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When that brave sailor sought a western way To pearl-filled Ind and curious Cathay, He did not know his enterprise had won A doubled journey for the circling sun.

When some star-seeking soul first felt the birth Of intuition of another earth, He could not dream his sons would search the heights Amid a maze of suns and satellites.

'Tis ever so. We burst some narrow bond, To marvel at the limitless beyond. Wherever Man's progressiveness has pressed It's won a grander crown than it had guessed. —Edmund Vance Cooke.

CRANKS AND HERETICS.

The crank and the heretic are always emerging.

Now and again they flash across the stage of action, and circumstances give them national notoriety for a time. More often in the ebb and flow of daily life we run up against somebody whom we pronounce, perhaps on snap judgment, perhaps as the result of intimate previous knowledge, a crank or a heretic.

They are not so numerous as they were affirmed to be by the distinguished Englishman who, after traveling in this country a number of years ago, went home and told his friends that the American nation was made up of 40,000,000 people, mostly fools.

But it is surprising how many odd persons there are about us. Begin tomorrow and make a tally of the ones whom you come across during next week and see how large a list you will have by Saturday night.

And yet one feels like entering a plea for the crank and the heretic, not for the malicious, harmful specimen of the class, but for the man who has thought himself out of the beaten track, who has come conscientiously to espouse some unpopular idea, who is dead set upon some great reform and wonders why the rest of us do not come to his point of view, who really believes that he has gotten hold of a new and satisfying truth or seen a vision of what this world might be if only people thought as he did and were ready to act with him.

In all such cases we ought to try to get at the real center of the man, to find out if he has, despite, or it may be in some cases because of, his fads the real root of the matter in him; that is, is he, after all, a square, clean, kind, earnest man?

But besides trying to appreciate the fact that real goodness of life is not dependent upon this or that theory, we ought to be willing to examine the ideas which our cranky and heretical friends hold.

For one, for instance, to undertake to combat the single tax theory without having read the classic on the subject Henry George's "Progress and Poverty," would be as foolish as it is to argue against Christianity without having read the New Testament.

It is well to remember that frequently in history the heresy of yesterday becomes the orthodoxy of today. The world gets on in its thinking because every now and then a Kepler, a Galileo, a Marconi, a Drummond, a Briggs, a Lyman Abbott dares to deviate from the ordinary highway of thoughts to venture into unexplored regions, and to broach theories not yet substantiated by fact. Such men often are the pioneers of great advance in the material, the intellectual, and the moral life of mankind. We are all a good deal better off with the right sort of cranks and

heretics than we should be without them.

Be charitable, then, in your judgment of this type of persons. It is a bare possibility that in the judgment of some of your friends you may be a crank or a heretic in some one particular of faith or of life, if not in a good many.

But don't be one simply for the sake of getting your name in the newspapers. It never pays to pose in this particular. The world is willing to be led out into larger truth and light, but the world is too old and too clever to be long humbugged.

In the long run it will deal fairly by its cranks and its heretics. If they are right-minded, right-hearted men and women, the world may build their monuments after death, and perhaps it may praise them while they live.

Over a quarter of a million dollars worth of improvements and new buildings are now under course of construction, in different stages, in Pendleton. Umatilla county will yield almost 5,000,000 bushels of wheat and has already marketed 2,000,000 pounds of wool. The producers of this wheat and wool draw the bulk of their supplies from this city as the commercial center and hundreds of them have homes in the city, where they can have the advantages of schools, churches and other conveniences. A new bank with a capital of \$50,000, opens its doors today and the reports of the two banking institutions already here show remarkable increases in business. Thirty new dwellings are being built. \$60,000 will be expended in new school buildings in the next three months, at least three mercantile establishments will be added to the city this year and 295 school children were added to the clerk's rolls for 1904. Over \$6000 worth of improvements have just been added to the magnificent city water system, money is being continually loaned by the city from the accumulation in different funds and there is no immediate danger of the city or county going to the devil because local option carried by 93 majority in Umatilla county.

Several reputable papers in Oregon are urging the repeal of the registration law for the reason that it does not protect the ballot except in large cities. The East Oregonian is at a loss to know how these papers can ask Oregon to go backward 20 years to the corrupt and disgusting conditions that prevailed in this state before the Australian ballot and registration were adopted. In the mining camps, logging camps and other industries where large bodies of men were concentrated, the spectacle of long lines of voters marching to the ballot boxes with tickets folded by heelers and placed in the voters' hands to be voted without inspection, was not uncommon before these safeguards were adopted. Entire gangs of men have been seen marching to the polls with ballots held above their heads to insure the bosses that they delivered the goods. Fraudulent votes, repeating, ballot box stuffing and all imaginable phases of election frauds have been seen in the state before the people determined to protect themselves by these progressive laws. Since their adoption the elections have been practically clean. Don't reduce the safeguards. If anything, devise more.

In Hood River yesterday, 13 votes were cast in a school election, in a district containing 400 voters. It is safe to say that there are just 357 voters there who are willing to shirk a duty every time. Men who to whom the vital importance of the American public school system does not stirringly appeal, must be dead to every other subject of civilization. Men who shirk and shun the duty of supporting the public education of the young, at least by their presence at school meetings and by their moral support, are willing that the splendid system fall down, piecemeal. In municipal elections as well as school elections citizens undervalue the importance of personal activity—of citizenship itself. The trouble with most of the corrupt towns and most of the demoralized school districts is that those who have their keeping, neglect the trust. About one-tenth of the population votes and runs the organizations, the other nine-tenths refuse to take part in the management, but are always kicking at those who do take part.

AN UNATTRACTIVE RULER.

"When I saw his highness the sultan of Sulu," says Frank J. Hogan in Everybody's Magazine, "he was attired in tight-fitting, yellow and red striped trousers, a jacket of red silk with small white dots, black and white turban, and Chinese slippers. From his right hand flashed a large diamond, on his left he wore a beautiful pearl. He had a squat nose, blackened teeth, betel-red lips; he was not strong in uncompromising savagery, but merely repulsive; a mixture of stupidity and viciousness. Weakness and vacillation dominated his expression."

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He need not be especially brilliant at school, but he must be studious, persevering, thorough in his studies, never "cheat" his teacher or himself on examination, or pass a lesson or problem until he has mastered it.

He must be truthful, prompt, obedient, industrious. Must make his employer's interests his own and never be afraid that he is earning more than his wages, or is called some time when it's "John's turn."

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The people want him for judge in the courts, for members of congress, senator and president and the nicest girl in all the world wants him to be her husband.—Selected.

HOW HE WON HER.

From somewhere in the woolly West, There came to Boston town A man who sought the cultured East, In which to settle down. He met a maid who seemed a dream, Her blood was thorough blue, But, oh! Her stare was just like ice, 'Twould freeze one through and through.

That did not bother him a bit— To win her this man planned. Within a month success was his. She promised him her hand. Some friend asked how he managed it.

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