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No man wins his greatest fame in that vocation to which he has given most of his time; it's his side issue, the thing he does for recreation, his heart's play-spell, that gives him immortality. There is too much tension in that where his all is staked. But in his leisure, his heart is free and overflowing, and his best work flashes forth.—Elbert Hubbard.

Noise is not an indication of ability or worth. Any old wagon will rattle when all its bolts, rivets, tires and tongue are loose.

The Evening Telegram prints the story of a range war in Grant county that does an injustice to the peaceable citizens of that locality. Sensation-making is no part of a correspondent's duty.

Ex-Governor Semple, of Washington, is in jail for refusing to answer the questions of the grand jury, and the instructions of the judge were that he remain there until he agrees to answer. This treatment is a sure cure for corruption.

Men are like rivers; some of them are clear as crystal, and one glance is sufficient to penetrate them. Others are still and dark and sluggish, with eddies and undercurrents that cannot be understood nor depended upon, even after a lifetime study.

The Willamette valley papers refer to the portage road bill as a graft. If the farmers and stockmen of that part of the state had been subjected to the same freight rates that Eastern Oregon products have paid, during the past twenty years, they would welcome a deliverer with open arms. Western Oregon gets what she needs, with very, very many costly luxuries added. Eastern Oregon asks for nothing but the bare necessities of industrial life, and cheaper freight rates is the first and greatest need.

President Elliott, of Harvard, has produced statistics showing that of the total number of graduates of that institution between the years of 1872 and 1878, 28 per cent have not married at all, and that the remainder have raised but two children each, on an average. To this statement President Roosevelt, the father of six robust youngsters, and himself one of a lineage noted for large families, says: "It is race suicide." Susan B. Anthony, who is perhaps somewhat bitter in her judgment, remarks: "Two are enough for them; Harvard graduates are not all good fathers."

True to the splendid principles upon which they were elected, the seventeen unwavering democratic members of the Legislature stood by the candidate chosen by their party to be the banner-bearer. It is a record that has made votes for them two years hence. Although prophecies of their early disruption were rife, and speculation as to their probable course during the balloting for senator, was often loud, they stood firm through it all. They confirmed the principle expressed in their platform that the will of the people must be the guiding star of their servants.

Superintendent James, of the penitentiary, will be given full authority in the management of that institution and will be held responsible for its regulation. Governor Chamberlain will allow him to select his own subordinates, and they will be entirely under control of the superintendent. This places the management in the hands of the superintendent; gives him power to select, direct and discharge his help and is one of the most business-like reforms inaugurated in the state government. In this way, somebody will be responsible. When matters go wrong, there will be no question as to authority. It is a typical Chamberlain idea. Where there is authority there must be responsibility.

Judge Fitz Gerald is tired of having complaining witness "hide out" when their cases are called. He is justly tired of it, too, and should fine for contempt of court. The next man, and every man, hereafter, who makes a complaint, causes an arrest and then fails to appear at trial to prosecute. Courts are not playthings. The people keep them for business purposes. Their mission is to straighten out moral kinks and the man who takes his troubles into court should have the backbone to assist the court in keeping good order, by offering the testimony against the law-breaker, he must have had when he filed complaint. A few fines for contempt will bring prosecuting witnesses into court. One law-breaker is as bad as another.

Through the efforts of Senators Pierce and Smith, and Representatives W. M. Blakley and G. W. Phelps of this county, the new school tax law was passed. By this law the funds of the state will be increased about $1.50 per capita on the school population, and the 5 mill fixed school levy was repealed. This measure alone was worth the salaries of all the legislators, to the children of the state. It divorces the school fund question from the property valuation issue and increases the public school fund 25 per cent per capita. There is no reason now for low valuations of property. No fear now of filling county treasuries with idle school funds by high valuation. Assessors can save enough in taxes to the state, to double the extra funds to be apportioned to the public schools.

FAMOUS COBB TWINS.

Cyrus Cobb, sculptor, painter and musician died last week at his home in Allston, Mass. Mr. Cobb and his brother, Darius, have been among the most remarkable twins of modern times. It was Darius who brought to the newspapers the news of his brother's death.

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"Half of myself is dead," he cried. "Never were two human beings more dependent upon one another than we were. We both were sculptors, both were artists, both were musicians, both had exactly the same tastes in literature, in amusements, in everything. No person could tell the difference between our photographs, and very few between our persons. If we were to deliver a lecture, I could step in and fill his place exactly. If I were conducting music he could take up my baton at any point and carry it out to the end, and no one could see any difference. If either were to play the violin the other could substitute for him absolutely."

