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Truth is not a burden that should be upheld by the hands of men. It is a seed that you put in the ground. It is a thing that grows. A man might as well manufacture an oak from an acorn as to overcome by his own might the power that is arrayed against the truth.

A number of students of Washburn College, at Topeka, Kan., recently formed a Socialist Club, which held frequent meetings at night for the discussion of current political questions.

The people of Eastern Oregon do not appreciate the wonderful riches which lie sealed up in the Heppner coal fields. The beds are apparently inexhaustible, the country in which they lie is easy of access, the demand for the product greater than can be calculated in tons, and the possibilities of saving in the cost of fuel to the people is beyond computation.

Eastern Oregon, if that branch road were built, it means more to the people than any gold discovery ever made in Oregon, when properly developed.

It is significant to know that in selecting two lists of \$20 worth of the best magazine reading, which were discussed by the Thursday Afternoon Women's Club in this city last Thursday, neither list contained the name of the Ladies' Home Journal.

The Living Church, an Episcopal order of Milwaukee, Wis., has taken a census of the members of that church in view of securing public sentiment on the proposed change in the name of the church, from the Episcopal to that of the American Catholic church, and the findings, while not conclusive, in any sense of the word, are interesting.

As the curtains are pulled back, more and more of the utter rottenness of the land office practices in Oregon is disclosed. James H. Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office, is a member of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, one of the greatest timber land corporations in the West, and Secretary Hitchcock has decided to remove him.

The Dalles Chronicle pays the following compliment to the East Oregonian on its 28th birthday: "The East Oregonian, of Pendleton, celebrated the 28th anniversary of its existence yesterday. It was issued weekly for the first 12 years. The paper is well edited and replete in all its departments. We wish it continued success in the future, except in its political predilections, which are inclined to be towards democracy and the single-tax theory."

A PROHIBITION SERMON.

We'll give you today an anti-whisky argument which is furnished BY WHISKY. A Philadelphia liquor firm—corner Tenth and Market streets—sends out a circular. This firm wants to sell one particular kind of whisky. To persuade customers, it tells whole some truths about other kinds of whisky. We now quote what the whisky firm says:

"Possibly 92 or 93 per cent of the whisky sold in Philadelphia is what is technically termed by the trade 'blended whisky.' The manner of its preparation is about as follows: For a barrel of 48 gallons possibly 38 to 40 gallons of cognac spirits are put into a tank—cologne spirits being the ether of the whisky, which passes from the still in the process of distilling, as benzine precedes illuminating oil in the distilling of petroleum. It is a neutral spirit having no taste, but its effects upon the system is very pernicious, and when taken to excess it flies to the brain and produces very unpleasant results. To this 20 or 40 gallons of cognac spirits possibly four gallons of straight whisky are added, together with two gallons of prune juice, two gallons of peach juice and a little vanilla, pineapple or some other flavor to give it a distinctive and pronounced character. This compound, or blend, is allowed to stand for some months until the component parts are all blended. The compound is then bottled or barreled, widely advertised and sold under fancy and alluring names, at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$2 a bottle."

How does that impress you, Mr. Whisky Consumer? How does that impress you, Mr. Man, who says that a LITTLE whisky is a very good thing? Is a little POISON flavored with vanilla a good thing?

In a great city, according to a whisky firm that ought to know, 92 OR 93 PER CENT OF ALL WHISKY SOLD IS POISON. The whiskey that ninety-two men out of a hundred get—in Philadelphia and elsewhere—is rank, poisonous alcohol "cologne spirits." No wonder the delirium brought on by whisky is full of snakes and wild things. No wonder the brain saturated with such stuff is driven to murder and crime of all kinds.

Which is wiser, do you think? To hunt around for some of that seven or eight per cent of "pure" whisky, which means a little less poisonous than the cognac spirits kind? Or to cut whisky altogether out of your bill of fare?

Let this confession of a whisky firm, competing with others, be useful to you—in making you drop whisky entirely.—San Francisco Examiner.

UNIVERSAL AMERICAN.

Fifty years ago Isaac Pitman, the inventor of phonetic shorthand, predicted that English was destined to be the universal language. A writer in the New York World says that at that time Mr. Pitman was laughed at and adds: "English is now spoken by about 125,000,000 people. A century ago it was spoken by 20,000,000 people. During that period no other leading European language has made the slightest advance. German has held its own. It is spoken now by 80,000,000, but this is no higher percentage of the total number of people of European stocks than it had a century ago."

