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"THE BASIS OF MORALS."

The Morning Oregonian declares that the East Oregonian awaits to hear what the Oregonian says and then concludes that the opposite should have been said.

It is the chief delight of the East Oregonian to lead the helpless wanderer, whether it be the tottering dotard or the prattling child, back from any perilous brink it may approach, to the pathway of sanity and safety.

In this spirit the East Oregonian took the Portland paper to task a few days ago, for its unsound moral doctrine, as exhibited in its censure and condemnation of two runaway Indian girls from the Chemawa school.

In speaking of the return of the girls to school, after having eloped with two libertines from Salem, the Oregonian said: "As for the girls, they are past all hope of restoration to lives of decency and the less effort wasted on them, the better."

The East Oregonian believes this is a pernicious doctrine to teach, in the face of organized charity and reforms, in the face of splendid self-sacrifice of noble men and women, working tirelessly to aid and encourage the weak and ignorant and in the face of the millions spent yearly for the elimination of vice and the establishment of the splendid standards of purity.

It is never too late to help the weak and ignorant back to the forsaken path of rectitude; no effort is wasted in the last analysis, which has for its object the uplifting of the fallen, however low the rescuer must reach to take the hand of the unhappy, unfortunate and misguided.

The Oregonian says the basis of morals is within and that punishment of wrongdoing will not conduce to high personal moral standards.

What, then, is the object of organized society? Why not turn the helpless at large to be the prey of the lusts of the strong and vicious? Why offer the protection of laws and penalties to the weak and erring?

The first seed and germ of personal morals may be within each individual soul, but without the strong and assuring hand of organized society and law to support, protect and nurture that inner germ of morals, the weak and wavering would be a prey to the strong, the erring would be encouraged to go deeper into sin and the hope of reform would be forever banished from those who sinned from impulse and not premeditation.

Organized society must afford a prop and stay to the individual moral nature. The vicious libertine must know that a stinging retribution will be visited upon him and the weak girl must feel that the hands of law and government are on her side and not against her.

This knowledge will give her strength to withstand the tempters that come in a thousand seemingly respectable guises.

A man may possess a splendid physique. The germ of physical endurance may be strong and seemingly invincible. Yet his naked body would be pinched and frozen by the wintry winds. Without the intervention of warm clothing, mufflers, overcoats, overalls and mittens, the splendid body would perish.

In a like manner the unprotected moral nature of the immature youth, if left to prey to the temptations of the world, must perish, if organized society does not intervene with protection, sympathy and infinite patience.

How high is the moral standard of the tribes that have no laws? What is the standard of morals where organized society does not exist?

The germ may be in the individual soul, but without the protection of law and the encouragement of and reinsurance of a rigorous social code, the germ of morals within would be timid and responsive to every gust of passion, in more than half of the world's population.

Every structure must be braced; so must every soul.

Thomas E. Watson will not be elected president, and perhaps never expects to be. But he does not need that distinction to place him on the list of the benefactors of the human race. Thomas E. Watson is the father of the rural free delivery system which is now one of the greatest blessings enjoyed by the American people. While Mr. Watson was in congress, he secured an appropriation in 1892 for an experimental free delivery route, the first ever established in the United States. Congressmen doubted the wisdom of this "populist vagrant" and it was with reluctance that the scanty sum was ventured on this "wild scheme." From that small beginning, this great blessing has become a fixed national institution, and promises to be extended into every community in the United States, thus becoming an everlasting monument to the wisdom of Tom Watson, the populist dreamer.

Umatilla county should be proud of some of the printing now being done for the different officials. The teachers' institute programs and circular letter printed for the county superintendent at cheap rates by the official printer and do injustice to the educational standard and high ideals of Umatilla county educators. Cheap rates will produce "cheap" work and cheap work lowers the standard of those using it in the eyes of observant and scrupulous strangers receiving it. The Thursday Afternoon Club recently had a program printed at cheap rates but it is safe to say they will not want another job of the same quality at any price.

It was thoughtful of Kuropatkin to name his successor in command, for patrons are protected in their rights as well as outside residents who make only occasional visits here.

HE SURRENDERED.

