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THE CELESTIAL LOVE.

Their chords of love so public are
 They intertwine the farthest stars;
 The throbbing sea, the quaking earth,
 Yield sympathy and signs of mirth;
 Is none so high, so mean is none,
 But feels and seals this union.
 Love's hearts are faithful but not fond,
 Bound for the just, but not beyond;
 Not glad, as the low-loving herd,
 Of self in other still preferred.
 But they have heartily designed
 The benefit of broad mankind.
 And they serve men austerely,
 After their own genius, clearly
 Without a false humility;
 For this is Love's nobility—
 Not to scatter bread and gold,
 Goods and raiment bought and sold;
 But to hold fast his simple sense,
 And speak the speech of innocence,
 For he that feeds men serveth few,
 He serves all who dare be true.
 —Emerson.

GOING FORWARD.

In the educational world the tendency to combine the practical with the theoretical is becoming more and more pronounced. Schools seek to give instruction that will be "useful as well as ornamental." The idea is now recognized that true culture may be derived from a study of practical, everyday subjects as well as from pondering over dead issues. At the same time a knowledge of practical affairs fits the student for the active duties of life. The modern idea is that the lamp of learning should not be the feeble glow that the ancients knew but that it should blaze high and strong and send forth its rays to really lighten and warm the world.

In taking up with this modern tendency the Pendleton schools are abreast of the times. The Pendleton high school is the first institution of its sort in the state to establish a course in agriculture. It is a proper subject to be taught in the schools of this city because this section relies upon agriculture more than upon any other industry. It is gratifying to know that the course is proving popular.

But the school board should not stop here and it is not the intention of the board to do so. It is the desire of the board to apply the principle of practical culture to the young ladies as well as to the young men attending the high school. It is the intention to establish a course in domestic science as quickly as possible. In household science classes girls are taught cooking, needlework and other useful things. Incidentally they are given lectures upon subjects highly beneficial to them.

As the East Oregonian understands it the school board proposes to establish a domestic science course immediately upon the completion of the proposed new high school which will provide room for the new department. The course is needed and the board is moving in the right direction.

DON'T OPEN THE GATE.

The south is beset with a race problem that grows in seriousness as the colored population increases in numbers. The race problem down there is like a great cloud across the sky and it is a constant menace to the peace and happiness of the southern people. The race problem more than anything else serves to block the progress and development of the south. What the end will be no man knows. The west also has a race problem, due to the presence of orientals. Thus far the question has not become serious in Oregon at least, owing to the fact that the influx of Asiatics has been restricted. For years a Chinese exclusion law has been in effect

and the coming of the Japanese has also been restricted. But it is now reported that President Taft is negotiating a treaty under which Japanese coolies may be admitted to America without restriction. Should such a treaty be made with Japan the west will soon have a race problem, slightly different, yet just as serious as that which confronts the south.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

Many local farmers oppose the propaganda of the state good roads association because they fear that the money appropriated is to be expended in the construction of a great state highway from the Columbia river to the California line.

But there is no bill before the legislature that provides for any such highway. The highway commission bill calls for the improvement of roads in the various counties. The county courts are to say what roads shall be improved and are to expend the money. The state will pay half the expense incurred.

As the East Oregonian understands the matter the proposition of a great cross state highway is a scheme that has never been seriously considered and has never been sanctioned by the good roads leaders who are back of the measures now before the legislature. Those who are opposing the good roads propaganda through fear of a cross state highway misunderstand the situation entirely.

If the good roads measures are defeated their defeat will be due to mistaken opposition on the part of the very people who stand to reap the chief benefits from the passage of the bills.

THE "ROLLER" IS NEEDED.

With practically no legislation yet accomplished and with only three weeks of the session remaining it is about time the legislators were getting down to business. In using "steam roller" methods to force the members of the house to hold sessions and to grind out the work before them Speaker Rusk is taking the right course. There is grave danger when the legislature leaves too much work for the closing days of the session. It is when the closing days are overcrowded that jobs are perpetrated and when things are done that would not be tolerated were the majority of members aware of the same.

It is also timely to remark that the initiative and referendum owe much of their popularity to the fact that people know the legislature often does slipshod and uncertain work.

ENLIGHTENMENT.

I was so dull, the whole wide earth spread gray,
 And the birds were quiet, and the spring
 Was meaningless, and time was overlong—
 Until a little god paused on his way
 Across the world to beg companionship,
 And through the silence rang a wondrous song!

Now I am wise—and every barren place
 Breaks into bloom. I hear the birds rejoice,
 And spring speaks whispered words to me apart.
 For I have seen the comfort of love's face,
 And I have known the music of love's voice,
 And I have felt the beating of love's heart.
 —Charlotte Becker.

THAT POOR HUSBAND.

For six months he had not smoked a cigar.
 For the same length of time he had eaten cheap lunches.
 Many and many a time he had walked to save street car fare.
 He had had his winter overcoat dyed black, instead of buying a new one.
 He hadn't bet on election, and he had held the lodge off on his dues.
 Yes, Mr. Perkins had saved and economized and buckled right down to hard pan, and three days before Christmas he had it in his hip pocket—a diamond ring for Mrs. Perkins. He was a proud man when he played Santa Claus. It was received with an "Oh, George!" that paid him for all his sacrifices. It was a happy, merry breakfast up to the last moment.

