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WOMEN AND THE FAIR.

M. H. De Young, editor of the San Francisco Chronicle in giving his opinion on the management of fairs, to the Oregonian, makes some observations which Oregon cannot afford to follow.

It is true Mr. De Young successfully managed the Midwinter Exposition at San Francisco. His logic seems to have ended satisfactorily on that occasion, yet the management of the Lewis and Clark Fair cannot afford to adopt Mr. De Young's views on the subject of woman's aid in exposition work.

Oregon believes in the potency of woman's work. There has never been a disposition in this state, and there must be none on this supreme occasion, to ignore or set aside the vital agency of woman's strength in any great undertaking.

The Fair Commission will receive some of its best inspiration and some of its best help from the mothers of Oregon. This inspiration and this help will enter into the lasting glory of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, and will be a rebuttal of the logic of Mr. De Young, as applied to this state.

When asked about a woman's department and woman's work at the fair, Mr. DeYoung smilingly said that so far as he had ever been able to see there was no such thing as woman's work as distinct from man's work. Work, he said, is work, and it makes little difference who does it. A woman's department at an exposition, he declared, is inevitably a source of bother and ill-feeling and a veritable sink-hole of money.

Women are not accustomed to financial administration on a large scale; they always make a mess of expenses; they invariably fall into contention among themselves, and they get appropriations on a basis of sympathy or gallantry far out of proportion to the importance or the necessities of the work in their hands.

We had no woman's committee at San Francisco, and as I have observed, other expositions, I have never ceased to congratulate myself that we had the good fortune to avoid that particular pitfall. It is true, he added, that the women of an exposition city may prodigiously help by social organization and through the manifold offices of hospitality.

"They can prodigiously help by social organization and the manifold offices of hospitality," but Mr. De Young thinks they "invariably fall into contention among themselves" and are "not accustomed to financial administration."

Oregon need have no fear for the success of any work in connection with the Lewis and Clark, which may be entrusted to her women.

OUR COSMOPOLITAN POPULATION.

Persons conversant with the facts have frequently commented on the fact that the average Westerner was not only more self-reliant, and had more of what may be termed initiative, but that he is keener, more alert and has a broader general knowledge than the average Easterner. The explanation probably lies in the fact that the Westerner has knocked about more than the Easterner. The writer happened to fall into conversation with a group of guests at a hotel in one of the smaller towns in Eastern Oregon recently. During the conversation it developed that

two of the number had lived in the Hawaiian Islands, one of the two having been foreman on a sugar plantation. Two of the number had spent considerable time in Alaska, one having gone there in '97 by way of the Valdes Glacier route. Most of the others had traveled extensively in most of the Western states. It is this learning by actual seeing and personal observation that makes the Westerner a man of broad intelligence, good judgment and ready resource. It is this that gives him the faculty of falling on his feet.

As an illustration of the varied elements of which we are formed here in the West, take the composition of our last legislature. This will prove fairly typical of the state at large.

Of the ninety members, two were born in New York, four in Iowa, nine in Illinois, two in Minnesota, one in what was then the territory of Oregon, but is now the state of Washington, one in Massachusetts, four in Pennsylvania, three in Wisconsin, four in Ohio, one in New Hampshire, one in Virginia, one in New Jersey, three in Missouri, one in Kentucky, two in West Virginia, one in California, four in Indiana, two in Maine, one in Kansas, one in Canada, five in Germany, one in Ireland, one in New Brunswick and three in England, and twenty-eight were native sons of this state. No wonder we have a good general knowledge of our whole country when we are constantly rubbing elbows with former residents of every state in the Union. How could we acquire local prejudices coming as we do from the back of the beyond and the four corners of everywhere? Truly we are a cosmopolitan race. No harder, braver or more intelligent men ever shouldered a musket than the troops the West sent across the seas to the Philippines.

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Belding the Portland murderer in his last statement said: "Women have all of the world's possibilities in their hands and the majority of them deliberately turn these possibilities to evil." They turn some few possibilities into evil when dragged down to that level by men of degenerate tendencies to whom they are unfortunately bound.

It is hoped that the school board has now adopted a plan for the relief of the district that will be acceptable to all portions of the city. Unless work is rushed on the new buildings, if the taxpayers decide to build them, they cannot be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

The street car strike at Seattle goes merrily on. Pinkerton thugs have been imported to take the place of the strikers and the cars are running under difficulties. Seattle will follow San Francisco, sooner or later and settle her street car situation by considering municipal ownership.

