no positive intimation at the War Department as yet as to the decision Secretary Root will render. The more the situation becomes complicated by enlarged offers and counter-offers, the greater the probability that present conditions will be continued for a time at least.

They arrived within five minutes of each other, and in bland amazement stared at each other. If quickly locked the door and said: "Gentlemen, you've been fighting in the courts about long enough."

CANNOT ACCEPT OFFICE

BARRETT RELIEVES HAY FROM DIFFICULTY.

He Declines Japanese Mission and Lloyd Griscom, Now Minister to Persia, Will Get It.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Mitchell today presented to President Roosevelt a cablegram received from John Barrett at Calcutta, in which the latter states that, by reason of his obligations to the St. Louis Exposition, it would be utterly impossible for him to accept the position of Minister to Japan.

There is no hope of another Oregon man securing this important post, as it has been practically decided to give the place to Lloyd Griscom, now Minister to Persia. The cablegram received by Secretary Hay from Mr. Barrett was substantially the same as that received by Senator Mitchell.

State Department officials are somewhat relieved by Mr. Barrett's declination. An intimation was cabled him a day or two ago that it might be best for him not to accept, upon Minister Takahira's representations to the State Department that some other diplomat would be more acceptable to Japan.

SERVICES OF GRISCOM.

New Minister to Japan Did Good Work at Constantinople.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from John Barrett, dated Calcutta, today, stating that he regarded it his duty to continue his connection with the St. Louis Exposition, and, therefore, declining the Japanese Mission, which had been tendered him.

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

Things Are Going On Pretty Well, After All.

Philadelphia Ledger. Those who take an optimistic view of humanity and believe that we are constantly moving toward better things at least that humanity is not retrograding, will find much justification for their optimism in the case of a New York firm which failed some years ago, received a discharge in bankruptcy and recently paid its great indebtedness in full.

The fact is that we hear more of delinquencies of all sorts than we did when the facilities for getting news were meagre. There is no doubt, however, in the daily newspaper that immortality is outrunning the increase of population. The thoughtful mind clings to the belief that, while sin abounds, grace much more abounds. Justice, however, is not in every civilized community. They are the normal conditions. They are expected to rule as a matter of course in all business and social relations.

The disclosure of the criminal courts are revolting enough. They excite our curious interest more than the millions of people who never appear in the headlines in a criminal prosecution. The calendar of crime affords no proof that humanity is degenerating.

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USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS

House Coats and Smoking Jackets

No other concern in the city shows as many House Coats at popular prices as BEN SELLING, and you are indeed hard to please if we can not suit your fancy. Fifty different patterns at

\$5 to \$20 We lay aside jackets till wanted.

Stylish Neckwear

Neckwear is always appropriate as a holiday gift, and our lines are remarkable for their beauty and extent, and include the very finest of silks in all styles, colorings and combinations of colors, at

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SERVICES OF POPULISM

SOME OF ITS SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN REALIZED.

And in Other Respects the Two Old Parties Threaten to Go Even Beyond Populist Demands.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—There has been much of late years in the Republican press about the Democratic bumper of 1896, when, it is said, that party became a reckless advocate of Populism. Much concern is exhibited by these Republican editors lest this blunder will be repeated by the Democrats in 1920. In an editorial in the Oregonian of Friday, Nov. 21, the Democratic party is advised to "trust regulation" and "public ownership of public service monopoly."

It appears to a disinterested observer that the motto of Populism being past, it is time to discard these election arguments, and in the interest of public ethics, if not in an aesthetic regard for truth, to return to the old-fashioned Republican platform and the speeches of Republican statesmen and Presidents. Its worst enemies were Republican statesmen and Presidents. The cause was not consistent with the Populist theory, but was forced upon it by political contingency and was defended to established usage laws, contracts and values.

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Dressing Gowns

Think of the comfort any man would take in lounging around on a Sunday morning in one of these easy garments. Our assortment is very complete at prices ranging from

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Bath Robes

Hundreds of handsome patterns, modern in style and well made. Blanket cloth Bathrobes at prices ranging from

\$3 to \$10

Finer grades \$15 to \$30

THEY LIVE IN SILENCE

THE CARMELITE NUNS A RELIC OF THE MIDDLE AGES.

Fasting and Prayer Make Up the Life of These Women—A Growing Order in America.

Prayer, penance, fast and silence, during all the 365 days of the year, is the manner of life of an order of women who have just established another branch of their institution in the United States, says the Kansas City Star. They are known as the discolored nuns of Mount Carmel, and are followers of the Church of Rome. Despite the fact that this strange order of women is a relic of the medieval age, and that the daily routine of their lives is entirely contrary to the dictates of modern civilization, they are gaining a strong foothold in this country, and their convents and numbers are steadily increasing.

