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GREATNESS AND THE PRESENT.

THE preparation of lists of the names of great men and women seems to be a popular habit of the moment and the ten or twenty or a hundred distinguished ones are chosen with varying standards of judgment and points of view.

A writer in the Trend magazine defines the great man as "who, by force of genius, has impressed himself upon his age in some permanent form." With this definition in mind, he selects the following as the ten greatest men of the present day, each representing the particular country he has distinguished by invention or creation:

- Great Britain Thomas Hardy
Great Britain Lord Lister
United States Thomas A. Edison
Italy Guglielmo Marconi
Italy Giacomo Puccini
France Francois Coppee
Austria Richard Strauss
Germany Hermann Sudermann
Belgium Maurice Maeterlck
Russia Elle Metchnikoff

This idea of a man's service to his own special time is often overlooked in our judgments of greatness. Yet it seems an essential and distinguishing mark of the work that is of most genuine service to humanity. It is the only way in which a man may intelligently improve upon the attainments of the past.

And whatever else the past may have attained it can never quite answer the call of the present. It is this which should become the spur of genius. Not to emulate the worth or the thinking or the spirit of dead greatness, but to embody the spirit of the time in a life of work that shall somehow serve that time and represent it throughout the ages.

The Customer—In that last dozen eggs there were four bad ones.

The Dealer—Bring 'em back and I'll make 'em good.

Frank Parsons who is giving some thought to an investigation of the poultry business asked Fred Bachman the other day "how he succeeded in having such prolific hens."

"I'll tell you the secret," Fred said, "but you mustn't give it away. Mrs. Bachman feeds them layer cakes."

THE WATER WAGON.

The water wagon goes its way with crackings long and loud. When it set forth on New Year day it held a merry crowd that filled the air with laugh and song, with pledge and noble vow; where is that gay and gladsome throng? Where are those heroes now? One passenger soon left his seat, hard by the bugle juice mill; he said he couldn't stand the heat, although the day was chill. And one, who started brave and bold, a youth of princely form, said that he couldn't stand the cold, although the day was warm. And one, a man of sterling worth, got down abroad to roam; he had to celebrate a birth that happened at his home. And one announced with bated breath he'd have to quit the cart; he'd heard about the sudden death of his steely uncle Mart. So, one by one and day by day, they sought excuse and fled; and on its lonesome weary way the water wagon sped—Walt Mason.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

ETERNITY. I saw eternity the other night Like a great ring of pure and endless light. All calm, as it was bright— And round beneath it, time, in hours, days, years, Driven by the spheres. Like a vast shadow moved, in which the world And all her train were hurled. —H. Vaughan.

Progress toward party harmony is marked by a new fight every day or two.

After a woman accumulates two or three engagement rings she can see no harm in adding a few more to the collection.

A town feller who'd read all the tricks Of raising young ducklings and chicks, Built a big incubator To outdo Dame Natur'. But his tricks and his chicks came to nix.—Fred Bachman.

Shifting all jokes aside and becoming serious for the fraction of a minute, did you ever stand or sit face to face with a woman who would admit she proposed during leap year, or any other old year? Of course not; neither have we.

A fool will spend more time trying to convince a wise man that he is wrong than a wise man will spend trying to knock it into the fool's cranium that he is just plain dippy. The wise man's time is worth real money.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

How much y' got saved up toward the girl's valentine?

There's a race in Africa in which the women rule and men wear veils and do as they are told.—New York Telegram.

The married men in this country have not yet reached the veil-wearing stage. In other respects—ho, hum!

A St. Louis exchange wants to know whether a man ever gets too old to turn around and look back at a pretty girl. Up to date no centenarian has risen to answer in the affirmative.

A Minnesota man declares Teddy will not be a candidate because he has all the money he wants. Which is only another way of saying he is one man in 10,000,000.

A New Orleans contemporary reports that "hand-painted ladies' hats are said to be finding favor in Boston." But this should not be taken to mean that Boston ladies who are not hand-painted are averse to wearing hats.

A western miner has requested the mayor of Boston to pick out a Boston wife for him, stipulating that she shall be a blonde weighing anywhere between 125 and 150 pounds, with money to put into a mining proposition. Which shows what big chances some men will take when in need of a little cold cash.

Speaking of Musicians

George Rakow has purchased a fine cornet. George can pick up anything very fast and it won't be long before he can play as good as the next man. He is now an expert engineer and machinist and it probably won't be long before he will be the leader of some band.—Breckenridge (Minn.) Telegram.

