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Death of a child is a thing which makes men weep, and yet a third of life is passed in sleep.—Byron.

BUILDING AN INDUSTRY

YESTERDAY the itinerary was figured out of a poultry car that is to traverse the entire system of the Southern Pacific railroad lines in Oregon.

It is effort by the Agricultural college and the Southern Pacific railroad to build up the poultry industry in Oregon. It is constructive endeavor of the most effective character.

The car will be fitted with every device or appointment by which the secrets of the poultry industry can be taught by object lesson.

There is a wonderful growth in the poultry industry in Oregon. The value of eggs rose from \$6,250,000 for 1910 to \$9,600,000 for 1911.

While other influences contributed to this increase, it is history that the business has been immensely stimulated by the poultry department at the Oregon Agricultural college.

JUNIOR REPUBLICS

OVER 114,000 boys and girls between 14 and 18 years old are working today in the city of New York.

Efforts to reclaim them that are based on giving are hopeless. To cure and set them on the path of clean living and honest work, with a trade to follow and a prosperous future to reach.

There have been two stages in the progress. More than forty years ago Dr. Barnard went after the waifs and strays of the London streets in the dark arches of the Adelphi.

These boys and girls, though, are at school. They are under tutors and governors, on whom rests the responsibility for their training and for their lives.

Life, from all employments, and some phases of idleness or even of criminality. But they all work. If uneducated they are taught. Their apprenticeship is exigent but short.

Of trades there are plenty, and work, real work is demanded. The republic is governed by its youthful citizens. If rules are disobeyed or work neglected the offender is tried by his or her fellows, and punishment, sharp and effective, follows on the verdict.

How are they formed and how sustained? Sometimes a state, sometimes a municipality is the founder of a republic.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

A NEIGHBORHOOD meeting is announced at the Irvington school building for next Friday night. Primarily, it has to do with the garden movement among the school pupils of Portland.

The plan is most commendable. The multiplication of such gatherings and their spread to all city communities is coherent and constructive building for a better social relation, better schools, better boys and girls and a better future citizenship.

It is an influence that introduces into city living the democratic spirit, and the kindlier community relation characteristic of life in country towns.

The school house gathering is a similar step in the process, and one easy of realization in every city district. It is a movement that is spreading throughout the big cities of the country, and is certain to gather impetus in Portland.

There is a trend toward brotherhood throughout the civilized world. It is in the atmosphere and entering more and more into the daily life of every civilized people.

WHY SEND MISSIONARIES?

Men see that the progress of Christianity in this wide world is far less rapid today than in the first four centuries after Christ. Then, in face of persecution and the threats and suffering of death, missionaries carried the gospel by word of mouth into the dark places.

Yet the missionaries of those days had no printed books, nor, in the first two centuries had they even hand written copies of the stories of the life, death and resurrection of the redeemer whom they announced to unprepared and ignorant listeners as the central figure of their teaching.

One advantage they had over their modern successors was that then they alone bore the name of Christians. The name stood for just one style of man—that man who practiced in his life the tenets that he taught.

It is pointed out by Ambassador Bryce in a recent article in the International Review of Missions that in the rapid spread of contact between backward and advanced races of man, missions are not, nowadays, the pioneers.

Saxon races that the officials whom their governments send to represent them do, distinctly as a rule, with but few exceptions, hold unshaken, the world over, the honor of their flags.

But a world crisis is on us now. The influence of the white races is everywhere predominant. Not only the material conditions of native life, but their ideas, their customs, their beliefs, their crude moralities, are being changed or shattered.

For many years white missionaries have cast in their lot with China. They have ventured themselves and their families, in treaty ports, in inland cities, and in the river valleys of the far interior.

What higher reward, what completer demonstration, could the missionaries ask? The teaching of long years has come to sudden fruition in young men, taught in missionary schools and colleges, who are the sole hope of reborn China.

A NEW UNIVERSITY

OUR neighbors across the line in the British Columbia have taken steps to establish a Provincial university. They have enlisted the government, and its minister of education, who have inserted in the estimates a first appropriation of \$500,000 for buildings.

They have invited competition for plans for grounds and buildings near the city of Victoria, B. C., and they intend to have the new buildings up and ready for occupation by August 21, next.

What is of interest to us is the plan of this youngest of universities, now announced officially by the minister of education. The three buildings first to be made ready are homes for the arts department, the agricultural department, and dormitories for the students.

The prediction of Dr. Young, the minister of education, is that this institution will "meet all modern conditions and requirements of higher education." He hopes that it will open with at least from 600 to 800 students.

THE VANCOUVER BRIDGE

THE Multnomah county court would be fully justified in aiding the movement for securing funds for a preliminary survey and estimate for a bridge over the Columbia at Vancouver.

Such a bridge is not a private matter. It is essentially a public undertaking. It should be supported by the public, and the only way for the public to do its part is by use of the funds derived by taxation.

It is the practice to appeal to public spirited citizens for money for such purposes. Men who have the reputation of giving are constantly beset with appeals. We have in Portland, for instance, the spectacle of the Rose Festival supported by public subscription, yet the Rose Festival is not only a Portland enterprise, but one that is or large advantage to the whole of Oregon, and to a certain extent to the entire Pacific coast.

