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QUALITY VS. QUANTITY

Before the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. A. E. Johnston, delegate from the Pasadena, Cal., post, introduced a resolution calling upon the members of the patriotic society to perpetuate the hardy stock which flowered in the revolutionary times by rearing families of four children.

The resolution as presented reads: "Whereas, We can do nothing to advance Americanization more surely and more thoroughly than by increasing the children of the hardy pioneer race of Americans; and,

"Whereas, No country offers better conditions for the progress of the human race than our fair land, with all its abundance and free institutions; therefore be it

"Resolved, That it is our duty, as daughters of these men, to encourage by all the power and influence of our great society the perpetuation of their race, and let it be our privilege to take under our special care the fourth child who shall hereafter be born to a Daughter of the American Revolution. And let us decorate the daughter who shall give four children to America. And be it further

"Resolved, That the president general appoint a committee to study the subject of conservation of our pioneer families."

The question immediately presents itself, "Does quantity production insure perpetuation of the sturdy stock or does quality production insure it." Another question which is correlative suggests itself worded about like this: "Under present economic conditions can the average family rear a family of four children, giving them such advantages that they will be a credit to themselves and to the community in which they dwell—in short, perpetuating the sturdy pioneer stock?"

To rear four children is a tremendous undertaking. Food and clothes for four, college educations for four, a little nest-egg for four—it can't be done easily by the average family. The average man, say, makes some \$2000 a year. That figure is high perhaps, but let it stand.

Count up the groceries, the clothes, the expenses on a little automobile, rent or taxes, a safe amount for illness which must be met as a rule, a sum to cover a short vacation for the wife and children at least—and there is nothing left.

Of course Mrs. Johnston has sounded a true note. She wants more children to carry on the sturdy pioneer line. But a family of four on the average income cannot be maintained in such decency and comfort that the offspring will in the natural course of events grow up to be self supporting men and women who carry with them the virtues of pioneer stock, it would seem. It is safe to assume that under the unfavorable conditions some would turn out so. Heredity is a powerful influence. But one cannot expect four normal, sturdy, dependable and in every sense worthy children to grow up in a home where the pinch of poverty is felt, where the intellectual urge is stifled by hard economic conditions.

One cannot expect a great and vigorous tree to be produced on barren soil with insufficient rain or sunshine.

Nor can one expect the virtues of the pioneers to be perpetuated in a family of four which does not possess sufficient financial resources to give each child a fair start in life.

A man and woman who desire their children to possess unusual talents which the pioneer stock exhibited would rather limit their little family if they had their way than increase it.

Mrs. Johnston's fine idea, we feel, in working out will be shattered against the hard granite of cruel economic fact.

THE BEST TEACHERS.

Women teachers who fall in love and are claimed by someone in the spring time when "a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," are the best instructors, according to Edward Tobin who is responsible for the education of children in Cook county, Illinois. He has some 2000 teachers under him so he could know what he is talking about.

He has hit a fundamental truth. Time was when old maids were considered the ideal school teachers. They never got married. They had no men friends. They never went to parties or dances. They just taught school and grew a bit more austere and forbidding as the years romped by.

But the thinking people of this nation are waking up to the fact that a woman can smile book learning into the unwilling minds of pupils. An attractive woman, in love, is normal. She sees the world as it is, a beautiful place in which to live. She sees everything as appealing. She puts zest and gladness into her teaching. She clothes hard facts with pleasing fancy so that the childish minds eat it and consider it delicious.

"If I get them homely and stupid, then they are no good as teachers," says Tobin. That type is usually sour and undesirable. If there be anything in personal magnetism putting things across, the homely ones and the staid ones and the ones of vinegar aspect are bound to fail in teaching the young idea how to shoot. Everything they view is seen through distorted mental eyes. How in the very nature of things can they mould the second generation into good and self-supporting citizens!

Teachers who fall in love and are beloved and eventually leave to make some man happy in a harmonious home are by all means the best instructors. The very fact that men claim them proves them desirable—desirable as wives and mothers—desirable as teachers of children who are learning in class room lesson to live joyously, abundantly and helpfully.

UPS AND DOWNS

Consider the bread line which daily forms in front of the Orthodox church in Podwal street, Warsaw. In this line are 1000 refugees. They are not common refugees, however. The line is for the most part made up of intellectual workers, professional men, former diplomats, court officials, generals and admirals, court officials, land owners, professors and nobles—in short of the elite of Russian society under the old regime, according to Ludmila Lublinoff, head of the Russian relief work in Poland.

In addition to the persons of high class found in the line itself, others of equally high station are found serving food and preparing it. "Among the waitresses two bear the title of princess, one of countess, one is the wife of an admiral, another, the wife of a general. Coffee is poured by the wife of a famous general, assisted by a baroness and the sister of a former governor general," says Ludmila Lublinoff.

She adds that meal tickets are handed out by a general, the woodshed is in charge of a former judge of the supreme court, the errand boy was once the lord mayor of a south Russian city, the pantry manager is a famous architect.

"One professor, one lawyer and two

army officers comprise the fuel brigade," says the relief head.

