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THE ART OF EATING.

THE Progress Club of Marshfield, the leading literary organization of Coos Bay, recently gave a little banquet whereat a critic,—for critics, like the poor, are always with us—remarked that he did not see what eating had to do with literature.

This critic has browsed in the great and green fields of literature to ill effect if he sees no relation between literary genius and good eating. The very greatest of English novelists, Dickens, whose centenary we celebrate this year, was keenly alive to the fact that human beings eat. His people took their meals regularly and enjoyably.

Our moderns ignore or slight this interesting process, but we defy any person over 40 years to read Dickens without getting a new zest for the creature comforts. To a less notable extent this happens to be a gift with the great in literature. Cervantes succeeds in making you as hungry as Sancho Panza. Scott makes you long for the roast fowl on the spit. Dumas fills his pages with the smell of a coming dinner and his readers with a desire for it. Dickens forever is setting a steaming dish under your nose.

We have Mr. Dick Swiveller with many heroic difficulties getting his dish of boiled beef and greens, and a boy from a far bake shop—the order closes another street—enters with a "small pewter pyramid, curiously constructed of platters and covers whereof the boiled beef platters formed the base and a foaming quart pot the apex." We sit down with Mr. Swiveller to meat and drink. When Mr. Christopher Nubbles orders "three dozen of his largest sized oysters" with the "newest loaves and freshest butter," we are almost converted to belief in the possibility of the British oyster.

It is not necessary that the feast be elaborate. That is the art of it. We find Mr. Quilp almost human as he sits "regaling himself in the parlor with bread, and cheese, and beer." Dotheboys hall becomes almost habitable when Nicholas Nickleby at Miss Squeers' unfortunate card party is found "making fearful ravages on the bread and butter," to the enjoyment of honest John Browdie and the fascinating Miss Matilda Price. Mr. Squeers, himself eating an "uncommon juicy steak," or sitting before a "small measure of coffee, a plate of hot toast, and a cold round of beef," attracts our sympathetic attention. Mr. Bob Sawyer's party, with every culinary disaster possible happening—oysters opened with limp knives, beef little done, German sausage likewise, and cheese and punch going a great way, with an irate landlady on the stairway going a great deal further—even this fascinates us.

How much greater are the attractions of the Maypole Inn snugery, of Mr. Wardle's dinners, of Mr. Pickwick's feasts, of the Shepherd's comforts. A divine of enthusiastic prohibition principles and strong Dickens proclivities groaned as he foregathered with this companionship. He excused himself by saying that the conviviality was irresistible, although the offense against right living was inexcusable.

We suspect he had in mind Mr. Pickwick falling to sleep in the wheelbarrow, Mr. Pickwick sampling

the milk punch, Mr. Pickwick delaying the coach in the crisp December ride to Wardle's place, Mr. Pickwick blaming it on the sardines or some other such comestible.

Reference to the Fat Boy is obvious. We follow him through the wonders of the dinner of meat pie and steak, and leave him asleep with his head using the cod as a pillow. It is dangerous to follow the footsteps of the Shepherd when he mixes his hot pineapple rum at the Marquis of Granby. We turn to Mrs. Bardill discreetly consuming tea and toast with her friends, and to Sairey Gamp with her "cowcubers."

Dickens never forgot that human beings eat or that the struggle to get something to eat is what most of us call life.

WORK BEGINS.
(From Eugene Guard.)
The Lane County Asset Company will be throwing dirt on the Eugene Siuslaw grade tomorrow. They mean business and with the support they should be accorded by the people of the city and county will ere long have the cars running to tide water. It's the right opportunity for all real boosters to get busy.

THE BOYS.
Two little fellows, aged three and seven, Innocent children, angels from Heaven, Greet me with smiles, and prattle, and noise, Gifts from the God above—these little boys.

How they torment me with chatter and play!
How their feet travel throughout the long day!
How they strew pencils, and papers, and toys!
How they annoy me! these two little boys.

Now they come to me with sabres and gun,
Ask me to teach them just how things are done,
Then they play soldiers, and fight against Spain,
Always a vict'ry win,—need I explain?

Then they build houses, great mansions of joy,
Tumble them down again, choose a new toy,
Tear up my paper before I have read,
Scatter their shoes around, then go to bed.

O! what a nuisance, but, O! what a joy,
Watching the growth of each dear little boy,
May I hear ever their sweet childish noise,
May God protect them both,—these little boys.

ROBERT O. GRAVES.

GAINS NEW POWER.
Commerce Commission Invested to Suspend Reduction in Rates. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—The power to suspend a reduction in freight rates is vested in the Interstate Commerce Commission by law. This was the determination of the commission in a decision announced today.

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NEWS OF ALLEGANY.

Robert Wilkesen of Golden Falls visited here Monday.

Mrs. Luther Judy spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rooks.

Miss Georgia Bennett gave an interesting Bible reading to her class Sunday afternoon.

Lonzo Stemmerman and Earl Gray took a trip to Golden Falls on their wheels Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rodine, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Z. T. Thomas enjoyed a drive Sunday to the West Fork bridge.

One new pupil, Ellery Daggett, entered the school here Monday. There are now thirty pupils enrolled, this being the highest for some years.

Mr. J. H. Price celebrated his 62nd birthday Sunday and in honor of the occasion a turkey dinner was enjoyed by the family and a few friends.

Mrs. Ella Johnson of Kansas, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Chas Dingam of North Bend, returned Monday accompanied by Mrs. Dingman.

The transfer of the L. C. Soule ranch to Mr. Johnston of Seattle, Wash., was completed yesterday. Mr. Johnston is now making arrangements to bring his family here.

Mr. Geo. A. Robinson and wife, Mr. Collier and daughter, Alice, and Miss Eva Sugg, arrived here yesterday from Coquille, in Mr. Robinson's auto. The party are on their way to Portland and expect to make the trip in the auto. The steamer Alert carried the auto up the river to Allegany.

A few of the young folks enjoyed a trip up South Coos River Sunday. They intended to go as far as the Fish Hatcheries, but owing to the extremely low tide, were unable to. Those going were Florence and Bessie Rooks, Mabel Noah, Merle Radabaugh, Mason Noah, George and Robert Rooks, Philip Landrith, Laurence Hodson, and Clifford and Lawrence Russell.

GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
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