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OBITUARY.

(Communicated)

Cyrenus W. Sanford was born Jan. 14, 1842, in Delaware County, New York. He died in North Bend, Ore., Jan. 17, 1912, aged 70 years and three days. October 28, 1861, he enlisted in a company of the 102nd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, Union Army. He was honorably discharged on account of disability, Oct. 3, 1862. He came across the Isthmus in 1866, to California, where he went into business. About four years afterward he came to Coos Bay, taking up his residence in Marshfield, where he was proprietor of the Central Hotel for about two years. He then acquired his farm on Haynes Inlet where he lived up to the time of his death.

June 22, 1875, he was married to Mrs. S. A. Liggett. Ten children, all of whom are living, were born to them. They are O. E. Sanford, Mrs. Ida Nollner, Herman Sanford, Mrs. Maggie Bowron, V. P. Sanford, Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Miss Grace Sanford, Chas. Liggett, all residing in Coos County, Oregon; Mrs. Laura Houser, residing in Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. Cora Sanford, residing in Ashland, Ore. Twenty grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive. There are also two brothers—H. W. Sanford, of North Bend, Ore., and James M. Sanford, residing in Kansas, and one sister residing in New York. His wife died one year ago last June. He was a pioneer, a true parent, an American citizen of the highest type, a loving husband and a devoted father. He was one of Coos Bay's representative and highly respected citizens. A man of noble character and fine influence.

He owned a farm of 600 acres on Haynes Inlet and left considerable other property, all of which he willed to his children, each one an equal share.

All of his children were here for the funeral, which was held in the Methodist Church at Marshfield diocese and conducted by Rev. Rutledge. It was one of the most largely attended funerals ever held here. The members of the Grand Army escorted the body to the grave and held their services there.

As has been so well said: "We are sorry that he has gone, yet are we comforted for he lived a true, noble, unselfish life and died in the triumph of a Christian faith. We are glad that he lived so well. While we weep by his grave and say, 'He is dead,' the angels in the clearer light of Heaven strike their harps anew and shout 'a child is come home.' "At evening time, above the shroud The rain-bow cloud, God's pledge of care; trust him there at evening-time." At evening time He gives repose From earthly woes. Why should we fear, the dawn is here At evening time."

THE FOOD VALUE OF POTATOES.

Doctor Horace Fletcher, the expert on dietetics, whose name has been given to the practice of conscientious chewing known as Fletcherism, is now in Copenhagen, where he has just completed a two months' regime of potatoes and oleomargarine.

The doctor's food each day was from two to four pounds of potatoes and from one and a half to four ounces of oleomargarine. His only drink was water. He says he feels so well that he will continue the diet. His two rules for eating are: Never eat unless you are hungry; never eat without completely masticating your food.

MUST PAY GOOD WAGE

Topeka's Charity Plan for Unemployed Brings Trouble. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 3.—The State Labor Commission has ordered the City of Topeka to pay the current rate of wages to the men to whom it gives work for charity. During the recent cold period the city officials organized gangs of unemployed, sent them out to trim trees and paid them \$1.25 for eight hours' work. The current wage is \$1.75 to \$2 a day.

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WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Editor Times:— The other day I read an unsigned article in your paper concerning the national political situation, and in the main it was a very good article too. It showed that the writer knew pretty well what he was talking about and perhaps a few other things.

This writer stated in effect that Mr. Roosevelt, since his return from Africa, had endorsed Mr. Taft's administration.

Having forgotten about this occurrence, if I ever knew, I wish your correspondents would kindly answer these questions:

1st. Did Mr. Roosevelt endorse all of Mr. Taft's acts as president? If not, then what particular acts did he endorse?

2nd. Especially, did Mr. Roosevelt endorse the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill?

3rd. When and where did these endorsements take place and what did Roosevelt say, and where can what he said be found?

We would also be delighted if your correspondent would please sign his name to his reply. There is not much satisfaction in listening to a voice down a well, unless you know who is behind the voice. —GEO. WATKINS.

BIG DEMAND FOR STOCK

Roy Garret shipped a carload of livestock to the Bay market Tuesday and will have another car going on Saturday. The demand for stock on the Bay is much greater than the supply. The Gamble market alone requires about 90 head of cattle a month to keep it going. Cattle have been pretty well picked up in this section for the season.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

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