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THE LESSER MINISTRIES.

- A flower upon a threshold laid;
- A little kindness wrought unseen;
- I know not who love's tribute paid,
- I only know that it has made
- Life's pathway smooth, life's borders green.
- God bless the gracious hands that e'er
- Such tender ministries essay;
- Dear hands that help the pilgrim bear
- His load of weariness and care
- More bravely up the toilsome way.
- Oh, what a little thing can turn
- A heavy heart from sighs to song,
- A smile can make the world less stern!
- A word can cause the soul to burn
- With glow of heaven all night long!
- It needs not that love's gift be great—
- Some splendid jewels of the soul
- For which a king might supplicate.
- Nay, true love's least, at love's true rate
- Is the tithe most royal of the whole.
- James Buckman in "Our Dumb Animals."

A COLD BLOODED COURSE.

Jay Bowerman is so eager to become governor that he is willing to trample down friends as well as foes in order to gain votes. He is showing a spirit of selfishness that is rare even among machine politicians.

In his speech here Thursday night and in speeches delivered elsewhere in eastern Oregon Bowerman assailed Senator Bourne for allowing section nine of the irrigation law to be changed. That blow was also a blow at Congressman Ellis—a Bowerman supporter and one of the men who sat upon the platform with him the other night.

The amendment to the irrigation law was made in the house of representatives. Congressman Ellis was a member of the committee which adopted the amendment. If any member of the Oregon delegation is blameable for allowing that change made then it is Judge Ellis. Bowerman knew that when he made the unjust attack the other night.

Of course the charge that Oregon has suffered through the amendment to the irrigation law or that our delegation is blameable for that amendment is pure buncombe. The law was amended as has been explained before, because there are several western states contributing to the reclamation fund that have no feasible irrigation projects. It would be a criminal absurdity to force the government to do work in those states under the circumstances. The law should have been changed just as it was. States that have meritorious irrigation projects, as Oregon has, will not suffer. At least we have the promise of the president of the United States and of the secretary of the Interior that Oregon will lose nothing by the amendment.

All of this is well known to Bowerman. While at the army engineers banquet at Herrington not long ago he heard Congressman Ellis and Senator Chamberlain speak upon this subject. He heard them tell of the circumstances that brought about the amendment to the irrigation law.

But Bowerman is running for office and he is striving desperately to get away from the big issue in the campaign—which issue is assembly-ism. He is trying to make Bourne the issue and in doing so he is stabbing some of his best friends. In western Oregon he has placed Congressman Hawley "in a hole" through his attack on the tariff. Hawley acted as did Bourne with reference to the tariff bill. In eastern Oregon Bowerman is attacking Bourne with reference to the irrigation amendment. In

doing that he is also administering left handed jolts on Congressman Ellis.

By the course he is taking Bowerman is showing himself a very cold blooded sort of a politician. He presents the spectacle of a man who will deal unjustly and unfairly even with his own friends in order to advance his own personal interests. It is not an edifying spectacle.

HE DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT.

Those who favor political progress and want to see Oregon's reformatory laws upheld should vote for C. A. Barrett for joint senator. This regardless of party names and past party affiliations. Progressive democrats should support Mr. Barrett even though he is a republican. Partyism is not at issue.

In this campaign Mr. Barrett seeks re-election upon his record made during four years service in the house of representatives. He was elected as a statement No. 1 man and he kept faithfully the pledge he had made his constituents. This in spite of much pressure that was brought to bear upon him by those who wanted to break up the statement phalanx in the last legislature.

Representative Barrett was also faithful to his trust in other particulars. Being from the county where the eastern Oregon normal school is located it was his duty to uphold the interests of that institution. He did so and through last session was one of the normal school leaders in the house. He is from a section where wheatraising is the chief industry and where therefore the question of freight rates is of big importance. He showed his fidelity to the grain-growing interests of Umatilla county by introducing and working for a bill for the completion of the portage road at Cella.

