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 The principle of life is eternal. Whether the individual life shall live after death, concerns us not here, but this we know, that life has been since the beginning, and nothing can destroy it. It may take different forms, as it does daily before our eyes, but the life principle cannot die. We know not but that the very clods beneath our feet have life. The dividing line between the animate and inanimate is not well defined. Who can say this thing or that thing has no life? How can we know? The blade of grass has life, we admit; yet it does not cry out when we crush it; neither does the stone cry out. May it not also be imbued with the principle of life?—The Ghourki Magazine.

ONE VIEW OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Woodburn Independent, a republican paper of Marion county, and one of the leading papers of the Willamette valley, gives the following unprejudiced and practical view of the work and character of the recent legislative session. Coming from a republican paper with no axe to grind, this view must be taken as fairly representative of the healthful public sentiment of the state. The Independent says:

We are asked, as an independent republican newspaper, to give our opinion of the recent legislature of Oregon. The legislature wasted too much time in the beginning, and then had not sufficient time to give to the consideration of meritorious and unmeritorious bills.

Too much time was also wasted in the endeavor to circumvent the governor, undoubtedly representing the people, if he was playing politics, as claimed, and the legislature in many respects not representing the people, and in one, at least, slapping the people in the face.

The governor proved that he stood on constitutional and economical ground and put the legislature in a deep hole, from which it is trying to get out, but cannot very well crawl out without the assistance of a rope, which the general public seems very unwilling to provide.

In a comparatively few instances the legislature has accomplished some good, but in many features it was a miserable failure, one close observer considering it a silly body. The people naturally feel that the legislature has been too extravagant, and are thankful that we had an executive who knew how and when to use the veto, and was not afraid to wield it.

It was plainly discernable that throughout the legislative session the normal school combine was the dictatorial power, and on this account the people were not faithfully nor fully served. A number of good bills were killed, and the senate gave unmistakable evidence that it was there for the benefit of the rich.

THE COST OF HAULING CROPS.

Few people have any appreciation of the outlay which is necessary on the part of the farmer to haul his crops from the farm to the point of shipment. The sight of wagons on the way to town is one which is familiar in the country districts. That a farmer must have wagons and teams is taken for granted without any consideration of what such an equipment means in the way of initial cost or of what it represents in dollars and cents in connection with the farm profits.

The department of agriculture has published a bulletin upon the subject, "Cost of Hauling Crops from Farms to Shipping Points," which reveals some surprising facts. The method of compilation illustrates the work of the department in the interest of the farmers, and the results of the study suggest the enormous saving which might be effected under improved facilities for transportation.

A circular letter sent to 2800 correspondents of the department brought answers from residents in 1894 counties. The questions asked included the weight of the average

load, the number of horses or mules used for hauling such a load, the cost of hiring a team for the purpose, the greatest distance to a shipping point, the principal farm products, and the time ordinarily taken for the round trip.

Using the information from these answers, an expert has prepared tables showing the cost of hauling the principal crops to the nearest shipping point. Taking the more common products for illustration, it is shown that near \$23,000,000 was spent in a single year to get the corn crop shipped, this item representing nearly 10 per cent of the value of the average load carried.

In the case of wheat the aggregate cost was nearly \$22,000,000, or a little over 7 per cent of the value of the load. Taking 12 of the principal products the aggregate cost of hauling to a place of shipment was \$73,000,000, this making no account of the expense of hauling grain to mill.

Such a large outlay in a given year has its own eloquent suggestion of the saving from better loads or fewer horses. No better argument could be made in favor of good roads than this table of figures. The statistics indicate also the possible saving through the development of freight carrying trolley lines, bringing the farmer nearer to the point of shipment.

With an annual outlay of \$73,000,000 for hauling \$1,500,000,000 worth of ordinary products, it is plain that the saving secured by improvement of transportation facilities would be enormous.

FOR A NEW CHARTER.

Pendleton is now making progress toward a new city charter about as rapidly as a vigorous and business-like city administration can arrange the preliminary details.

The people of the city are glad to note this progressive spirit. It renews and enlarges their hopes for the future and gives assurance of a municipal expansion which is in keeping with Pendleton's excellent resources.

The city hall, sewer extension, cemetery improvement, levee extension and other improvements mentioned by the council are needed and the city is ready to add them to her assets.

Charters and constitutions are easily outgrown and the people must be on the alert constantly to keep pace with the material progress which comes unawares. It is a compliment to the city council of Pendleton that it has decided to bring Pendleton's charter up to date.

The legislature of 1907 was not as extravagant with clerk hire as 1905, says the Eugene Guard. This year the senate spent \$11,473; the house this year spent \$9,644; total of both houses, \$20,117. In round numbers the clerks cost \$10,000 less than in 1905, and about \$15,000 more than was necessary.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE COYOTE.

During the year 1906 the state aided \$1960 in bounties to coyote killers in Douglas county, being \$1 for each scalp delivered to the auditor, says the Waterville, Wash., Empire. There are hundreds of animals slain which are never reported, and it is safe to say that not less than 3000 coyotes were killed in this county last year.

