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MAN'S IDEAL.

'Tis a yearning within, and a calling, Like a dumb, inarticulate cry; 'Tis a something as frail as a phantom, Yet no peril can cause it to fly; 'Tis a breath that aye falters and wavers, Still it buoy's his heart and his soul; 'Tis a voice that is less than a whisper, But it drives him on to the goal; 'Tis a mentor and guide so compelling That the weakest refuses to die; 'Till the very last heart-throb he's given - In the struggle to climb to the sky! -Sarah E. Sprague.

HEARST.

Hearst's entrance into the political arena with his Independence league, reminds one of the hoary of a bunch of clowns rushing pellmell into the main circus tent, during a lull in the performance.

With raucous noises, nondescript make-ups, flapping, bandaged, scantily clad and wearing ogre patches, this harlequin party enters the race and for an instant all eyes are turned upon it.

There in the Hearst array are the long lady on stilts, the darkey barber with three-foot razor and bucket of lather, the donkey and its rider, the "cat-pie" artist and his stomach pump, the fake automobile blowing up in mock disaster while the grotesque chauffeur is adjusting the machine and all the rag tag and bob tail tatterdemalion remnants of the clown world, in seven-hued garments, ill-fitting, inside out, patched, ripped, discolored, all in one motley host!

And at the lead stalks the mock-general, Hearst, carrying a broken sword, wearing a single spur and assuming a Falstaffian air at the head of his nondescript "army."

For an instant the rabble pauses to laugh at the ogre herd, to listen to the rumpus, think of the humorous make-up and recall the days of boyhood when the spectacle was the greater part of the show.

But when the performance begins and the real actors climb into the trapeze for work, this motley clown army is lost sight of and when it disappears out of the side opening, nobody misses it and the great performance goes merrily on.

Such will be the flamboyant procession of Hearst and his "party" through the circus performance of American politics.

AN UNCOMMON SCRUB.

T. M. Stevens, a rich exporter of Portland, reputed to be worth almost half a million, is in a lot of trouble with his wives. He has recently cast off one wife to take another and if he gets his just deserts from all the facts in the case, he will conduct his exporting business for a long term of years from behind the bars of the state penitentiary.

Stevens was recently married in Chehalis to a Miss Monk, and this wedding ceremony "stirred up a hornet's nest" in Portland, where his first wife lives.

Stevens' brother, attorneys and friends, all declare that he was not married to his first wife, but that he simply "lived" with her, introduced her to society, recognized her and treated her as a wife. She was a near-wife, only.

If this is the case, all the more shame for Stevens. If he entered into such a disgraceful bargain with a young woman, and after tiring of her seeks to cast her off, he is not a common scrub, but an uncommon one. If she was his wife she could

be legally separated from him and secure a portion of his wealth.

But if she is not his wife, although the cur has lived with her and recognized her as such for a term of 16 years, during which time he has introduced her to his friends as his wife, then he deserves double censure for attempting to cast her off. He should be man enough to continue to share the double yoke of odium and disgrace.

Now that the bloom has faded from her cheek, the rich dog would turn his back upon the girl who surrendered herself to his beastly bargain.

What could a second wife expect from such a brute? What sort of a "home" would it be with such a man "reigning" over it? In either case it is a disgraceful, rotten affair. If Stevens has "lived" with wife No. 1 for 16 years without being married to her, Portland's "society" should demand that he be married to her now, as a mere mockery after such a debauch.

Bigamy is too mild a charge to apply to him. But after all, his great wealth will obscure much of the glaring disgrace of his acts in the eyes of a lot of people.

WHAT TO DO WITH NEAR BEER.

Since the alleged temperance drink, near beer, has proved to be an intoxicant and will cause serious harm among the boys and young men because the boys have access to the places where it is sold, the question now arises: What are we to do with near beer?

In Brownville the city council refused to license it or to permit it to be sold in the town on account of the menace which its sale is to young boys. In Enterprise, Wallowa county, the city council imposed a license of \$400 per year upon its sale and in other Oregon towns its sale is causing discussion and agitation.

Since prohibition has been in force in Pendleton the near beer curse has been demonstrated. It is so near beer that it will make an Indian crazy drunk. Enough of it will make even the toughest old "soak" wobble. A couple of glasses of it will make a young boy act foolishly and it is a menace that must be fearlessly met by the city council.

