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BLUE SKIES. Blue of Italian skies where Venice slumbers, While ripples lap its old-time crowded quays, Where Anio chants its golden Tuscan numbers, O Capri rises radiant from the seas! Blue of the sweeping Syrian skies where under Damascus lies amid its groves and hills; But what are these, with all their sapphire wonder, To those that arch above our home-land hills? —Clinton Scollard in Ainslee's.

AS TO CLEANING UP. As usual the spring clean-up day has been very successful. Thanks to the city officials and to the patriotic ladies in the civic club a general crusade has been made against the dirt and rubbish. The innumerable piles of trash to be seen in every part of the city show that the advice to clean up has been well heeded.

But as the lecturer, Mr. Weed, pointed out a few days ago it is not sufficient for a town like Pendleton to rely upon an annual clean-up. Such a practice reminds one of the tramp who took an annual bath and on the occasion thereof strove to rid himself of "all the new and some of the old." It is a precarious proceeding.

To protect the health of the people and to make Pendleton a proper appearing city the streets, alleys, lots and yards of the town should be kept cleaned up throughout the entire year. How to accomplish this is a problem that deserves earnest consideration at the hands of the city officials and such organizations as the ladies civic club and the Commercial club. It is a matter that has to do with the health and happiness of the men, women and children of the town.

In larger places it is customary for the city to conduct a public scavenger service. Whether or not it would be wise to establish such a service here at this time the East Oregonian will not attempt to say. But if such a service should be found impracticable, because of the expense, then an arrangement should be made whereby some concern or individual will make regular trips about the city gathering up trash or debris at the expense of the householders. At this time it is safe to say that many people fail to keep their premises in good condition because of difficulty in having trash disposed of. There are no regular scavenger wagons and the draymen don't seem to care for such work.

It would also help the situation out greatly to have inspections made at intervals, say once a week, by an official such as the city health officer or the chief of police. People are disposed to neglect such work, sometimes intentionally and often through forgetfulness. There should be an officer to remind such people of their duty and to see that they do it.

Why not keep the cleaning up process going all the time?

NEW CLUB QUARTERS. It would add vastly to the prestige and influence of the Commercial club to provide that organization with commodious and well arranged quarters. In fact it is doubtful if the club can ever do the work it should do in Pendleton until such quarters are provided.

Almost every live western town has a good Commercial club provided with proper quarters. Those quarters constitute a social rendezvous for business men and a place where visitors may be entertained. A Commercial club is always a general club and its democracy is usually one of its strongest points. In small cities like Pendleton the businessmen, property owners and professional men need to be brought together. The rooms of a Commercial club constitute the best meeting place.

The present quarters of the Pendleton Commercial association have been in use for 20 years or longer. At one time those rooms seemed very presentable. Now they are unsatisfactory and it seems impossible to renovate them with any degree of satisfaction. An attempt in that direction was made two years ago and it failed.

So the subject of getting better apartments for the club has been raised again. The subject has been brought up at such a time that it seems something may be accomplished. The association is taking on a new lease of life and is employing a paid secretary to manage the affairs of the organization. It would be a very fitting time to secure new club quarters.

HE IS ONLY HUMAN.

From Albuquerque, New Mexico, comes another story of a kidnapping and of the payment of a reward for the return of the child. In this case the stolen child was the grandson of the general counsel for the Santa Fe railroad and the grandfather is said to have paid \$12,000 for the return of the little boy.

It will be said that the payment of the child's ransom will but encourage further efforts on the part of kidnapers and there are people who will criticize Judge Waldow for his act. Yet he merely proved himself human when he paid the money. His grandson was in danger and being a wealthy man he gladly paid the ransom to secure his return. Had he refused to make the payment and had the kidnapers killed the child in consequence the judge would have been classed as a cold blooded grandparent.

NO REDUCTION IN LAMBS.

The sheepman makes a triple profit, from the growth of his sheep, from the increase and from the wool. In this triple profit lies the beauty of the sheep business and the fact that so many eastern Oregon fortunes have been made from the sheep industry. Just now the various ranches of Umatilla county are in the midst of the lambing season and the conditions are so favorable that fine results are being obtained. The fact that they are having a good lambing season should serve to console flockmasters for the danger that impends for Schedule K.

A Wall street report yesterday was to the effect that the big financial interests may try to force all local banks and trust companies out of business. This recalls a query made in the United States senate a year ago when the tariff was under consideration. Senator Aldrich asked the late Senator Dolliver what the outcome would be should all the business of the country eventually become concentrated under a single head. The reply of the Iowa senator was to the effect that the single head would probably adorn a lamp-post.

