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How shall I a habit break? As you did that habit make. As you gathered, you must lose; As you yielded, now refuse; Thread by thread the strand we twist. Till it binds us neck and wrist; Thread by thread the patient hand Must untwine ere free we stand. "But remember as we try, Lighter every task goes by; Wading in the stream grows deep, Toward the center's downward sweep; Backward turn and step ashore, Shallower is there than before, Ah, the precious years we waste, Leveling what we raised in haste, Ere content or love be won, First across the gulf we cast, Kiteborn threads till lines are passed, And habit builds the bridge at last." —Selected.

Rev. F. J. Milnes wants light thrown upon the text book trust and suggests that it is a good job for the progressive editors. Such light as is available will be given. The East Oregonian agrees with Mr. Milnes about the burden that is worked on poor people when text books are subject to continuous change. It is also easy to see how school children may be made to suffer when changes are not made if the books in use are unsuitable. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the text books in use in Oregon now are faulty. Whether or not a change would result in improvement in keeping with the expense involved is a problem for close investigation.

The most hopeful thing this paper has to offer Mr. Milnes and such as he is the information that Governor West, among his many wholesome activities, has his eye on the text book trust and has what appears to be an excellent plan for dealing with that particular octopus. The governor became impressed some months ago with the fact that the state text book commissions of the past have not answered all requirements. Such commissions in the past have generally been composed of distinguished public men from various parts of the state. They have known but little of actual school problems and have not gone sufficiently deep into the subject to get the best results. So they have been rather easy prey for the book trust.

Several months ago Governor West decided to follow a new line of action in naming the text book commission. He planned to name as members of the commission some actual school workers who know from first hand experience what is needed in the way of books. Furthermore, he decided to keep the appointments a secret for several months so as to permit the new members to make investigations without being hounded by agents of the trust. Very likely they are engaged in such work at the present time and if the results produced are as hoped for by the governor there will soon be less room for complaint upon this subject.

A wholesome thing about the presidential election this year is that more attention is being given than ever before to the subject of campaign expenses. People are inquiring everywhere who donates the money with which to make our presidents. There are many even who would like to see the presidential elections financed directly by the government. It is a plan that may be adopted some time too. Of the papers to discuss this subject very recently the Chicago Record-Herald is one of the most able. Its comment is as follows: "We have a fairly satisfactory campaign publicity act covering congressional elections, but no law imposing

publicity on managers and committees having to do with presidential campaigns has yet been enacted. A bill providing for publicity of contributions and expenditures for the purpose of influencing nominations of candidates for the presidency passed the house in April, but it has been permitted to slumber in the senate judiciary committee.

"That slumber should now be disturbed. The bill should be passed at this session of congress. The publicity that is demanded of candidates for congress is even more desirable and necessary these days in presidential campaigns. We are through with secrecy, mystery, addition and division. Everything should be known in regard to contributions and expenditures. The business of nominating and electing a president is the people's business, and no progressive can oppose full publicity without betraying hypocrisy.

"Governor Wilson has just declared by the way, that, law or no law, he will insist on full publicity before as well as after the election. He wishes the public to know the source of his campaign fund, the names of the contributors, the amounts contributed, etc. This is a creditable and commendable attitude. No candidate today can afford to assume a less frank and enlightened attitude. "However, congress should not rely on voluntary action, but should pass the pending bill."

It is but a matter of time until aroused public sentiment will make it impossible for a candidate to obtain money from "any old source" and still retain the confidence of the people. Thomas McCusker, La Follette leader in Oregon, advises progressive republicans and particularly those who should support like La Follette, Wilson, be slow in taking up with the Roosevelt new party move. He classes the new party move as taken up in Oregon as a one man affair and that the colonel is not a progressive either.

"If you desire to vote for a progressive candidate," says McCusker "you will be given the opportunity and can still remain in the party." In other words they can vote for Woodrow Wilson who as a democratic progressive has shown the same fearlessness and thoroughness that has been characteristic of La Follette, progressive republican.

"Necessity is the mother of invention." Finding their wheat down in part, Umatilla county farmers have changed their method of threshing and by doing so will be able to save most of the down grain. The rain and wind that occurred in June may have been a blessing after all.

Meanwhile the town must make larger preparations than ever before for handling the great crowd that will be here for the Round-up this fall. We will have a good show for them without question. But we must also feed them and give them places to sleep.

You Can't Always Tell "She'll make somebody a good wife." "Oh, I don't know about this. Plain girls sometimes turn out to be good looking women."

Probably nothing hurts a bachelor egotist so much as when a pretty leap year girl declines to give him the opportunity to say "no."

THE MOTHER.

I am the pillar of the house; The keystone of the arch am I. Take me away, and roof and wall Would fall to ruin utterly.

I am the fire upon the hearth, I am the light of the good sun, I am the heat that warms the earth, Which else were colder than a stone.

At me the children warm their hands; I am their light of love-alive. Without me cold the hearthstone stands, Nor could the precious children thrive.

I am the twist that holds together The children in its sacred ring, Their knot of love, from whose close tether No lost child goes a-wandering.

I am the house from floor to roof, I deck the walls, the board I spread; I spin the curtains, warp and woof, And shake the down to be their bed.

I am their wall against all danger, Their door against the wind and snow, Thou, whom a woman laid in manger, Take me not till the children grow! —Katherine Tynan.

ROMANCE VS. SPAGHETTI.

The young girl was greatly excited. "I am told you once met the great composer, Rossini," she cried. "Yes," said the old man; "I met him once."

"You met the great composer of 'William Tell'?" "The same." "How grand! How very romantic! And would you please tell me what he had to say?" "Well, he didn't have very much to say. He was eating spaghetti at the time and you know that doesn't facilitate conversation."—Kansas City Journal.

PATIENT LOVER TO HIS LOVE.

You'll love me yet! And I can carry Your love's protracted growing; June reared that bunch of flowers you carry, From seeds of April's sowing. Browning.

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FROM THE PEOPLE

AFTER THE TEXT BOOK TRUST.

Editor East Oregonian: Why don't you progressive editors get busy and turn on the light illuminating the school-book trust a bit? Of all the destructive and heartless outrages ever inflicted upon the common people none was ever more conducive to ignorance, truancy and crime. All this agitation about the high cost of living affects for the most part only the people's stomach, but here the octopus hurls his javelin directly at the people's brain. This annual change of text-books in our public schools makes school attendance prohibitive and becomes responsible for no inconsiderable degree of the ignorance and crime among the very classes whom the public school seeks to elevate. Many a sacrificing mother has rubbed her knuckles off over the wash-tub, inspired by the pride and joy which it would give her to send her children to school in the fall in order that they might have advantages which she never knew, only to have her hopes blasted by the cruel tribute exacted by this merciless octopus, the text-book trust. I know one mother whom it will cost \$20 if there is a change in text books this year. Where is the responsibility for this injustice? Some say that the superintendent and the school board get a rake-off for recommending a change. This hardly seems believable. But, were I an editor, I should deem the subject worthy of investigation. F. J. MILNES. Pendleton, Or., July 18, 1912.

Described. "What kind of a chap is he?" "Oh, he's a fellow who would call his daughter Myrtle, if he had one."

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