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HISTORY FROM FILES.

In these days when we are accustomed to hear only of the glories of the civil war and the heroic achievements of Grant and only praise of Lincoln, it comes as a shock to read some of the history of that great struggle as it was told in the making.

The Boston Transcript, which runs a column called "The Week in the Sixties," recently published the following:

"President Lincoln's call for 500,000 volunteers, issued July 18, 1864, was a reminder to the war-weary people of the union that they had still further sacrifice to make. The men called, or rather demanded, might enlist for one, two or three years, but if they did not come forward in sufficient numbers, or answer the inducements of bounties, the conscription would be put in force. This call yielded such disappointing results that there was a deficiency of 300,000 men, and a supplementary call for that number was sent out in December accompanied by a formal notification that if this demand was not met by February 15, 1865, resort would be made to conscription without further delay. The date of the original call was ill chosen, for the country was still sore from Grant's losses in the Wilderness campaign, discouraged by his being compelled to besiege Petersburg and fearful of a check at Atlanta. The response to Lincoln's summons was very slow, and he himself appeared to have lost a good deal of his prestige. The union seemed discouraged with him and with itself."

This reproduction from one of the newspapers of the time shows that the great chief of the nation, now lauded without limit, was at that time in danger of losing his hold on the people. But it was the darkness before dawn. The victories around Richmond and finally Appomattox brought the war to a close. Lincoln was vindicated by those who had criticised so bitterly.

"NELLIE, THE BEAUTIFUL CLOAK MODEL."
Most of our statesmen are too serious, but Representative Kahn, born in Kuppenheim, Germany, is one congressman who sees the humorous side of political life. On a recent hot afternoon in the house of representatives Mr. Kahn said: "The democratic party has constantly assured the manufacturers and business men of this country that there was nothing to fear from the legislation proposed by the members of that party. No doubt the manufacturers and producers for a time believed the statements that emanated from the lips of the distinguished gentlemen on the other side of the aisle and from the gentleman who heads the executive department of the government. They had an awakening.

"The New York Sun published a little item several months ago which exactly pictures the condition of the business world today. It is as follows:

"Kind Words Can Never Die.
To the Editor of the Sun. Sir:
The kind words from the administration to the business interests of the country remind me of the thrilling melodrama entitled "Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model."

"In the early part of the play the villain pushed Nellie off the Brooklyn bridge. Later, he threw her overboard from an Atlantic liner. Later still, he thrust her under a descending elevator. The next time they met he said, 'Nellie, why do you fear me?'"

"The business interests of the country have grown afraid of the legislation that was threatened and that is being enacted by the democratic majority."

PRAYER IN EUROPE AND AMERICA.

Three emperors in war-torn Europe have asked their subjects to go to a church of the God of Love and Peace, fall on their knees and pray that He will bless their several arms. How grim the irony of this request! How like a page torn from the feudal past!

Divine blessing on arms raised in pride, panic and hate—raised not to do justice, not to assail wrong, but to support arrogance, tyranny! The very idea is blasphemy.

But here is what you as an American can do: If given to prayer, you can bend knees in profound thankfulness that you live in a land of peace and plenty, far from the reach of ruthless militarism.

And, even though you may not believe in prayer, you ought to feel thankful, anyhow.

As a nation we have done well to keep out of Europe's entangling alliances.

We have done well, exceeding well, to teach our young men not to glory in battle and murder, but in productive, helpful work.

Thus, as the foreign storm breaks, we are not only securely sheltered, but are ready to feed the famine-stricken and be as good Samaritans to the wounded.

THE WAY TO SUCCESS.

It takes time, thought, attention to make any venture succeed. It takes nerve, patience, stick-to-it-iveness. The object of accomplishment must be ever and relentlessly pursued. The noise of quacks, backbiters and knockers must fall on dead ears. Success is illusive and the road to it lies over apparently insurmountable barriers. Only the stout hearted win success. Sometimes it comes by accident, but seldom. Successes are won by hard work, hard thought and a fixed determination to win, come what may. It is not necessary to adopt shady methods to win. Such retard rather than forward. Keep a clear conscience, a clear vision of your object, and let the knocker go to the devil. Knockers do not succeed; therefore their opinions are worth little.

The transcript of record of the Ashland auxiliary water bonds have been submitted for examination to the law firm of Dillon, Thomson & Clary of New York. Every bond house and large banker in San Francisco told the writer that this firm was the acknowledged authority on bond issues throughout the United States. Their report should be received in about two weeks.

The Ashland auxiliary water bonds are legal. No question has been raised against their legality except by a few knockers. No bond house has complained of the bonds on that score.

Merely a Private Think.

(C. K. McClatchey in Sacramento Bee.)

War brings in its train not only a plethora of horrors, but as well an olla-pordida of absurdities.

None is more inconsistent and strikingly grotesque than that which, proceeding from the height of the sublime—man's inherent faith in a Creator—descends to the depths of the ridiculous—the belief that God will decree and assist in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands in order to gratify the homicidal prayers of others.

The saturnine humor in the whole thing is that every one of these Christian nations—each having priests and ministers of the same faiths pray that God will give it a murderous Nelson lock on its opponents—seems to have implicit confidence that its prayers alone will prevail with the Almighty.

Catholic France on bended knees begs God to permit her to put the children of Austria to the sword.

And Catholic Austria swings incense in blessed censers in rhythmic accompaniment to the same cut-throat orison against France.

In cathedral and in church, Protestant England begs the Redeemer to be with her with His might as she seeks to slit the throat of Protestant Germany.

And from kaiser to woodcutter, gutteral prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace begging the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob to be with the Fatherland as it caves in John Bull's head.

