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True silence is the rest of the mind, and is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment. It is a great virtue; it covers folly, keeps secrets, avoids disputes and prevents sin.—Plutarch.

For every one of the 400 bills introduced in the Oregon legislature, there are at least two lobbyists in Salem.

Good roads, irrigation, alfalfa, better grades of stock, and replenished ranges are the planks of the Inland Empire platform.

The Sumpter ore stealing sensation comes at an opportune time for the Baker City Herald. Its continued story on ex-Sheriff Huntington's shortage was drawing to a close. Red ink is still in order.

The La Grande Observer aptly and forcibly remarks that Oregon might expect an open river if she would exercise sufficient good judgment to send an Inland Empire wheat grower to the United States senate.

Engineer Davis, who was killed in the New York wreck, is said to be responsible for the disaster. That's right. Blame the dead man. The living may need another job and their faults can be buried with their victims.

Captain Hobson gets out of an assignment of duty in order to educate the people of the country as to the needs of the navy. Hobson has the itch for notoriety and would rather do anything else than attend to his duties as a naval officer.

The suggestion of a Chicago paper, that the plays put upon the stage today be passed upon by a censor of the people has no force nor argument in it. The play-going public is the best censor and can determine the life of a play by giving its praise or condemnation.

The voice of the Pendleton Commercial Association has been heard in no uncertain terms, on the proposed charter change. This evidence will be sufficient to convince the legislature that no change is wanted at this time. Pendleton's sentiment is reflected in the decisions of this excellent organization.

The Salem Statesman says a stampede in the senatorial situation will take place soon. The stampede is not taking on any serious aspects as yet. The true stampede will take place at the polls in 1904, when those who are now disregarding and trampling the sacred liberty of the masses, will receive the rebuke they so justly deserve.

The strike of the Union Pacific boiler makers is now assuming a serious turn for the company. The engineers are considering the advisability of going out on account of the extremely dangerous condition of the neglected engines. The boiler makers have the sympathy and financial support of every other railroad order and can hold out indefinitely.

The miners of Eastern Oregon don't want the one mile liquor limit law repealed. They are right in their decision. Work and whiskey don't go well together. All the great trades are discarding the thirst for liquor by gradual processes. The miners are struggling to throw it off, and the people of the state should help them. Railway employees have almost entirely destroyed the habit of drunkenness in that occupation, by education, fraternal teaching and "weeding out."

The Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon are studying the conditions of the state institutions with a view to asking for improvements, in the man-

tary and moral surroundings of the inmates. These subjects are neglected in Oregon. The needs of the state have grown so fast that improvement has not kept pace with them. The women are engaged in a most worthy mission and the legislature cannot afford to turn a deaf ear to their recommendations.

The crop of legislative freaks is a large one this winter. A Minnesota solon wants the law-makers of that state to prohibit kissing unless the would-be kisser can prove that he is free from contagious or infectious disease. Persons with weak hearts must not kiss at all. Just leave this whole matter to the Minnesota girls. They won't be kissed against their will, but the fellow who has the girl's permission to kiss will defy all the legislatures in the United States with perfect impunity.

The Mormons make their religion practical and up-to-date by many curious practices not indulged in by other sects. The newest feature of this religion is the law about to be passed by the Utah legislature, setting aside a public holiday, known as "health day." The bill compels the owner or lessee of every occupied dwelling, business house, hotel, school house, church building and other structures occupied in any way, to disinfect the premises thoroughly on "Health day," under penalty of a \$50 fine. Oregon might adopt this Mormon practice with great benefit to the people. Such a law is necessary in every state.

CAPTAIN CLARK OF THE OREGON

The modern American gentleman has been ignored. But he is one of the most remarkable developments of the times.

We are accustomed to regard modern progress mighty, but rude. Nothing is stranger than the disposition of the supreme people of the world's mightiest era—namely, the Americans—to regard themselves as crude and worship previous inferior epochs as fine and subtle.

History repeats itself. The Romans, who were the masters of ancient civilization, regarded themselves as rude and believed in the fitness of Grecian ideals.

And so the old-time gentleman, who was simply the refinement of the swash-buckler, is today regarded as the ideal type of refined and noble men and the modern gentleman is ignored.

The United States army and the United States navy comprise examples of the type of modern gentleman and hero. He is the officer who, in command of a column on a perilous expedition, refuses to accept the opportunity to play the role of the old-time hero.

He might ride out in front of his men and say, "Boys, immediately and honorably hell is better than a cowardly wait for heaven—there is the enemy—forward!"

But instead of uttering such a sentence to be preserved in the pages of history, the modern gentleman and hero does not ride out in front of his men—he believes that they are too brave to require heroics—and he simply says to his aides, "We will advance in open order and attack at once."

A congressman tells the story of a

congressional visit to League Island navy yard. In the introductions he missed the name of the officer assigned to escort him. He says:

"We walked about the yard till that topic of conversation was exhausted, and finally fell to talking about the battle of Santiago. The captain spoke in praiseworthy terms of the different captains and commanders in the fleet that whipped the Spaniards.

"But why do you not make some mention of Clark, that officer who brought the Oregon around the Horn?" I asked.

"The captain politely evaded my inquiry, and not long afterward he began to talk about the guns that worked the destruction of the Spanish fleet. He commented upon the execution of the Iowa, told of the powerful marksmanship on the Brooklyn, and so on.

"Pardon me," I interposed again, "but why do you omit mention of those mighty 13-inch guns of the Oregon?"

"You must have misunderstood my name when I was introduced," replied the captain, turning full upon me. "I am compelled to tell you that I am Capt. Clark."

Nobody has ever heard of Capt. Clark saying anything remarkable. When he joined Sampson's fleet after the wonderful fall of the Oregon around the Horn he did not fly a signal. "We regret that we did not meet the Spanish squadron!"

After the battle of Santiago, in which the Oregon was probably the most decisive factor, Clark simply made a conventional report.

Clark commanded his ship with the highest efficiency, and there his duty ended.

And so there are thousands of modern gentlemen who do what's right—do their best—and that's all.

No delicacy is so supreme as that of the army officer who believes that the opportunities of personal valor belong to his subordinates.

Many of the world's most glorified old-time heroes were simply glory-grafters.

The modern gentleman, unlike the ancient knight, makes no display of his chivalry.

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