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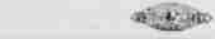
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To the school teacher:—I think I would mark my pupils on Effort and not on Excellence. If the board does not interfere too much. If the pupil does the best he can, he does well, and should have credit accordingly. I think that is the way the recording angel will mark us—don't you?—Elbert Hubbard, in the "Philistine."

THE SOURCE OF PATRIOTISM.

General Nelson A. Miles now enjoying freedom of speech, takes issue with President Roosevelt on one of the president's favorite hobbies.

"There is no necessity," says General Miles, "to stir the passions of Americans in order to be sure that they will be patriotic."

President Roosevelt urges the cultivation of the war spirit as one of the elements of the strenuous life, of the training of our youth to the idea of fighting as a preventative of degeneracy, to save us from becoming a nation of milksops.

The real soldier, the veteran of 47 years' active service, does not see the necessity.

"We need not constantly appeal to the war spirit to keep the American people bravely patriotic," says General Miles. "I have had experience in wars, and I have never found Americans lacking in prompt patriotism or in fighting qualities in any worthy cause. In my recent journeys across the continent I was more than ever impressed with the underlying wisdom and tranquil virility of the people. They do not want war. They want peace. They love and appreciate their liberties and will maintain and defend them against all enemies."

Unquestionably, this is the more truly American spirit. We are not a people who need to be constantly testing our courage to be sure that we have it. We do not need to be constantly blustering and bantering to know that our patriotism is in working order.

The best basis of patriotism that history tells anything about is found in prosperity and peace.

The people who have happy homes and a tranquil land to defend may be depended upon in any crisis.

And fighting is not the only test of patriotism. War is not the high mission of the American people. The greater victories for our people and for humankind are daily wrought in the fields, the factories, the marts—the myriads of battlefields of production and commerce. The citizen who makes his life useful and those dependent upon him happy, is the best patriot. He is the man who has the best stuff in him and the highest interests to defend. His is the kind of patriotism that to call of need responds with an arm of steel.

There are triumphs of patriotism in the field of politics more important than those of war. These are won not by men whose patriotism must be tested at every turn and stimulated by smell of blood, but by the honest citizens who attend faithfully to their own business and vote for the fixed principles of right that are a part of their very lives.

If less patriotism were expended in bombast against possible enemies and more were directed against ever present political evils that are eating at the heart of the government, we would be a better, happier and more powerful people.

The woolgrowers of Idaho, in convention at Boise City, this week, made preliminary arrangements to form a pool, and hire a man to go to Nebraska to buy and ship feed corn to Idaho for fattening sheep. Last winter, being severe and prolonged, all the old hay in the country was fed out, and many of the large sheepmen who would like to hold over as many as possible, will feed corn extensively this winter. The increase

of the corn area of Umatilla county, each year, proves that it is not necessary to send to Nebraska for a good article of corn. This year about 10,000 bushels were raised in the county, and if a half million bushels were grown, ready sale could be found for it, at home. The corn crop is worth studying. It pays, no matter where grown. Umatilla county can do no better than to turn her foothill lands into corn fields.

The announcement from headquarters that Hearst will start a morning paper in Portland, in opposition to the Oregonian, will doubtless send a chill dancing up the spinal column of that old pioneer, which has been a dictator in Portland since the city was founded. There is room in Portland for another morning paper. A city of 120,000 people, and prospects of having almost as many more in another decade, is too promising a field to remain unoccupied long. The only wonder is that Hearst has not occupied the field before this. The Oregon Daily Journal has successfully invaded the field of the Evening Telegram and now it remains for some one with the proper nerve and a right conception of news, and good city government, to start a morning paper to make Portland a good town.

A millionaire of Curry county, Oregon, R. D. Hume, has secured \$1 damages from a Josephine county editor for libel. The jury evidently understood the journalistic profession, and gave a verdict to correspond with the financial standing of the accused. The editor can certainly borrow that amount.

ORIGIN OF FAMOUS HOUSE.

The famous house of Labouchere in England had a romantic origin. In the beginning of the eighteenth century a young Labouchere was a member of a banking firm in The Hague. He was sent on a mission to England to the great house of Baring, then, as now, one of the mighty banking concerns whose transactions cover the earth.

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The bold young adventurer went back to Holland, and there, somewhat reversing the proposition, told his employers that if they made him a partner, he could marry the daughter of the Barings, and become a member of the firm; and thus obtain for his Dutch house an invaluable ally. He was made a partner; he married the lady and the bank; and coming to England, he got into the

heart of the city—made a huge fortune, and founded a family after the true fashion of the nation to which he had attached himself.—From "Lobby," by T. P. O'Connor in Everybody's Magazine for October.

FEAT OF MEMORY.

The newspapers are telling of the remarkable feat of a postal clerk who, in a civil service examination, did not make a single error in sorting 42,000 test postal cards, each representing a postoffice in a certain territory assigned. This was done at the rate of thirty-three and one-half cards a minute. Far more noteworthy is the memory of an expert piano player, who will play an entire season's concert without a note of printed music before him. His memory is so perfect that hundreds of thousands of notes must be at the orderly and instant disposal of the will. And this is combined with a multiplicity of synchronous recollections of timbre, tempo, expressions, etc.

The mystery is at present past the hinting of an explanation, remarks a medical journal, and this fact is as beautiful as it is appalling. It shows us how far we are from any real science of psychology. Physicians note the strange thrusting of disease among the mechanisms of memory, the morbid effects of some neoplasm or injury to parts of the convolutions of the brain whereby some memories are lost temporarily or permanently, in part or completely, while others are unaffected. Even this leaves us in amazement at the inscrutable complexity and methods of the cellular machine.

But through these morbid injuries we catch tantalizing glimpses which some day, properly studied and followed up, may bring some psychological physician to an unraveling of the mystery.

Ruskin University, at Glenellyn, Ill., is to have a chair of dressmaking, or rather of the fashioning of all women's garments. Mrs. Olga Goizler, of Chicago, will be the first professor therein. At the International Exhibition of Fashions at Vienna last year, Mrs. Goizler was awarded the gold medal.

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