A story is told of a labor war in Jones county, Miss., which was recently fought out to a conclusion by one Moses Adams, who owned a saw-mill at that place, and whose long-time amicable relations with his employees were severed by the demands of the latter, which he contended he could not concede without loss of not only his profits but his capital.

Having received his answer, his workmen struck. Undismayed, Moses Adams set about to secure other workmen to take the places which the strikers had abandoned. The strikers went into camp, surrounded the mill, sent out pickets who threw out hard and cold, all the strike breakers who came within the lines.

Moses Adams fought his fight outside the armed ramparts for a whole month; then he concluded to surrender. His manner of doing so was in strict accord with the most honored rules of war. Instead of yielding his mill to the strikers, as was expected, he sold or leasing it to some one who would re-enlist the strikers in his service, Moses Adams courteously invited them to witness his subjugation and retreat.

He did precisely what Kuropatkin did at Liao Yang when Kuroki made that position unattractive; he blew up his works. Having distributed the dynamite with skillful precision, he applied the match, and in less time than it takes to tell it the entire works had disappeared from Jones county, Miss., and the war between him and the strikers had come to an end.—Philadelphia Ledger.

FEROCIOUS AFRICAN TRIBE.

A hunter of big game in Africa gives a description of a tribe of natives whom he found there. The "Tsetse natives," he says, "live in the swamps, their staple article of diet being fish and flour made from the seed of the water lily, although during the rains they grow a variety of cassava root and sweet potatoes at the edge of the swamp.

They smear their bodies with mud to protect them from mosquitoes and are extremely dirty and evil smelling in consequence. They are very low down in the scale of humanity and have a bad reputation among tribes living on the high ground, which reputation they uphold during our visit.

We engaged several Watwa natives as carriers, but they only came to see what they could steal. One day I shot a red buck in sight of the camp, and left two Watwa to carry it in while I went after a hareshead, but I never saw either man or buck again. It was no use following them into the swamps, as they knew every inch of the ground and water.

They had small canoes hidden everywhere, and immediately they crossed a stream they sank the canoe again where they alone knew where to find it. Our boys were afraid to follow them, as they used poisoned arrows and sometimes set poisoned stakes in the tracks leading to their haunts."

WORLD'S COPPER MINES.

Walter Harvey Wood, in a recent number of the Mining Magazine, gives the following interesting facts: The production of metallic copper in the United States for 1903 was 498,944,117 pounds of value \$26,598,000. In 1902, 44 per cent, or about 235 million pounds were produced from an area a mile long and one-half mile wide, at Eagle, Mont., 24 per cent, or about 156 million pounds, from a strip of country two to six miles long, extending through the center of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Mich., and 18 per cent, or 130 million pounds, from four isolated districts in Arizona; of the remaining 12 per cent the greater amount comes from Bingham, Utah; Keweenaw, Cal., and Ducktown, Tenn.

The gold and silver mines of the country, notably those of Colorado, contribute about one per cent of the total production which is obtained as a by-product in smelting for the precious metals.

Of the six largest mines in the world four are in the United States, the Anaconda mine of Butte itself furnishing one-seventh of the entire world's supply of copper, and the Calumet and Hecla nearly one-eighth.

BUTTERED SIDE DOWN.

Adam began it, the first of his race Giving the practice renown: Picked himself up when he tumbled from grace, Found he fell buttered side down, Buttered side down, Buttered side down.

All of creation falls buttered side down. Stocks take a tumble 'twixt morning and night Caused by a weather man's frown, Gather our dust on their bottomward flight, Bound to fall buttered side down, Buttered side down, All things financial fall buttered side down.

Some day you find yourself falling in love, Prettiest girl in the town; No use to struggle, just note the above, Apt to fall buttered side down, Buttered side down, Cupid's adherents fall buttered side down!—McLaughlin Wilson.

WOMEN STREET FAKERS.

Preaching the gospel on the street one minute, taking a collection the next and then going to a room of the American café to divide the money with her partner is what the police say Grace Foyne has been doing for several weeks, says the Oregon Daily Journal.

Last night she, in company with three other women, were arrested on warrants issued out of the municipal court. They were charged with offenses, found guilty and fined \$20 each by Judge Hogue this morning.