Politically Mr. Barrett takes a course that should also commend him to the people of this county. He is not a machine man and refuses to line up with the would-be managers of his party in this county. He sought the nomination for joint senator in an open race. He went straight to the people for endorsement and not to the assembly. Obtaining the nomination in that manner he is under obligations only to his people and not to any clique or boss. That is the sort of men to place in office.

A REGRETTABLE AFFAIR.

That was a wretched and deplorable affair that occurred on Court street last evening following the close of the Darrow meeting. Such scenes as that bring disgrace to the fair name of this little city and add needless bitterness to the controversy that is in. It is up to the authorities and to the good people of this town to see that there are no more occurrences such as this.

Perhaps the ministers erred last night in trying to address the people as they came from the Darrow meeting. If so it was a case where their zeal overcame their better judgment. Their mistake does not excuse those who egged the speakers. That was an act of hoodlumism that is intolerable.

The ministers are guests of the city while here attending the synod session. They are entitled to courteous and hospitable treatment. Such treatment they are being accorded by the rank and file of the people of Pendleton. Responsible citizens deeply regret the riotous scenes of last night and they do so regardless of how they feel with respects to the liquor question.

Roosevelt says the republican party is progressive and that in time those who are not now in line will catch up. But some of the standpatters will have to hump themselves if they keep step with Roosevelt, La Follette, Beveridge et al.

The election is still three weeks distant yet considerable interest has already been generated and we have had one near riot. If things keep on at this pace some one is liable to become angry.

No one can blame President Taft for wanting to see the Big Ditch. It is one of the big sights of the world.

Gently, gently, brothers.

Mrs. Robinson—I could have married Brown or Jones if I'd wanted to, and both of these men I refused got rich, while you are still as poor as a church mouse.

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Some years ago two little Japanese scholars made a quiet tour through our country to find out, as they admitted, what was most significant about the woman's educational system of the West, says Robert Haven Schauflier in "Success Magazine."

They returned and started a university, the aim of which, in the words of its founder, is "to impart higher education to the daughters of Japan with the object of enabling them satisfactorily to discharge their duties as women, wives and mothers, fully equipped with ideas and knowledge, in touch with the progress of the nation and the world."

That university today is the largest woman's college in the world, if one includes the model schools. "In all the courses"—I quote from an article by Dr. Theodate Smith of Clark University—"psychology, child study, ethics, hygiene, education and nursing of children, and history of the fine arts are required. There is a dormitory system and the students share in the household work. Students in advanced classes hold in turn the position of head woman (Shufu) and then learn the management of a home under the supervision of a matron appointed by the university."

Then the Japanese learned of us. Now we have to learn of them. And we have to remember that that nation which first consistently works out the eugenic ideal, as this university is working it out, is destined to rule the world. As Dr. Saleeby well says: "The history of nations is determined not on the battle-field but in the nursery, and the battalions which give lasting victory are battalions of babies. The politics of the future will be domestic."

ORIGIN OF NAVAL ORANGE.

After a series of experiments, some of them costly failures, the southern California colonists finally evolved the "fittest" product for their soil and market and that was the Bahia orange or, as it is now called, the Washington naval orange. In December, 1873, L. C. Tibbetts, a Riverside colonist, received by mail from a friend at Washington, D. C., two small orange trees that had been imported by the United States agricultural department from San Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. This variety is seedless and of fine flavor. The tree does not grow tall like the seedling and its branching from near the ground reduces greatly the cost of picking the fruit. The Bahia orange became immensely popular. Buds were taken from the parent trees as fast as they could be obtained and inserted into the seedling trees. The descendants from these two trees number up into the millions.

Tibbetts died a few years since in very straightened circumstances. He was a public benefactor. The trees he introduced have been a source of untold benefit to the people of California. Men have been immortalized as heroes and canonized as saints for far less good to humanity than he did. One of the original trees, now grown old and somewhat decrepit, has recently been presented to the City of Riverside. It is a living monument to the memory of Tibbetts.—J. M. Quinn, in the October Pacific monthly.

Known to Happen.
 "When a mob rushed on the field the umpire lost his dignity, all right."
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