Dewey has said enough good things for the United States to make it a pleasure for the government to apologize just one once, for his thoughtless remark about the German navy.

FORMING DRUG HABITS.

It is a regrettable fact that nothing is easier to form than bad physical habits, and nothing harder to break than such habits when they have been formed. For this reason, the watchful care of young people during the habit-forming period of life should be the duty of parents and guardians.

Among these bad habits may be placed those little tricks of self-medication that are so fatally easy to fall into. There comes, for example, the first attack of acne, an eruption of the skin, to which many young people of both sexes are subject for a year or

two. It is, of course, easier to give a trial to some drug than it is to enter upon a self-denying course of exercise and bathing, fresh air, patience, and abstinence from candy. The advertised drug may be harmless, in which case it is likely to do no good. If it has some quickly potent effect, it possesses properties that should leave it to the control of a trained physician who knows something of his patient before he writes a prescription.

Young people, fortunately, are likely to be good sleepers. When for any reason they are not, they are also likely to be more intolerant of the tedium of wakeful hours than are their more disciplined elders. Here again it is easy to experiment with some one of the many "quieting" medicines, so highly spoken of, so "harmless." A cool sponging off, five minutes' brisk exercise, and a slowly sipped cup of hot milk would be much better, and would prevail eventually. If not the very first night. Many a victim of the morphine habit owes the first impulse to the self-prescribed quieting doses of some well-disguised, far-distant cousin of that valuable, but much abused and dangerous drug.

It is a well known fact that alcohol is the basis of many of the so-called tonics, and is to be found in considerable quantities in some of them. Whatever opinion one may hold of alcohol as a medicine, nothing can be said in favor of allowing it to masquerade in unknown quantities and doubtful quality in all sorts of medicines put up for self-doctoring. No more insidious plan for the forming of a bad habit could be devised. If one needs alcohol one's doctor will know it, and how much and what kind; and the safe way is to go to him for a prescription. We have all heard of the man who was unwilling to wash in the River Jordan because he expected that a miracle would be performed. The Jordan is for all of us the formation of clean, healthy, common-sense habits. Then we shall not need miracles—Youth's Companion.

INCREASED ASSESSMENT, DECREASED TAX RATE.

Is there any justice, any reason, in assessing fine timber claims, worth \$20, \$30 or \$40 an acre, at \$1, \$2, \$3 or \$5 an acre? The owners of these lands are making, gaining millions, merely by letting their lands lie, while timber becomes scarcer and higher. Is there any presentable reason why they should not pay taxes according to the real value of these lands, the same as a man who goes into the open, or clears up a place, and makes a home, pays on his property? If so, what is this reason? This is a question that the taxpayers of every timbered county would do well to ask of their assessors.

What are the timber lands of Oregon worth today? Far more, everybody knows, than our total state assessment. What portion of our taxes do the owners of this magnificent property, rapidly increasing in value without the owners turning a hand or lifting a finger, pay? A very small, an insignificant proportion.

The lesson is plain and simple. Tax these lands according to value. Then in 1905 we shall probably have a Harris or a Davey law for taxing corporations; and in a few years Oregon can show up with taxable property amounting to \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000, and a tax rate decreased in proportion.

The work along this line has begun—in Clackamas, in Marion, in Umatilla, perhaps in Multnomah; let it continue and be enlarged and become general. Assessment and taxation has been a mere huggermugger system here for 40 years; let us work out of it. There is no more sense or reason in having a heavy tax levy of 38 or 40 mills than of having to pay 75 cents for a 2-bit article.—Portland Telegram.

"DOING THINGS."

Assessor Strain, of Umatilla county, is "doing things" in the matter of property assessments. He proposes to assess all real estate and personal property at one-third its actual value and railroad property looks the same to him as the garden patch of the humblest citizen. The effect of this new departure will be to raise the assessment of the railroad property from \$4,620 per mile to \$14,600 per mile. This is business and the same rule should be applied in every county in Oregon.—Condon Globe.

MORE ALFALFA FARMS.

Talk about Oregon, especially Eastern Oregon, being developed. Such is certainly not the case when beef has to be shipped into the state to supply the Portland market. Only a few days ago a train of 33 cars of cattle, part from Idaho and part from Montana, passed through The Dalles going to Troutdale to be butchered for the Portland markets. So long as this continues there is need for more alfalfa farms to raise fodder for feeding cattle.—Times Mountaineer.

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