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Darius trembled with emotion as he told of this marvelous twinship now severed after 68 years. The artistic work of these brothers dates back more than 30 years. They were born in Malden in 1834, sons of the Rev Sylvanus Cobb, D. D. Cyrus produced many works of sculpture and painting of a national character, directed choruses and lectured on art. His first work in patriotic sculpture was the soldiers' monument on Cambridge common. He also made a marble bust of Paul Revere for the town of Revere, while his brother made two paintings of the famous ride. One of his latest works was the model of an equestrian statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan. Two of his famous paintings are "Warren in the Old South," and "Jesus Condemned." He had been sick eight months.—New York Times.

ALASKA.

If William H. Seward were now alive he would have no little pleasure in recalling some of the things said against him because of the purchase of Alaska, in view of the returns of the trade of that territory. In the last six months of the calendar year 1902 Alaska imported from the United States $3,418,942 in merchandise and in gold and silver, and it exported to the United States $24,989,188 in value. The total trade of the territory, foreign and domestic, for the six months was $30,792,658, which is over four times as much as Seward paid for the territory. It was a splendid "bargain" for the United States.—Philadelphia Press.

BENTON'S PROPHECY.

The Commercial club of Kansas City has asked the Missouri legislature to appropriate $20,000 for a statue of Thomas H. Benton, to be erected in Kansas City, as near as possible to the spot where Benton made his famous prophecy in 1856 that the continent would be bound together by bands of iron, and that our products would be carried to feed the innumerable millions of the Orient. Pointing with outstretched hand toward the setting sun, he said: "There is the East; there is the road to India."—Exchange.

A WORLD OF LITTLE THINGS.

A little trill of laughter, a chord in nature's song;
A little deed of righteousness to stand against the wrong;
A little duty heeded; a little honor won;
A little hill surmounted, and a little kindness done;
A little labor daily; a little prayer and praise;
A little act of kindness to gladden weary days;
And so the whole creation to its ceaseless heaven swings,
For little man is living in a world of little things.

A little hope to cheer us, although it waiteth still;
A little fire for comfort when winter nights are chill;
A little dream, God-given, to bless us on the way;
A little welcome waiting us at ending of the day;
A little purpose shining through every deed we do;
A little bunch of roses to overspread the rue;
A little peace surpassing to which the spirit clings,
For little man is living in a world of little things.

A little hope, a little love, a little toil and rest;
A little glimpse beyond the veil, a little problem guessed;
A little faith, a little doubt, a little blinded trust;
A little halting journey, and a little of its dust;
A little knowledge merely of little ways we wend;
A little dream of heaven awaiting at the end;
A little struggling upward, although on broken wings,
For little man is living in a world of little things.
—A. J. Waterhouse, in New York Times.

OLD MAN'S CLUB.

The United States senate is a veritable old man's club, the oldest members being Pettus and Morgan, the representatives of Alabama in that body. Both live in Selma, both are lawyers, and both were Confederate brigadier-generals in the civil war. Pettus is a chipper young statesman of 82, and Morgan is 79. Many of the senators are more than 70 years of age.

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Both of Connecticut's representatives have passed that limit, Hawley being 77 and Platt 76 years old. The same is true of Nevada. Stewart is 78 and Jones 73 years of age. President Frye is 72; Hoar, the sage of the senate, is 77, and Allison, who directs the financial and much other legislation, is 74. Teller, who has just been re-elected from Colorado, is 73. Quay, of Pennsylvania, and Platt, of New York, are of the same age, 70 years. Vest, Missouri, is 72; Cullom, Illinois, 74; Bate, Tennessee, 77; Proctor, Vermont, 72; and Gibson, Montana, 73.

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The redeeming feature of these aged statesmen is that a majority of them are honest, capable men, who were elected before senators became to be recognized as the representatives of wealth, corporations and special interests, and have a hold upon their constituents sufficiently strong to retain their places. Men like Morgan, Pettus, Hoar, Teller, Vest, Allison, Cullom, Hawley and Frye are no longer elected to the senate because, regardless of party, their fidelity to their constituents and personal integrity have never been questioned.—Boise Capitol News.

FOOD AND CHARACTER.

Eaten constantly or to excess pork will produce pessimism; beef, audacity; mutton, melancholy; veal, loss of energy; butter, laxiness and potatoes, dullness.

Mustard for memory. Apples for brain power, eggs, milk, fruit and grains for health and vivacity.—Maxwell's Talisman.

The concession street at the World's Fair, St. Louis, will be over a mile in length. Beginning just north of the center of the grounds, extending southward nearly half a mile, it will sweep to the eastward and terminate near the government and state buildings. It will form a direct avenue also between the government buildings and the horticultural building.

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