

A Plea for the State.

Come all you folks and know the truth. A tale to you I'll tell. The inmates of the Soldiers Home are faring very well. They are fed and clothed and nursed. Whenever they are sick, but some are still dissatisfied, complain, and whine, and kick. I think the order just and right. Prompted by good intention. That if the state provides a home. The state should have the pension. We know the veterans of the war fought for the slaves and freed them, but we provide for them a home. And nurse and clothes and feed them. A home and care should be enough. Our taxes now are heavy. The state should have the pension. And thus reduce the levy. If the rules are arbitrary. And considered too severe. He can take his pension money. And seek a home elsewhere. HERMAN BECKER. Wilbur, Oregon.

CHRISTIAN VS. MOHAMEDAN.

A Dissertation on the Religion of Greek and Turk.

ED. PLAINDEALER: Students of advanced thought find it difficult in writing on themes not in harmony with the general conception, and it is hard for the average editor to accept for publication questions aside from popular beliefs, especially in this so-called modern era. A dissertation criticizing ancient superstition, fiction, or romance of a more modern date, Modern philosophy and science is slowly becoming known to the people.

The man with money, or a cracker attached to the end of his name, such as lord, duke, earl, or your honor "yonder" can be heard at most any time, whether that which they have to say is of merit or not. But when the poor man, the "self-made" man, the thinker, calls for listeners the people become shy and view him from a far through a telescope as it were. This treatment on their part suggests a line from Pope: "A saint in lace is twice a saint in lawn." It is only occasionally that I offer a paper to the public press, why should I not be allowed to say my piece, either orally or through the medium of the press?

Oh, that we may have restored to our nation's coins that glorious word, liberty, that glorious emblem of our federations, that holy principle of our constitution and republic. Any man or woman either should have the liberty to express his or her honest thoughts, morally, politically or religiously. Had I the means to own at least one column in a metropolitan paper, I would furnish weekly, matter on vital principles of evolved biological moral, political and religious life.

My subject for the PLAINDEALER today is the Greek Turkish question, or, Christian versus Mohammedan, and as I am now ripe in age and experience and have lived past my green and timid days I shall not fear but I shall speak the truth as I have lived sufficiently long to see the truth. And in claiming to call a spade a spade, I do not call it by a technical term. I am glad that I have arrived at political and religious manhood. Proud that I fear nothing in that line, and there is nothing that should be so much despised, as a political or religious hypocrite. For I hold to live in fear of another's displeasure or hate is a crime, for each individual is an equal creature in Nature, and should "stick up" for his or her rights.

And now for the first let us use another line from Pope: "This world, 'tis true, was made for Christian but for Mohammedan too." The religion of a nation is but the reflection of the moral and intellectual state of its people. The religion of either the Greek or the Turk will not bear criticism. The moment you begin to criticize either, it is a farewell to faith. Either of the religions decrees deities in and out of existence, and when in existence their sphere of action was limited. The morals and religions of either nation have ever been changeable and has had different standards. This is due to the enlargement of minds from fresh experiences, and when the mysteries of either become revealed through the scrutiny of science they cease to become objects of religion. Both religions preach against worldly pleasures and advocate middle-ism, or the worship of pain, the past of both is what it should not have been, for religion should have been on earth for the sake of humanity and not for the saint. Generally speaking, the Christian religion or the Mohammedan religion is simply a geographical question. To find the absolute truth of either you have to examine the map. In Greece the leading character in the New Testament romance, was the son of God, in Turkey he was not. In Turkey Mohammed was the only true prophet, in Greece he was not. Each country offers wonderful things to substantiate their claims. Greece offers portions yet remaining of the cross in evidence, while the Turk takes you to the holy rock, where is seen the foot prints of Mohamed as he stood on it when about to make his corporeal ascent into heaven. While the Grecian's most holy prophet ascended bodily to heaven with a hole in his side! Think of it! In my opinion one is as preposterous as the other, that which is not reasonable or probable is neither inspiration nor revelation, but romance. Ancient writing often revised, remodeled and enlarged emanated in Koran and the Holy Bible. Both croak of a judgment day, an awkward "last time." When in the light of science each day is the resurrection, with its heaven over yonder, in which the evolved Christ of humanity—the progressing people are ever ascending. Humanity is the only mediator between man and nature's mystery.

JAMES ISHAM. Looking Glass, Or., May 24, 1897.

Fourteen vessels laden with free wool sailed into Boston harbor in one day last week. It is evident that a year's supply foreign wool will have been brought into the country before the new tariff act can possibly be put upon the statute books, even with a continuance of the rapid work which congress has made thus far in its consideration. And still there are people who are wondering why prosperity has not come already. With hundreds of millions of dollars going abroad for foreign products instead of into the hands of our own people, it is unreasonable to expect any great improvement as the result of the late election until the legislation required of the new congress can be enacted.—Astorian.

