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The gifts that to our breasts we fold, Are brightened by our losses; The sweetest joys a heart can hold, Grow up between its crosses; And on life's pathway, many a mile Is made more glad and cherry Because, for just a little while, The way seemed dark and dreary.

—Nixon Waterman.

Russian officers are quarreling over who shall be honored with full command in the Orient. Japan is not concerned about it. Any of the Russian generals will make handsome prisoners of war.

As usual with the profession, the Baltimore newspapers are the first business enterprises to resume, after having been swept off the earth. All of those destroyed are issuing specials with more customers than they can accommodate.

The Order of Redmen and the women of Oregon have set a pace for men of Oregon City set a pace for west to follow. That order, assisted by the energetic women, gave an Indian entertainment on Monday night, highly interesting and unique, the proceeds to go to the Sacajawea monument fund. It is the first organized effort, outside of Portland, yet made to assist in this worthy cause. Pendleton should lead Eastern Oregon.

Secretary Taft's demand that the graft of the Sultan of Sulu be stopped by congress will meet with the hearty approval of the people. Any treaty with the natives of any of the islands belonging to the Philippines, which is based on a payment of blood money to some barbarian chief, is wrong. The islands are either ours or they are not ours. No purchased obedience should be recognized. The Sultan of Sulu should either become a subject or a prisoner. His graft should be abolished.

The Russian fleet consists of 35 vessels of all kinds, with a total displacement of 347,580 tons, an average speed of 18 knots an hour, and a total of 512 guns. Japan's fleet consists of but 22 vessels of all kinds, with a total displacement of 196,816 tons, and a total of 330 guns, but her speed is 19.8 knots an hour, her marksmanship 95 per cent perfection, her nerve unequalled, and her gunners principally Americans. She didn't call the state officials together and offer up a hypocritical prayer the day the war began, but darted under the very shadow of the Russian guns and won the first battle at sea. With this beginning, the Yankee of the Orient can make it troublesome for her big antagonist, 5,000 miles from his seat of supplies.

HONOR TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public schools are splendidly vindicated by some statistics gathered at Harvard by President Eliot. They tend to show that the public school boy is better prepared for college entrance examinations than the private school boy and better fitted for his college work.

In the last college year fewer public school boys than private school boys failed in their entrance examinations at Harvard, and more of the former graduated with honors.

The telegraphic summary of the statistics does not tell us what proportion of Harvard students come from other than public preparatory schools, but probably they form the larger portion of the student body.

These facts ought to be good reading for parents who imagine they must send their boys to private schools to fit them properly for college.

Of course, the difference may be in the boys rather than in the two sets of schools. As a rule, the sons of poor parents do not go to academies and private schools and pay tuition, when they can get free preparation in the high schools.

And, as a rule, the boy who is lacking in material advantages makes the better student, not because he is brighter or more capable, but because he realizes early the necessity of hustling and that he must stand on his own abilities and achievements and not on his father's pile.

Very likely the academics would do better if they had the public school material.

The fateful year of 1903 closed with the most awful holocaust in the history of the United States, in the burning of the Iroquois theater, and 1904 opens with the greatest single fire loss in the history of the world. The history of misfortunes has reached two terrible climaxes in quick succession in this country.

A ROMANCE OF THE MINES.

The news of the serious illness of Alvinza Hayward, the aged San Francisco capitalist, will recall another romance of the mines.

Mr. Hayward was born in Northern New York. His father died when he was quite young, and as his mother was unable to support him he was, in the custom of the day, "bound out" to a farmer. Arriving at the age of 21 he received the customary \$100 and "freedom suit" for his services, and went as far west as Minnesota, where he married. The California gold fever soon swept him further west, where, toiling with pick and spade he was, after much hardship, the lucky finder of a rich mine. The rest was easy.

Mr. Hayward was associated with Flood, O'Brien, Mackay and Fair in certain mining ventures, and his fortune was not far behind theirs.

So long as the farmer lived to whom Mr. Hayward was "bound" in youth he made frequent trips to the East to visit his old home and stir the minds of farm youngsters by tales of wonderful things in the land of gold.

ROOSEVELT THE CITIZEN.

Jacob A. Riis, who has been called by President Roosevelt "New York's most useful citizen," is very busy just now in getting together material for his book, "Theodore Roosevelt the Citizen," which is to be brought out by the Outlook Company. To a friend who recently asked for information concerning the work, Mr. Riis wrote: "What can I say about the Roosevelt material, except that it will deal with Mr. Roosevelt as a citizen, and as a friend from the standpoint of a friend? I am busy gathering the material now, but it is not easy, because of the people I want to reach being scattered here and there. However, I shall get what I want. It shall be my summer work. I shall do nothing else except keep up the war to reform the House of Refuge."

FRANCE'S LAST STRONGHOLD.

A report of uncertain origin which obtained currency a few days ago attributed to the United States the intention of purchasing, and to France the intention of selling, the small group of islands off the coast of Newfoundland known as St. Pierre and Miquelon. Our Paris correspondent was able to send us the assurance

that the report was absolutely void of foundation.

The islands have a certain material value for France. But from the purely commercial point of view their value to our neighbors cannot be very great. Their total area is only 93 square miles and according to the last census the population was only 6,352, of whom only 4,700 are permanent residents, the balance being made up of a floating population of officials, gendarmes and fishermen. Practically no vegetation exists on the barren, rocky surface of the islands.

This little group of rocky islands, set in the northern sea, is the sole remaining relic of the once great empire which France possessed on the North American Continent. — London Post

"A right manner of getting, saving, spending and giving would almost argue a perfect man."—Henry Taylor.



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