

This Date in History—March 15.

- 1492—Columbus entered the harbor of Potos, which he had left Aug. 3, 1492, having consumed 7 months and 12 days in discovering America and returning.
1695—John Endicott, colonial governor of Massachusetts, died in Boston; born 1584.
1767—Andrew Jackson, seventh president and otherwise noted, born at the Waxhaw Settlement, N. C.; died 1845.
1840—Cardinal Mezzofanti, Italian linguist and noted for his memory, died; born 1774.
1887—William Collinswood Smith, English landscape painter, died; born 1816.
1894—Captain Frank E. Brownell, the avenger of Colonel Ephraim E. Ellsworth at the Jackson House, Alexandria, died in Washington.
1899—War in Samoa: American and British ships bombarded native villages.

PEANUT POLITICS.

The Portland Oregonian concludes a recent editorial utterance with the following paragraph:

"It is a decent thing in any man if he wants a position of honor and importance, to allow the people to call him to it, or at least to present his desires with modesty and moderation—not to devote his days and nights to working a machine to carry him. When a man does this, or feels that he has to do this, or fall, it is proof positive that the people do not want him; also proof positive that he ought to fall."

This is good doctrine, but one sorrowfully out of joint in this day and generation. If the political parties, or even one of them could choose candidates for their special fitness for office there is no doubt that the people would give them the necessary support at the polls and be glad of the opportunity.

But today is a time of machine politics and "small wee voices" are the ones pitched for offices. The larger men are silent and quiet, for in the nature of things they are above circus tactics and indecent self-commendation and pursuit of office.

It would be a blessed good thing for Oregon if the offices sought the men instead of the men seeking the offices, with every pore reeking with personal ambition to exalt self over state, to serve the office seeker and his friends rather than promote good government, build up a greater state and make free the people.

The cultivation of peanut politics is hardly up to the natural level of baboons, but Senator Cochroach and Secretary Grasshopper don't think so, for unless they make a noise they would never be heard of or seen, and without prominence of this kind they would be so miserable that death would be a relief.

It is not what such men really amount to that they care for, but what they can make men believe they amount to that they value. "An honest man is the noblest work of God," but none of that kind would serve a political machine.

OPEN DOOR TO TRADE.

Secretary of State Hay recently addressed strong letters to the Chinese and Russian governments, protesting against any exclusive concessions to any nation whereby "the open door to foreign trade" shall in any way be interfered with, holding the Manchuria treaty, as reported, to be in violation of existing international rights. Mr. Hay contends that the Manchuria treaty, not only discriminates against American trade, but tends to permanently impair China's sovereign rights at home.

Mr. Hay further contends, very logically, that for China to concede this advantage to Russia at Manchuria would be the signal for other powers to demand equal rights and privileges elsewhere in the Chinese empire, and thus naturally proceed to general dismemberment. In such a course, international peace may at any time be broken. Therefore, America hopes the whole world will receive the full benefits of fair and impartial intercourse with China, and that Russia will relieve natural anxiety in the United States.

looked for with special interest. nations, has been making special claims to friendship for the United States; and if these claims be sincere, Mr. Hay evidently concludes that the present is a good time to make them manifest by some act of national importance, besides carrying out the further ideas of international peace, as presented by Russia in the Arbitration Congress held at The Hague a short time ago. The

answer of the Russian foreign office to the American overtures will be looked for with special interest.

WISDOM OF THE AGES.

From the press of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, comes a book with the title, "A Multitude of Counsellors," being a collection of codes, precepts and rules of life from the wise of all ages, compiled by J. N. Larned.

Opening the book at random in four places, we find these quotations—on one page this:

"A man who desires to make up the book of his life and determine where the balance of happiness lies must put down in his accounts, not the pleasures which he has enjoyed, but the evils which he has escaped."

On another this: "Every virtue has its particular sweetness to refresh him that worketh well; but he that clings to vice begets an evil end, makes shipwreck of his honor, destroys repose, lays up for himself a store of infirmities, increases sorrow and deprives himself of the relish of what is good and virtuous."

On the third we find this: "Do not act as if thou wert going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over thee. While thou livest while it is in thy power, be good."

