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addressing the school directors of this county at a meeting at the court house Saturday. This is an intimation that at the present time there is inadequate supervision of the country schools. It was a timely remark for it is notorious that country schools are not closely supervised.

It is also pretty clear to well informed people that we cannot have much supervision of county schools under the system now followed. In Oregon county school superintendents are officers rather than school superintendents. They do not employ the teachers in the various districts, nor can they discharge them if they find them incompetent. They do well if they visit each school once a year.

Would it not work an improvement to have the clerical work of the county superintendent done by a clerk and to have the county superintendent made a superintendent in fact as well as in name?

THE "PENDLETON PLAN."

The saloon ordinance just adopted by the Pendleton council is receiving praise abroad. Commenting upon the "Pendleton plan" of saloon regulation the Oregon Journal says:

"A new ordinance in Pendleton is rigorous in its regulation of saloons. It fixes the license at \$1200 a year and prohibits the use of all blinds or screens. There can be but a single room, and there must be no loitering. Many rigid restrictions of similar character seem to give assurance that the saloon business in Pendleton will closely approximate the modern idea of saloon regulation.

"By contrast, the Pendleton plan evidences the transformation that is going on in the liquor traffic. It is useless to claim that the widespread agitation of local option and prohibition has not been effective. The proof that it has been an agitation with definite results is seen in the contrast between the future Pendleton saloon and the dives and deadfalls that used to be familiar sights in all towns and cities."

It might be added that it is also a part of the "Pendleton plan" that the ordinance shall be enforced.

FULFILLMENT.

No, no, the falling blossoms is no sign
Of loveliness destroyed and sorrow mute;
The blossom sheds its loveliness divine;
Its mission is to prophesy the fruit.

Nor is the day of love forever dead.
When young enchantment and romance are gone;
The veil is drawn, but all the future dread
Is lightened by the finger of the dawn.

Love moves with life along a darker way,
They cast a shadow and they call it death;
But rich is the fulfillment of their day;
The purer passion and the firmer faith.

—George Meredith.

PROTECT THE SETTLERS.

It will be too bad if the glory of the Furnish irrigation project is in any way clouded by the litigation that is now on between W. J. Furnish and his associates of the Inland Irrigation company and Dr. H. W. Coe, head of the colonization company.

The Furnish project is a great enterprise and for a time it looked like it would be the one private irrigation project in eastern Oregon to go through without trouble. The land under the project is good land and well adapted to irrigation. With the completion of the reservoir at Horse-shoe curve the problem of the water supply seems to be fully solved.

At this time most of the land under the project has been sold and a considerable body is under cultivation. Within a few years it is going to be highly productive land and will sustain a large population. Needless to say the fertility of the land under the project will not be affected by the litigation that is on.

It is also satisfactory to note that the suit just filed seems to represent a controversy purely between Messrs. Furnish and Coe and does not particularly affect settlers upon the project. Still their best interests will be served by a speedy settlement of the disputes that are on. It is incumbent upon both sides to the controversy to see that settlers do not suffer losses. Those who know W. J. Furnish and his record as a business man of this city will grant that he will do his utmost to "save harmless" the people who have invested in the project that bears his name. Doubtless Dr. Coe will do the same for it was through his work that the project was colonized.

KEEP IT NEAR HOME.

Naturally there is something thrilling in the thought that the stars and stripes wave above the heads of over 100,000,000 people. But the flag of this republic will wave more peacefully and securely if it is not taken too far away from home. There are many people who would like it better had Old Glory never been hoisted to the breezes farther west than Hawaii. Where the flag is once raised there we must defend it and the experience of Russia shows it is a hard matter for a white power to go into the orient and wage successful war with the "people who live there. Perhaps there will never be any necessity for the United States to wage another war in the far east. Yet there may be.

LITERARY NOTE.