Then a shadow was seen on Mrs. Perkins' face, and she hitched about uneasily and gave Mr. P. a suspicious look.

What was wrong? Would she have preferred a steam yacht to the ring?
 "Wife, what is it?"
 No answer.
 "Tell me, wife."
 "Mr. Perkins," she said as she turned to him with pale and determined face, "are those real diamonds or only rhinestones?"

POLYGAMOUS CITIES.

In the February McClure's Burton J. Hendrick, in his article on "The Mormon Revival of Polygamy," says, in speaking of the many plural marriages made since the manifesto: "The desire for self-protection and secrecy has led to the establishment of several polygamous settlements. There are two within trolley-car distance of Salt Lake City—Forestdale and Bountiful. The polygamists sometimes maintain their 'legal' families in Salt Lake, and stow away their celestial households in one of these places. Here, likewise, they send their wives for their confinements; the Mormons themselves com-

monly refer to such penetra as 'lambing-grounds.' Forestdale in the suburb of the polygamous elite. Somewhat further down in the social scale is Bountiful. This place houses one thousand people, nearly all Mormons. Its history is redolent of polygamy; one of the sights pointed out to visitors is an old cellar in which polygamists used to secrete themselves in the days of the anti-polygamous raids. Even the children now talk these things over. 'My papa's been in the pen,' a little girl was recently heard to say. 'He's got two wives you know.' The frequent complication of names betrays the existence of polygamous households. There is a Mrs. Jones, for example, whose little girl is entered in the public school as Helen Cannon. In fact, 'Mrs. Jones' is the 'new' polygamist wife of George M. Cannon of Salt Lake City. This same Cannon has still another plural wife in Bountiful. There is a Mrs. Pierce whose child is entered under the name of Duffin."

JANUARY 30 IN HISTORY.

1804—Munge Park, the famous explorer, started on his second expedition to Africa, which cost him his life.

1805—The French fleet sailed from Toulon with 8000 troops, to occupy the ports of Sicily and Naples.

1830—Ten thousand Mexicans ordered to the borders of Texas to prevent the smuggling so largely carried on through Texas by Americans.

1841—Town of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, consisting of about 600 buildings, destroyed by fire.

1852—King of Naples confiscated the property of Neapolitan emigrants.

1854—The Tehuantepec railroad opened in the presence of leading officials of the Mexican government.

1861—North Carolina submitted the convention question to the people. This was the first instance of the will of the people being consulted in regard to the question of secession.

1864—Bishop Ames of the Methodist Episcopal church, acting for the war department, took possession of the Methodist churches of New Orleans and assigned army chaplains to preach in them.

1865—The military court at Cincinnati sentenced S. B. Davis to be hanged as a confederate spy.

1879—Marshal McMahon resigned the presidency of the French republic and succeeded by M. Jules Grevy.

1884—Bodies of Lieutenant De Long and other members of the Jeannette Arctic expedition escorted through the streets of Moscow, en route to the United States.

1905—Russia's estimated loss in Hun river battle, 10,000; Japan's 5,000.

1910—At San Francisco, Dorando Pietri defeated Johnny Hays in a Marathon run. Time, 1:49.29.

Ex-Queen Lillokaulahi visited Boston.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman gave \$113,000 to New York Boy's club.

Mrs. D. W. James, New York, gave \$180,000 to charity.

Alice, Irene and Adolph Lewishohn gave to the Hebrew Sheltering Asylum of New York, \$310,000.

BETTER MANNERS.

(Philadelphia Press.)

That the world moves and grows better can easily be proved by any observing person. Such a one records what he observed in his daily walk in the streets of this city. In several cases the good manners were of a spontaneous sincerity that makes one's heart glow.

A hurried man was observed to brush against an old woman selling knock-knocks, knocking one or two small envelopes to the pavement. A few steps, and he halted, turned, and saw the trivial damage inflicted. He hastened back, gathered up the envelopes and placed them on the old woman's tray, saying:

"Pardon me, madam. It was an accident. I was in a hurry and thinking."

As he lifted his hat, his eye caught the sign announcing contents of envelopes. "Wait," he said, handing out a quarter, "my boy can you use some of these."

At Tenth and Chestnut streets the lamp post was covered with fresh green paint, and a sign to that effect. Another man, this time a young one, in deep thought, would have brushed off a good share of the paint with his sleeve had not a stranger reached out. "Wake up, Bill!" "Bill" looked at the sign, grinned sheepishly, and said: "Thank you."

Perhaps the most beautiful incident noticed was that of an old lady, a dainty little woman who might have floated through the pages of "Cranford." Her old-fashioned bonnet, with black strings, covered snow-white hair, her cloak a frame that was too weak to swing the big door she tugged at. Twice she tried and twice its weight thrust her back. Then from the crowd stepped a sturdy young fellow. With one hand he pulled the door open with the other he lifted his hat. The old lady fluttered by with a bow and smile. Quickly the crowd swallowed them up.

Surely "And they passed by on the other side" could not have been written of this generation.

The land and industrial department of the Southern and Mobile & Ohio has just issued a booklet entitled "Mississippi" for distribution among prospective homeseekers in the north and west. The agricultural and forest resources of Mississippi and the opportunities in general farming, stock-raising, etc., are exhaustively treated.

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