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Lean on no mortal, love and serve; (For service is Love's complement) But it was never God's intent Your spirit from its path should swerve To gain another's point of view. As well might Jupiter or Mars Go seeking help from other stars. Instead of sweeping on, as you, Look to the Great Eternal Cause And not to any man, for light. Look in, and learn the Wrong and Right From your own Souls' unwritten laws. And when you question or demur, Let Love be your interpreter! —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

ART IN FRUIT GROWING.

Art is not confined to painting pictures, composing operas, designing mansions and palaces. Art is not all "white shirt" work. Art is not a winged thing, soaring in upper realms of thought and ideals.

But art creeps close to the ground. It finds its expression in the homeliest things. It gives out its best efforts in working miracles in common callings. It clothes itself in peach blossoms, the verdure of alfalfa, the rich deep green of the growing wheat, the abounding foliage of archards and vineyards.

Down in Jackson county near Medford a pear orchard of 160 acres has just been sold for \$160,000. The man who planted, cultivated, developed and sold this orchard was no less an artist than Rosa Bonheur, Millet, Beethoven or Paderewski.

Taking a small tract of land, not one-fourth enough to satisfy a Umatilla county wheat farmer, this artist clothed it in beauty and productiveness to such an extent that he increased its value a thousand fold. He made it the envy of the world. He called the attention of the world to this tract, by selling the highest priced carload of pears ever sold in the markets of the world.

The fact is there are so few American merchantmen that none of the seaports of the world show any number of them on their registers. The carrying trade of American vessels is shamefully small and from the actions of such men as James J. Hill, and E. H. Harriman, who declare they will sell their present lines rather than obey the laws of the United States, this trade will dwindle to a smaller and smaller amount each year.

If American shipping must be subsidized and paid a bonus by the people, then it seems that the only way is for American shipping to be carried in foreign vessels. European vessels can carry merchandise at a profit. Why cannot the vessels of American companies?

A NEW ERA IS UPON US.

No matter whether Taft or Bryan is elected president of the United States, a new political era is upon us. The Roosevelt administration has brought about an awakening of the public conscience, a higher view of the duties of citizenship, a clearer understanding of the responsibilities of the public official and hereafter there will be no reign of fraud and high handed corruption as in the past, no matter what party is in office.

Fearless and clean handed, Theodore Roosevelt set about to rid the departments of fraud and secret grafting and he had succeeded admirably. He has not stopped to ask the political belief, lineage or history of grafters, but has investigated them fearlessly and if found guilty has ousted them from the public service without ceremony.

Never again will a political party dare to permit wholesale frauds in government departments as in the

past. The Roosevelt administration will go down in history as the turning point in American political morals. Roosevelt will be remembered as the American Hercules who dared to cleanse the Augean stables of political corruption.

Whether republican or democrat sits in the presidential chair hereafter, the American public will be assured of honesty and cleanliness in office. The civil service rules and practices are also giving us better men in all the government departments.

Efficiency and not party fealty will be the tests for public service hereafter. It is a new era in thought, action and conscience and we are to thank Theodore Roosevelt for instituting it. So, "Cast in some diviner mould, Let the new cycle shame the old."

OREGON'S BIG CROP.

Although not a good soaking rain has visited the inland empire wheat belt this year, the grand total of the wheat crop for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is far above the average for the past 10 years and the amount of money received for this year's crop will be but \$5,000,000 short of the income from last year's bumper crop.

According to E. W. Wright, the statistician of the Portland Oregonian, the total crop for this year in the three northwest states will be 44,050,000 bushels while the average for the past 10 years has been but 42,468,000 bushels and last year's bumper crop only amounted to 58,000,000 bushels.

Of this total crop of 44,050,000 bushels for 1908, Oregon is credited with 11,850,000. Umatilla county leading all other counties with a yield of 3,750,000. Washington claims 27,950,000 with Whitman county in the lead with 6,750,000 bushels and Idaho claims 4,250,000 bushels.