E. E. Turner of Compton, Mo., writes us that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures eczema and severe skin diseases. Marsters' Drug Store.

The street car superintendent in Tacoma who shot and killed a highwayman who had undertaken to hold up and rob the people on his car did a good job. He should not be bothered with any legal investigation of the killing.—Ex.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

A Salsman, the reliable jeweler. Solid silver novelties at Salsman's. J. T. Bryan, the Busy Watchmaker. Go to the Roseleaf for the best cigars. For a good 5-cent cigar call on Mrs. N. Boyd.

County claims and warrants bought by D. S. West. For first-class dentistry go to Dr. Little of Oakland. R. W. Benjamin, dentist, room 1. Marsters' block. Key West, imported and domestic cigars at the Roseleaf. D. S. West does insurance. Office opposite the post office.

Goods below cost at Caro's. Now is the time for bargains. Nobby suits and latest styles at Little Jack's. Prices very low.

All styles and qualities of hats at Abraham's Bedstead prices. Nothing but the best material used by R. W. Benjamin, dentist. Room 1. Marsters' block.

Have your dental work done by R. W. Benjamin, dentist. All Work guaranteed first-class. At Oakland, T. L. Graves is authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the PLAINDEALER.

Do you want a good strawberry plant? Call around to this office and find out where to get some.

For a good hat, stylish and cheap, call on Wollenberg & Abraham, whose stock embraces all grades of head gear. Now is the time to spray your trees. Buy the Combination Sprayer and save time and money. W. H. Gordon, agent.

Bring your job work to the PLAINDEALER office. We are prepared to do the cheapest and best work south of Portland.

Wollenberg & Abraham of the Square Deal Store are now receiving a nice lot of spring goods. Latest styles and lowest prices.

Parties desiring family sewing done would do well to call on Miss Fannie McKean, 221 Main street. Will sew for 75 cents per day.

The Square Deal store has just opened up a beautiful line of W. L. Douglas shoes, which prove to be the best shoe made. Come and inspect them.

To Rent—A five room cottage, rent cheap, near Washington street, west side of railroad track. Enquire at 405 Washington street. a 15 H.

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Good pasturage furnished at my pastures. Roberts creek. Charges reasonable. All stock at owner's risk. The best of care will be given to all stock entrusted to my charge. J. M. SCHAFER.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why DeWitt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. Marsters' Drug Store.

PLAINDEALER and Planter is a little alliterative, but sometimes by "apt alliteration's artful aid" you can catch the public eye and engage the public attention. Wollenberg & Abraham and the two papers will be furnished to all cash subscribers of the latter without extra charge.

Notice is hereby given to the public by the undersigned that I do not allow dead animals to be buried on my premises, at Roseburg, Oregon, or garbage dumped thereon or sand or gravel taken therefrom, unless the party taking sand or gravel first contract with me for the right to do so.

Trespassers will be prosecuted according to law. ALBON ROSE, Roseburg, Oregon, March 17th, 1895.

The daylight ride along the Columbia cannot be less interesting at this time of the year. Passengers taking the Spokane Flyer, leaving the Union depot at 2:45 p. m. daily, get this view lasting over five hours. Ba. that is not all. The O. R. & N. give through service to Spokane and a direct connection with the train from Spokane to Kootenai country. Palace sleepers and modern coaches operated daily without charge.

Travelers To Spokane, To Bossland, To Palouse Towns, To Coeur d'Alene Towns, To all Eastern Washington Points, To all Northern Idaho Points, Take the O. R. & N. Spokane Flyer, 2:45 p. m. Time, Leave Union Depot Daily at 2:45 p. m. V. C. LONDON, Agent, Roseburg, Oregon.

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J. ABRAHAM'S Clothing House. Northern Pacific Change. The Northern Pacific railroad will make the following time card for its train leaving Portland daily, beginning on Sunday the 28th inst. Leaves Portland at 11 a. m., Tacoma 5 p. m., Seattle 4 p. m., Ellensburg 10:10 p. m., Pasco 1:30 a. m. Arrives at Spokane at 5:50 a. m., Minneapolis 1:30 p. m. and St. Paul at 4:40 p. m. The card will enable passengers to make close connections at Spokane with the Spokane Falls and Northern for the mines. For further particulars see D. S. K. BUICK, Local Agent No. 2, Marsters building.

To the Public. On and after this date, I wish it understood that my terms for all undertaker's goods are cash with the order. I find it impossible to do business on a credit basis, and believe that I can do better by my patrons and myself by selling strictly for cash. P. HENRICK, Undertaker, Roseburg, Ore., April 12, 1896.

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In the Twilight—A Vision.