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It is a matter for men to think about. We plead for citizens of the United States to "See America First." The way to get them to "See America First" is for every community to provide the conveniences by which Americans can traverse and see their own country.

their friends and advocates of their only convincing argument? Is one fit to vote who argues with stones, shattering windows of homes, and fronts of shops and stores of innocent and possibly neutral people?

And at such a juncture! When above all qualities coolness and patience are demanded to solve the heaviest problems that have confronted a British ministry for ninety years. Do not these inopportunist see the cruelty as well as the folly of their conduct?

Well may the decent and orderly women suffragists pray, "Oh, save us from our friends."

GERMAN THOROUGHNESS

A recent article Professor Richard T. Ely, the political economist, records his observations on a year's sojourn in Germany. He says that the one word heard there, to express the ambition and the progress of the nation is "thoroughness."

The almost compulsory beer drinking among the Munich students is rapidly being reduced. On inquiry the German professors said that the students had taken up athletics generally. They found the beer drinking a hindrance. Instead of abandoning athletics they gave up beer.

Another point noticed by Professor Ely is the development of private industries and arts without slackening the public activities for which Germans have long been famous. "It used to be said that the Germans can govern a city well, but they cannot make a sewing machine."

The amazing success of the German Socialist party in the recent elections was gained on a platform of which these were the leading features. Abolition of the monarchy and of the bundesrath—the upper house representing states under the German constitution—and of the upper house in all state legislatures.

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The circulation of such stories through the eastern press is what has been happening to this state ever since the Portland Central Labor council broke into print with its posters and circulars.

Letters From the People

Replies to "Physician." Portland, Or., March 1.—To the Editor of the Journal—As a reader of the Journal I wish to express my appreciation of the "Pastor Russell" sermons you are publishing weekly.

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Tanglefoot

By Miles Overholt

THE LAND PEDDLER'S LAMENT.

I bought a section of desert land. For a hundred and eighty bucks. It was covered with rocks and trees and sand.

I printed a note on another page: "As soon as we finish the ditch, you can grow big crops of garden sage; the demand for it is all the rage."

Then I stood ace high with R. G. Dun. But I didn't bury my cash. That's why they've got me on the run. For they took my chattels, every one, and my company's gone to smash.

of those who have seen the effects in one's country. Everyone knows that the so-called characteristics of those said to have been made sterile in far-off Egypt and Russia are quite common characteristics also of plain Americans who are licentious, while "Physicians" admit that the rolling is a more generally useful animal than the stallion.

Roosevelt's Candidacy

From the New York World

There are more than 1,600,000 Republican voters in the United States. Theodore Roosevelt has been nominated for president by the Republican national convention next June unless a majority of these Republicans favor his nomination.

Mr. Roosevelt has been up his solemn promises of November 4, 1904, that "under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination." But the promise remains valid. Only the American people can nullify it.

Mr. Roosevelt has no power to nominate himself for a third term or elect himself to a fourth term. He is in control of none of the agencies of government, either civil or military. He can reward nobody. He can coerce nobody. He can punish nobody. All of the frenzy and folly of his supporters is a voluntary manifestation.

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News Forecast of the Coming Week

Washington, D. C., March 2.—President Taft, among the numerous entries in the presidential race, promises to be most in the public eye during the week.

Several of the southern states are to receive attention from Harmon and Wilson. The rival aspirants for the Democratic presidential nomination, Governor Wilson has accepted an invitation to address the Maryland legislature Thursday evening, while Governor Harmon is expected to speak before both the Maryland and Virginia lawmakers during the week.

State conventions to choose delegates to the Republican national convention will be held during the week in Alabama, Indiana and New Mexico. It is regarded as likely that fights between the Taft supporters and Roosevelt supporters for control may develop in each of these conventions.

President Taft, Cardinal Gibbons and other men of national prominence will take part in the twelfth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which will meet in Washington Tuesday for the annual convention. Industrial Development and Progress will be the general theme of consideration, with an exhaustive discussion of the practical operation of trade agreements between employers and employees.

Pointed Paragraphs

As yet the suffragettes haven't charged the politicians with Adam's downfall.

Women lose their maiden names when they marry—and most men lose their identity.

It's easier to induce some men to run for office than to walk a block to secure a job of work.

Just about the time a man begins to think he is acquainted with his wife she begins to act strangely.

Mahy a man wouldn't care to go to heaven if some of the things described by women as "heavenly" were to be found there.

From the Baker Democrat.

Does it not appeal to the taxpayers that they should take some interest in the kind of man to represent them and select their representatives from among those whom they have a right to expect would protect the interest of the taxpayers inasmuch as they know incompetent from whom nothing of benefit can be expected, and whose incumbency in office is a burlesque and a farce?

With a state tax rate double what it was last year and a waste of the money of the taxpayers like that of the Government, is it not worth while for the people upon whose shoulders fall the weight of this intolerable condition to step out from their indifference and demand a new deal?