And on the fourth page this: "If thou hast become great, after having been little; if thou hast become rich after having been poor, know how not to take advantage of the fact that thou hast reached the first rank. Put not behind thee the neighbor who is like unto thee; be unto him a companion."

In these four sentiments there is enough philosophy to reform the world, eradicate poverty, alleviate suffering, empty the jails and close half the asylums on earth.

Would you believe that one man wrote those four paragraphs? Very likely you would. Or, if not, it would require very little stretch of your imagination to accept the belief that they were written by four men who lived at the same time—probably at some remote period when there were more sages on earth than you hear of these days.

At any rate, no matter when they lived, there were certain things these men had in common and those were:

Profound wisdom, a knowledge of human nature, a desire to improve the world and a clear perception of how the world could be improved. Above all, they were good men.

Now here are the authors of these quotations:

The first was written by Arthur Schopenhauer, who died in Germany in 1860. He was a writer mainly upon subjects of philosophy and ethics.

The second was written by Thomas a Kempis, a monk, who died in the year 1471.

The author of the third section was Marcus Aurelius, a Roman emperor, who died in the year 180 A. D.

The fourth selection was written in hieroglyphic characters in Egypt by a gentleman who called himself Ptah-hotep, and who died about 3,000 years before Christ or more than 2,000 years before Moses led the exodus of Israel, or about 5,000 years before this very day.

This Ptah-hotep was a heathen. He worshiped a "god with two crocodiles." But he was a gentleman, and he laid down a code that in all these 5000 years has not been surpassed. Here is some of his rules of conduct:

A man shall answer the evil words of a hot-headed disputant with silence.

A man shall not dispise one whose opinions differ from his own, nor be angry with one who is wrong.

A man shall remember those who were faithful to him in his low estate. A man shall not inspire men with fear.

A man shall let his thoughts be abundant, but keeps his mouth under restraint.

A man shall not, if he be powerful, seize the goods of others.

A man shall train his son to be a teachable man.

A man shall not be haughty or mean.

A man shall understand that love for the work they accomplish transports men to God.

A man shall not answer the unfortunate in a crushing way.

A man shall keep himself from the fatal malady of bad humor—from grumbling, from little irritations, from rudeness.

Pretty good rules for a heathen, are they not?

Now as you glance from page to page, through the long list of selections from the philosophers that followed Ptah-hotep, down to those within our own times, you are deeply impressed with two facts. One is this:

The knowledge of good, of man's duty to his fellow man, of morality, of honesty—of all things, in fact, that would make life on earth much happier if they were universally practiced—this knowledge has been in the world for a long time.

The other is this: Nearly every age has had its great, wise man, who gave the world good counsel and preached the higher life, and yet they all said practically the same thing. It seems as if they had

but a single string upon which they played variations of the same tune. Probably Ptah-hotep could have referred you to some philosopher who lived a thousand years before his time.

As you glance through this book you meet a lot of old friends—friends whose faces have become so familiar that they seem commonplace.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.

We should often be ashamed of our best actions if the world could see all the motives which produces them.

When we cannot find contentment in ourselves, it is useless to seek to elsewhere.

Do not conceive that fine clothes make fine men and more than fine feathers make fine birds.

When angry count ten before you speak; when very angry, an hundred.

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. If men considered how many things there are that riches cannot buy they would not be so fond of them.

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.

Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promise.

There are people who never make a mistake because they never wish to do anything worth doing.

Fame is something which must be won; honor only something that must not be lost.

To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.

But, after all there is no great improvement on Ptah-hotep. His book the compiler says, is the oldest piece of literature in the world. Think of it! Advice from a man who lived 5,000 years ago!

If you had a picture, a coat, a sword—even a brick—was made in his day, you would prize it highly among your possessions. But—advice is cheap.

Besides, most of us know what is right and what is wrong. It's only the application of it that is lacking.

Read this book. Read one page every day. If you have not time to read a page, open the book anywhere and read three or four lines. And ponder over them.

And if in the course of your life one act of yours is influenced by any thought that you find in those pages the world will be the richer for that act.

A French naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless, man could not inhabit it after nine years' time, in spite of all the sprays and poisons manufactured for insects. The insects and slugs would simply eat all the orchards and crops in that time.

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