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ENDEAVOR.

"What hast thou for thy scattered seed, O Sower of the plain? Where are the many gathered sheaves Thy hope should bring again?" "The only record of my work Lies in the buried grain." "O Conqueror of a thousand fields, In dented armor dight! What growths of purple amaranths Shall crown thy brow of might?" "Only the Blossom of my life Flung widely in the flight." "What is the harvest of thy saints, O God, who dost abide? Where grow the garlands of thy chiefs, In blood and sorrow dyed? What have thy servants for their pains?" "This only—to have tried." —By Julia Ward Howe.

SHUN THIS HABIT.

Of all undesirable citizens about the worst is the man who buys everything he can through mail order houses rather than from his home merchants. In every town there are some such people. They exist regardless of how extensive may be the stocks of the local merchants and regardless of the prices charged by the latter. Pendleton unfortunately has a few "mail order" cranks.

There are people in this town who foolishly send to Chicago and elsewhere for articles which they buy, without seeing them, at prices fully as high, when freight is considered, as they would be charged in this city. This is not good business on their part. It would be far better for them to patronize their home stores. They would then know exactly what they were getting; they would have the merchants guarantee back of the goods and in case of dissatisfaction the trouble could be readily adjusted. No such consideration is ever received from mail order houses. The man who buys from a mail order house takes a chance at getting something he wants. If he gets what he wants alright; otherwise he is a loser.

But aside from the fact that you can get better service from your home merchants there are other reasons why you should give them the benefit of your trade. The success of your town depends more upon the amount of business done by your merchants than upon anything else. When the merchants do well the town has a progressive air and there is advancement in every line. The merchants pay taxes that support local institutions; they contribute to all worthy causes; they assist new industries and are always working for the advancement of the city. In order to do this they must be patronized. By every consideration of justice and also as a matter of common business policy they are entitled to your patronage. Down with the mail order habit.

NOVEMBER 1910.

Commenting upon the closing of the Eastern Oregon normal school the Salem Capital Journal had the following:

"Daniel Webster lamented over the sacrifices of poor little Dartmouth. There is something peculiarly pathetic in the tragedy of an educational institution.

"The first of the three Oregon Normal Schools—the one at Weston—has been formally if not finally closed.

"By donations of citizens the senior class was able to be hurriedly graduated. An obligation of honor by the legislature has been repudiated.

"But the closing act in the educational drama was carried out decently, and in good order, and with all due formalities.

"The alumni met—with larger attendance than ever—had their banquet, there were the sermon, class play, orations, songs, valedictory, diplomas, benediction, farewells.

"There was a tremulo effect in President Franch's voice as he spoke the last words to the class, telling them the school stood for kindness, for doing good to others, for the principle of the vicarious life.

"Two gentlemen of modest abilities delivered addresses of appreciation, from the outside world.

"Trunks were packed, tickets bought the faculty scatters, books and pictures are put away, an inventory is taken by the state, padlocks put on, and all placed in charge of a caretaker.

"Thus ended the chronicle of the one backward step in the march of Oregon's development."

But while the immediate future looks dark for the Eastern Oregon normal there is hope ahead. The school may yet be saved by an appeal to the people under the initiative. Instead of moaning over the present situation the alumni and friends of the school should be busy with plans for presenting the merits of the school to the people of the state at the next election. The normal school "problem" has not yet been settled. It will be settled in November 1910.

KEEP IT GOING.

In placing the \$500 received from the woolen mill site into a park fund the city council took a wise step. The action shows that the mayor and councilmen realize the need of parks in this city and are ready to establish them as soon as possible. With the \$500 to start with it would seem that something might be accomplished at once.

This city may easily establish a number of small parks in localities where they will be convenient of access. The old north side cemetery may be converted into a plaza or park that will be a credit instead of a disgrace to the city. The old academy grounds on East Webb street may be made into a very nice outdoor resting place.

Then the little island opposite the Pendleton academy grounds might be secured for park purposes. Certain it is that with some improvement it could be made into a delightful spot. It would be a splendid place for picnics, band concerts and for a portion of the fourth of July festivities.

At this time a park system stands as Pendleton's greatest need. Every year the need becomes more imperative. A plan whereby some sort of park facilities may be secured for the city must be worked out soon. By placing the \$500 in the park fund the council has made a start. Keep the good work going until the parks are established.

The Washington legislature has been called together not to rectify a mistake but to hear some reports regarding officials, some of whom are in jail, others under indictment while others are merely under "clouds."

James J. Hill says that he cannot build any branch roads in Oregon but that he thinks some roads are badly needed. All Oregon gets is "sympathy."