Abraham Lincoln foresaw 200,000,000 English speaking people in the United States alone, and later prophets have described it as the home of 300,000,000 when the twenty-first century dawns. As the learning of English is compulsory in India, 300,000,000 more people are being annexed to the English speaking world. The leading languages of continental Europe at the beginning of the last century—French, German and Spanish—while declining or stationary in Europe itself, are making gains on other continents.

There are only 18,000,000 Spaniards in Spain, but 25,000,000 Americans talk Spanish. Some 20,000,000 people speak German outside of Germany, and twice as many people talk Portuguese in Brazil as there are in Portugal itself, while French is the language of 14,000,000 people outside of France.

Unions Attack Mormons.

The first step toward a general labor union war against the Mormon church and its institutions by the labor unions of Utah was taken when the International Typographical Union at Salt Lake put the Desert News on the unfair list and forbade any local union official and all local newspapers to exchange matrices with the type or news. The Mormon church has forbidden its members to join unions, and a fight to the finish is on.

"NOT AS I WILL."

Blindfolded and alone I stand With unknown thresholds on each hand; The darkness deepens as I grope, Afraid to fear, afraid to hope; Yet this one thing I learn to know Each day more surely as I go, That doors are opened, ways are made, Burdens are lifted or are laid, By some great law unseen and still, Unfathomable purpose to fulfill, "Not as I will."

Blindfolded and alone I wait, Less seems too bitter, gain too late; Too heavy burdens in the load, And too few helpers on the road, And joy is weak and grief is strong, And years and days so long, so long; Yet this one thing I learn to know, Each day more surely as I go, That I am glad the good and ill By changeless laws are ordered still, "Not as I will."

"Not as I will." The sound grows sweet, Each time my lips the words repeat, "Not as I will." The darkness feels More safe than light when this thought steals Like whispered voice to calm and bless All unrest and all loneliness, "Not as I will," because the One Who loved me first and best has gone Before us on the road, and still For us must all His love fulfill, "Not as I will." —Helen Hunt Jackson.

THE SPECIAL SESSION.

Ten and eighty Solons, Plucking to the feast, Three hundred cents per diem, A pass or two, at least, Forty thousand lady clerks, Sixty summers down— Won't there be a jolly time, In old Salem town? Senate is in session, Fixing up the tax; House has got the portage bill; Grinding up its axe, Salem's got the board bill, Making money fast; Won't there be a prosperous time, While the sessions last? George is in his office, Thinking what he's done; Charles is in the treasury, Fiercing up the tin; Farmer's in his wheat field, Waiting for the levy; Won't it be a dandy joke, If the tax is heavy?

People of the country, Casting up the cost, Thinking of the time that's spent, And the money lost, Wonder why that ninety men, Supposed to have discretion, Couldn't make a tax law Without a special session. —R. A. WATSON, Pendleton, Or.

TAKE WARNING.

A Steno from Butte, named Patrikus d'Guire, Had a mighty right arm that no labor could tire; He had written, he said With a ross of his head, So fast, that at one time his notebook caught fire. So the jury they tried him to find if 'twas so, And at just about 80 his cake turned to dough. A rope and a tree, And short shrift had he, And that's all of the story so far as I know. EXCEPT: They painted his epitaph over d'Guire, "There's room enough here for another speed liar." —Selected. Ask your neighbor what is P. I. R.

Missouri Livestock Exhibit.

The Missouri state commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, has appropriated \$100,000 in aid of the World's Fair livestock exhibit from that state. N. H. Gentry, of Sedalia, has been made the commission's representative in charge of the livestock exhibits. He has secured the co-operation of more than 100 leading stockmen, forming 24 committees, each in charge of the interests of a breed.

Carrie Swafford and Hester Foster, two 14-year-old girls of Fresno, Cal., have left home and are now accused of burglary on a large scale, they having entered the home of a prominent citizen and after ransacking the house from collar to garret, stole all the cash and jewelry they could find, amounting to several hundred dollars worth.

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Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable. Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

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Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for every thing but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work and in private practice, and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made, by which all readers of this paper, who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root, and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles are sold by all good druggists. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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It is a healthy, healthy movement of the bowels that keeps you in the best of health. Keep your bowels regular, and you will be in the best of health. Cascarets are the best for the bowels. They work while you sleep.



EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY. Pleasant, Palatable, Painless, Taste Good, Do Good. Sweet, moist, cooling, and refreshing. Cascarets are the best for the bowels. They work while you sleep.

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Advertisement for CASCARETS, BEST FOR THE BOWELS, EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY, KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN, THE SURE WAY to prevent Pneumonia and Constipation.

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