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"HERE AND NOW."
Here in the heart of the world
Here in the noise and the din,
Here where our spirits are hurled
To battle with sorrow and sin;
This is the place and the spot
For knowledge of infinite things;
This is the kingdom where thought
Can conquer the prowess of kings.
Earth is one chamber of heaven;
Death is no grander than birth;
Joy was the life that was given,
Strive for perfection on earth.
Here in the tumult and roar,
Show what it is to be calm;
Show how the spirit can soar
And bring back its healing and balm.
Stand not aloft nor apart;
Plunge in the thick of the fight.
There in the street and the mart,
That is the place to do right;
Not in some cloister or cave,
Not in some kingdom above;
Here on this side of the grave,
Here we should labor and love.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

ARE EXAMINATIONS JUST?
In the face of the fact that Umatilla county is now short of school teachers, the examinations just closed in this city will throw several able teachers out of employment, and further embarrass school boards in the matter of securing adequate help in the constantly filling school rooms.
The question naturally arises, in a case of this kind, are the examinations just?
Many teachers now employed, teaching on county certificates, have failed in the recent examination, and very few new teachers were added to the list, causing a diminishing total, available for the pressing needs of the county.
Are the questions included in the examinations always practical, pertinent and just? Are the questions such as should be asked, and such as conduce to greater ability in the practice and practical application of the profession?
Does the state board of education study to ask useful and instructive questions, or is the aim to ask "catch" questions, to block the course of practical and commonsense progress in the profession of teaching?
It would seem from results, that the state board is making greater progress in the matter of formulating abstruse questions, than it is possible for teachers to make in preparing to meet such questions, on their limited salaries and in face of the discouraging tendency to make teaching a profession of "catch questions," rather than a broad, useful, practical profession, that can be used in the business affairs of life.

ROMANCE IN WAR.
In spite of all that the military critics may say, war as a romantic occupation is doomed. The killing of men on the field of glory in days long past is still pictured as a "pretty pastime," as Napoleon said. But the favorite old figures of tradition are fast disappearing before the steady advance of science, observes the New York World.
Today Browning's boy rider who was shot in two while bearing news of the capture of Hatisbon to the emperor would be a matter-of-fact telegrapher sitting quietly at his instrument, and Beranger's grizzled veteran of the guard returning to die with the colors would be barred at the recruiting office because he could

not tell blue from green without glasses.
General Greely grew enthusiastic the other day while describing before the Military Service Institute at Governor's Island, how the Japanese had "wired" a whole army spread out before the enemy. He quoted approvingly a war correspondent who said that the clicking of the telegraph instrument at his headquarters meant more to Kuroki than the sound of guns. "What room will be left for romance when the general commanding the army of the right can telephone to the commander-in-chief's office 40 miles away to have 10 regiments and four batteries expressed to him by special train? He might as well be ordering dry goods or hardware, for all the sentiment to be got out of such a situation.
Kurapatkin's headquarters railway carriage and touring cars for side trips are only indicative of what may be done when his methods are perfected. When that time comes, the dashing cavalry leader brevetted for gallantry on the field of action will have nothing to boast of except that he burst seven tires while charging across the tack mines of an enemy two counties away. There will be no more Sheridan's rides.
When a lookout officer stationed in an impregnable bomb-proof with an automatic range-finder shall direct by wireless telephone, the firing of smokeless guns of hidden batteries against an invisible enemy war will degenerate into a mere scientific test between rival lens-makers and electrical supplies concerns. The last step will be a heroless war and a pensionless retired list.
What has the Oregon legislature done at this session? What actually useful, needed legislation has been passed? How will the state benefit by the more than \$2,000,000 appropriations, other than by the benefits derived from the school appropriations? Charter bills, county division bills, local measures and private schemes have really taken up the time of the session. If these could be eliminated the session could be cut down by half and the expense to the people reduced by more than half, because most of the private grafts are slipped through in these local measures. The flat salary bill is really the only measure of general interest so far passed by the legislature. The local option law will be annulled if possible for the Portland machine to accomplish its purpose, and the irrigation bill will be sacrificed to the private ditch monopolies of the state. Now it is possible that an extra session will be held, to prevent the appointment of a democratic senator, should Mitchell be shaken loose from his seat in the senate.

Will it be economy for the legislature to adjourn to a fixed date for the purpose of holding a special session, for no other reason than that a senator may be needed? Are not the appropriations of the present session heavy enough now? Should the people be burdened by an additional ses-

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tion, to gratify a factional desire? The interests of the state would not suffer, should there be no senator for a few months, inasmuch as most of the time of some of the members of the Oregon delegation has been devoted to private grafts and conspiracies against the dignity of the state.
How many of the 90 United States senators are now shaking in their seats, wondering who will next receive a shock from the Roosevelt battery?
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