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Hoodlumism is born of idleness; it is useful energy gone to seed. The hoodlum is the boy who has the spirit to do something, with nothing worldly furnished him to do by the parents. He must do something, so without that good direction he so highly deserves, he does the wrong thing. The hoodlum evolves into the criminal, if not speedily put upon the right track.—Elbert Hubbard.

REMEMBER OREGON.

The eyes of the nation are watching the Oregon legislature, which assembled today. One of the greatest events in the history of the United States is to be commemorated by the Northwest in 1905.

Oregon holds the key to the success of that celebration. She is the custodian of its life. She is responsible for its triumph. She can make or mar it. She can write its history in glory or dim it in defeat.

The spirits of Lewis and Clark—the proud heroes of the greatest triumphal march of the 19th century, await Oregon's answer.

The world, that is listening to the chorus of civilization that has burst from the thronging industries that hum along the great river courses and mountain passes, immortalized by that memorable journey, is waiting to catch the word that shall fall from Oregon's lips.

The state stands today at the dividing pathways of fate. To right and left the two highways lead.

One to glory, through united, patriotic action, through a policy that places all factional and selfish interests beneath the heel of triumphal fraternity, the broad, sunshiny path of good will and loyalty to Oregon.

The other, through factional clamor and jealousy, leads to disruption and disgrace.

Choose between them.

Say to the angry passions that arouse smoking, that the interest of Oregon shall first be served. Say to partisan feeling that there is a higher consideration to be first disposed of.

Say to the political lash that there is a higher master to obey in the great issues that lie before the servants of the people.

Say to the old wounds that may rankle in the political heart of Oregon, that for one consecrated hour, the chosen servants of this great state will rise triumphant over their evil promptings and serve the people with unstinted loyalty.

Oregon's appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair will be an index to its magnitude. Oregon's zeal will set the pace for the Northwest. Oregon's figures will decide its fate.

Before the second day of the session closes, the appropriation bill for a half billion dollars should be a law. Before the sun goes down on the second day of the session, the electric messengers should fling the glad news across the sea to the Isles of the Orient, that Oregon has done her duty—that she has spread the feast at which the nations may gather, to pay homage to the memory of those choice spirits of the age, along whose footpaths now rushes the traffic of an empire.

THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The Evening Telegram in summing up the appropriations to be made by the present session of the legislature speaks slightly of the state nor-

mal schools, and says "of course they must be supported, although the truest teachers receive their training from grandmothers and grandfathers, and at mother's knees."

Continuing in the same tone of censure, the Telegram compares the graduates from normal colleges with that recent acquisition to the journalistic fraternity, the graduate from the correspondence schools of journalism.

The comparison is unfair, unjust and not warranted by the true conditions attending the profession.

In the first place many of the students of these "schools" of journalism never saw the inside of a print shop. They are not familiar with the rudiments of the profession, when they receive their diploma that puts the wing feathers of a full-fledged "journalist" upon them.

On the other hand, graduates from normal colleges must necessarily pass through the public schools, receive the hard-earned education and experience that attends this preliminary step and in addition, pass a creditable examination before graduating from the normal, which at least, removes the possibility of a comparison between these two classes of professionals.

The legislature cannot afford to take this view of normal schools, held by the Telegram. It cannot afford to pass this necessary and efficient branch of Oregon educational effort, with a slighting or disparaging recognition.

True, the lovable attributes of character and temperament are breathed in with early association and environment, but that does not finish the teacher for the keen competition of today.

The training received in normal schools fits the teacher to do the work required by the progress of this day. It is an advancing science; step by step the new features, new phases, creep upon it. To keep pace with these, to know these when met with in the profession, and to know how to apply them, the teacher must have the help of the normal, and the normal must have the help of the state.

THOMAS H. TONGUE.

Death is a swift and unheralded messenger. He comes in the highest noon of triumph with a ruthless touch that levels the towering genius to the plane of the lowliest man. Thomas H. Tongue was strong in mind and body. Not yet three score, he could reasonably expect to enjoy life, health, vigor, honors and friends for years to come. His work unfinished, his task open like a book before him, his aspirations giving color to his life, his plans designed with a statesman's precision, upon the trestle-board of action—without warning, without a whisper of the approach of that fateful hour, he leaves his home for a brief spell, and is carried back to it a lump of lifeless clay.

Oregon mourns his death as a mother would mourn for a son. He was doing his share to shape her destiny. Perhaps not in the same technical manner that would be chosen by men of different political faith, but with the same ultimate object in view.

Senator Hoar is probably repentant now and in his declining years seeks to remedy some of the unjust legislation he has assisted in passing in a career of a third of a century, as a partisan.

The democratic simplicity Governor Chamberlain exhibited in asking that the snobbery of an inaugural ball be dispensed with is in perfect keeping with the sentiment of every true disciple of Jefferson. When Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated as president

of the United States he rode down to the White House unattended, dismounted and tied his own horse to the hitch rack, hung his spurs upon the saddle-tree and walked up alone to take the oath of office.

The recurring appearance of the county seat spectre, reminds Oregon that this ghost will not "down" until the whole vexing issue is taken out of the legislature.

THE DREAMER.

Just now the American's (ad is the "strenuous life." Men go racing in quest of money, honor, power, fame.

But the dreamer, the thinker, whose ideas have been in advance of his times; the seer who directed others to power and fame, is passed by as a degenerate, a failure.

Men in the truest sense, men who used their part of the great life that others might see and know and be free; men of whom Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Webster, Fremont, Blaine, are types, are spoken of as overrated, unlucky, and failures.

They are said to be impracticable, because they believe there is something better than money or office.

Has this great, much-talked about prosperity so crazed us that we actually believe that Fremont was a failure?

He did not become a millionaire, nor president, was he therefore a degenerate, a failure? He gave us California, he gave to the people of the West an ideal of man toward which they are ever striving. He did more to make possible the great West than all the millionaires of the country combined.

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THE PIONEER.

The gull shall whistle in his wake. The blind wave break in fire— He shall fulfill God's utmost will, Unknowing his desire;

And he shall see old planets pass And alien stars arise— And give the gale his reckless sail In shadow of new skies!

Strong lust of gain shall drive him out, And hunger arm his hand, To wring his food from desert nude, His foothold from the sand;

His neighbor's smoke shall vex his eyes, Their voices break his rest— He shall go forth till South is North, Sullen and dispossessed!

He shall desire loneliness, And his desire shall bring Hard on his heels a thousand wheels, A people and a king!

He shall come back on his own track, And by his scarce, cool camp There shall be meet the roaring street, The derrick and the stamp!

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