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"Destroy the home and the nation will perish; destroy the nation and leave the home, and the nation will grow up afresh."—Dr. Lyman Abbott.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH.

The lecture delivered by Dr. W. G. Coie, before the Parliamentary Club, yesterday evening, contained more genuine wisdom and practical health hints than a volume of health ordinances.

Barring extreme cases, health is largely a matter of individual practices. Clean street, pure water and the sweet breath of flowering lawns and perfume-laden shrubs cannot and will not shield the city against disease. The outward municipal appearance is only an ornament, it is the individual that constitutes the defense.

Cleanliness in the home, pure and well regulated diet, regular and temperate habits, these are the foundation of health. Without these, there can be no certain freedom from contagion. No amount of preventives will ward off sickness from the man or family whose very habits and practices invite its attack.

There must be individual cleanliness, as well as municipal ornamentation. Society has not yet reached that stage in which the habits of the individual can be regulated.

School boards have no jurisdiction over children in the homes.

No matter how rigid the city health and cleanliness is practised by those in charge of the public schools, unhealthful practices in the home can nullify that painstaking labor.

No matter how rigid the city health laws may be, the individual who does not make an effort to ward off disease, is a constant menace to society. The innocent suffers from the carelessness of the ignorant and wanton.

Pendleton is blessed with strong influences for civic purity both moral and physical. The individual citizen must second the work being done by the women's clubs and the officials.

PORTLAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

What does the election of C. W. Fulton as United States senator mean to the city of Portland and Multnomah county?

Is it possible that this political ring which has ruthlessly and arbitrarily ruled the state for so many years, has at last met defeat? Is its power in the politics of the state at an end?

Heretofore, the rule has been that Multnomah county decided the fate of any man or measure which chanced to appear before the legislature. Everything depended upon this supreme political will. The fate of every ambitious aspirant for political honor was held in the hollow of its hand.

The cyclone from Astoria has shattered the fort and sent the strong tower down to the dust.

For once, the colossus of state politics, standing astride the people, with one foot firmly planted upon the solid rock of public patronage and the other upon the sinking sand of political trickery, has been leveled to the humiliation of defeat.

Oscillating between the good and evil elements of politics, ready to make any barter that would further

her local interest, carrying chips on both shoulders and wearing big "mitts" on both hands, she has been the political dictator, despot and czar of state politics since Portland first became the metropolis of the state.

The defeat may be, and probably is, only temporary, but it is defeat nevertheless.

She must bow to a master, and wear the captive's crown of meekness. She will know what taste has been in the mouth of the state during all these years in which she has reigned supreme.

One blessing will come out of it all—a blessing for Portland and for Oregon. This commercial and financial giant of the state, will see the folly of selfishness and will doubtless begin a commercial crusade in Central and Eastern Oregon, that will wed these sections to her, by ties of trade and enterprise which no political whim will be able to overthrow.

Recognizing the power of the people, she will forsake the old custom of ruling by force and seek to rule by industrial fraternity.

If she embraces the opportunity now at her gates, her temporary political defeat will blossom into glory. She can win back, ten fold stronger, a business and commercial following that will bless Oregon and Portland beyond her dreams.

Let Portland build railroads and hurry up the reclamation of the arid domains. A United States senator is insignificant compared to this achievement.

The Walla Walla Statesman mourns for Washington's fate in congress. In finishing a deserved tribute to Oregon's senators, whom it justly classes with the best orators in the United States senate, it says Washington is represented in the senate by two business men, neither of whom can make a speech. Whenever an issue arises, which effects the vital interests of the state of Washington, declares the Statesman, Fulton or Mitchell, of Oregon, will have to fight the battle on the floor for the Evergreen state.

The Western republicans of the house joined the democrats Monday, and refused to report favorably upon the Hanna ship subsidy bill. One by one the grafts of the trust king are being throttled by the people. This decisive action against the Ohio senator's pet measure is a slap from his own people. He will have to originate some new campaign device to offset this loss of prestige.

WATER AS FUEL.

The problem of finding a practical substitute for hard coal, which of late has commanded the attention of this country, has had several interesting solutions; but it is doubtful if any of them has been more novel or curious than that of a Boston gentleman, A. C. Carey.

Mr. Carey, who is described as a

skilled mechanic and the patentee of nearly 100 inventions of his own, proposes to use water, unaltered with any other substance, as a fuel. In demonstrating his idea, Mr. Carey employs the Hunsen burner, invented many years ago by Prof. Hunsen of Heidelberg, and by means of this burner he is able, it is claimed, to get a flame from a single drop of water.

Some such tubular arrangement as the Hunsen burner is necessary, in order to generate heat sufficiently intense to produce the desired result. By allowing the water to drip through the tiny flame arising from this tube onto a piece of platinum, the gases contained in the water are released and combustion follows. Any kind of water will do, whether fresh or salt, pure or impure. All that is necessary, it appears, is to disintegrate the water, and nature does the rest.

Although thoroughly confident that his scheme for burning water is, in every way, feasible and full of immense possibilities of development, Mr. Carey, who is now an old man, says that he feels hardly able to undertake the task of continuing his experiments and of carrying them to a successful termination. He is willing, however, to give the benefit of his discovery to science and assist so far as possible, in developing and perfecting the idea involved.

It should be said that the fuel which this Boston inventor would produce, and also his method of making it, would bear no real relation to the product and manufacture of what are known as gas water and water gas, whose uses are well known, and which are, moreover, relatively unimportant when compared with the utility of the fuel which, it is claimed, can now be made from water by following the principles outlined above.—Boston Globe.

THE PASSING OF THE SEQUOIAS.

The Scientific American says the American Museum of Natural History has now on exhibition one of the largest sections of a tree ever brought from a forest. The fast passing away of the big trees, the majestic relics of the forest primeval and prehistoric times, due to the ax of the commercial lumberman, is rapidly going on, and it will only be a question of time when all save those in government and state reservation groves will be cut down.

Recently the government sent an expert forester and secured a magnificent cut from one of the giant Sequoias of the King's river area, Southern California. The tree stood over 300 feet in height and measured 50 feet in circumference at the base. A section 20 feet above the ground was obtained four feet thick and weighing 50 tons. The diameter of the block is a little over 18 feet and its circumference measures 56 feet. The specimen is highly polished and will be the main feature of the new wing of the forestry hall.

Prof. H. C. Bumpus, curator of the department, has illustrated the life history of the tree in a striking manner, by placing tags marking every 100 years of growth, which is estimated from the cross-section concentric rings. In addition, the great events and happenings in geology and other sciences are likewise recorded in these rings. The tree began to grow 500 A. D., and was 13 feet in diameter when Columbus reached our shores. Some of the trees in the same vicinity are said to be from five to eight thousand years old.

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