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AS MAN'S WHOLE TASK.

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little, and to spend a little less, to make on the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy—Robert Louis Stevenson.

KEEP THE LIST CLEAN.

An examination of the Congressional Record when pension business is before the house, shows numerous bills to remove the charge of desertion from former soldiers. This action is taken so that they may be placed on the pension rolls. There is scarcely a greater injustice practiced upon the old veterans than this form of legislation. A man who at the time of his country's greatest need left the wife and children, endured hardship and wounds, faced death unflinchingly, is put on equality with the one who having been drafted or having enlisted for the bounty at the first smell of gunpowder threw away his gun and deserted the flag he had sworn to support. The soldiers North or South respected courage and bravery whether the color of the wearer's coat was blue or gray, but both blue and gray hated a coward, a deserter. It is not right at this late day to restore such a one who proved false in the moment of his country's peril, to the rolls of the country's defenders. In the case of William B. Marsh, who is serving a life sentence for robbing the United States mails in Idaho, and who is applying for a pension, Commissioner Ware says:

"A pension is for the purpose of supporting a soldier during his declining years and is gratuity. As the claimant in this case is being carefully and kindly taken care of by the government, it is fulfilling its duty to him already; and as this is to continue during the life of the claimant for an offense against the government it is not reasonable to suppose that the case is within the purview of the statutes.

"By conviction of the crime and sentence to prison for life, the man has become civilly dead and I do not think that it is an unfair interpretation to the law to hold that when a man becomes civilly dead he becomes dead for pensionable purposes; therefore, let the claim be rejected."

No one grudges liberal pensions to those who lost limb or health in their country's service. No one grudges a pension to the "old boys" who in the sunset of life from their disabilities need such a pension. But every right-minded citizen is interested in keeping from the rolls fraudulent claims. Every proper safeguard should be taken to see that those not entitled to pensions do not get them, and every effort should be made that those who are entitled to them should have them.

NO WONDER THERE IS A DEFICIT

The Postmaster General estimates there will be a deficit of \$7,206,906.55 in postal revenues for 1904. In the trial of U. S. Senator Dietrich it was shown that in certain postal contrivances for which the government paid \$150 each, the manufacturers received \$50 while the hundred dollars was divided among some government officials who exerted their pull to secure the contract for the machines from the government. If the government had needed the machine it could have secured it for \$50 in place of \$150 by going direct to the manufacturers. No wonder there is a big deficit. There is a big deficit in the

penitentiaries which these grafting postal officials and contractors should fill. The whole postal system needs revising. What it needs is to be run on business principles. The ones getting the largest salaries are the ones who know least about its practical details. They are given promotion as a reward for services of a political nature and not because they are eminently fitted for the position to which they are assigned.

Possibly one of the greatest needs of the postal service at present, next to ridding itself of the barnacles and parasites who have been bleeding it of its life blood, is to establish some form of convenient currency for transmission in the mails. Stamps are inconvenient and their usefulness is limited to the transmission of mail matter. An issue of small bills from 10 cents to \$1 would be an improvement upon the stamps, but it would lack the element of safety and be a needless temptation to dishonest postal employees. A bill with a blank space in which to write the name of the person to whom it is sent like a check would tend to making it as safe as a money order without the inconvenience of the latter. It is to be hoped some method will be devised to provide for this need.

The Schubert Concert Company did not carry out their program last night on account of an extremely small attendance. There were not enough there to pay for the janitor's work and the lights. This company elsewhere has drawn large houses and are worthy of a full house. They are high-class artists and it is to be regretted that they were not accorded a larger house. Shows far less meritorious have had crowded houses here and an entertainment of such merit deserves better patronage.

Perry Heath is not enjoying a bed of roses at present. He is too busy dodging. When the whole truth of the postal frauds is known it is quite likely that Perry will be found the keystone of the arch of graft.

Almost every day dispatches tell of a new victim of carbolic acid. It should be placed on the deadly poison list and never sold except as other deadly poisons are, by doctors' prescriptions. It is too easily obtained.

Three of the most important industries of the state are in session in Portland. Livestock, woolgrowing and fruitraising. Portland will extend a hearty welcome to "all the thoroughbreds from all the ranges."