Because it is not regarded as an intoxicant by the law, there is no restriction on its sale. Anybody with the price can buy it. Boys have learned from the former saloon men that it will make them drunk and many of them think it manly and "smart" to appear drunk from drinking it and so parents are urged to consider its sale.

If young boys are debauched and ruined by its use it is no less a curse than the intoxicant of the saloon and must be dealt with accordingly. If the brewers are making an intoxicant under the guise of a temperance drink, they will be severely dealt with by grand juries. And if the former saloon men are selling it to children to "get even, as is declared, then its sale must be stopped and its manufacture be placed under the ban.

The people have voted for prohibition. They want no mock-prohibition. They will have no semi-booze, no illusory beer, no make-believe temperance. They want the real thing in temperance and are going to have it.

A WORLD-LANGUAGE.

The United States government, in sending a representative to the fourth international Esperanto congress to be held next week in Dresden, has officially recognized the new language.

Esperanto seems to be taking hold a little better than former made-to-order languages, but it is difficult to imagine its permanent success. It is well-advertised, but when it ceases to be a novelty, it will cease to attract.

The Esperantists insist that their language has taken a firm root throughout the world and will succeed. In proof, they cite the 753 Esperanto societies in existence, and the 55 periodicals given over to the movement.

But people with long memories recall Volapuk, which 20 years ago had two and a half million students, 300 societies and 23 journals, a great many for those days; but Volapuk vanished almost in a day after the international congress of 1889 in Paris.

Discriminating linguists say that Esperanto is easy to learn to read, but extremely hard to learn to speak on account of the frequent recurrence of difficult sounds.

It is by no means a simple language, although to attain simplicity should be one of the main objects of an international language. Esperanto will go the way of dozens of other world-languages.

It is no credit to Walla Walla to have it said that Indians and habitu-

al drunkards go there to spend their money for liquor. That is a sort of trade of which the Garden City cannot afford to boast much. Pendleton does not cater to this class of trade any more. She invites the man with the family to educate, the retired farmer who is seeking a live, busy, progressive yet moral town in which to live and spend his money. And she is getting many of these latter classes of people as a result of her improved moral atmosphere.

If anybody can get the facts from E. H. Harriman, Governor Chamberlain of Oregon can do it. The governor is simply irresistible. Harriman has been "up against" knotty problems in his railroad wars, but he has never encountered the Chamberlain smile before. It will be a new experience for the magnate anyway, and it may completely melt him and make him tell what is in store for Oregon.

Have you figured out yet just how much the new school books will cost?

ONLY WOMAN PROFESSOR.

For the first time in the history of Russia a woman holds the position of university professor. This is Dr. Douchakova, a graduate of Zurich and an expert in pathology. She successfully defined a thesis before being admitted to the faculty of the University of Moscow. The students will greet her with an ovation at her opening lecture. Her appointment is all the more extraordinary because Moscow university admits no women students.

CHINESE WOMEN.

At a meeting in New York recently Minister Wu said of the Chinese women: Our Chinese women do not get as much outdoor sunshine as you do. China is reforming now, it is true, but until recently Chinese women were kept indoors, not by force, but by custom. Now they begin to get out, but not with your spirit and independence. They live an indoor life, and so they are pale and very thin, or else stout and very fat from lack of exercise.

The color of lightning flashes vary from white to blue. Red is the commonest in forked lightning, with blue closely following, and orange and green less frequent. White is seen oftentimes in sheet lightning, red and yellow coming next. Hall usually comes in a thunderstorm with blue lightning.

A lazy man makes a strenuous effort to see how little he can accomplish.

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THE FATE OF REFORM.

The municipal street cars in Cleveland have not paid for the first two months, whereat there is great rejoicing throughout the house of Plunder, for these fool Cleveland people hope to keep a 3-cent fare. However, no big contract pays at the start. The contractors of the north bank road lost hundreds of thousands at the start. Tom Johnson has lost some skirmishes but no wars, and this municipal street car scheme is his fight. He will yet come out ahead of the game, wherein the prayers of the

feeders of nickels to various and many local transportation octopuses are with the jolly Tom for are they not anxious to feed their pets less?

A large system of electric signals has just been completed along the line of the Caledonian railway, Glasgow, which is the first installation of its kind in Scotland.

A Chicago church has installed electric footlights on the floor at each corner of the pulpit, to obviate objections of the pastor to the light falling on him from above.

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