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ASHLAND WOMAN POTENTIAL.

It is a significant fact that the progress of humanity, from a social, an ethical, or from a humanitarian point of view, is gauged by the activities of its women citizens.

Sociology recognizes woman as the strong arm of achievement; the humanities bear witness, not only to her kindness of heart, but to her executive ability; reform movements and enterprises conceived for the promotion of altruistic and artistic ideals express in eloquent phrase the direct force of the woman-soul, the breadth of the woman-vision and the strength of her activities.

Ashland, even more largely than the average city, owes a heavy debt to her female citizens.

Civic pride, not less than the humanities, is an elemental principle in the woman nature. Beginning with one room, two, or even the larger social economy of her immediate neighborhood, the woman's ambition soon vaults over the narrow confines of her environment and invades the larger economies, governmental, industrial and political, city, state and nation. In direct proportion, then, to her own growth and to her freedom in action does she become not merely a city beautifier, but a city builder.

Ashland's fame has gone abroad as the city beautiful, a city of innocent and healthful amusements and recreations, a city of institutional and civic enterprise second to no other town of its size in the land.

Who has set the pace, and lead, in this civic progress?

The women of Ashland. Yea, even more; they have gone almost alone in many of their undertakings and have forwarded them to glorious consummation with little or no help from the male citizens.

Women's clubs have done infinitely more in Ashland than foster social life, or stimulate literary effort and intellectual growth; they have touched the very well-springs of proper material progress in creating greater interest in matters of public health and morals, in parks and boulevards and well-ordered homes and lawns. In short, they have cultivated public taste in a high degree to a proper appreciation of the values of life, artistic, utilitarian and social, in its broader sense. They not only have investigated and discovered social needs, they have supplied them; they not only have laid bare the rottenness of past health conditions, they have assumed the task and corrected them. They have advocated laws bearing on cleaner and more wholesome food products, they have lobbied for measures that meant better protection for their sex and for the children. They have forced consideration of social problems erstwhile tabooed because mis understood. They have emancipated themselves from traditions that bound them within four square walls and have become, not only mothers to a race of men, but intelligent participants in the conduct of government.

Ashland women are alert; they are sensible; they are sane. Women citizens are immune to graft; they work without salaries and they fear not to dare and do when necessity presents the occasion. They are the leaders, not only in moral thought, but in material achievement.

Hats off to the Ashland women.

Will Recover Relics of Frigate "Philadelphia."

If it is found possible, the United States navy department will recover the cannon, bronze ornaments and other relics of the old American frigate Philadelphia, the hull of which has rested and rotted in the mud of the harbor of Tripoli since 1804, when she was set on fire and sunk by Lieutenant Decatur to prevent her use by the pirates who had captured her.

Half a century of use as railroad ties has been obtained in Australia from wood of the "stringy bark" tree, a species of eucalyptus.

WE CAN SPARE THE FLUNKEY-ISM.

President Wilson will do the country a good turn if he shall continue to set his foot down against the flunkeyism that has had so strong a hold in Washington. Imperceptibly we have got to looking at things through the eyes of other nations. We started on this republican experiment of ours with a code as stern as that of the pilgrim fathers. And we have gone so far that the rich Chicago man who tries to buy his way into New York society could scarcely give up points as a nation in toadying.

Here is the demand that foreign ambassadors be rich men, and that the government provide them with palaces abroad, so that they may go merrily with the swim. The greatest foreign representative that this country ever had, the one with the profoundest influence on Europe and on the destiny of the United States, was Benjamin Franklin. He went to the richest, the gayest, the most ostentatious court of Europe in that or any age. He dressed in homespun and lived as simply as he did in Philadelphia. What a rebuke to the flunkey ideas of this generation!

Our presidents have fallen into the habit of running about the country like a sovereign who must "get acquainted" with his subjects; and they have carried a miniature court of satellites and sycophants with them. They could not move out without a bodyguard and a cordon of secret service men. It protected nobody. McKinley and Roosevelt were as easy targets for the assassin as if they had walked about like plain citizens. It became just the gratifications of an easily aroused vanity.

Mr. Wilson is beginning very simply. He keeps office hours. He intends that those hours shall be free from the office-seekers, whom he has most properly shunted off upon the heads of departments. He goes to the theater quietly like any other citizen. His wife has set an American standard of dress, and the White House receptions will not rival those of European capitals. All of which is amazingly grateful to every true American. We can scarcely imagine any reform that would be so welcome and far-reaching as a return to the standard of true American simplicity.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

The editor, having read the recommendations of the Simplified Spelling Board, and feeling that this subject would afford a tranquilizing relief from the acerbities of politics, turned to the literature of spelling reform.