In a gloomy-looking little old house on Poplar street, just west of Fifteenth street, in Philadelphia, they have opened, or, more properly speaking, have entered and closed, another convent of Mount Carmel. In it are cloistered six young nuns. There are also two lay sisters who attend to the business of the institution. These six choir nuns, as those taking the perpetual vows are called, have never since the day of their profession entered the world, nor come in contact with the people of the world, save on this one occasion, when they traveled from their mother house, near Baltimore, to their new convent in Philadelphia.

No life known to modern times is to the average healthy mind so absolutely unnatural as that of the Carmelite nuns. All the abstemious details of their existence are not known, except to a few who have studied the religious orders of the Roman Catholic church. If their lives be unhappy or distasteful in any way their secret is never known to the world. From the hour when they take their final vows their faces are never seen. Neither father, mother nor sister may ever look upon them again, and even their veiled forms may not be seen.

When business or some other important matter demands converse with the world they speak from behind curtained bars. They are a Carmelite nun is as barren of beauty and luxury, even of what are deemed by the very poorest as absolute necessities, as is the existence of a doomed convict. Their bed is a plain, hard board, their clothes, winter and summer, are of the coarsest woolen, ever spottedly clean, but harsh and in warm weather uncomfortable. Of recreation and amusement they have absolutely none, not even of the most childish and harmless kind. Their day begins at the first hour when the chapel chimes toll 12. Then they arise from their hard beds and in silence enter prayer. They enter their sanctuary, where an hour is spent in prayer. Their hour of midnight adoration ended, they return to their board couches and rest until the stars begin to pale, when a day of work and fast and prayer is begun. There is another hour before the altar, and then that they very inappropriately call breakfast.

Always the first meal of the day consists of dry bread and black coffee, except that in case of illness an egg is given. With this scant nourishment they start the work and exacting prayer of the day. After the tolling of the midday Angelus another repast, ironically called noon, is served. Dry bread, plain boiled potatoes, some never-own vegetables, and perhaps codfish balls or some other inexpensive fish constitute the full menu of their midday meal. No butter, no sugar, no coffee, no tea, never a beverage of any kind nor a relish or dessert, and taste of flesh of any description is absolutely strange to them.

But probably the strangest of all the customs of the Carmelites is that of placing on the dining-table before them a skull as a reminder that death must finally claim them all. It is said that young novices frequently give up their scant meals for days before they can accustom themselves to the grotesquely nauseating object before them. That fleshless face is always there. But the young girls who enter the Carmelite convents must become used to the sight. The rosary, hung with a crucifix, is their only ornament, and a crucifix, and perhaps a skull, are the only decorations in their narrow, gloomy cells.

The afternoons of the Carmelites are spent in much the same way as in the morning, with this exception—two hours are taken from the constant strain of prayer and devoted to what in the convent is termed recreation. This time is passed in sewing, generally in the making of church vestments, sacred heart badges, Agnus Dei's and scapulars for the poor. This is what they call recreation—and yet never one word is uttered.

Think of from 6 to 20 women sitting in a room for two hours, and not speaking one word, and this when all the rest of the day has been spent in silence. And yet this is what the Carmelite nuns do every day of their lives. Silence—silence—silence, always, except when their lips murmur prayer, and even the fall of their feet upon the rough wood floors is almost noiseless. No sound breaks the stillness of the air, save the soft rustle of coarse garments, the monotonous chant of the office, and a faint sigh from the corner, or a stifled sob. The silence is almost perfect. The evening meal of the Carmelite nuns is as frugal as their breakfast. The early hours of the gloaming are spent in silent contemplation and prayer, and darkness still finds them kneeling with bowed heads in supplication for courage, faith and mercy. At 9 o'clock they silently enter their cells, where they rest upon their hard boards until the midnight hour of prayer.

In silence their lives are spent, and even in the few hours only the crowd and confusion pass their lips. In silence and alone, save perhaps the presence of one of the nuns and a priest of the church, who is there to administer the last rites of the church, listen to the confession, and chant the prayers for the dying, to absolve and anoint.

Such is the life of a Carmelite—the most cheerless, abstemious existence known to the human race. It is an existence which only the strongest in mind and body could endure, and one which cuts short the life of any who attempts it. And yet priests who have been confessor of these nuns declare that no life is freer from unrest, is more nearly as perfect content than theirs.

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Cheerful Discoveries of Archaeology. Journal of Anatomy and Physiology. New fields for research are continually opening up; the last illustration of this is the discovery by Prof. G. Elliot Smith that it is possible to map the convolutions of the brain of a non-mummified ancient Egyptian. The brain is naturally preserved in the vast majority of the bodies in Egyptian cemeteries from predynastic to recent times. The favorable conditions being burial in dry soil and removal from all direct access to the air.

Colonel R. H. Pratt, head of the Government Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., reports that the enrollment of Indian students there this year has reached the high-water mark of 1913. The students are encouraged to earn money by hiring out during vacation, and they made nearly \$32,000 that way last year.

