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THE PESSIMIST has said that New England civilization and religious life is in these latter days falling below the high standard of puritanism set up by our fathers. Unfriendly observers prophesy that protestantism is to be supplanted in Massachusetts by Catholicism, but friendly critics declare that protestant New England is modifying Catholicism. Will the modification injure the old form of worship? Not a bit of it. It is improved. Within the past three years the influence of New England has been the main cause of the revolt in Canada against the authority of the church in political affairs. The Catholic in Quebec has learned from his experience in New England or from that of his friends still there that he can exercise his independent judgment as a citizen in casting his vote and still be true to his religious faith. "The Puritan element in New England, remarks the Congregationalist, is not only lifting to higher levels of freedom and righteousness those who have come to share its inheritance, but is extending to other lands its influence for good."—*Hillsboro Independent.*

SOME PEOPLE seem to think that because the plan of co-operative labor has been tried in some of the manufacturing establishments of the country therefore co-operative colonies must be successful. But they are founded on very different plans. In co-operative colonies each man receives the same wages without regard to the amount or value of the labor he performs. This in a very large measure removes the incentives to do their work well or to make any advancement in the kind of labor performed. On the other hand where co-operation has been tried in manfacturing establishments each man is paid in proportion to the kind and amount of labor he performs. Thus his natural ambition to advance is kept alive by the hope of receiving a greater return for his labor.

PRESS DISPATCHES early this month conveyed the intelligence that a decree had been issued from Rome removing the ban heretofore placed upon Catholics restraining them from too close affiliation with secret societies in the United States particular the Masons and Knights Pythias. It was apparent some time ago that a fight was being made against the spirit of Catholicism in this country, and it is now believed that this fight was waged over the secret society question, and that the issuance of the recent decree was a triumph for Archbishop Ireland, one of the staunchest Americans and most liberal Catholics in the United States.

THE WAR revenue tax gets in its work on the millionaires in several directions, and especially on the tax of legacies. All the heirs of the late Senator Brice, except Mrs Brice, will be subject to this tax, which will amount to at least $11,000 each, and as there are five children, the government will receive at least $55,000 from the estate.

WE MUST have that railroad from Eugene to Florence. We need a shorter route by water, and competition freight traffic between this city and San Francisco. There has been a demand for this all along and the boom of our lumbering interests, which now seems to be in sight, makes the demand all the more emphatic.—*Register.*

REPRESENTATIVE BRATTAIN has departed from the usual course of legislators. He is chairman of the committee on mining, and a few days ago he tried to have the clerk which had been assigned to his committee dismissed, saying that as there had not been a bill referred to them they did not need a clerk. If Oregon had more representatives like Mr. Brattain we should not hear so much about the extravagance of Oregon legislatures.

SCHOOL TAXES.

When voting on the question of levying school taxes whether for the purpose of building a school house or for the support of a term of school there are many people who think no further in the matter than whether they have children to attend the schools, and if not, then they will vote against any tax for that purpose. But if they would consider the subject a little further perhaps many of them at least would vote the other way. Is the man who has children to attend, the only one who derives benefit from school? By no means. In no other way can the same amount be expended to yield so certain and large returns as does money expended for schools.

When a stranger visits any place whether it be in a town or a country, with a view to investing in property and making a home, especially if he has a family, one of the first questions he asks is concerning the schools. If he finds that they have no school, or but a poor school, many of them will at once decide they do not want to live there. But on the other hand if he finds a neat attractive school house with a good school taught during most of the year it gives him a good opinion in favor of the place and he is far more likely to decide to remain there than if he finds a small, crowded, uncomfortable school house, school taught but few months in a year, and but little interest taken in educational matters.

Many a man who kicks at paying a dollar or two of school tax spends more than that every week in ways that do nobody any good but only harm.

AMERICAN COFFEE FOR AMERICANS.

American Economist:

In the past five years about $200,000,000 has been sent out of the United States in the purchase of coffee. This country consumes nearly one-half the total coffee production of the world. Hereafter this large sum of money is not going to be paid altogether to foreigners. American citizens will get some of it. Coffee is now the largest article of export from Puerto Rico, and the product there can be greatly increased, since a very large proportion of the island is capable of producing coffee, which grows most successful on the highlands and mountain sides. In parts of Cuba conditions are similar, and at one time the coffee production of that island amounted to nearly 100,000 pounds annually, though after the introduction of the sugar industry it practically disappeared, sugar growing being more profitable. In Hawaii coffee is being successfully grown, and the area there can be materially increased. The same is true of the Philippines. Coffee is about to become an American product. So are a lot of other things which we have heretofore had to buy of foreigners. Few people realize what a very big country we are going to have presently.

RESULTS OF PROTECTION.

Ohio Valley Manufacturer.

