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WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.

Some men strive to gain success.
To win firm footholds on the height.
Because within them selfishness is ever urging, day and night.
Some men press on as best they may
With pick or spade or sword or pen.
Because their wish is, day by day,
To benefit their fellow men.
One in ten thousand, glad to claim
The world's approval, nobly strives;
But most men who win wealth or fame
Do so to satisfy their wives.
—S. E. Kiser.

THE COMMISSION CHARTER.

The commission government charter that has been drafted by the Progressive League and which will be submitted to the people for their approval deserves adoption. It calls for the commission plan of government in all its essential features. It is free from radicalism and at the league meeting last night some ultra conservative features that might have endangered the adoption of the charter were eliminated. It would be difficult for any body of men to draft a more generally satisfactory charter no matter how long they might have devoted themselves to the task.

If the proposed charter is adopted by the people all the business of the city, including the management of the water system, will be left in the hands of a paid board consisting of a mayor and two commissioners. The salaries to be paid will compensate these men for their work yet they will be so reasonable that they will impose no extra burdens on the taxpayers. It will be surprising indeed if the officials to be do not save the city far more than enough to make up for their salaries.

Under the charter drafted the officials will be directly under the control of and answerable to the people. The mayor will be elected for a term of two years and the commissioners for four years. This will mean that the mayor and one commissioner, or a majority of the board, will be chosen at each biennial election. This should insure the carrying out of the will of the people. Under the proposed charter the people will have a far closer and better grip on their officials than they have had in the past. The people will also have the privilege of recalling officials at any time, but that is a power they will probably never need in view of the arrangement of the terms of office.

There are points no doubt upon which the commission charter may be criticised. No charter could possibly be drafted that would not be criticised by some. This because the world is made up of "many men of many minds." The East Oregonian would prefer some features of the charter different from what they are. But the merits of the charter so greatly overbalance any defects that this paper stands enthusiastically for its adoption.

If the people of Pendleton adopt the commission charter they will provide for a government under which responsibility for administrative work will be definitely fixed upon certain men and it is a system that will work for efficiency and economy. It will mean that the affairs of the city will be handled upon a business basis.

THE BOSTON LEGEND.

In this way does the New York World take a fling at Boston and place the famous old New England town on the heels of the west in regard to illiteracy.

In Life's current "Boston Number" appear all the time-honored gibes and quips at the city of culture.

"Little Waldos" with bulging brows troop through the streets reading Cicero; placards announce the next meeting of the "Little Ones' Browning Club;" boy scouts, dowagers, cruffeurs and the public statues alike wear spectacles; Emerson and the sacred cod are pedestalled side by side; the hard-organs play Bach and Beethoven, and in the foreground passes the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. Only in "Certified Milk Street" is there an improving modern touch.

Such is the Boston legend as it has grown to be, differing from other legends in the fact that it has been established by the jests of the joke-makers. But at a time when Boston itself is doing so much to explode myths the truth may be permissible regarding one phase of Boston culture.

It is painful to comprehend the Little Waldos of the Hub with the young barbarians at play on the prairies or in the provincial cities of the West. Yet in the interest of accuracy it must be said that according to the census figures the percentage of total illiteracy is smaller in South Dakota than in Massachusetts. Only Missouri of the twelve states of the North Central Division exceeds Massachusetts in the percentage of illiterates, and the percentage is higher for Boston than for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit and Omaha. It is double in Boston what it is in Denver. The fact is disillusioning, but the truth requires it to be recorded even at the expense of the Boston legend.

WONT DO WORK FOR NOTHING.

It is too bad that Pendleton's national guard company had to be disbanded. It is a good thing for a town to have a national guard company, especially if it be a strong one. It is an excellent thing for young men to have some military training. It is recreation for them and it fits them for service in case they should be needed by the country.

But it means work and responsibility to be a company commander. An ideal guard commander must have a combination of all those qualities that mean manliness and bring him popularity. He must spend considerable money on his uniforms and equipment and do a vast amount of work for nothing.

Some men will do this for awhile out of patriotism and love for military life. But busy men wont work on such a basis forever. At least they refused to do so in Pendleton. When the company was disbanded it was without a single commissioned officer and no willing candidate for the captaincy could be found.