The War Department has informed Maor H. H. Sargent—who is now stationed in the Philippines—that his three standard military works, "Napoleon Bonaparte's First Campaign," "The Campaign of Marengo," "The Campaign of Santiago de Cuba" will hereafter be included in the list of books available for issue or sale to the organized militia on requisition being made for them and that they are being included in War Department circulars containing lists of books thus recognized and used. The books here referred to, which are published by A. C. McClurg & Co., have for some time been regarded as standard and the one dealing with the Cuban campaign is not only recognized as a remarkably well written piece of work, but has taken its place as the one definitive history and text book of the campaign.

IMPORTANT NOTE.

Troy and Margaret West Kinney the well known New York artists, will spend the winter in Spain, partly for pleasure and recreation, partly to study, and partly to execute an important commission placed in their hands by Messrs. A. C. McClure & Co. They are to make a series of paintings for Messrs. McClure to illustrate the translation of Senor Vicente Blasco Ibanez's great story of bull-fighting, "Sangre y Arena," which will be brought out next fall. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are to make a study of the scenes depicted, and it is safe to say that the pictures will be one of the artistic events of next year's publishing season. The story has been put into English by Mrs. Charles

Frances Lummis, who ranks very high as a translator from the Spanish, and her rendering will have the approval of Senor Ibanez himself. The book will be brought out under the title of "Blood of the Arena."

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Washington rumor has it that his physicians have ordered "Uncle Joe" Cannon to let up on the number of the famous black cigars which he smokes daily. Uncle Joe is reported to have casually remarked that he has won out in bigger battles than a fight against cigars, and he expects to consume his customary number of the fragrant weed.

The most important recommendations in President Taft's annual message relate to the tariff, the Panama canal, a federal incorporation law to make more effective the corporation tax law, a ship subsidy bill, reciprocity with Canada and some effective form of government for Alaska.

Ex-United States Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire, has just said to the effect that the least important man in the world is the man who has voted on election day.

Uncle Shelby S. Cullom, senior Senator from Illinois, is one of the old guards of the upper house. He has just celebrated his eighty-first birthday and has been in the senate without a break since 1883. His term expires in 1913.

New York democrats declare that Colonel Roosevelt has a following which will have to be reckoned with in the republican national convention of 1912. Before that time rolls round the Colonel, they say, will essay to overtures to the Taft administration or will endeavor to become hand in glove with the wing of the republican party led by LaFollette, Cunnings, Bristol and Stubbs. In other words, according to the democratic theory, Colonel Roosevelt and his followers will go to the highest bidder.

In Rhode Island the fight for Senator Aldrich's seat is going to be lively. Henry F. Lippitt, a prominent mill man and republican has announced his candidacy, while the young men of the state are for Judge LaBaron C. Colt, who has a wide reputation as a jurist and an orator.

Henry A. Wise, United States District Attorney, who is trying to have the sugar trust dissolved, is planning on a two-year fight before this famous case is ended. Mr. Wise is credited with having an ambition to rise higher in the government service, with a particular preference for an Assistant Attorney Generalship.

Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey has already donned the toga of a leader—he hates the term "boss." Getting down to the heart of the situation in the democratic party, he found that the "machine's" candidate was as much of a boss as the most rabid old guard republican. Immediately he served notice that new blood must be infused or there would be "nothing doing."

THAT AWFUL STORY.

Yes, it must have been a corker
In the Neolithic era
When some primitive New Yorker
Said: "Say, how'dja like to hear a
Funny story—It's the latest?
And he'd start, and they'd look
pleas'd
(Though the female and the straight
Laced male persons were not present.)

"Twas an aged tale, this hummer—
(Though the teller always wort
that
It befell himself that summer—
Nonsense! Faked up years before
that)

When some thousand decades after
In old Karnac (see description)
It was still retailed with laughter
(Women barred) to the Egyptians.

LITERARY NOTE.

