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**A BIT OF EXPERIENCE.**

I have met with a good many people  
 In jogging o'er life's varied way.  
 I've encountered the clever, the simple,  
 The crabbed, the grave and the gray.  
 I have traveled with beauty, with virtue,  
 I have been with the ugly, the bad.  
 I have laughed with the ones who were merry  
 And wept with the ones who were sad.  
 One thing I have learned in my journey—  
 Ne'er to judge one by what he appears.  
 The eyes that seem sparkling with laughter  
 Oft battle to keep back the tears,  
 And long, sanctimonious faces  
 Hide often the souls that are vile.  
 While the heart which is merry and cheerful  
 Is often the freest from guile.  
 And I've learned not to look for perfection  
 In one of our frail human kind.  
 In hearts the most gentle and loving  
 Some blemish or fault we can find.  
 But yet I have ne'er found the creature  
 So low, so depraved or so mean,  
 But had some good impulse, some virtue,  
 That 'mong his bad traits might be seen.

—Selected.

**WHERE GOOD MEN FAIL.**

Good men go wrong in politics by paying no attention to who gets control of their party machinery and too little attention to nominations. Often he wakes up to find that his party has been mismanaged. This is especially true in the populous centers like New York.

In its Progress of the World department the American Review of Reviews discusses this proposition and in doing so says:

"To the state and local bosses of the republican party, it has been very much more important to keep in control of the machinery of the party than to see that a high-class successor to Governor Hughes should be nominated and elected. Yet the great body of republican voters in the state of New York is composed of honest men, and the kind of administration given to the state by Governor Hughes is a thing that hundreds of thousands of republicans believe in and desire. These honest and well-meaning republicans are in a large majority and ought to be able to have influence, and at important moments they ought to control the action of their party. But, unfortunately, they are busy men who have not found it easy to make themselves felt as against the professional politicians who run the caucuses and conventions and who handle the money that is contributed from improper sources for selfish reasons. This is why Governor Hughes made his insistent demand for direct primaries, and for a method in general of enabling the rank and file of a party to have due influence in the party's organization and in its selection of candidates."

The criticism was intended solely for a state that has not yet obtained the direct primary system. As a matter of fact it applies also, though with much less force, to a state that has a direct primary law.

**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?**

The Weston normal school was voted down by the people of the state. So eastern Oregon will have no normal and the young people of this section who wish to teach will have to continue going to Ellensburg, Cheney and Lewiston for instruction. However Umatilla county cannot well complain of the action taken by the rest of the state. The defeat of the

normal school appropriation two years ago was partly due to the work of Dr. Cole, one of the senators from this county. This year the republican county central committee, or at least its chairman, passed out cards calling for the defeat of the normal right in its home county. It may also be remarked that this county failed to reelect Senator Smith who had fought ably and consistently for the normal.

What can a county expect that turns down its best friends and nurtures a political machine that thinks more of petty political revenge than it does of the educational interests of this county?

**EXONERATES THE CAT.**

Woods Hutchinson, well known medical writer and formerly a resident of Oregon, smashes the old tradition that cats sometimes suck the breath of infants. In a recent issue of Success magazine he says:

"The sole basis for this belief appears to be a few scattered instances of children having been found dead in bed with a cat in the room. Inasmuch as there are several rare conditions which may produce sudden death in young children, without previous warning, notably swelling of the thymus gland, and a cat is as much a part of the ordinary furniture of most houses as a chair, the relation between the death of a child and the presence of a cat is obviously no more than could be accounted for as a coincidence. Cats, like 'Mister Casey,' are 'epicures in schlapin' and very fond of soft, warm beds, and this may lead them to curl up in a baby's crib. If the baby happens to be very young or weak, or the cat unusually heavy, and it should curl up on the baby's chest, the child's respiration might be seriously interfered with. But unless the cat lay right over its mouth and the baby was so feeble, or so swathed or bound down that it could neither cry out nor get its arms loose, it is almost inconceivable that any serious, let alone fatal, suffocation could occur."

Dr. Hutchinson exonerates the cat from a long standing charge. Yet the exoneration is not complete after all.

**CHANGING.**

In the olden days the solid south stood against the protective tariff system and the democratic party upheld states rights in preference to federal control. It has already come to pass that the south has joined in the clamor for protection for southern industries. Those who run the iron and cotton mills of the south want to increase their dividends by keeping out foreign competition. The pineapple growers of Florida are in the same situation.

Now we have the republicans of the west, or many of them at least, clamoring for state conservation in preference to federal control. They want state control of the forest reserves and state control of streams. On the other hand some very conspicuous democratic leaders are for the Roosevelt-Pinchot style of conservation. They say the only effective conservation is federal conservation.

These changing sentiments are features of the gradual political realignment that is underway.

Returns show that had the good people of the east end only known it they could have saved themselves much trouble and expense. Also they could have spared Pendleton more or less anxiety.

Pendleton was promised a new theatre if the city went wet. Now let us have it. Assuredly the city is wet and besides we need a new playhouse.

The most important question now confronting Pendleton is "Can we stand prosperity?"

The state that does not have a democratic governor next year will be out of date.