Mr. Wright has visited every county and has personally inspected crops and has personally consulted with farmers and wheatbuyers and shippers and his figures are as near correct, perhaps as it is possible to secure. He is a painstaking and industrious statistician and for a number of years has estimated the crops of the northwest honestly and efficiently.

One of the features of his report is that Umatilla county produces more wheat than the entire Willamette valley district. While this county is credited with 3,750,000 bushels this year, the entire Willamette valley district raised but 2,750,000 bushels, or a million bushels less than this banner county of the state.

THE AMERICAN SHAME.

In John Barrett's commercial review of the Republic of Panama in his reports of the Bureau of American Republics, it is shown that during the past year 194 vessels have touched at Colon, Panama. Eighty per cent of these were Norwegian and the remainder English vessels.

Not an American vessel touched at that port. The fact is there are so few American merchantmen that none of the seaports of the world show any number of them on their registers. The carrying trade of American vessels is shamefully small and from the actions of such men as James J. Hill, and E. H. Harriman, who declare they will sell their present lines rather than obey the laws of the United States, this trade will dwindle to a smaller and smaller amount each year.

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Wheat land that was worth but \$60 to \$70 per acre between Freewater and Walla Walla before the electric line was completed, is now worth from \$250 to \$500 per acre as residence and orchard tracts. Would not the same increase in values come to the land between Pendleton and Weston and between Weston and Freewater with an electric line? Think what this would mean to the property values of the county aside from the matchless conveniences of such a line.

ALMOST A CENTURY OLD.

Miss Eliza Nash, who died at Norwell, Mass., a few days ago, was a "real" Daughter of the Revolution, and in two months more would have been a century old. She had lived under every presidency excepting those of Washington and John Adams, having been born September 2, 1808. She was active in good works, and to the last kept herself informed as to the events of the day, on all of which she had her decided opinions.

THE EXILE.

I've laid aside Earth's broken toys— Ambitions, hopes and fears; The things I could and did not do, And Disappointment's tears.

I find my joy in simple things God left outdoors for me; The mountains filled with secrets old; The prairie, like the sea;

The music of the mountain stream; The quiet of the hills; The winds that blow across the world; The touch of Christ that thrills.

And here, high up, close to the stars, The world seems far away; I do not dream of it by night, Nor think of it by day.

I do not know if this be Age, Or whether life is spent; But, by a mighty peace within, I know I've found Content. —Louise Paley in Unity.

WHAT IS TO COME?

What is to come we know not; but we know That what has been was good—was good to show. Better to hide, and best of all to hear, We are the masters of the days that were.

We have lived, we have loved, we have suffered—even so.

Shall we not take the ebb who had the flow? Life was our friend. Now, if it be our foe, Dear—though it spoil and break us—need we care What is to come?

Let the great winds their worst and wildest blow, Or the cold weather round us mellow slow; We have filled ourselves, and we can dare, And we can conquer, though we may not share In the rich quiet of the afterglow That is to come. —William E. Hendley.

ADMIT.

Just somebody's secret that somebody gave To somebody else on the way; And somebody else, though she thought it so grave, Told somebody else. And today—

That poor little secret, by silence once bound, Is adrift on a turbulent sea, And the high wind of scandal has tossed it around Till a secret it's long ceased to be.

Suppose you were the one who first passed it along, It matters not why nor how, But an innocent name had suffered the wrong, Would you be the happier now? —Mattie J. Crowley.

CONTENTMENT.

When you're the dad Of a four-year old, With eyes o' blue, And curls of gold, And a merry laugh And a wee pink fist, And a cherub mouth Made to be kissed; When you're the dad Of a kid like that With a heart of love And a cheek to pat, The skies for you May be blue or grey, 'Tis sunshine still That illumines your way, You're happy then, And the days are gold, If you're the dad Of a four-year old. —Los Angeles Express.

Berlin police are taking steps to prevent the best streets from being disfigured by electric signs. No objections are offered to the erection of street signs in ugly or confined spaces but they will be excluded from the best streets.

The Farmer's Wife

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

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If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, graving or distress in stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter risings after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid or lazy liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and their attendant derangements.

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