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How does Love speak? In the faint flush upon the tell-tale cheek, And in the pallor that succeeds it; by The quivering lid of an averted eye— The smile that proves the patient to a sigh. Thus doth Love speak. How does Love speak? By the uneven heart-throbs, and the freak Of bounding pulses that stand still and ache While new emotions, like strange barges, make Along vein channels their disturbing course; Still as the dawn, and with the dawn's swift force, Thus doth Love speak. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THINK OF IT, BOYS.

One day this week an aged man called at the office of the East Oregonian and asked that a letter asking for work be written for him.

He is a tradesman and has been fairly industrious, perhaps, but eminently unsuccessful in his calling and in the dictated letter he told a friend to whom he applied for work that he was old and broke and in need and must have work.

When the letter was finished he touched the tip of the penholder for his "mark," as he could not write his name.

Think of this condition, boys, while you are idling your time away out of school. Think of the hundreds of thousands of dollars expended by Oregon every year for free education, for free schools, for libraries and other educational institutions.

Can you afford to be out of school? Can you afford to invite the terrible handicap of this poor old man, just mentioned? In this enlightened age a man without an education of some sort or degree is a hopeless failure. Don't miss a month from school when it is possible for you to attend.

Begin right now to plan for a thorough education. You are never too old. Men and women past 40 are seen in almost every business college in the country, brightening up their education, learning something, qualifying themselves for some profession.

Think of not being able to cope with the world which is jostling around you. Think of going through life with but half a mind, half a head, half finished. You are endowed with brain and intuition and ambition and unless you are well equipped, you only half live!

Pendleton invites you to some one of her excellent schools. The door is open. The opportunity is at hand. It is your infinite loss if you neglect it.

LONGS FOR FREEDOM.

Norway is dissatisfied with her government, and from reports the kingdom wishes a form of republicanism such as we enjoy in this country.

The young monarch at present reigning is neither very popular nor very offensive. But his countrymen think Norway would be better ruled, better taxed and better disciplined if they had a president instead of king.

President Fallieres of France, is to visit Norway in a few days. Plain and earnest man that that he is, believing in the universal freedom, there isn't any doubt that when he leaves Christiania there will be left behind him even more dissatisfaction than now exists.

Norway, to be sure, has never had much internal trouble. Her people are not warlike. They believe in simplicity, honesty and education. Since the establishment of a compulsory education law the kingdom has advanced rapidly in the sciences.

Their ambition is great, they want a government like that of the United States, and some of these days, with

out blood or the use of a sword, we think it will come. Haakon VII, who married Princess Maud, rules not unkindly, but still he is a king, and monarchs are fast passing into unpopular history.

JAPAN'S NEW EXPERIMENT.

The San Francisco Examiner says of Japan's experiment in the government ownership of railroads:

After 25 years of experience Japan has determined to extinguish private ownership of railroads in the empire, and to have all lines owned and operated by the government.

The "Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1908," which has just been issued by the Japanese department of finance, includes some statistics on the results of government ownership that may have some instruction for other nations.

The railroad history of Japan began in 1874 with the building of a few small lines by the government. Ten years later private construction began and for many years outstripped government construction. During the war with Russia, however, the government took over some of the private lines for military purposes, so that at the end of the fiscal year 1907, the state owned 2149 miles of road, while the private corporations owned 2932 miles.

In the fiscal year 1907 the state roads earned 25,478,317 yen (the yen being worth nearly 50 cents), while the private roads earned 43,192,589 yen. The expenses of the state roads were 18,247,601 yen; of the private roads, 22,025,96 yen.

The objection argued by opponents of government ownership, that it costs more to run a government enterprise than a private enterprise, appears to be borne out by the figures of Japanese experience, though the difference is not so great as might be expected. The expense of the private roads for 1906-7 took 51.1 per cent of the receipts; those of the state roads took 51.4 per cent.

Now the government has arranged to buy 2812 out of the 2932 miles of roads in private ownership by 1915, at a cost of about \$114,500,000. Besides these roads the Japanese government is buying the Korean railroads.

The financial report says: "The working of the railroads since the nationalization has given satisfactory results. . . . The railway profits have increased beyond expectation. According to the estimates formed when the nationalization scheme was first considered, it was anticipated that during the first two fiscal years the profit from the nationalized railroads would be insufficient to meet the debts incurred on account of purchase; but in the financial year 1906-7 the actual profit was 16,887,452 yen, against the estimated amount of 15,481,547 yen; and in the year 1907-8 also it is believed that the actual receipts will exceed the estimated amount, which is 31,312,550 yen, so that the profit from the purchased railroads will be more than sufficient to pay the interest."