The old Columbia is getting high and promises to duplicate the record it made in 1894.

THE FAITHFUL ONE.

I. In the storm and the strife—when the lightning of life Had blasted my dearest endeavor, She came to my side when the last hope had died, And whispered: "I love you forever!"

II. And the bitter unrest of a grief-stricken breast, Saw a star through the black shadows living, Knew a joy from above in the strength of that love That is wounded and yet lies forgiving.

III. And sorrow now seems but a phantom of dreams, And Peace shall depart from me ever; O'er Life's Valley of sighs—see—see! the lights in the skies!— For the whisper: "I love you forever!" —Atlanta Constitution.

THE HUDSON RIVER.

The Hudson river consists of two strips of advertisements as far as the eye can reach, inclosing a body of water filled with tug boats, microbes and floating folks of other descriptions.

Henry Hudson first discovered this famous river on his way to Troy to leave his collar and cuffs to be laundered after a long sea voyage.

Stepping ashore at the foot of Twenty-third street he gave orders to put up a city that for magnificence and corruption should never be equaled, and then he passed to West Point, started a parade ground, and then rested at Albany, where he opened a bureau of franchises otherwise known as the State Legislature. No doubt in the near future the Hudson will be used as a race course for aeroplanes. At present it is occupied with the duty of keeping New Jersey apart from New York.—Puck.

PATTI AND KING EDWARD.

In London one year, when the season was unusually long, says Adeline Patti, I well remember an amusing incident connected with the then Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII.

His royal highness having been persuaded that jealous feeling would be aroused in the breasts of rival prima donna if they sang the wrangling trio from "Il Matrimonio Segreto," thought of having a joke at their expense, and so caused Lucca, Nilsson and myself to receive an invitation to sing that piece. I, however, believed I could guess the prince's intention and arranged a counter plot with my colleagues, which succeeded perfectly.

At the matinee at Marlborough house we three conspirators drew out the trio with such mournful, stolid faces that the whole audience, with their humorous and royal host at their head, stared dumfounded at the automatic trio.—Selected.

What is Fame?

"We have no really famous men these days." "Oh, I don't know. I doubt if any crowd ever cheered Napoleon for an hour and 47 minutes."—Pittsburg Post.

A Little Too Much.

Dolly—When they came back from their wedding trip he had just \$2.98 in his pocket. Polly—The stingy thing!—Puck.

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ELIMINATING DEATH.

National efficiency depends partly on natural resources, partly on the integrity of social institutions, partly on human vitality, and is a reaction against the old fatalistic creed that deaths inevitably occur at a constant rate. The new motto is Pasteur's: "It is within the power of man to rid himself of every parasitic disease." Longevity varies in different times and places. The average length of life in Denmark and Sweden exceeds 50 years; in India it falls short of 25. In Europe it has increased in 350 years from less than 20 to over 40 years. In Massachusetts, in less than half a century, it has increased five years. As longevity increases, mortality decreases. The death rate in the "registration area" of the United States is 16.5 per thousand; in India it is about 42 per thousand. In European cities it varies from 16 to 40. The death rate has been decreasing during recent centuries. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it was 40 to 50, and during the past periods rose as high as 80. It is now 15. In Havana the death rate after American occupation fell from over 50 to about 20. The greatest reductions have been effected among children. The mortality beyond the age of 50 years has remained stationary. Special diseases have decreased, such as tuberculosis, which is now one third as prevalent as two generations ago; typhoid fever, which in Munich after the elimination of cess pools, decreased 97 per cent, and in Lawrence, Mass., after the introduction of a public water filter, decreased over 80 per cent. Smallpox has practically disappeared since vaccination was employed and yellow fever since its mosquito origin has been known.—American Life Magazine.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When a man marries it is just as legal for him to take his wife's name as for her to take his. Thus, if Mr. Johnson marries Miss Robinson they

can legally call themselves Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, if they please, says the Chattanooga Times.

So Chief Justice William B. Chew of the Ohio supreme court declared. The chief justice was discussing the case of the young woman of Irondele, Ohio, who refused to wed a man because she did not like his name, and the court would not let him change it. The young woman and the learned judge at Irondele had a colloquy something like this:

"His name is Beefsteak, and, although he is tender and true, I can not wed a man by that name. How does Mrs. Beefsteak sound, your honor?"

"Beefsteak is an honest and substantial name," said the judge. "I see no reason to change it. I suppose if his name was Lobster, or Truffles, or Pate-de-Pole-Gras, you would consider that aristocratic and marry him. By the by, what is your name, miss?" "Lamb."—Selected.

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