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DISCONTENT.

Formed of the elemental fierce unrest
 That seethes forever in the human breast,
 Coeval with the race of Man
 I seem a Curse from which he fain would fly,
 And in his efforts to escape from me
 He pits his might against Immensity,
 And bends the laws of Nature to his will;
 Yet I shall goad him ever on until
 He solves the problem of Infinity
 And read the meaning of life's mystery.
 Then when he rests on heights as yet untrod,
 And learns that he himself is part of God,
 He'll know that I first taught him to aspire—
 That I, the Curse, impelled him from the mire.
 —John E. Dolsen in The Nautilus.

A CITY BEAUTIFUL.

A subject of fascinating interest was that discussed last night by Howard Everts Weed, who lectured at the Christian church under the auspices of the ladies civic club. It is too bad the meeting was not attended by all the people of the city, for the audience found it truly worth while.

In his lecture Mr. Weed pointed out how by a proper observance of the principles of landscape architecture Pendleton may be made a far better appearing city. The speaker was practical in that he applied his knowledge of landscape gardening to the working out of local improvement problems.

With comparatively little expense the depot grounds, which constitute the front gate to the city, may be made very attractive. By the use of trees and shrubbery the unsightly shacks back of the Bowman hotel may be hidden from view. Instead of looking out over a barren plat and at old buildings passing tourists would view a grassy tract with a background of foliage. It would make all the difference in the world in their impressions of the city and the expense would be nothing compared with the benefits derived.

The lecturer also pointed out how Main and Court streets may be vastly improved through the removal of the electric and telephone poles and wires. The business streets cannot look right until this improvement is made. The cluster lights are good and they should be installed at regular intervals along both sides of Main and Court streets. But the effect of such an improvement will be largely lost unless the poles and wires are removed.

Why cannot the electric company and the telephone company be induced to remove their poles? The wires may be placed in cables underground or brought to the buildings from the back streets. Both the electric and telephone companies draw big revenues from the city and these companies should be ready and eager to cooperate in the improvement of the place. Perhaps if the matter is presented to the company officials by the civic club, the city council and the Commercial club this change may be brought about. It is worth trying anyway. If the change is to be made it should be made before any further paving work is done in the business section.

Mr. Weed also pointed out other opportunities for improving the city. He would have the people look forward to a boulevard system and to some parks. He wants the levee converted into a promenade and that is an improvement that may be easily made. He explained many common errors in landscape gardening and one in particular. He objects to the scattering of trees and shrubs about a lawn. Such shrubbery should be massed along the borders of a place. An expansive lawn looks better and larger

than a lawn covered with "gingerbread."

Like all other busy western towns Pendleton has sadly neglected the subject of landscape architecture. But it is not too late to begin such work. As indicated by the lecturer last evening local people have an opportunity to make a beautiful place out of Pendleton. To make the needed improvements will not involve any vast expense but it will require taste and attention. That some thought is already being given to the subject is proven by the fact that the ladies of the civic club brought an expert here to lecture upon the subject. In their work towards the beautifying of the city the ladies should have the cheerful co-operation of local businessmen and property owners. It will be good business to make this place more beautiful and attractive. Such work tends to make people who live here more contented with their lot and it also makes the city inviting to newcomers.

Here's to a greater and more beautiful Pendleton.

THE PROCESS MUST BE SLOW.

In an authorized interview with the United Press papers yesterday President Taft discussed the subject of international arbitration and disarmament. Though he was not quoted directly, in accordance with the unwritten law of the white house, the ideas given were those of the president and they are fine ideas. All men will agree that everything possible should be done toward promoting arbitration and preventing wars.

Common sense though requires that efforts of this sort shall be in keeping with the sentiment of the people of the world. When laws or schemes of government are adopted ahead of time the result is always failure. It is a truism that laws cannot be very far ahead of the people or they will not be observed. There are always pretexts for breaking treaties or laws when people or nations want to do so.

With respects to arbitration and disarmament it is possible the white world may be ready. Yet when one considers that even the caucasian world is still mostly ruled by monarchs the idea of disarmament takes a slump. Monarchies are sustained by the might of their armies and navies. Even with international peace assured the European countries could not do away with armaments for the kings and emperors would be knocking away the props that sustain their thrones.

