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Man is his own star; and the soul that can render an honest and a perfect man, commands all light, all influence, all fate; Nothing to him falls too early or too late; Our acts our angels are, or good or ill; Our fatal shadows that pursue us still—Beaumont and Fletcher.

OUR DUTY TO THE PHILIPPINES.

The Literary Digest tells us that no newspaper objections are heard to Secretary Taft's proposition to reduce the duties upon goods entering the United States from the Philippines from the present rate, which is 75 per cent. of the Dingley tariff rates, to 25 per cent. of those rates, the reduction to apply to sugar and tobacco, while all other Philippine products are to be placed on the free list. It will be recalled that a bill reducing the duties on all imports from the Philippines to 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates was passed by the house at the last session and amended in the senate so as to reduce the sugar and tobacco duties 50 per cent and remove all others. The bill, however, was not passed.

"As has been pointed out," says the Chicago Record-Herald, "the experience of Hawaii and Porto Rico furnishes the strongest practical argument for the removal of all restrictions on Philippine trade with the United States. Such action would give the Philippines fresh proof of American justice and good will." The New York Journal of Commerce thus discusses what it calls our "shameful treatment of the Philippine trade":

"The most preposterous thing in our treatment of the Philippine islands since we took possession of them is the maintenance of any tariff at all intended to be protective of American industries. The idea of protecting any industry of this great country, with its resources, its capital, its energy and highly developed system of production and trade, against the poor Philippines and their primitive methods, ought to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the most hardened champion of the home market. The mainstay of the Philippines for developing a profitable trade, apart from their peculiar product known as Manila hemp, lies in their capacity for growing sugar and tobacco; and it is this against which protection is demanded, to the shame and disgrace of American sugar and tobacco growers. They are ready to keep down the development of the struggling industry on the other side of the globe lest they should be unable to withstand its power of competition."

"Thus far congress has permitted itself to be held up by these timid and selfish interests from doing a simple act of justice to a possession that has been rendered dependent upon our government; but, in addition to that, at the demand of another selfish interest, it has done an act of positive injustice by providing for an increase in the cost of getting Philippine products to this country and sending products from this country to the Philippines after July 1, 1904. The cost of transportation over the long distance between the islands and the United States is burden enough upon the trade for any reasonable protection to 'competitive industries' in the United States, but by confining this transportation to American vessels and enabling them to charge what they will for the service, it is proposed to increase this burden. Even if the duties should be reduced or removed altogether, the effect would be neutralized in part, if not altogether, by depriving trade with the islands of the advantage of competition in transportation. To give a few concerns a chance to make a little money out of them, their trade would be sacrificed and their efforts to develop industry would be weighed down. Shutting Philippine products out of our market by taxing their entrance into it and burdening them with extra cost of conveyance is about as barbarous a way of treating a dependent people as ingenious malevolence could devise."

In his estimated needs of the state institutions for the coming two years, Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, allows the state experimental farm at Union, the sum of \$20,000, and the Weston Normal school but \$15,000. By what rule of logic the secretary can arrive at this conclusion is difficult to understand. The experimental farm is a body of the richest land in Oregon, comprising 640 acres, capable of yielding a net profit to the state, in addition to the expenses of running the farm, of at least \$10 per acre per year. The buildings are well equipped, a new \$7000 barn has just been completed, and aside from new fencing, the farm is in excellent condition.

Why should the state contribute \$20,000 to this farm, which should be self-supporting, and indeed, profit yielding, and then hold back the Weston normal, which is now crowded to the limit of its accommodations, and which must have a dormitory, before it can continue to invite attendance? The Weston normal needs help this session, because of the growing demands in Eastern Oregon for higher education. All the educational institutions of the state are centered in the western part, and this proposed parsimony on the part of state officials will continue to deny Eastern Oregon her just and legitimate share of educational funds. Let the state farm yield a profit for two or three years, and apply that to the improvement of its fences and buildings. Give the Weston normal what the board of regents asks for—\$25,000—and place it on a solid footing before the world, as Eastern Oregon's only educational institution, maintained by the great state of Oregon.

It is often charged that the law is like a net which will catch the small fish and through which the large fish can break and escape capture. It would seem that there are exceptions to this rule. Mitchell and Hermann are hurrying back to defend their reputations before the grand jury. S. A. D. Pater and Mrs. Watson have confessed and have implicated those high in authority, it is said. These promises to be testimony of a very sensational character. The government is determined to probe the land fraud cases to the bottom and make a clean job of it, no matter who is implicated.

C. A. Keefer, who married an actress, says: "A bee should not marry a butterfly." The butterfly could not resist fluttering back to the footlights. There is a sermon of truth in that terse text. Many a voyage comes to shipwreck and piles up on the jagged rocks of the divorce court because proper care was not taken by both parties to the contract to find out if their tastes were congenial. Marriage is either a heaven or a hell—too often the latter—simply through lack of ordinary common sense in choosing a partner-for life.