The question is being debated with considerable earnestness whether it is sound policy to continue the bounty on the so-called pests. Many ranchers have expressed the opinion that the coyote does more good in getting the principal part of his living off the jack rabbit than he does in sneaking a chicken, a water melon or an occasional lamb. It is a fact that one of the greatest pests the graingrower of central Washington has to contend with is the jack rabbit. This animal will enter a field and cut down hundreds of stalks in an astonishingly short time, and it is claimed by some that one jack rabbit will cause more financial loss in a month than the coyote will do in a year.

It is thought by removing the bounty there will not be such a slaughter of the animals as there is at present. The farmers interviewed are not in favor of protecting the animal, saying that it is natural for everyone to take a shot at a coyote whenever he is seen, on general principles, but they think it is scarcely fair to put a price on his head when the harm he does is so nearly balanced by the good.

A PLEA FOR COUNTRY LIFE.

Arthur Brisbane, in an editorial in the New York Evening Journal, says: The hot weather comes. We repeat with emphasis our advice to the fathers and mothers of children: Take your families out of the big cities. The cities murder children. The hot pavements, the dust, the noise, are fatal in many cases and harmful always.

The history of successful men is nearly always the history of country boys. In almost every great city the father and mother who will can get out of the city. The population must spread. Even the poorest people will go from the tenements to the suburbs when cheaper rents and five-cent fares and high speed are combined. You could not do a better thing than have your children in the country digging, weeding, playing in the fields.

A Little Lesson in New Thought

As previously stated, some writers divide the human mind into three parts, others insist it is one mind functioning on three different planes. It is rather immaterial which view is accepted as one's conclusions will be much the same.

A blending of western new thought, founded on material science, and the psychic knowledge of the east, called the occult, will give us a middle ground, in a measure, acceptable to all.

The functions of our waking mind, or intellect, is fairly known to the average person. "Cold reason" is able to sum up both sides of an intricate proposition and give its answer.

A fair example of reasoning is our jury system. The evidence is given on both sides, the lawyers have arrayed the facts in order, the judge gives his charge and the jury retires to reason together.

If they are a fair, unbiased jury, only the intellect is used in coming to a conclusion.

Take the same jury and put them in the hypnotic sleep, and they could not be kept so for the reason that only the intellect can sum up inductively, that is draw a conclusion from all the particulars. The cross-examinations would confuse the spiritual mind and break the sleep, for the spiritual mind knows no guile, it believes all that is told it and acts upon that suggestion given.

One side in the trial would testify to one thing and the other the opposite and the best hypnotist in the land could not keep his subjects under control. The intellect would assert itself and reason on these things.

A most striking example of the absence of reason are the insane. They are open and ready to act on suggestions that are ridiculous in the extreme. Without being able to draw a conclusion from all the particulars, the suggestion presented to them is true, just as it is to the hypnotized person.

Another example is the idiot. There is no reason—yet the instinctive mind is active and takes care of him all through life. His spiritual mind is in obscurity and his real self—the I—ah, what of it? This is a question no theological student cares to tackle, then why should a disciple of new thought? While it can be answered, as a people we are not ready to accept it.

In the small child the intellect is not developed and the spiritual mind accepts as true and acts on the suggestions given it. Small children in playing "bear" accept the suggestion that one of their number is the raging animal and are often so thoroughly frightened as to be thrown into convulsions.

A little boy in Pendleton was playing Indian. He played his papa and mamma were dead and he was a "poor little orphan." Suddenly he burst in tears over the loss of papa and mamma.

Look around you and you will find plenty of examples along this line. The thinking parent will find food for thought and be very careful what is instilled in his child's budding mind.

Never tell your child the "boogy" man will get him. Never impress upon his growing intellect the meaning of fear.

Ah, how much mankind has been held back by fear! Throw fear thoughts out of your mind. Kick them out as you would a mangy cur. As the child grows its intellect expands, takes possession. The spiritual and instinctive minds offer suggestions, it is true, but the intellect is supreme in the normal person, or we would not be free moral agents.—New Thought.

President C. W. Eliot of Harvard university, in his annual report to the board of trustees, made this week, inveighs vigorously against the game of football as played under either the new or the old rules. He denounces it as brutal, unmanly and retrogressive, tending to belittle the better instincts of both players and fans.

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"The river was too dangerous for swimming, but after following the bank a short distance the foreman found a giant redwood tree that had fallen across the river. Fortunately, the tree was hollow, and making a chute, they had no trouble in driving the cattle through the log to the other side.

"As the cattle had not been counted for several days, one of the cowboys was stationed to count them as they emerged from the log. The count fell short some 30 head, but about that time a distant howling was heard.

"Their surprise may be imagined

when on looking about they found the cattle had wandered off into a hollow limb."

L. M. Wakefield, a prominent mining man of Wardner, disappeared. Several weeks later it was ascertained that he was a patient in the Medical Lake, Wash., insane asylum. He had been taken in custody, undoubtedly insane, in a small Washington town. He has means and is an Odd Fellow, and it is probable that he will be discharged from Medical Lake and put in a private asylum, under the management of the I. O. O. F.

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