In America no army is needed to sustain the government because the people themselves rule the country through the ballot box. At times their will is thwarted by special interests but in the end the people always prevail.

However America does need an army and a navy to sustain itself in international affairs. Danger of trouble with European powers may be remote because Europe is civilized. But the nations of the orient with which the United States is thrown in close touch are not civilized. They are just out of the darkness and they do not observe the ten commandments. In diplomacy the Japanese play a wily and sometimes deceitful game. Diplomacy with them seems but an art. The only thing they really recognize and respect is might. They respected our battleship fleet and seemingly they have respected the American army now mobilized on the Mexican border even though the army is composed of but a handful of men.

Nor is there anything strange about this. It is all very natural. The theory that right makes might is largely a delusion and a snare. Napoleon said that God fought on the side of the big battalions and he was a good authority upon the subject. The law that really governs the world, in private business and in international affairs, is the law of the survival of the fittest. Out of ignorance or hypocrisy we deny it but it is a fact that selfishness rules the world and to a very great extent we still observe the motto of Robin Hood: "Let him get who has the power, let him hold who can."

DESERVED TO WIN.

Randall R. Howard, former telegraph editor of the East Oregonian, was awarded the first prize of \$1000 by the Portland Commercial club for a story written by Howard and which appeared in the World's Work. It was an excellent story and though it treated of an industrial subject it was thrilling for there was romance also in the race of the great trans-

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continental railroads to central Oregon. In voting the big prize to Mr. Howard the judges in the Portland contest rewarded a very enterprising and deserving young writer.

In his address last evening Mr. Weed urged that a regular garbage transportation system be established in Pendleton. There is much merit in the suggestion. It is not enough for the town to have a cleanup day once a year. A regular scavenger service would beautify the city and likewise keep down doctors' bills.

It is noteworthy however that President Taft favors fortifying the Panama canal.

After the new water system has been secured it will be easier to have beautiful lawns in Pendleton.

A good town should look the part.

BAD ENOUGH, ANYHOW.

Robert, aged 10 was playing with the other boys on the corner of Nineteenth and Tioga streets, when his mother, who had been listening to his conversation, called him.

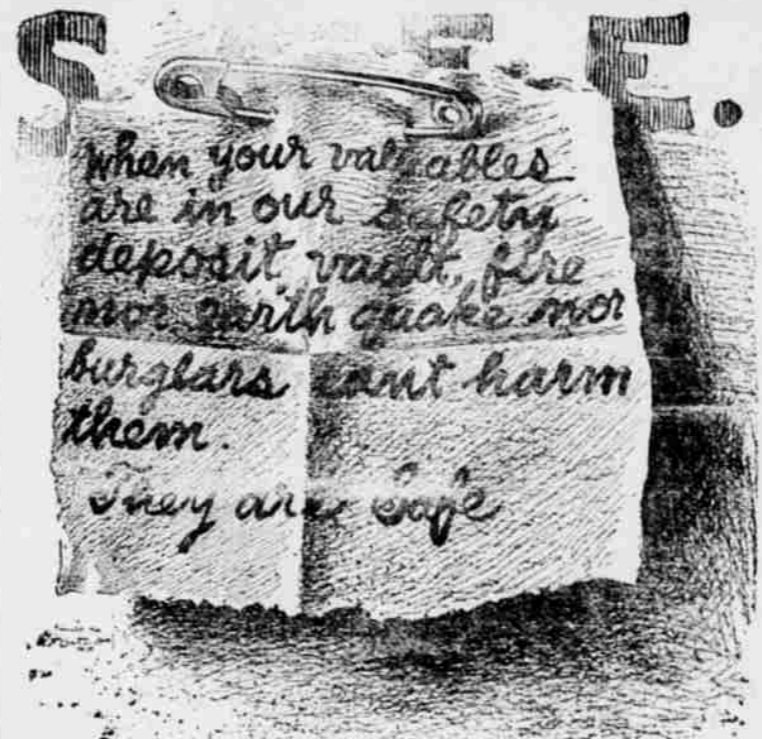
"Robert," she began, in a grieved tone. "I never thought I'd hear you swearing."

"Why, I wasn't swearing, mother," the boy defended himself. "I only

said the devil. That isn't swearing."

"Well," replied the mother quickly, "maybe it isn't exactly swearing, but it is making light of sacred things."

—Philadelphia Times.



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