The purple veil of twilight falls, O'er valley, stream and hill, Once more the loved ones gather round, But thou art absent still. We sit and gaze into the fire, And weave in memory a chain, I find thoughts of thee, although we know Thou canst not come again.

Thy gentle voice thy pleasant smile, Are hoarded deep within each heart, With sacred care, as precious gems, From other things apart.

And memory fills thy vacant chair, And fashions out thy face, Until we see thee sitting there, In thy accustomed place.

And once again we hold converse, Beside the firelight's fitful glow, (Once more we seem to hear thy voice, As in the long ago.

And then the purple shadows fade, And deepen into sable gloom, The firelight flashes up and dies, And silence fills the room.

We turn to hear thee speak again, But the firelight's glow is dead, Night's deepening shade fills all the room, And lo, the dream has fled.

Looking Glass.

C. J. Denning visited Roseburg Thursday. Hal Longhary of Roseburg was the guest of J. C. Williams on Sunday. Rev. Sunderman of Myrtle Creek, was the guest of John Spangh on Thursday.

"Senior" Gordon is experimenting in his orchard with the new plow of Geo. Marsh.

There will be preaching in the church next Sabbath morning, May 30th, at 11 o'clock.

Willie Miller's family is moving from Ten Mile to this place, occupying the residence of J. J. McCoy.

Jas. Denning, guardian of Docia Capron, took her to her aunt, Mrs. Sherrard of Sumner, Coos Co., on Friday.

Dr. R. L. Bradley of Roseburg passed through the valley Sunday, p. m., on his way to visit a patient in Flourney valley.

Rev. Coryea, Prof. Jones, Miss Strickland and Miss Miller were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh on Thursday.

Messrs. Newlan and Hamlin of Roseburg were in the valley during the week, looking after cattle interests in this section.

Rev. Coryea and Prof. Jones were entertained during the week by Messadnes Norcross, Spangh, Olivant, Grimes and Marsh.

J. L. Grimes returned from Portland Saturday, having represented the lodge here as delegate to the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

Rev. Coryea gave a very practical sermon on Sunday morning, which if lived up to, would not fail to make any community better.

Ed Sherwood passed through here on Thursday with a drove of 787 cattle on their way to Oakland. This is a part of a drove of some 1000 which will soon be started for the grazing fields of Montana.

U. S. Morgan of Ten Mile and Job Denning of this place, returned Thursday from a prospecting tour in the gold fields of Idaho and Cow Creek. Their find is not ready for publication at present.

Prof. J. M. Jones of Brooks, Or., is assisting Rev. W. A. Coryea in his series of meetings. Prof. Jones is a good musician with pleasing address and voice and adds materially to the interest in the services.

The special quartette consisting of Prof. Jones, Miss Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh, rendered a beautiful selection of "Nearer My God Thee," at the Sabbath morning service, Mrs. Marsh, organist.

A serious accident occurred to a number of our citizens last week when on a fishing outing to Lewis and Clark, by the overturning of their wagon. The party consisted of Al Smith, Doug. Smith, Harvey Strong, Orv Andrews, Neis Andrews and George Madison. All were badly shaken up and more or less bruised, Doug. Smith having his collar bone broken and Al Smith injuring his hip quite badly.

SPECTATOR.

How to Treat a Wife. (From Pacific Health Journal.) First, get a wife; second, be patient. You may have trials and perplexities in your business, but do not therefore, carry to your home a cloudy or contrived brow. Your wife may have trials, which, though of less magnitude, may be hard for her to bear. A kind word, a tender look, will do wonders in chasing from her brow all clouds of gloom. To this we would always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It is the best and is sure to be needed sooner or later. You wife will then know that you really care for her and wish to protect her health. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

A newly elected justice of the peace in a Kentucky town delivered the following charge to the jury one day: "Gentlemen of the jury—Charging a jury is new business to me, as this is my first case. You have heard all the evidence in the case as well as myself, and you have also heard what the learned counsel have said. If you believe what the plaintiff's counsel has told you, your verdict will be for the plaintiff; but if, on the other hand, you believe what the defendant's counsel has told you, then you will give a verdict for the defendant. But, if you are like me and don't believe what either of them said, then I'll be d—d if I know what you will do. Considerable, take charge of the jury."

A woman of the young marriageable women of Demotte, Indiana, have organized a league for their protection and to promote refinement. Now what plank will it be believed they have placed in their platform as the essential of citizenship? Here it is: "Resolved, That the members of the Women's Men's league, do hereby agree not to marry any man who is not a patron of his home newspaper, for it is strong evidence of a want of intelligence, and he will prove too stingy to provide for a family, educate his children and encourage institutions of learning in the community." Sensible girls.

If you have ever seen a child in the agony of croup, you can appreciate the gratitude of the mothers who know that One Minute Cough Cure relieves their little ones as quickly as it is administered. Many homes in this city are never without it. Marsters' Drug Store.

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