The West, with its history, romance and heroism, is developing its own writers and chroniclers, and of these none display greater promise than Joseph Mills Hanson. His first work appeared about one year ago—"The Conquest of the Missouri," devoted to the development and settlement of the Whites of the vast territory known as the Missouri River Valley. The long and deadly controversy between the Whites and Indians is graphically described, and it may be said that Mr. Hanson's narrative of the "Custer Silver Blade," and Will Littlebridge's "Ben Blair." Mr. Carver will take the books up in the order named, and the first play will be ready in the spring.

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Messrs. A. C. McClurg & Co. have under way for publication in the fall of 1911, what promises to be one of the most important fiction enterprises of the year. This is a translation by Frances Douglas (Mrs. Charles F. Lummis), of Senor Vicente Blasco Ibanez's great story of bull fighting, "Sangre y Arena." Senor Ibanez ranks very high among the novelists of Spain and his story is a vivid and realistic picture of Spanish life, and especially of the national pastime, which has probably never been excelled in literature. Mrs. Lummis is an accomplished Spanish scholar and her English rendering will have the approval of Senor Ibanez himself. The book will be brought out under the title of "The Blood of the Arena," and will be illustrated in full color by Troy and Margaret West Kinney who are spending the winter in Spain partly to execute this important commission.

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FUNSTON'S CLOSE CALL.

At the ranges at which they had been fought earlier in the day the shell would follow the flash so quickly that one scarcely had time to move, but now at twelve hundred yards one could dive to cover if he lost no time. Immediately after sighting Cayo Hueso I had been climbing part-way up on the parapet to the windward of the smoke to observe the effects of my own shots. Whenever in this position I saw the flash of the enemy's gun I would yell "Down!" and would drop into one of the short ditches with the others. Finally I took a foolish notion that this getting down with such haste looked undignified, and that I would do no more of it. So when the next flash came I gave the warning cry and stood my ground. A couple of seconds later I was literally hurled backward through the air for fifteen or twenty feet, landing on my head and shoulders and being half buried under earth and poles and at almost the same instant heard the explosion of the shell. I heard Menocal cry out, "My God, he is cut in two!" and a second or so later was half drowned under a deluge of filthy water.

Colonel Garcia had picked up a bucket containing the water in which the sponge used in swabbing out one of the guns from time to time had been dipped, and had poured it over me. About a year ago I inquired of him as to the object of this well-meant attention and was informed that it had been the only thing handy and that water is always good for people. This having been the color and consistency of printer's ink, I certainly was not a very inspiring object when helped to my feet, and was not fit to appear in polite society without a change of raiment and a bath. The shell had pierced the parapet about two feet from me and had burst some twenty feet beyond. But my revenue was coming, and in about two shots more the offending gun was dismantled and the enemy left without artillery.—From "A Defeat and a Victory," by Gen. Frederick Funston, in the December (Christmas) Scribner.

WHICH?

We have, then, three great forces in the republican situation; Roosevelt, La Follette and Taft.

All summer President Taft has been engaged in an attempt to harmonize the progressive wing with the standpaters. He had sent Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, westward to effect such harmonization; he had dispatched his private secretary, Charles Norton, on the same mission. But the conflict was as irrepressible as that which brought on the civil war; the progressives had for the time parted company with the standpaters; and within the republican party was being fought a war which must inevitably result in the elimination of one of its elements.

Either the progressives or the regulars must dominate in the National convention of 1912. There could be no compromise. The movement for popular government, in which Oregon and Wisconsin had led the way, had gained the necessary momentum that some medium had to be developed to carry that movement to its full fruition. If the progressives won control of the republican party, probably that party would be entrusted by the American people with the task of governing the country, for the ensuing period. If the standpaters procured the ascendancy, then the forces which have been generated for the cause of popular government would turn elsewhere. Nor the waning of the popularity of any man could stop it. It had gone beyond the personal, to the fundamental, beyond the hanging on the political fortunes of one or more men, to the certainty of success with the people in the saddle.—John Latrop in December Pacific Monthly.

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