For many years Europe made Americans pay tribute to her manufacturers, but the adoption of the policy of protecting American markets for American producers, coupled with higher wage rates consequent upon higher development of the needs of the American people as the necessities of life, have so stimulated invention to devise machinery to reduce the labor cost of production that Europe, clinging to more conservative methods, has been outclassed, is and now almost a decade behind in methods and progress. Additional to this is the bounteousness of the supply of all forms of raw materials on the American continent, and the superior quality of most of these supplies. A new era is about to dawn on the world, and the development of higher civilization is certain to grow out of it. Uncle Sam's lusty sons and beauteous daughters will have an important part to play in the newer drama of mankind. The new era means much, for it will be attended with a larger realization of the comforts of life among its inhabitants and the enlargement of the consumption of all products of human energy, multiplying employments and enlarging opportunities. This era will not likely be attended by those deplorable reversions from civilization to barbarism that have so frequently eclipsed the past, because with a population free and with opportunities for intellectual enlightenment, and all the nobler elevating influences attendant on such civilization, slavery, which darkened even the most enlightened people, cannot exist, nor can its debasing and demoralizing influences blight and blast that culture which must always radiate from the minority.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH, D C, Jan, 16th, 1899.

Gen Miles has made many new friends by the dignified manner in which he has carried himself while smarting under the dirty personal attack made upon him by Commissary Gen Eagan, in his testimony before the war investigation commission. To a man of Gen Miles' temperament, it has been no easy matter to sit still and say nothing while waiting for the war department to call down and punish his subordinate for having called him about every known sort of a liar. Congress is also waiting to see something done, some punishment meted that will fit the crime, and if something isn't done very soon, congress may take the bit in its teeth and do something itself. The action of President McKinley in compelling Gen Eagan, through Secretary Alger, to revise his testimony and leave out the objectional language, isn't satisfactory to anybody, because it doesn't humiliate Eagan sufficiently. Senators and representatives have very freely expressed the opinion that Gen Eagan has demonstrated his unfitness to hold such an important and responsible position, regardless of Gen Miles, and not a few of them have said that he should be cashiered.

In all the numerous fights to have executive sessions of the senate held with open doors, Senator Hoar had, until the present contest, over Senator Berry's motion to consider the treaty of peace with open doors, always been one of the most valued fighters for secret executive sessions. Consequently, his speech in support of Mr Berry's motion was surprising to many of his colleagues as well as to the public. Open executive sesions of the senate may come some day, but they are not yet in sight.

Senators are enjoying themselves at the expense of their new colleague, Mr Simon, of Oregon, who is reported to have asked for what is regarded as the most important committee assignment in the senate. A senator speaking of him said: "Simon is a peach. He beats anything we have had here for some time. Just think of it, before he had been in the senate 24 hours, he filed an application for a position on the committee on rules. Now, if he had asked for the chairmanship of appropriations, finance, or judiciary, it wouldn't have been so remarkable. But to think of his wanting to go on the rules committee before he had been here long enough to know how to make a motion to adjourn. Aldrich, I understand, nearly had a fit when Simon made his wishes known to him. poor Aldrich, he always was tender-hearted! It cost him a severe pang to turn Simon down. It's a fact, Iv'e got his word for it. Simon hasn't been placed yet. When he is, I'm afraid that he will be disappointed. I think that he has a fair prospect of getting on the committee to look after ventilation in the interior department."

A War Department official, in his anxiety to strongly deny a report about our soldiers at Manila being discontented, made a statement that doesn't exactly gee with the official announcement that the news from Dewey and Otis is all good. He said that far from being discontented, all the volunteers at Manila, who had applied for discharge had withdrawn their applications, as soon as they saw that there was a prospect for some fighting. If there is a prospect of some fighting before Dewey and Otis, somebody must have stretched their consciences to say that all the news from them was good. A prospect for fighting is certainly not to be considered good news.

The routine business in house and senate is being pushed along as rapidly as possible, but the chances for an extra session, continue to grow, owing to the uncertainty about many things in the senate, and especially about the time that will be consumed by the treaty.

Two funerals were never held in the capitol so close together as that of Senator Morrill, held in the senate chamber a fortnight ago, and that of Representative Dingley, held in the house of representatives today. Those who are superstitious enough to believe that calamities usually travel in bunches of three, are wondering who will be the next man of prominence to die.

The Nicaragua canal bill will be voted upon by the senate this week. It will pass by a large majority—possibly without a division. The house interstate and foreign commerce committee will devote about all of this week to hearing on the five or six canal bills, all differing in some way from the Morgan bill that will be passed by the senate. Many of the friends of the canal say that its worst enemies are posing as its friends, in order to stave off action by congress. A representative who is always wide awake when on duty said: "The railroads and other hostile influences are putting feather beds on the track of the canal bill, and trying to ditch the train so gently that nobody will realize what has happened until all is over. They are proposing endless schemes for digging the ditch—all purporting to be better than the one embraced in the Morgan bill. It looks as though they might win out along that line, but congress may get impatient and take matters out of the hands of the filibusters and pass a measure out of hand."

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of the battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographer on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F T Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

Parsnip Complexion.