The Foyne woman denied that she had been preaching on the streets and taking collections, ostensibly for the spreading of the gospel, but Policeman White and other witnesses swore she had.

"They say she and another woman would hold street meetings, sing and preach and take a collection. They would then go to the notorious street named and boast of their trickery and divide the money they received."

GENERAL NEWS.

New York Republicans are going to sacrifice Higgins in order to carry the state for Roosevelt.

Nine children were severely injured at San Francisco, Thursday by the explosion of a gasoline burner.

Great suffering prevails in New Mexico as a result of the disastrous floods along the large streams.

The national Lewis and Clark board has appropriated but \$10,000 for the Philippine exhibit at the 1905 exposition.

General Oka took 10 more heavy Russian guns late Saturday night,

making the victory at Yental complete.

The French parliament, which opens Tuesday, will seriously consider the dissolution of church and state in France.

The Japanese government has ordered the arrest of officers from Holland, for use in the Japanese army in the field.

A. G. Fields, of the famous minstrel company, has purchased the Scala and Forepaugh circuses at Mobile, Ala.

Europeans are warned by the powers that they are not safe in the towns of Morocco on account of the kidnaping craze.

The coal heavers and dock hands' strike at Marietta is at an end after two months of suspension of shipping from that port.

The 24-year-old son of N. Robeson, killed his 2-month-old sister through jealousy, Thursday, by striking her on the skull.

The Paul Mason Champagne Company of San Jose, Cal., has been awarded the grand prize for champagne at the St. Louis fair.

A pool of \$100,000 has been formed at Pittsburg for the purpose of placing election bets. The leading offer is a 19 to 4 bet on general results in favor of Roosevelt.

Carson will not return to India on account of his wife's illness and Lord Miller, recently resigned as high commissioner of South Africa, will be his successor as viceroy of India.

Arthur McKee Rankin, manager for Nance O'Neill, a bankrupt, and his liabilities amounting to \$7,647, and his assets \$116,000, Miss O'Neill is listed \$12,000 in salary due and money loaned to Rankin.

San Blas, a Pacific Coast Mexican village of 250 huts, was totally destroyed by a hurricane, Saturday. "The Bells of San Blas" was one of the last poems written by the late American poet, Longfellow.

Admiral Dewey has tendered his resignation as chief of the Caribbean fleet during the winter maneuvers. If he can be spared from the general naval board he will be given command of the fleet when the fleet will be at Guantanamo.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The epidemic of diphtheria at Hoquiam has been checked.

The body of an unknown was found in the Willamette river at Oregon City Thursday.

W. F. McDonald, an electrician, was instantly killed by a shock at Seattle, Thursday.

J. A. Helmer, of Mt. Hood, was fined \$75 and costs for beating a horse Wednesday.

An offer is made to the city of North Yakima to build a \$1,000,000 sugar factory there.

Mrs. Bertha Hutchinson, of Seattle, aged 15, has asked for a divorce from her spouse, aged 79.

During the month of September 43 homestead entries were filed in the La Grande land office.

George I. Miles, a laborer aged 40, shot himself to death on a crowded street in Seattle, Saturday.

The total taxable property in Marion county this year is \$10,373,430, or \$1,000,100 than in 1903.

Miss Emma Nickelson, of Wallawa, attempted suicide in La Grande Saturday by taking strychnine. She will live.

Eugene citizens in mass meeting, have promised hearty support to the proposed Willamette valley electric road.

The Salem Journal has won a libel suit brought against it for \$500 for telling a story of a man kicking a dog to death.

Albert Fisher was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary for criminal assault on a 15-year-old girl, at Wieser, Thursday.

Neil F. Boyle, of Butte, was struck over the head by a tug Thursday. The robber struck him because he had no money in his pocket.

The substitution of oil for wood as fuel at the Oregon City woolen mills will throw 2000 additional cords of wood on the market at that city this year.

Ira L. Campbell, one of the proprietors of the Eugene Guard, died of consumption at Eugene Saturday, aged 46. He was a native of Lake county.

As a result of the work of the Oregon Development League, a commercial club will be organized at Medford and a new club building will possibly be erected.

Over 250 telephone girls of Portland are now on a strike. They are orderly and have every prospect of winning as it is impossible to secure this number of new girls.

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