In each nation, Protestant and Catholic and Jew unite in a pan-religious invocation to the Almighty that in His beneficent mercy He will grant to His selected children the blessed privilege of making of other nations an abattoir, a shamble, and a slaughter house.

While Peace has been driven from the Continent, Catholic cathedral, Protestant church and Jewish synagogue in each particular nation at

matins and vespers beg the Son of Peace that the dove shall not return save over a sea of blood; that the only olive branch she shall bring shall be one to laurel that particular nation with victory—while in other nations widows are weeping, children are wailing, and Famine stalks abroad in hellish glee.

If Turkey shall become a party to this all-world crime, then from St. Sophia the muezzin will call all the faithful to pray that the God who raised up Mohammed will nerve them with the power of the Everlasting Arms; that He will be with them and of them until they and their allies rise gloriously victorious from an orgy of blood.

And if Japan and the Orient also shall elect to join the murderers, the God of the East will be invoked—through Buddha, through Brahma, and through Confucius—to grant His divine championship to them as He did to Tamerlane and to Genghis Khan.

Is it not a blasphemy against the Everlasting that His "deeply religious" children so degrade Him—they pray to Him to make easy the way for them to cut the throats of His other "deeply religious" children?

Have we not advanced at all since the days when ancient murderers slaughtered the defenseless by the thousands and the tens of thousands—claiming that in a divine vision God had commanded them so to do? Have we stood still since the time when, with hands reeking in the blood of their brothers and their sisters, these universal Cains ascended into the Holy of Hollies and thanked the Almighty in that He had made potent their butchering arms, had blessed them in their holy massacres?

How is the God that reigneth from Everlasting to Everlasting to choose between the prayers of Catholic France and Catholic Russia on the one hand, and Catholic Austria on the other?

How is the Omnipotent that heareth the cries of all His children—that doth the ravens feed, yea providently care for the sparrow—to decide whether He shall help Protestant Germany to make a Chicago stockyard out of England, or shall assist Protestant England in irrigating German soil with rivers of blood of the bravest and best?

Now, be honest with yourselves, dearly beloved, cross your hearts three times, and answer—don't you really believe that all these prayers to God put forth by contending murderers are just as ridiculous as they are blasphemous, that they place the Creator in a degrading light, and that they are an offense and an insult to the gentle Prince of Peace?

And don't you think, also, dearly beloved, that the only good which could possibly result from this present criminal war would be if the slaughter would be so awful—that the resultant famine so horrible—that the universal world would declare and enforce the ultimatum that war shall be no more; that the battle flags henceforth and forever shall be furled in "the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World"?

Many Follow Agriculture

There are 305,164 persons in Oregon that work for a living and 88,114 of them are employed upon the farm. Of the persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, the bulk of them are farm operators and farm laborers. The farm operators number 38,581, and 37,292 are men and 1,289 are women. There are 27,136 farm laborers in the state and 26,269 are males and 867 females.

There are 1,403 dairy farmers in the state and they employ 589 laborers and eleven foremen. There are also 2,244 persons in the state whose principal source of income is from stock raising. The number of cowboys and sheep herders in this state is 3,020.

In the entire United States there are 71,580,270 persons over ten years of age, and 38,167,336, or 53 per cent of this number, are engaged in gainful occupations. Of the gainfully occupied, 12,659,203, or 33 per cent, are engaged in agriculture. There are 5,865,000 farm operators in the nation and they employ 5,975,000 laborers.

The Commercial Club is desirous of obtaining good specimens of grains and grasses for exhibit purposes. Will those who have such kindly leave at the Commercial Club rooms? It

It seems to be characteristic of Ashland that her people would rather believe the dark side than the bright side of every enterprise.

A little less knocking and a little more optimism will help the springs project.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

The Home Circle
Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Just Human.
What does it mean to be—just human?

It means to love folks; to be drawn instinctively to any human being; to gaze on the face of every passerby with curiosity; to feel the heart warm a little even when looking at an old portrait in a book of one who lived 500 years ago; to have a sense of uneasiness in solitude, so that one wants to hunt up the sewing maid or the janitor for a bit of talk; to find pleasure in watching from the window the people in the street; to have every man and woman tempt to acquaintance; to see in every room, where people live, something to pique the imagination; to follow with the eyes every schoolboy and wonder what home he comes from, what companionship he goes to, and what dreams occupy his soul; to feel awe at every old house, deserted and desolate, because human laughter has rung there; to reverence every church because men have worshipped there; to feel a touch upon the soul at the sight of a name carved on a tree, because human feeling is traced there; to hate war, because it means the extermination of men and the spoiling of men's handiwork; to love human qualities in birds, beasts and things, as the fidelity of the dog, the whimsicality of the parrot, the docility of the horse and cow, the water that babbles, the fire that talks and dances, the wind that sobbs.

It means to be touched with pity at all human misfortune; to have a pang shoot through you when another's finger is crushed; to shed tears when another's heart is broken; to feel saddened at the thought of the many lives that are dull and hopeless; to take in one's own mouth the misery of the multitude; to be shattered and rocked in the depths of the soul at the sight of a prison or a madhouse; to seek in one's least words and ways to cheer and help any human being one may meet; to smile against one's grain for another's sake; to have an unconquerable aversion to causing pain, or even embarrassment; to

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avoid drawing attention to one's own success before the unsuccessful, to one's own talent before the ungifted, to one's own health or beauty before the diseased or ugly; to be insincere rather than unfeeling, so that one pretends mightily to enjoy the box of sweets a little child has given, though one inwardly detests them; to spare the feelings of the washerwoman as readily as the feelings of the banker; to seek to set any one at ease who approaches with shyness; when one asks the road to go with him a little way; to treat with respect all who wish to become acquainted; to be gracious even when in a surly mood; to listen patiently and interestedly to the egotist, the domineering and the opinionated, and to encourage the

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