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O God of wisdom, by whose breath The sails of Christian ships were blessed, And through the trackless seas they sped To rouse from sleep the waiting West; Thy spirit breathe, let wisdom fill Thy people now to work thy will.

JUDGES AND NEWSPAPERS.

The Oregon Daily Journal makes the following pertinent remarks on the recent decision of a North Carolina judge in finding the editor of a newspaper \$2000 for alleged contempt of court:

United States Judge Pritchard, of the North Carolina circuit court, has discharged a newspaper editor who had been fined \$2000 for contempt of court by a federal district judge, and who, in default of payment had been restrained of his liberty.

Judge Pritchard remarked that abuse of the liberty of the press in criticism of courts was rare, and did not justify a departure from the rule that a court or judge is subject to reasonable newspaper criticism.

Some months ago a Chicago judge who had been severely criticised by the Chicago American for manifest and notorious favoritism to certain corporations, caused the arrest of the proprietor and managing editor of that paper, and attempted to punish them, but the attempt failed; the first other judge appealed to immediately discharged them, holding that the criticism was fairly within the constitutionally guaranteed liberty of the press.

It would be a disastrous thing for this country if the rule that courts were above newspaper criticism should be established. A judge immune from criticism might easily become the most mischievous and dangerous of tyrants.

Fortunately, it is rare that a judge, of any degree, is deserving of severe criticism and positive condemnation, as it is rare for a newspaper to indulge in unjust or unwarranted censure, so we get along very well; but the press must be free to criticize courts freely and honestly, whenever occasion to do so arises.

ADVANCEMENT BY MERIT.

The railroad service is one of the best opportunities in the entire industrial world for rapid development and promotion for capable men. The advancement of J. P. O'Brien, M. J. Buckley and D. W. Campbell in the rearrangement of the Harriman system in Oregon and Washington are thrilling examples of this fact.

Only a few years ago, O'Brien, Buckley and Campbell were plain telegraph operators, drawing nominal

salaries, yet having great possibilities locked up in their work.

The slow development of the system and the country, advanced each of them through successive stages of the management, from one position of trust to another, from one honor to another, until before they are aware, it seems, and while contemporaries are still at the foot of the ladder these men take place in the highest councils of the management of the greatest railroad system on the Pacific coast and one of the greatest in the world.

This little history gives other boys hope. The night operators now doing duty at lonely stations along the railway systems of the country can reasonably hope for a share of such advancement. As they show ability and honor, and push, they will come to the front, one by one.

Railway systems want men, and they must have them to continue in business. The best railroad men come from the ranks. The correspondence schools railroad men, and the "book made" men are not to be compared to the men who begin in the night office in the loneliest place on the system, or those who get on top of box cars and get their experience at the perilous work assigned them.

A young man starting in as a telegraph operator at 18, thinks that the 10 or 15 years which he will be required to wait before being eligible to some higher position, is too long an apprenticeship. Even after 15 years, the boy who started in at 18 would be but 33, in the very beginning of his sensible, sane period, and just barely ready for a responsible position.

The condition today in the state of Colorado is causing comment among the lawmakers of the country. It also is the occasion for grave concern. They realize that the situation there is no longer an ordinary contest between labor and capital, or between union and non-union workers. It is government by special interests for special interests carried to its logical conclusion that is on exhibition. A lawless mob, supported by the militia, is giving the mining camps the kind of "law and order" that the mining companies desire—the same mining companies which debauched the legislature and prevented the passage of an eight-hour law made mandatory by a constitutional amendment adopted by an overwhelming majority of the people of the state.

The Lewiston Tribune is responsible for the following pertinent comment: "The closing paragraph of Admiral Togo's report on the last sea fight, attributing the Russian losses and the Japanese escape from serious damage to the illustrious virtues of his majesty, the emperor of Japan, is not so heathenish as it seems. We have the same falling in this country. Ex-Secretary Root, ex-Governor Black, Senator Beveridge, and other men of education and enlightenment have not hesitated to ascribe all of our good gifts, the fine crops, the rains of heaven, the abundance of a new and rich country, the industry and skill of our mechanics, the arts and inventions of our students, all to the wisdom and beneficence of President Roosevelt. For so sensible and sturdy a race we take the cake, even from the Japs, in our politics."

THE GOAL OF THE POOR.

Another of the old pioneer miners has gone to the poor house. The Granite gem says that Tom Tisdell, who is known throughout this entire community as one of the early placer miners, has been quite ill at Granite for some time, and when he recovered sufficiently was taken to the county hospital of Grant county.

At each removal of these pioneer figures from the scene of active work to the gloom of poverty's home there is a touch of sorrow for the community.

And well there should be, for it was this type of men that won the district from waste and Indians. The beneficiaries of their work are prospering, and yet give to them no better hospitality than poorhouse fare. When such men as Tom Tisdell and

"Forty-Nine" Jimmy are relegated thus, a score or more of the old corps recall times when they were given the best the land afforded at the cabins of the poorhouse inmates. The wayfarer never went to their cabins hungry or cold but he came away fed and warm. What these old pioneers had they gave freely, and, perhaps, freest of all their gifts were life tissue and brawn.—Sumpter Reporter.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

President Harper, of the Chicago University, argues trenchantly in the World Today for July, for higher pay for teachers in elementary and secondary schools. He says:

"The demands of the work can be met only by those whom nature has endowed with a high order of talent. The teacher to whom is entrusted the fostering care of our children should surely be one whose ability we respect."

"How is it possible to satisfy the conscience if a policy other than this prevails? Is there anything more precious than the child, whether viewed from the point of view of the family or the state? Is not his training a thing of pre-eminent importance? And yet we are willing to pay to his teacher a salary far less than is paid in many cases to the keeper of our horses or to the keeper of our cattle. Who cannot see the utter absurdity of this?"

"The teacher, everything being considered, should be, and in many cases is the equal of the man or woman who enters into any other professional life. Shall we stultify ourselves by continuing to pay the teacher at a rate which places on him or her the brand of intellectual weakness for having accepted a position which promises its occupant so little profit or advantage?"

"The time has come when preparation for teaching even in the grades requires a preparation and a proficiency equal to that demanded by any other profession. These requirements have gradually increased until today in many quarters only those possessed of a vigorous physical constitution, strong and untiring purpose, and in addition a considerable sum of money, are able to secure the preparation called for."

"Is it justice to those who have pursued this laborious course of preparation that in the end they should find themselves limited to a salary so small as to seem pitiful in view of the hardship undergone and the expense which has been incurred?"

A PLEASING PLENTITUDE.

If half a feller's dreams of fame, Contentment, riches, honored name, Were realized, he'd have, you see, No time at all for misery. His face would wear no worried frowns, He'd never know the ups and downs, The ins and out that make folk blue— If half a feller's dreams came true.

He'd want no more than half, I'm sure, To warrant him he's ne'er be poor In worldly goods, to guarantee His heart would e'er be light and free, To prove, forsooth, beyond a doubt He'd win in all he went about, O'ertake each thing he deigned pursue— If half a feller's dreams came true.

As towering peak, as arching sky, A feller builds his dreams as high; As mighty continents and seas, As feller's dreams are broad as these! And so it's easy quite to see Such opulent immensity Would well suffice, though cut in two, And only half our dreams came true. —Roy Farrel Greene.

H. J. Middleton, the Associated Press correspondent with the Russian army in Manchuria, is dead from enteric dysentery, at Liao Yang.

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