What a scene to make one ponder the vertiges of life. Here are assembled down and outers who a few short years ago were at the top of the social, financial and intellectual heap. It serves to indicate that life is rather an unstable thing at best, that today you may be up and tomorrow you may be down. Also it brings the thought that some external thing over which one has little or no control may in a twinkling wreck all the plans (deep laid and workable which have been set out as life's guiding principles.

After viewing the bread line and the soup kitchen, we can say with Ibsen, "The law of change is the only constant thing in the world."

Looking Backward

(From The Chronicle, April 27, 1896.)
The Woodmen's circle, initiated 12 candidates last evening, out of the 21 applicants.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Patterson of The Dalles was in Hood River Sunday, says the Glacier, looking over camp grounds and the race track to see what advantages Hood River possessed for holding the encampment of the Third regiment, O. N. G., in June. He will make his report to the colonel, and it is likely Hood River will be selected.

Samuel Driver died at 5 o'clock last evening after a short illness, at the advanced age of 82 years.

Mr. Driver was the father of Mr. Thomas Driver, our present sheriff. Others of his sons are, Isaac, the eldest, Brenton, Frank, Bruce, Henry and Edward. The last named lives in Malheur county and is so far inland that he does not yet know of his father's death. The other sons were all present at his bedside, as were also their wives with the exception of Mrs. Thomas Driver. The Rev. I. D. Driver is a brother of Samuel Driver. The deceased was born near Fort Wayne, Indiana. His marriage also occurred at Fort Wayne. He has been in Oregon about 45 years, settling in Wasco county. The cause of his death was an attack of lagrippe, with a tendency to pneumonia. His death was unexpected, as he seemed better till a day or two before his death, when the trouble returned with fatal results.

The funeral will occur in Wamic tomorrow. Mr. Hugh Gerley has been invited to deliver the funeral address, and he will accept.

CANTU GROOMED FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENCY

By United Press
EL PASO, April 27.—Unconfirmed reports here Tuesday were to the effect that Ex-Governor Cantu, of Lower California has been selected for the presidency by leaders of rebel factions, said to have held a meeting in San Antonio recently.

Prominent Mexicans said that they had heard no rumors of the "Cantu" boom for the presidency of Mexico. When Cantu was deposed as governor of Lower California he went to Los Angeles to make his home. Later he was in Washington as a member of a Mexican lobby.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIVES LIFE FOR OLDER COUSIN

By United Press
CONDON, Ore., April 27.—Helen Crawford, age 4, gave her life here late Monday while trying to save her 12-year-old cousin Elsie from drowning. The older girl was rescued.

The two children were crossing a foot-log over Rock creek when Elsie slipped into the stream. The baby catching her cousin's dress firmly, was dragged from the log into the swift current.

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"Each and every one of us has, at some time or other, experienced the feeling that we would like to see what it would be like to have all the money we could spend," Manager Nolan of the Empress Theater, in a reminiscent mood, mused this morning. "Nearly all of us have even gone so far as to reason out how we would start in to make the dollars fly.

"The only case where this idea was used as a plot for a book, however, was when George Barr McCutcheon used these day dreams of the vast majority as a basis upon which to work and produced the book, 'Brewster's Millions.'

"Then it was dramatized and as a play it visualized the troubles and efforts of Monte Brewster to separate himself from a million dollars. The audience roared for months at the same situations and dialogue which had appealed so strongly in the book—perhaps it was because in their own minds, these people had day-dreamed themselves in the same

predicaments Monte Brewster found himself.

"The making of the book into a motion picture followed and the very fact that the plot is such a human one is partly responsible for the great success of it in this form. We say 'partly,' because in reality 'Fatty' Arbuckle is so perfectly cast in the leading role that a large percentage of credit is due the comedian with the avoirdupois.

"'Brewster's Millions,' as a picture play takes first rank among the great successes in this branch of art. In fact, it is a Paramount picture—in every sense of the word, and will make everyone in The Dalles laugh, because no one here can afford to miss it. This picture play is made from a real story and not an indication of anything other than the cleanest fun enters into it."

The following prizes will be given by Manager Nolan for the best original composition, in which the writer sets forth his or her own ideas on the subject of spending a million dollars.

- Prizes—
1. \$5.00 Savings Account Wasco County Bank.
 2. \$10.00 credit on Brunswick.
 3. Pass good for two months to all Paramount pictures shown at Empress or Grand theaters.
 4. \$5.00 box of candy Black and White.

All "million dollar" essays must be handed in either at the Empress box office or at The Chronicle be-

fore Saturday evening, April 30. The Chronicle staff will act as judges in selecting the winning composition.

46,000 IN ONE MONTH
SEE SLIDES AND FILMS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, April 27.—During the month of March, 46,523 people throughout the state viewed the lantern slides and the moving picture films sent out by the extension division of the University of Oregon, according to a report just made. There were 144 showings of films to audiences totaling 29,124 people, and 214 showings of slides to audiences totaling 17,399 people. The extension division has more than a hundred moving pictures and nearly two hundred lantern slide sets which are loaned free to Oregon communities.

Eyes tested, glasses fitted. Dr. Geo. F. Newhouse.

PROPOSE DRY ENFORCEMENT BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 27.—Transfer of all prohibition enforcement activities to the department of justice is proposed in a bill introduced in the house Tuesday by Representative Hill of Maryland as a "counter attack" on the plan of Representative Volstead of Minnesota, to make the dry law more drastic.

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