If the women of Oregon want to vote they should let the men know about it.

Most people meant that this county should be wet but not too wet.

**CONSERVATION OF THE CLAM.**

The succulent American clam is growing scarce; everybody eats him; nobody conserves him at all, says a writer in Success Magazine. State and national governments guard the fish from extinction; the lobster industry is protected as if it were a tender, helpless steel trust; the oyster is personally conducted through a perilous infancy, but there is nothing to stand between the clam and the ultimate consumer. From Maine to Carolina comes the sad news that the noble race of clams is facing extinction. Constant attendance at shore dinners has brought their downfall.

Something will have to be done in a national, constructive, statesmanlike way if we would save our grandchildren from clamlessness. Unless we institute a closed season and prohibit free clamming, another generation will not know the delights of the little neck in the half shell, the chowder, the baked, fried and steamed clam.

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**WOODROW WILSON.**

New Jersey is the scene this fall of a political campaign in which every citizen of the state is keenly interested, but not Jersey alone; the whole country has fixed its gaze on New Jersey as never before. The newspapers, not only of New York and Philadelphia, but throughout the union, are probably giving more space to New Jersey affairs at the present moment than in any previous campaign of that state within the memory of living men. From the limbo of parochial politics New Jersey has suddenly emerged; for the first time in many years her concerns have a place in the nation's thought. This is because the state's most eminent citizen has accepted the nomination of the minority party for the governorship and is actively seeking election to that high office. From the moment when President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, was nominated by the democratic state convention at Trenton to succeed the republican Governor Fort it was everywhere foreseen that the state campaign of 1910 would mark an epoch in New Jersey's political history. This was notably an instance of the office seeking the man and very distinctly for Dr. Wilson's equipment is exceptional, his fitness for the governorship is unquestioned.

The fact that a man of such engaging qualities as a leader willingly resigns from the presidency of Princeton to challenge the supremacy of one of the most strongly entrenched party organizations in the country does not fail to impress itself on the American imagination. It is this that makes the New Jersey canvass interesting—not the money that is being spent by the "ins" or the "outs," not the well-worn campaign shibboleths of either party, not the charge of extravagance in state administration; for all these things are taken for granted. The one thing that is new is a personality, and upon that personality is focused just now the attention of the whole country.—From "Woodrow Wilson and the New Jersey Governorship" in the American Review of Reviews for November.

**FROM THE FARM.**

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And from the farms a steady stream of men goes to answer the call. You find them in the offices, in the factories, in the stores of the great cities. They are doing much of the world's work today, and they will always be doing it; for the farm grows just that kind of men.

The world gets its best from the farm; and there is a plenty left. Let's be thankful for that!—From November Farm Journal.

**WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.**

The fact that women are in a period of transition, that they are just breaking loose from the enslavement within the four walls of the home, explains the many discomforts and hardships which they are forced to endure.

Transition necessarily means pain and sorrow. But now that women have started on this journey of transition there is no turning back.

Some who object to women in men's colleges would shut the door to them, others point to the suffering they endure in the industrial world and advocate shutting them out of industry also, but this cannot be done. The only thing to do is to throw open the doors the wider and let them enter in.

In France and Germany the many departments of industry which are carried on by women, and which make such a large part of the life of women drudgery is due to the militarism of the countries. If women knew what militarism had done for them there would be less admiration for brass buttons and shoulder straps.

The period of transition from the old idea of woman's position to the modern one has been marked with suffering. With the Italian awakening, the beginning of the Renaissance came the idea that marriage is something more than a physical and biological union. The idea came that

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Take the educational world. The first step in women's education was the "finishing" school, where she was prepared properly to decorate a drawing room. For 25 years higher education has been the vogue until men are now protesting against the influx of women into the colleges.

You will find the vocational courses crowded with men, and the courses which deal with the cultivation of life crowded with women. Men are ashamed to come into the latter. It is the old sex spirit cropping out.

In the religious world it is the same. Preachers are complaining that the churches are filled with women. The men are absorbed with business, which now has the same relative importance that militarism formerly had, and are indifferent to the church.

In the industrial world which has been thrown open to women we find that women have gone into nursing, medicine, fine arts, all of which deal with the person. They are most successful in things that bring immediate personal approval. They are least in the activities that take initiative and involve a long period of waiting before there is personal recognition of achievement.

Whatever makes for the equality of man and woman makes for progress. Moral equality does not mean identity. The greatest argument for giving

equal political rights to both sexes is that it would help to place the relationship of men and women on an equality. Goethe said "the eternal woman leads us ever upward and on." The eternal woman leads us upward and on, and she can take comfort in the belief that pain is a sign of life and that life is infinitely worth while.—E. H. Riggs.

**DEEMED IT A TONGUE.**

"The self-made man is splendid," said Andrew Carnegie at a dinner in Washington, "if he makes himself a mental and spiritual no less than a financial success. Too many self-made men neglect the intellectual side. This sometimes—at commencements, for example—puts them at a disadvantage."

"I know of a self-made man who said at a commencement to his nephew:

"Well, Tommy, my son, what do they teach you here?"

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