He was amazed to find such words as "asinine," "liars," "witless persons" and "idiots" hurting through the calm academic arena. Apparently publishers of spelling books will not find their old stock outlived for some little time yet.

If you assembled a group of intelligent Germans or Italians or Frenchmen, and read to them a passage of their own tongue containing a lot of new words, they would all spell them about alike. But if all the college presidents of the United States were given such a passage in English no two would agree on one spelling.

If too many changes are made all at once, the public and young people get the idea that there is no such thing as a single correct standard of good spelling. Josh Billings becomes as good as the president of Harvard. Anyone can excuse his laziness and inattention at school by the excuse that he is a phonetic speller.

Furthermore, wholesale changes involve confusion and labor for grown-up people who studied the old way, while the time of the children who are now learning to spell is comparatively cheap.

Nevertheless, the English language is being simplified all the time. Twenty years ago everybody spelled it "programme." Today probably the majority of newspapers cut off the word's superfluous petticoats.

When Americans spell "honor" without any "u," our English cousins call it "western barbarism." When the letter "k" was left off "critics" and "public" many editors kept on using the "k" for a generation. But these old spellings would look as grotesque today as knee breeches and silver buckles.

The pupils seem to understand simplified spelling a good deal better than the teachers.

New York City Big Clothing Maker.

New York city produces more than one-half of the clothing for both men and women worn in this country. There are over 700,000 men and women working in the factories in New York city, considerably more than the combined factory populations of Philadelphia and Chicago.

"Fresh farmers' eggs" at 30 cents a dozen were recently advertised in Gloucester county, Pennsylvania.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE SOCIALISTIC PROPAGANDA.

The king of Greece was assassinated by one of the instruments of those who are opposed to law and order, those who have arrayed themselves against existing authority of every kind, and are ready to commit murder to carry out their wild and vicious ideas.

There are grades of socialism, there are spheres of socialistic activity, but there is no limit to the danger from the imperfect brains and the murderous hands which respond so promptly to the vicious suggestions of socialistic leaders against existing conditions and to the wild denunciations of those same leaders against the laws and the executives of law.

There are, without doubt, socialistic leaders who will sincerely deplore the work of assassination. There may be anarchistic workers who would not openly advocate this method of upsetting existing law and order, but for more than fifty years assassination after assassination of kings, queens, emperors and presidents in Europe and America have testified to the murderous effect that socialistic and anarchistic doctrines have upon the brains of certain followers of these cults.

It was socialistic doctrines that nerved the hand that drove the knife to the heart of the beautiful and good Elizabeth of Austria.

It was defiance of constituted authority that caused the brooding of Giteau to fire the shot that ended the career of Garfield, and it was the hatred of existing social conditions, cultivated by socialistic discussion with socialistic associates, that made Czolgosz the murderer of the well-beloved McKinley.

"By their fruits you may know them" is as true in the history of men and parties as it is in the kingdom of the plants, and in these events which follow the unrest, discontent and aroused wild passions, clearly attributable to the work of socialistic or anarchistic agitators, one cannot fail to perceive the danger which attends their operations.

The chief of the Hellenic people, the promoter of the glory of the nation, the patron of the arts, the helper in all branches of scientific research, King George of Greece, was sent to the tomb by the shot of a miserable, feeble-minded anarchist, whose brain had been inflamed by socialistic agitators through their denunciations of existing authority. It is the part of wisdom for those in authority at Washington to see to it that no harm shall befall the presidents of the United States, and the fetes of Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley all should remind our people that lack of personal fear affords no guaranty of personal safety.

Ample protection should be given our chief magistrate at all times, and no opportunities be afforded socialistic or anarchistic assassins to strike down another president of the United States.

A NEWSPAPER'S DUTY.

What is the duty of a newspaper toward the public as to the exposure of frauds? How far should it go and to what loss of friends or business should it subject itself to protect the people from imposition? These questions recur almost daily in the experience of every conscientious newspaper man; and a large proportion of the newspaper men are conscientious, paradoxical as many seem to think.

Almost every issue of almost every daily newspaper brings questions of the reliability of an advertiser; not whether or not he will pay his advertising bill, but whether or not his scheme is intended to defraud the public. The schemer usually tries to "stand in" with the newspaper man by paying his bills, at least until his trick is turned.

The same question comes up as to exposing crooked business schemes and fakes of all kinds. If the newspaper denounced everyone as a fake or crook that it is asked to it would go bankrupt and the editor go to the pen for libel. On the other hand, when the paper has absolute knowledge of the crookedness of a man or scheme it may become its positive duty to expose him or it. This is especially true when the man is in an official position or when his scheme is one wherein many innocent people are made to suffer.

