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COR CORDIUM.

Breathless and unforseen, it comes!—the hour When, on the breast of the Beloved, we feel Almost the secret sense of life reveal Its meaning, and the source of life its power;— When, as in some vast sunrise, like a flower, Our soul stands open and our eyes unseal, While all that fear and ignorance conceal Seems in perfection life's predestined dower. Then, as it were again the inward ear, We hold, in silence, like a chambered shell, The dazed one human heart—and seem to hear Forever and forever rise and swell And fall and fall on Death's eventful shore, Tragic and vast, Life's inarticulate roar! —George Cabot Lodge.

WOULD IT DO HERE?

Would it be well for Pendleton to adopt the commission plan of government in lieu of the present councilmanic system? The subject is well worth consideration at this time because a city election will be held in December and charter amendments may then be voted upon.

The commission plan, in substance, provides that the duties of managing municipal affairs shall be left to a mayor and two, or three, commissioners. Usually the officials devote their entire attention to official work and receive salaries in keeping with the work they have to do.

In behalf of the commission plan it is argued that it provides for a more thoroughly business like administration than may be secured otherwise. The responsibility is centered upon a few men instead of upon a dozen and as the officials receive pay they are expected to attend assiduously to business.

At this time Galveston, Des Moines, Charleston, S. C., and many other cities of that class are using the commission plan. The fact that the system is well liked wherever it has been tried is a good tribute to the merits of the plan.

Whether or not the commission plan would work well in a city the size of Pendleton is a more difficult question. There may be reasons why it would not work as well here as in cities the size of Galveston. At this time Pendleton has the service of a mayor and eight councilmen without cost. Would it be better to continue this system or substitute for it one whereby the number of officials would be lessened but those who did serve would receive compensation? This is a question local people might well ponder over at least.

IGNORANCE OR WEAKNESS?

In spite of the careful attempts on the part of partisan leaders to convince people that the "late lamented" revision of the tariff was a revision downward it is pretty well known that the schedules were not really lowered. Furthermore there is a very general belief that President Taft showed weakness, if not cowardice, in submitting as he did to the Aldrich dictation.

"Senator Dolliver made the remark the other day that there would be trouble when the people came to find out what the new tariff contains," says the Examiner.

"The bill is like those ancient parchment-rolls in which twenty classics were written one upon another until they become undecipherable by any save legal schvengers.

"Nobody knows what the tariff contains, except Mr. Aldrich and those accomplished scribes of his who have limned its weltering and cryptic schedules."

"Certainly Mr. Taft doesn't know."

"For the President is, of course, incapable of telling a deliberate lie in a solemn statement to the American people.

"And in his apology, issued on the signing of the bill, he said things about the contents of the tariff that are not so.

"He said, for example, that the cotton and silk schedules had been subjected to a revision downward, except as they related to the finer and fancier kinds of goods.

"The fact is, on the contrary, that the rates on the commoner kinds of silks and cottons, such as ordinary people use, have been scaled up higher than the finer kinds.

"Certainly a raise of two cents a yard on a six-cent calico is, to all practical intents and purposes, a bigger boost than is a rise of three cents on a twenty-cent fabric.

"When that day of trouble predicted by Senator Dolliver begins to arrive, Mr. Taft will need the services of some intercessory saint who shall stand and cry out to the people:

"Forgive him, for he knew not what he did!"

"Or, I wot that in ignorance he did this!"

A GREAT GATHERING.

Though its sessions have not been attended by any "blare of trumpets" the most important gathering the west has had this year was the annual meeting of the association of agricultural colleges and experiment stations just ended in Portland. Oregon should feel proud of the fact that this interesting national convention was held within the state and there is room for further felicitation over the fact that an Oregon man, Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, has been chosen president of the association for the coming year.

The convention was important because the men who attended it are engaged in a great work. Agriculture is the basis of most of the wealth of the world and whatever works for the advancement of the science of agriculture adds directly to the welfare of mankind. To improve the methods of farming is exactly what the agricultural college and experiment station men do. They seek out ways of making two blades of grass grow where but one grew before. They have already accomplished much along this line though they have not been at the work very long. As time goes on it is inevitable that they will fill a broader and broader field of usefulness, their counsel will be more willingly accepted by those who till the soil and as a result the world will be better fed than it has been in the past.

TWENTY TRAINS DAILY.

