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The road to Defeat is a curious road.
 Nobody thinks he walks there—
 Yet all day long a motley throng
 Pushes and crowds and stalks there.
 Some are people of brain and worth
 Who have wearied of Truth's long highway—
 In the breathless race after riches and place
 They sought for a short-cut by-way.
 And others have stumbled and missed the road
 And wandered off into Sin-ning—
 When they counted the cost, the way seemed lost
 Back into the Right beginning—
 Some loiter through meadows of "Time enough,"
 Some rush through the gates of Hurry—
 Some seek the defile of "Wait-awhile,"
 And others the fields of Flurry.
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

EDUCATE THE BOYS.

The Walla Walla Statesman justly complains that but one boy in a graduating class of 14 finished the high school course in that city this year.

While the same condition does not prevail in Pendleton, to such a marked degree as in Walla Walla, it is true that too many boys drop out before finishing the high school course.

Happily, in Pendleton the method of teaching and the intense interest aroused by the city superintendent and his assistants have been sufficient to hold the boys to the end of the course.

This year the Pendleton high school graduating class contained five girls and eight boys; last year, two boys and three girls. The class of 1905 gives promise of finishing more boys than girls and so Pendleton seems to have solved the problem of holding the boys to the end of the high school course.

And how has this been accomplished? By making the course one which appeals to a growing, thinking, aspiring young man. By adding the personality of the teacher to the humdrum routine of text-books. By giving physical exercise, blood-stirring, elevating amusement to the hungry minds of the students.

Boys have more urgent need of a practical education than girls, for the reason that they expect to become independent bread-winners, while the majority of girls expect to become wives of men who can earn a living for two.

For this vital reason, the high school should appeal to boys; it should be made so attractive as to hold them to the finish. Manual training, outdoor sports, competitive mental efforts, such as debates, declamatory and oratorical contests, musical and scientific by-studies, and other additions to the regular high school course must be placed before the young men.

At all hazards, the boys must be kept in the high school to the end of the course. Too many of them need this training. Too many of them get nothing further in the way of education. Too many of them tire of the text-book and quit in disgust. They need the variety of mental and physical exercise that will develop all sides of a growing mind and nature.

High schools are maintained at a great expense to the taxpayers.

Young men and women should see to it that this gift of public education is not passed unheeded and unappreciated.

They should not be in too great hurry to begin life's battle half educated, half equipped, when the beneficence of a wise government pro-

vides a free school for them, equal to all demands or ordinary business life. Pendleton should have 20 high school graduates next year—mostly boys.

W. Bourke Cockran, the gifted New York orator, in speaking of the evil of divorce, before the Federation of Catholic Societies in New York, Saturday night, gave utterance to the following unanswerable logic on the subject: "Perhaps one of the greatest evils with which modern society has to contend is divorce," Mr. Cockran said. "It is a subject on which I have often been misquoted, yet had I a choice I should choose polygamy in preference to divorce. Where polygamy is permitted, the number of wives one may have is limited by the expense of supporting them. In our highly civilized land the number of a man's wives may be unlimited. If a man may secure one divorce, why may he not get another? As he tires of one wife he puts her away, and in a moment is happy with another." Divorce, at present, he said, is but in the blossom. What it may be in the fruit is hard to conjecture. He prophesied that if divorce increases it will result in a new civilization. Polygamy would never be sanctioned by the laws of the United States, and yet divorce is a worse evil.

For 30 years Rev. J. R. N. Bell, the veteran Presbyterian minister of Baker City, has served as chaplain of the grand lodge of Oregon Masons. This record is not equaled anywhere else in the world and is one of the proudest landmarks in Oregon Masonry. For a full generation this devoted man has so lived and so served his fraternity that the bonds that now bind him to it will not be severed while he lives. Oregon will have no other grand chaplain, while this good man lives and remains in the borders of the state. Such distinctions are not empty titles, alone. The regalia and ritual of office are not meaningless in the presence of such unbroken trust and confidence as this. This great and good man, humble and unostentatious Christian that he is, fills a place in the hearts of Oregon Masons, that only such a character and such a life can fill.