There is no more demoralizing influence in modern life than the unattainable striving to seem other than we are, says the Rural Spirit. Nothing else so quickly lowers self-respect, blunts the fine edge off honor and blunts conscience as the sense of being a sham, a gilded fraud, or an un-reality. It cheapens standards, lowers ideals, saps ambition, and takes the spring and joy out of living. No man can make the most and the best of himself until he is absolutely honest with his own soul, and unflinchingly true to his highest ideals.

The farmers of Greeley, Col., will send several hundred carloads of potatoes to the famine-stricken Irish. It sounds like sending coal to Newcastle to send potatoes to Ireland. The average American who has all he wants of appetizing and nutritious food, has no conception what a failure of the potato crop of Ireland means. It means starvation to many of the Irish peasants. No wonder there are more Irishmen in America than in Ireland.

The North Sea inquiry board which is to investigate the Dogger Bank outrage in which the Russian fleet fired upon defenseless English travelers of the fishing fleet, will convene tomorrow in Paris.

The conclusion they will arrive at will probably be that the Russian warships fired upon their own torpedo boats by mistake and that the fatalities among the fishing fleet were caused by wild shooting.

The worst blizzard that has visited Newport, R. I., in many years, has paralyzed traffic, piling snow deeply over the tracks. Send them some Oregon literature. If they knew what beautiful weather we were having here in Umatilla county, they would emigrate here en masse.

Luther Burbank, the "Plant Wizard," who by his marvelous feats in hybridization, has accomplished so much for the fruit growers, has been granted an endowment by the Carnegie institute to enable him to continue his experiments.

WHEN WAR SHALL BE NO MORE.

Speed the day when all nations shall convert their swords into plowshares and pruning hooks. If anything could bring about a feeling of horror for war, surely the murderous chronicles of the fighting in front of Port Arthur should do so.

Franklin said there was no such thing as a good war or a bad peace. Grant said: "There never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not have been found of preventing the drawing of the sword. I look forward to an epoch when a court, recognized by all nations will settle international differences, instead of keeping large standing armies as they do in Europe."

The press dispatches and the special correspondents for the illustrated weeklies give some idea of the grim struggle taking place in Manchuria. Men strong and lusty with life, men whose wives and children at home are waiting anxiously to hear of their welfare, climb the rough hills and in a moment are torn limb from limb by the hand grenades and are left food for the vultures. Commander Mizzenoff, who has just escaped from Port Arthur, in describing the battles that are of daily occurrence there, says that even Port Arthur's war-hardened troops sometimes shudder at the horrors of the sight. Of the attack on 201 Meter Hill, he says:

"Since the Japanese on November 25 began their attack on High Hill, which they call 201 Meter Hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle which was destined to furnish so many deeds of heroism that they became commonplace.

"The Japanese were compelled to clamber up the slopes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. I was there, and it seemed to me that flesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but always there were others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our own men. Sometimes the fighting was hand to hand, with the muzzles of rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords. The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease for the dying agonies.

"Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow, we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the restlessness of the neighboring forts, notably those of Liadai Mountain.

"The Japanese in one of their assaults, lit fires to show the way up the bullet-swept slopes.

"The red glare from this fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever drawn by Dante.

"The assault thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood, and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"The second and third assaults were replicas of the first, although the second was the most ferocious, in which mercy was neither asked nor given.

"A remarkable incident occurred in the third assault as the Russians, still facing the enemy, retreated. A Japanese standard-bearer, holding his flag aloft, climbed the pinnacle and fell dead clutching the colors. In his tracks another arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a dozen wounds in his body. Six others followed to meet the same fate. At last, when the ninth man appeared, a Russian officer exclaimed:

"Don't shoot that fellow with the flag; it will be planted, anyhow."

Think of the wounded man lying out on the hillside suffering for days the tortures of the damned, their parched lips craving the water they can not get, their fevered wounds finally making them delirious, till death relieves them. Think of the dead during the brief lulls in the fighting. Think of the desolate homes in Russia and Japan. Think of the tremendous war debts that for years will oppress both nations.

"Future war between equal forces will bankrupt both and decide nothing," says Jean de Bloch. When thousands upon thousands of brave men have uselessly laid down their lives, then the contending nations will do what they should have done before the slaughter.

Blessed are they, says the Denver Post, who buy Christmas gifts with taste, rather than with lavish expenditure. The soul of Christmas is thoughtfulness and remembrance, rather than display of reckless generosity. An inexpensive gift of rare good taste—showing that the giver took pains—is far more agreeable than a mere lump of cost that, perhaps, is of no use to the one receiving it, causing more regret over the waste of money than pleasure.

That point is the secret of happy Christmas giving. How much better to be able to send a pretty thing to all on your list than to blow yourself for some of them and abandon the others. The artistic little gift is the salvation of the hard up who would otherwise indulge in the folly of going on short rations through January and February to make a Christmas splurge. Christmas is pre-eminently the children's time and the old people's time. Parents who double-cross their children by waiting until Christmas to buy them what they must have, anyhow, commit a peculiar cruelty. And the sons and daughters who forget their old parents are even more cruel, for while the disappointment of children passes away, the aged have nothing sweeter than being remembered and nothing sadder than being forgotten.