Sockless Jerry Simpson, once of Kansas fame, but now of New Mexico, is at the livestock convention.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Weak minded people sometimes are the most headstrong.
 Don't prolong a quarrel. Make a hard fight and then quit—win or lose.
 A woman's mind is on something higher than dress when she wants a new bonnet.
 The trouble with the average man at 50 is that he's only about half as smart as he thought he was at 25.
 When some men hear of a neighbor losing his good name they are probably glad they have none to lose.
 Holding the breath occasionally is said to be resting. If it doesn't rest the holder, it will at least give the others a rest.
 It is pretty hard for a man to keep on being a pessimist when a beautiful woman looks up into his eyes and tells him she is just awfully interested in his work.

DYSPEPSIA IS CURED BY DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY. IT MAKES WEAK STOMACHS STRONG.

SOLDIERS AND CIGARETTES.

There's something wrong with the British army, or at least that part of it which is new, according to British army authorities themselves, and the trouble is traceable from the class from which recruits are taken. These recruits are far from being the sturdy, rosy-checked, hearty, much-enduring young countrymen the world has been accustomed to picture in the "raw recruit" who "took the queen's shilling," or before and after Victoria's time, the king's, but are described as "physically immature and of a low standard of intelligence," by General Lyttleton, commanding the king's forces in South Africa.

According to one officer on service there, it will take three years of good feeding to make them capable of doing a good day's work, while another of General Lyttleton's officers ventures the opinion that they "have never done a good day's work in their lives, and do not intend to do one if they can help it."

So serious is this matter regarded that it is exciting the solicitude of members of parliament, who are seeking the cause or causes of it. One of them, himself a physician, quotes Professor Calk, spoken of as a leading authority on public health, as declaring the principal cause of this deterioration to be "juvenile cigarette smoking." Some of the symptoms produced by this habit are thus scheduled: "Chronic hoarseness, a lack of appetite, dyspepsia, pallor from impaired blood formation, rapid and intermittent pulse, pain in the region of the heart, difficulty in breathing and disinclination to partake of healthy athletic exercise. Also headache, mental weariness, slowness of thought, causing muddled ideas, defect of memory, impatience and irritability."

Surely not good martial qualities, to say nothing of qualities fitting a man for the ordinary pursuits of life. This condition of things is perilous for Great Britain in her future wars, and she is likely as any nation to have them. The suggestion is made by Robert Farquharson, M. P., that England follow the example set by this country and Germany in forbidding and penalizing the sale of cigarettes to anyone under 16 years of age. The idea is a good one.—Seattle Star.

HIS WORK STILL LIVES.

Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite and philanthropist, is long since in his grave, but his work goes marching on. Strange that a man who did so much to make war terrible should have had a secret yearning for universal peace.

He left Eight Million Dollars, the annual interest of which is awarded

in five prizes for the most important invention or discovery in physics, in literature and for the best work done in the interest of universal peace.

The third annual award has just been made in Sweden. One prize was divided between M. and Mme. Curie, and with them in placed M. Becquerel, who assisted in the radium discoveries. In chemistry, Arrhenius, a Swede, a writer on electricity, was given a prize. In physiology, Dr. Finson, who deals with light rays, and who has done much to drive disease from Europe, was deservedly rewarded.

Finson has never cared for money. All he has asked from Destiny is an opportunity to be of assistance to his race. The thousands of men and women who have been healed by his light rays will testify that a king's ransom would not suffice to reward him for his genius thought and philanthropy.

Bjornson poet, gained the reward for literature, and an Englishman, Mr. Cromer, secretary of the International Arbitration League, has the prize for advancing the cause of international peace.

So far, no American has received an award, but the prizes are well worth working for, not only for their money value, but because of their meaning.

No person who has not helped humanity can hope to be rewarded under the will of Nobel.

NEW MINERAL IN IDAHO.

Not until the other day was it known that phonolite existed in Custer county. Mr. Enor Watson has had a piece of phonolite in his cabinet since 1881, and all this time he and others pronounced the specimen petrified wood, but when Messrs. Hunt and Williams saw the specimen last week they said it was phonolite, and they are familiar with this character of ore. The specimen is about two feet in length, and does resemble a piece of petrified wood, but under a glass it sparkles with free gold. The piece of phonolite was found on Estes mountain in the year 1881 by Mr. Estes at or near the Montana line. It is now believed that a ledge of it exists at the Montana mine. Phonolite is a compact felspathic, igneous rock containing nephelite, haüynite, etc. Thin slabs give a ringing sound when it is struck—hence "phon" olite. It is also called clinkstone, and is often very rich in gold and silver. Perhaps this ore is found in other parts of the county and has been thrown aside as valueless, because the finders did not know what it was. It is our candid opinion that many kinds of valuable metals exist in Custer county, but are not utilized, because our mining men do not know the metals or their value.—Challis Messenger.

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