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Prate not of Right. I say all war is Wrong;
And wrong each mad ambition that would play
With human lives as children play with toys.
Christ and the Cross! Buddha and Emperor!
Who pays for this imperial sacrilege?
The peasants from the rice-fields and the steppes.
There is the price of empire; there the cost
Of scepters and of sabres; there the fruit
Of conquest and of scheming. And of dreams!
But ye may go as Rome went. Ye may fall;
And o'er your graves, where only winds should blow,
A tyrant's heel may leave its hated mark.
—Howard V. Sutherland.

NEED OF MORAL BACKBONE.

The statement of A. H. Sunderman that, since he has temporarily quit the ministry for sheep-raising, he sees the need of practical, earnest, moral backbone more than ever, is worthy of enlarging upon.

While Sunderman was a minister, nine-tenths of the men he met put their best foot forward and hid their bad traits, bad language, dishonest scheming and immoral propensities from view as much as possible.

They knew that these traits and tendencies were wrong, but they had not the backbone to suppress them, except in the presence of the preacher.

Sunderman says he can now see a side of humanity that was hidden from him while he occupied the pulpit. That is, men are deceitful and you must mingle among them while they are off their guard to learn their weaknesses and shortcomings.

This little slant of deceit by which the common man turns one side to the preacher and the other to the world, shows the need of some healthy, vigorous moral backbone.

Nine-tenths of the people in the world exercise the "best" foot to put forward on special occasions. They have a side to their natures to suit all circumstances.

There should be no "best foot" in human conduct. Both feet, all sides of the character should be best, and should be a true index of the whole life.

Often some of the most genteel men in Umatilla county begin talking sheep to Sunderman, both in their overalls and both wrapped up in sheep subjects, when the seemingly pious man begins swearing a blue streak—and then suddenly remembering that Sunderman was once a preacher, says, "Oh, excuse me, Mr. Sunderman."

This idea that it is worse to be profane and vulgar in the presence of a preacher than elsewhere, shows the need of good, strong, unfaltering moral backbone, as unfailing in private as in public and as true to its standard in the presence of the vulgar and debased as in the presence of the clean and upright.

While it is impossible to get classified prices on the 2999 head of cattle purchase just consummated in this city, it looks very much as if this were the culmination of a studied plot against the cattle grower. For the past six months the buyers have been hammering down the prices of cattle, talking calamity and discouraging cattlemen in every possible way, while the price of beef on the block has remained the same as usual. Now that the price of the live animals has reached what is probably the lowest point and as winter is approaching, the Northwest cattle trust at one grand sweep, cleans up the cream of two counties, to be used as occasion demands, as a surplus in the hands of the butchers to further batter down prices on the range. There is no justification for the low price of beef cattle, except to say that the market is in the hands of the trust and is being manipulated in the trust's interest. The independent packing plant owned by the cattle growers is the only certain solution of the problem.

On next Monday the meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Association will convene at Ontario. The government will be on hand, in the person of trusted employees and representatives, to measure the desire of Oregon for government irrigation by the interest and attendance at the meeting. Umatilla county is the leading irrigated county in the state. Irrigation has reached a higher development than in any other section of Oregon. There is but one Butter creek alfalfa district, one Hudson Bay, one irrigated Milton orchard district in the state. There are yet remaining several hundred thousand acres of idle land in this county just as good as that now worth \$100 per acre, only lacking the application of water. For this reason every delegate appointed from this county should attend the meeting and show the government engineers that we do not undervalue the possibilities of this section, and that by our interest and active co-operation that we invite their best endeavors and the utmost effort of the government to reclaim the desert in Umatilla county.

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