Peace seems difficult for the Mexicans to obtain. Yet they don't seem to be killing many people either.

Now for Walla Walla's scalp. Did you get jobbed?

WOMEN'S MONUMENTS.

A list of monuments in the United States erected to woman has just been completed by William E. Curtis. He sums them up as follows:

A monument to Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington, has been erected at Fredericksburg, Va., and is the second to be erected on the same spot. There are two monuments to Hannah Dustin, a heroine of early colonial New England. One is at Concord, N. H., and the other at Haverhill, Mass.

The statue of Frances E. Willard is the only one of a woman in the statuary hall of the national capitol in Washington. A monument to Frances Slocum, a white woman who was captured by the Indians in childhood and became the wife of an Indian chief, stands near where she lived in Peru, Ind.

Margaret Haugherty, a baker, who left a fortune to the orphans of New Orleans, has a statue to her memory erected in that city.

Catherine Te-Kak-wi-tha, the first Indian nun, a Mohawk who was converted to Christianity in 1660, has a

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cross erected to her memory and a statue in her honor at St. Joseph's seminary at Auriesville, Montgomery county, N. Y.

Sakawaja, who led Lewis and Clark through the mountains on their exploring expedition in 1803-05, has one monument in the city park in Portland, Ore., and another over her grave and a third nearly completed to be placed in front of the capitol at Bismarck, N. D.

The monument to Pocahontas, which was intended to be erected on Jamestown Island by the women of this country, is still in the studio of the sculptor.

Kate Shelly, a farmer's daughter in Iowa, has a monument erected in her honor at Dubuque because she saved a train from destruction.

Emma Sansen, a Confederate heroine, who guided General Forrest over the mountains, has a statue at Gadsden, Ala.

Mary A. Cahan, principal of a public school at Birmingham, Ala., for more than thirty years has a statue in that city in Capital park.

Mary Draper Ingals, the first white bride married west of the Alleghany mountains, has a monument in Fairfield cemetery, Radford, Va.

Maria Mitchell, professor of astronomy of Vassar college, has had an observatory erected in her honor at Nantucket.

Miss Jennie Wade, who was killed while baking bread for the union soldiers on the battlefield of Gettysburg has a monument erected to her on the spot by the Woman's Relief Corps of Iowa.

Aunt Laura Haviland, a Quakeress, who served as a nurse in the civil war, has a monument at Adrian, Mich.

Mary Ann Ball Bleekerdyke, another army nurse, has a monument in the public park at Galesburg, Ill.

THE LADIES' AID.

The old church bell had long been cracked;

Its call was but a groan;

It seemed to sound a funeral knell

With every broken tone.

"We need a bell," the brethren said,

"But taxes must be paid;

We have no money we can spare—

Just ask the Ladies' Aid."

The shingles on the roof were old;

The rain came down in rills;

The brethren slowly shook their heads

And spoke of "monthly bills,"

The chairman of the board arose,

And said, "I am afraid

That we shall have to lay the case

Before the Ladies' Aid."

The preacher's stipend was behind;

The poor man blushed to meet

The grocer and the butcher as

They passed him on the street;

But nobly spoke the brethren then:

"Pastor, you shall be paid!

We'll call upon the treasurer

Of our good Ladies' Aid.

"Ah!" said the men, "the way to

heaven

Is long and hard and steep;

With slopes of ease on either side,

The path's hard to keep.

We cannot climb the heights alone;

Our hearts are sore dismayed;

We ne'er shall get to heaven at all

Without the Ladies' Aid."

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Culberson's Inquiry. Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Dallas, Texas, was once making a political speech, and some of his auditors showed a disposition to "heckle" him, as they say in England. After a rhetorical pause (according to the tale as it is told around the capitol), a man in the audience asked: "Do you drink?" Without any hesitation the Senator responded quickly: "Is that an inquiry or an invitation?" It was in Texas, and the audience roared.

Vegetable Fancy Work. Little Mrs. Bride has almost everything to learn about housekeeping, but she was so enthusiastic in her interest that every one was glad to help her. "I have some particularly fine asparagus," the market man told her one day, and he displayed a bunch for her admiration. "Picked not three hours ago," he added. Mrs. Bride looked at it with unaffected amazement. "Does it grow like that?" she asked. "I always supposed the cook braided the ends of it."—Youth's Companion.



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