The Japanese government is a pretty shrewd business corporation itself; and even though it is wasting a good deal of the people's money on building warships and other unproductive expenditures, it does not hesitate to spend money on enterprises that further the commerce of the nation.

TO PUSH BACK THE VEIL.

Jessie M. Smiley, a young woman of Chicago, who has just inherited a fortune of \$20,000,000, declares that she will devote the greater part of her fortune to the investigation of the occult sciences.

She recognizes the growing tendency of mankind to long for and study the invisible world, the spiritual and occult shadows which surround us, and she will employ her fortune in attempting to push back the intervening veil between the seen and the unseen.

That there is something within reach of the human mind, something understandable, something tangible, something practical in the unseen realm lying just outside our consciousness, is believed by every thinker today, and the investigation of this realm is now out of the experimental and superstitious stage and is on a level with other scientific investigations.

Religious prejudice is softening toward the occult sciences for nothing would strengthen true religion more than a closer knowledge of God and nature, which these investigations promise.

Traveling men are changing their front about Pendleton. Since they see that the town is still on the map in spite of prohibition, they give us another year in which to die. Their first guess was that mortification had already started.

BIRDS AID FARMERS.

"It pays the farmer to protect birds," says Biologist Henshaw, writing in the new yearbook of the department of agriculture.

"Only the thoughtless and ignorant," he declares, "still hold that the graceful forms and beautiful plumage of these masterpieces of nature serve their highest purpose when worn on a hat for a brief season, to be then cast aside and forgotten, the plumage dimmed and faded, the beautiful songs quenched forever."

Dr. Henshaw, however, doesn't class every bird as a friend of man's. Indeed, he admits that few birds are wholly beneficial—but yet he says there are very few among the harmful ones that haven't at least one redeeming trait. He sums up the situation epigrammatically: "Most birds most of the time are beneficial; a few birds most of the time are injurious."

According to Dr. Henshaw, birds form a very efficient police force for the air and ground. Thrushes, sparrows, larks and wrens, he says, search the surface of the earth for insects, etc., with their warblers, creepers, etc., with their microscopic eyes, scan every part of the tree or shrub, and few hidden creatures escape them. Woodpeckers, not content with carefully scrutinizing the bark and limbs of trees, dig into decayed and worm-eaten wood and drag forth the burrowing larvae; the flycatchers aided by the warblers are ever alert to snap up insects when flying among trees and branches; while swallows and night hawks skim over the pastures and patrol the air high above the tree tops for such of the enemy as have escaped pursuit below. Thus each family plays its part in the never ending warfare, and the number of insects annually consumed by the combined hosts is simply incalculable.

Dr. Henshaw tells of the balance of nature that is necessary to preserve conditions; a maximum of birds to keep the insects to the minimum. Whenever that maximum of birds is destroyed, then the insects multiply, and one of the so-called "plagues" results. And about the only remedy there is for these is the importation of more birds to kill off the bugs. However, he stops his glowing tribute to the feathered tribe long enough to give the English sparrow a dig. "This bird," he says, "has bad habits far outweighing any possible good that it does, even if the most liberal estimate be made of the comparatively small number of insects that it destroys or the weed-need it eats."

FOOD ADULTERATION.

The microscope in the hands of the expert food chemist is a powerful detector of food adulteration.

In an article on the use of this instrument in the new Yearbook of the department of agriculture, one particular case is cited where a sample of adulterated celery seed showed, under the lens, that it was composed of 40 per cent of powdered rock.

An investigator at the bureau of chemistry found, by use of the microscope a large percentage of ground olive stones in "pure" pepper. A chocolate coating preparation was found when sufficiently magnified, to contain cocoa shells, cornstarch, beef tallow and some mineral matter, probably used for coloring.

Some manufacturers used gum tragacanth to assist in "jellying" preserves. An adulteration of this kind is easily detected by use of the microscope.

In a great many cases, the article states, adulteration which is easily discovered through the microscope, would otherwise require an extended chemical analysis to determine the component parts. For this reason the microscope has been added to the food testing laboratories of the bureau of chemistry.

The source of nearly all the evil and unhappiness of this world is selfishness. We know it, but we still keep on being selfish. We see that the world might be made ideally beautiful if only all people would live unselfish lives; and yet we keep on being selfish.—Minot J. Savage.

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