As an evidence that diversity in farming pays, and makes land capable of higher profits, a few facts concerning the stock business in the West will be interesting. The census of 1903 shows that Iowa, a farming state with an area of but 55,000 square miles contains 500,000 head more cattle than Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, with an area of 821,000 square miles. The settler on the small, highly cultivated farm, with his diversity of feed, can solve the question of Western civilization, much more satisfactorily than the land king with millions of acres unoccupied by families.

The school board has met the school site situation gracefully, so far. The selections made last Saturday evening are the choice of the people, the board giving the entire matter into their hands. In the east end of the city the same general plan will be followed by the board. The taxpayers are to be congratulated that they have such public spirited men to deal with as a school board. In such hands the future of the district is assured of the highest progress.

The Mormon question promises to split both the democratic and republican parties in Idaho, and a new party composed of both anti-Mormon democrats and republicans would not be a surprise to the people of that state. Idaho contains the greatest number of Mormons of any state besides Utah and the influence is felt in state politics to a remarkable degree.

WHAT AILED THE CONDUCTOR?

He entered a Fulton street car at Elm Place, in Brooklyn. It was one of those cars with side rows of little chairs that make you sit on the bias and with one cross seat at each end. He dropped loosely into the rear cross seat and sat facing the motorman when the conductor came for his fare. "Condu'r," said he, after yielding up his nickel, "lemme off't Myrle av'ue."

"You're going the wrong way for Myrle avenue," said the conductor. "What's that? Ain't Myrle av'ue down tha' way?" He pointed in the direction he was facing.

"No," the conductor explained; "it's back this way, behind you. You're going in the wrong direction."

"Mush 'bliged, condu'r."

He got to his feet with some difficulty, zigzagged up the aisle and dropped into the cross seat at the other end of the car, facing the rear.

Presently he beckoned the conductor to him and said: "Don't f'rget to lemme off't Myrle av'ue."

"But you're going the wrong way for Myrle avenue," the conductor explained again.

"Shay, look here! When I was goin' th' other way you said I was goin' the wrong way an' now when I'm goin' th'ish way you shay I'm goin' wrong again. See here, condu'r, you've been drinkin'; thash wha's matter with you."

LANGUAGES OF INDIA.

The English have been the rulers of India, or a large part of it, for a century at least; yet there are only 252,388 persons in the Indian empire who can speak the English language. This number, compared with the total population, may be called infinitesimal.

There are 147 languages recorded in the census as being spoken today in the whole country, but 25 of them which are spoken by 221,157,673 persons, are closely allied members of the Aryan sub-family. Nowhere is a non-Aryan tongue superseding an Aryan one; and it should also be noted that the classical Sanskrit for many centuries has been profoundly influencing the modern vernaculars.

The translation of "Ramayana," one of India's great epics, into a dialect called Dwadhi, by a native scholar who lived at the time of Shakespeare, is now "the one Bible of 90,000,000 people." Among the many Indian languages, it is pointed out in the census reports, there are some with great literatures and vocabularies, rivaling in richness the English, French or German.

While some, too, have no past, others have lived 3000 years. It is not easy to believe, in view of these facts, that the English language will ever occupy the field in the Indian empire. Certainly, it must take an exceedingly long time for it to drive out the richer native forms of speech.

VASTNESS OF LONDON.

There are about 6000 miles of railway in Greater London, and it is estimated that something like 600,000,000 separate journeys are made by passengers annually. The number of journeys on an average weekday is over 1,500,000. An idea of the vehicular traffic in the streets may be gathered from the statement that in 12 hours 16,954 vehicles of all kinds passed a particular spot in Piccadilly, and a full service of 690 busses pass the Bank of England in an hour. The number of passengers carried by the London trams in a year is over 300,000,000. A census taken of the number of pedestrians who crossed London bridge on a certain day showed that they totaled 116,902, and in 19½ hours during a day in April last year 248,915 people crossed the roadway at the bank.

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