Southern Oregon is shipping Christmas trees by the carload to Southern California. A good deal of mistletoe is also being shipped. No wonder the demand for mistletoe is brisk. If mistletoe is not to be had—why a kiss under a branch of sagebrush would help some.

"THERE AINT NO SANTA CLAUS."
A girl of eight and a boy of four, playing down on the nursery floor, argued all evening without a pause, on the coming of dear old Santa Claus!

The girl of eight was wondrous wise, And gravely rolling her knowing eyes, She laughed to scorn her brother of four, Who believed all the Santa Claus tales of yore.

"It's all a great big story," she said, "To make little children go early to bed; No reindeer, skips over the roofs of snow, Prancing and dancing and eager to go, It's all a story; they can't fool me, For I'm no longer a baby, you see!"

The boy had listened with deep surprise, Flashing up in his earnest eyes, He looked aghast at the cruel creed, Of the eight-year-old, of the skeptic's breed.

Her startling words had struck him dumb— He could only stammer: "I know he'll come."

GENERAL NEWS.

Nimrod Price, of Albany, Linn county, has been a Mason 59 years. The spiritualists of Oakland, Cal., will build a church this winter. The sect is very strong in that city.

Fred Jones, a clerk at Newburg, N. Y., shot and killed Mrs. Libby Goodrich and William Gray and then shot himself fatally.

Over 1,000,000 Christmas trees have been cut this year in the Green mountains of Vermont and shipped to Eastern cities.

Bureau county, Illinois, is infested with wolves, and the farmers will have a circle hunt of the animals during the coming holidays.

Southern California is drying up. There has been no rain at all this fall. The hay crop is a failure, and stock men are greatly discouraged.

At Newburg, Ore., December 21, Willie Combs, aged 14, while engaged in a friendly scuffle with other boys, fell and broke his neck, dying instantly.

O'Greavy, the absconding president of the failed Elkhorn Valley Bank, of O'Neill, Neb., has been caught in Arizona. Patrick Hagerty, the cashier, is still missing.

The government of Turkey has put up the collateral for a loan of \$15,000,000, with which to purchase artillery of the latest type—mostly quick-firing guns.

Five boys between 10 and 14 years of age, under arrest in Brooklyn, N. Y., charged with setting 18 fires during the past few months. Two of the boys have confessed.

The impeachment of Federal Judge Swayne, of Florida, is the first to be filed in the United States senate since 1877, when Secretary Belknap was impeached but acquitted.

Work is progressing on the last stages of an old pipe line which is absolutely continuous from the Indian Territory to the refineries on Long Island. It will have a patrol for every mile of its length.

The only daughter of Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, was badly burned by her clothes catching fire from an open grate the home of a friend in Atlanta. Her limbs were badly scorched, but she will readily recover.

Typhoid fever is epidemic among Southern Pacific employes in Southern Oregon and Northern California. It is attributed to tank water, and a systematic and thorough renovation of the water supply all along the line is being made.

James A. Goodfellow, aged 24, a brakeman in the terminal yards at Portland, was crushed to death by the cars December 20. He could not talk when found, and died in a short time and as no one saw the accident, it goes unexplained.

An attempt is being made to re-educate the Yosemite Valley by the state of California to the general government. The advocates and opponents of the plan are both resolute, and a bitter fight is on in the coming session of the legislature.

NORTHWEST NEWS.
Work has begun on an extension and enlargement of Boise's sewer system.

Hans Hansen was instantly killed December 19 near Everett, Wash., by a rock slide while engaged with other workmen in removing a previous slide.

There is an epidemic of robberies in the Seattle trolley district, and no apparent dearth of patrons of the district to get separated from their money.

J. M. Arthur, who owned The Breakers, the hotel near Astoria, which was burned last summer, will rebuild soon, a four-story structure 35x112 feet.

A cow belonging to Leo Murphy, of Independence, Or., gave birth to four calves, all fully developed, but undersized. The mother and one calf are living.

A barn that had been standing 45 years on the A. Hackelma farm, near Albany, Or., burned the night of December 19. It had long been a rendezvous for tramps.

Dr. A. W. Patterson, aged 30 years, died December 19 at Eugene. He came to Oregon in 1852 and settled on a donation claim near the present town of Eugene, which he surveyed in 1853.

The bid of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company to furnish the government 2,000,000 feet of lumber at \$9 per thousand at round point, for shipment to the Philippines, was accepted.

A gang of boys from 8 to 12 years of age, broke open a box in a box car at Julietta, Idaho, and stole a large number of jackknives which they gave away and sold all over the town to other boys.

At Everett, Wash., December 19, Sammy Worden, aged 3, died in great agony three hours after his aunt forced a dose of acetone down his throat. The aunt is near-sighted and had the wrong bottle.

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