Uncle Sam should pay the national guard officers if he expects continuous and efficient service from them.

The Athena-Weston macadam road is completed and there will be at least one stretch of good roadway in this county. Now why not extend the movement until a good highway is provided from Milton to Pendleton from Pendleton to Umatilla and from this city to Ukiah. Roads will always be in fashion. Why not fix them so they may be traveled with satisfaction.

The people will rule if the commission plan charter is adopted in Pendleton. The six year term provision was cast out.

HE STAYED ON THE FARM.

Mr. James B. Weaver, Jr., in The World's Work, for November, very enthusiastically describes the present increasing prosperity of agricultural conditions of Iowa. The reason for it he says, that the farmers aren't afraid to do new things in new ways. For instance, this is what happened to a farmer who had always been satisfied with "good enough." His son, after a half day's attempt at plowing corn in the muck upon the margin of a ten-acre pond situated in the center of a forty-acre field, came to the table one noon hour with the startling announcement: "Father: 'That pond will be tilled or I quit

the farm—either the slough goes or I go—take your choice." And the pond "went." Today that boy riding his gang plow, descends into the old pond basin that three years ago was the habitat of the muskrat, with the very satisfying consciousness that from its virgin soil, the product of untold centuries of accumulation of vegetable mould shall come for each acre eighty to one hundred bushels of corn.

LAYING A SUPERSTITION.

Scientists are not the only ones who occasionally lay the ghost of an ancient superstition.

Bill Hicks, an unlettered but garrulous authority on all subjects, was discussing with some old cronies in the postoffice of a north Missouri town the best time to plant potatoes. One old fellow maintained that Good Friday is the right time.

"Now, I tell you, boys," said Bill positively, "there ain't nothing in this Good Friday superstition. I used to think I couldn't raise potatoes unless I planted them on Good Friday. But I remember one year Good Friday came on Sunday, so I had to plant the next day; and I raised as fine potatoes as you ever saw."—National Monthly.

TWO WILEYISMS.

In the department circles in Washington says Mr. Arthur Wallace Dunn in the World's Work for November, Dr. Wiley is known as a man who is good company and who says things worth repeating.

Soon after the president's order was issued to the effect that no information was to be given a congressman by any employee of the government and only heads of the departments could furnish information, Dr. Wiley met a member of congress.

"Good morning, doctor; how are you this morning?" was the greeting. "I can't tell you," promptly responded the doctor, "you'll have to ask the secretary."

One of the best examples of his quickness of repartee is the exclusive property of the women of the bureau of chemistry.

"They call him 'the Big Chief.'" Once a petite young woman of the bureau met the doctor as he was passing along the corridor to his office.

"Good morning, Big Chief," she said.

"Good morning, Little Mis-Chief," returned the doctor.

AN EPISODE OF THE WAR.

The enemy's fleet had been sighted. "What is their strength?" anxiously inquired the admiral.

"Two torpedo boats of the vintage of 1879, an antique transport, four

SUFFERED AGONY WITH ITCHING

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"About four years ago I broke out with sores on my arms like boils. After two months they were all over my body, some coming, and some going away. In about two months the boils quit, but my arms, neck and body broke out with an itching, burning rash. It would burn and itch, and come out in pimples like grains of wheat. I was in a terrible condition; I could not sleep or rest. Parts of my flesh were raw, and I could scarcely bear my clothes on. I could not lie in bed in any position and rest. In about a year the sores extended down to my feet. Then I suffered agony with the burning, itching sores. I could hardly walk and for a long time I could not put on socks.

"All this time I was trying everything I could hear of, and had the skill of three doctors. They said it was eczema. I got no benefit from all this. I was nearly worn out, and had given up in despair of ever being cured when I was advised by a friend to try Cuticura Remedies. I purchased Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, and used exactly as directed. I used the Cuticura Remedies constantly for four months, and nothing else, and was perfectly cured. It is now a year, and I have not had the least bit since. I am ready to praise the Cuticura Remedies at any time." (Signed) E. L. Cate, Exie, Ky., Nov. 10, 1910.

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"The admiral nodded.

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