Where one person only has suffered from the acts of another the question of veracity arises and it may easily prove a case of "dog eat dog." Every man is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty, but when many reputable people come forward with tales of losses through the misrepresentations of the same person, then the presumption in every fair mind must be that the person is crooked and that the others are telling the truth. In that event it becomes the duty of a newspaper to at least give enough publicity to

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

The old saying has it that "when the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen." Will those who are attending school and well up in geography tell why this is the case? Why should not the weather become warmer as the hours of sunlight become more, and the dead of winter come at or near the shortest day of the year?

We call attention this week to our advertising columns. It will pay you to give them careful perusal. This much must be admitted in favor of the advertiser. He wants your business, he comes into the open to bid for it, he puts his prices down in black and white where you can see what they are, he gives you his name and number and you will find him at the door ready to welcome you. The generous advertiser is invariably the generous fellow. He bubbles over with enthusiasm and when you meet him you feel like you had come in contact with an invigorating breeze right from the sea. The advertiser must be given credit for being a pusher, and this is further attested by the fact that among the fellows who, in life's race," got there, he numbers nineteen to one, compared to the fellows who meet land seekers' trains to coup out here and there a prospective buyer whom the advertiser has brought into the country, or who sends small boys to stand before the doors of the advertiser to turn the crowds into his own doors. The advertiser indeed is the Slamese twin to the fellow who followed the biblical instruction and is not afraid to cast a little bread upon the waters.

Readers who would consult their pecuniary interests should not fail to closely examine the advertisements of our merchants, who advertise bargains in this paper. They mean business in every word they advertise and propose to make business by the bargains they are advertising. Peruse these advertisements carefully and call on these merchants for the bargains they are offering.

A great many young men, whom the doctors advise to take long walks and exercise with dumbbells to reduce their overindulgence, will stand around the house with their hands in their pockets while the little wife removes the tacks from the carpet, and then complain if she requests of her lord to pull it out from under the stove while she lifts the stove. O, man, thou art certainly a humbug!

Obituary.

Central Point Herald: Friends in this city were shocked Monday by the sudden death of Mrs. Jacob Stone, who passed away at an early hour that morning following an attack of paralysis with which she was afflicted.

Rachel Catherine Wimer was born September 11, 1844, near Lancaster, Jay county, Indiana, where she resided until the spring of 1853. She then moved with her parents to Lancaster, Keokuk county, Iowa, and here she was married to Jacob Stone April 14, 1868. They remained at that place until 1873, in which year they crossed the plains by rail in an emigrant train and located at Lake City, Modoc county, California. November 7, 1885, they left Lake City and came to this state, locating first at Ashland, where the family resided until 1890. In that year they moved to Talent, and in 1906 they came to this city, where they have since made their home. At the date of her death, April 7, 1913, Mrs. Stone was 68 years, 6 months and 7 days of age.

Mrs. Stone was brought up in the good old Dunkard belief and all through her life she was an earnest Christian worker. While residing at Ashland she united with the Christian church and continued a member of that denomination until her death.

Mrs. Stone was the mother of eight children, three of whom are dead, one having died at the age of four years, one at the age of fourteen, and Mrs. Hanby, who died some four years ago. One son, P. L. Stone, has not been heard from for some time and could not be located. Those here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. Cora Shields of Portland, D. W. Stone of Sacramento, Cal., accompanied by his wife, and the Misses Ella and Edyth, who reside with their father in this city. A nephew, Mr. Wimer, and wife of Medford were also present. Two brothers of the deceased, J. O. C. and E. R. Wimer, reside at Salem,

the charges to protect others in the community from being similarly imposed upon.

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and another brother, V. L. Wimer, at Manville, Texas. These with her husband, Jacob Stone, survive her.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 o'clock from the Christian church with Rev. H. N. Aldrich officiating, and was attended by a large number of the friends of the family.

Interment was made in the Central Point cemetery.

A New Yorker has invented a typewriter operated by the voice on the phonographic principle.

In 1912 the United States output of kerosene oil was 220,000,000 gallons.

The polar regions are said to cover 4,888,800 square miles.

Shifting Responsibility.

A town character who had been in trouble with the police many times was arrested recently on a minor criminal charge. The arresting officer was amazed when the fellow appeared in police court with a lawyer, prepared to make a defense. Finally his case was called and the judge asked:

"Prisoner, are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Let my lawyer plead not guilty for me, judge," was the reply. "I ain't got the nerve."—Kansas City Star.

The Chinese republic is renewing efforts to stamp out poppy culture.

The tide from Italy to America in 1911 is figured at 5,000,000.



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