When the O. R. & N. company starts its new train service at 12 o'clock tonight a better service will be provided for local people and the number of trains in and out of the city will be increased. After today Pendleton will have ten passenger trains in and out of the city each day upon the main line; four passenger trains each day upon the Spokane-Pendleton branch; two each day upon the Pilot Rock branch, thus making a total of 16 O. R. & N. passenger trains each day. The Northern Pacific has four passenger carrying trains in and out of the city daily thus making a total of 20 passenger trains for Pendleton every 24 hours. This city is by far the greatest railroad center in the state outside of Portland.

By granting the demand of the farmers for lower warehouse charges the grain companies have exercised good judgment, though it is possible they acted too late to secure the usual amount of warehouse business this season. In raising the warehouse charges after they had promised to lower them the grain companies resorted to sharp practice. The farmers felt that they had been deceived purposely and very naturally they resented the action. To show their resentment and at the same time to secure exemption from the high warehouse charges they stacked their wheat in their fields. The warehouse companies have now given up the fight and the outcome is as it should have been.

Pendleton is the "wool town" of the northwest. It will handle six million pounds of wool this season. It has the most active scouring mill in the northwest and will very shortly have the most up-to-date woolen mill in the state.

The people of Pendleton can do much towards furthering the advancement of this city.

Depositor—Is the cashier in? President—N-o; he's gone away. Depositor—Ah! Gone for a rest, I presume? President (sadly)—N-o; to avoid arrest.

MISTAKES OF WOMEN.

I have nothing to do with the question of where women fail as a sex, but with where some women fail individually. One of the commonest mistakes that women make is failing to realize that it is their mission to understand men, and not to be understood by them. Men rarely understand the nature of women because it is so different from their own, so complex compared to theirs and so changeable. Many a strong man is ruined as a companion by a little delicate woman who started out to wait on him when first married. This is the natural instinct of the loving, womanly woman, but she would better stifle it if she knows what is good for her.

On the other hand, there are lots of women who seem to expect to be waited on, and this is as fatal as the other side of the picture. The woman who strikes the happy medium between being a baby wanting always to be made a fuss of, and a servant always ready to wait on her lord and master, is the woman who "manages" her husband.

Things don't go smoothly always in the best regulated households, and it is no good starting out to expect they will. When there is a fly in the ointment women resent it, and often brood in silence over real or fancied wrongs, or become scolds. They fail because they hold back from facing the trouble frankly and openly. If they would only do that, and discuss the matter quietly, the difficulty would almost at once disappear.

In spite of endless repetitions, the old adage that "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," is too frequently ridiculed or lost sight of. Yet it is true.

A man does not need to be a glutton to prove the importance of this saying. He may take very little thought what he shall eat or where-withal he shall be clothed, but if he gets his food badly cooked, resulting in dyspepsia, it may make him irritable; or, if it is badly served, he will probably be tempted to compare it with the nice way he gets his food in some restaurant or at his club. In any case, wife and home suffer.—Examiner.

COL. BOYD'S VERSION.

(Athens Press.)

Wood has been handed another tin medal. Governor Benson doubtless realizes that since the colonel has been carrying the Weston fountain around in his pocket, he merits recognition of some sort and the governor has been giving him a "shower" of appointments, which includes honors from a straw guard at the penitentiary on visitor's day, up to a delegate at the Trans-Mississippi congress. Even though there is nothing in it but a badge and an electric car ride or two—save the honor—really, men of affairs and consequences are expected to attend congress, and the governor's mistake in appointing Wood is at the same time rectified in the knowledge that the state will not be disgraced by his presence. It is evident that Benson is somewhat of a politician, inasmuch as the interstate commerce law against railroad passes easily relieves the governor of the stinging odium that would certainly result should the colonel be enabled to drag his miserable carcass within the portals of the congress. Benson is foxy. He can go on indefinitely making a tin shop out of Wood, and rest perfectly safe in the knowledge that his official generosity will never be known outside of what publicity the Weston Leader gives it.

CHARITY VERSUS JUSTICE.

Charity is applied religion. Religion that is not applied is not religion. Charity is the heart of religion and the religion of the heart. Charity is that high morality, which is the "science of minimizing human misery."

Religion is the root of the tree of life, Charity or social service must be its fruit. We can have no fruit without root, but we would have no tree of life that were all root or trunk, and that yield neither blossoms nor fruit. It may be true, as has been said that social science or service cannot take the place of religion, but it is not less true that religion cannot be without social service. Social teaching and religion are not to be substituted for each other. The social message of our day needs the last and largest uplift of religion, as truly as religion needs to be rehumanized and resocialized.—Stephen S. Wise, Ph. D., in The Pacific Monthly for September.

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