A majority of the ills afflicting people today can be traced to kidney trouble. It pervades in all classes of society, in all climates, regardless of age, sex or condition.

The sallow, colorless-looking people you often meet are afflicted with "kidney complexion." Their kidneys are turning to a parsnip color, so is their complexion. They may suffer from indigestion, bloating, sleeplessness, uric acid, gravel, dropsy, rheumatism, catarrh of the bladder, or irregular heart. You may depend upon it, the cause is weak, unhealthy kidneys.

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A number of bills have been introduced into the state legislature to reduce the salary of the county officers in different counties in Oregon. The officers in many of the counties are paid much higher salaries in proportion than they receive in Lane and most of the bills before the legislature relating to that subject fix the salaries in other counties at about the same as is paid here. It is not wise to place the salaries of our officials at a lower figure than is paid in other kinds of business to men competent to perform the duties of those offices. If that should be done there would be no inducement for honest and competent men to seek to become office-holders and as a result those positions would be held by men incapable of properly performing the duties of those offices and the public would be the loser.

THE WEEKLY Record of Eugene has been sold to Amis & Son of the Broadaxe. Publication of the Record was suspended with last week's issue. Mr Moore the publisher intends to continue the business of job printing.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS IN this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight $900 a year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no less salary. Monthly $75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Herbert E. Hess. Prest., Dept. M. Chicago.

THE VERY best thing for a business community is a live lot of business men. They make business, two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before.

A RAILROAD from Eugene to Florence would develop hundreds of industries that are yet unnkown in this section.—*Register.*

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

BY A WEST CORRESPONDENT.

Judge Lundy runs his mill by horse power now. The raging Deadwood was too impatient of control.

A tree fallen across the road on the Chickahominy side of Nelson mountain bars the passage of wagons.

The population and wealth of Deadwood creek and its branches is just about equal to Lake creek and all its other tributaries from the lakes to Deadwood.

Ladies who shake hands with Lieutenant Hobson seem to have Hobson's choice. They may let him kiss them, or they may be kissed by him.

Mr Loretz of Eugene and John Carlyle of Chickahominy are making rails and slashing on the Lucas Wheeler place on Nelson creek and incidentally caring for the stock there.

James Carlyle of Chickahomony lost two nice shotes very mysteriously recently. Each appeared in perfect health one day and was found dead the next.

If the barber-license bill becomes a law we of Lake creek will have to wear long hair, for we can't afford to get license for our better-halves, who do the the hair-cutting here.

The people of Chickahominy are holding religious services regularly at the school house. They don't wait for a minister to come that way, but forget not to assemble themselves often together.

Mr Willcut cut his finger while dressing an old deer skin a few weeks ago and for a time there seemed danger that he might lose his hand from the resulting blood poisoning, but Mrs Willcut's nursing saved it and the wound is healed.

The late blight of the potato, known to scientific sharps as phytophthera infestans, struck most of the potato fields hereabouts, turning the foliage black before the plant ripened. This disease follows the stems down to the tubers, and where they were allowed to stand long enough before digging it caused a dry rot in the potatoes, which is now spreading through the bins, and it looks as though by planting time 'taters will be 'taters. If we plant too early, the early blight (macrosporium) comes and stop their growth, resulting in a small yield. If to late, the late blight rots the crop. If this keeps on, we will have to spray with Bordeaux mixture or stop raising potatoes.

Our church is empty; preaching of the word
Within its walls is seldom heard.
The members yet more seldom meet to pray,
They e'en forget which is prayermeeting day.
They mourn and grieve each for the other's sin
So much they have no time to look within,
Where pride and envy join to rule the soul,
And Satan's net is settled o'er the whole.
When all the sinners die and pass away,
We, who are righteous—and for this we pray—
May gather on the meeting days and fill
The little church that stands on Deadwood hill.

THE PROPOSITION for a conference between committees from Oregon and Washington legislatures regarding uniform fishing regulations is a good one, and should lead to good results. Anything to put a stop to the confusion and consequent conflicts of authority which have recently obtained will prove beneficial, but there is no reason why uniform regulations by both states should not be agreed to, and then enforced on both sides of the river—*Tacoma Ledger.*

GENERAL ANDREWS, the fire warden of Minnesota, calls attention to one of the evils resulting from the waste of our forest lands. The United States is importing logs and lumber to the amount of $21,000,000, and exporting logs and lumber to the amount of $26,000,000, only about $2,000,000 more than Canada. France and Great Britain last year imported lumber to the amount of $140,000,000, of which the United States furnished but a small part.

FRANCE WILL expend 62 million dollars on new ship construction this year and England 40 million dolars, while Russia will probably expend 60 million dollars for similar purposes.

Guard: The Eugene Mill & Elevator Co today sold to J M Shelley and C S Williams pursuant to a resolution unanimously adopted by the board of directors, all the property owned in Eugene and occupied by the mill and elevator. Consideration, $7,500.

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