

ROSEBURG REVIEW

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COMMUNICATION.

WASHINGTON, April, 18th, 1887. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have done all in their power to make Sunday "blue" in Washington. They have resurrected the old "closing laws" which have not long mouldered in the statute book and are rigidly enforcing them.

Yesterday was the second Sunday since the old, new law went into effect. On the preceding Sunday crowds of thirty men were seen leaving the "dry" city and going in the direction of the taverns on the country roads in the vicinity. Long before dark the suburban bars were "closed," not because it was Sunday, but because their supply of liquors was exhausted.

A close observer of the dietetic habits of the Cabinet has discovered, and given to the world the result of his researches, that the only total abstinence who sits at Mr. Cleveland's Council Board is Attorney General Garland. He also discovered that Secretary Whitney's liquor bills were very large owing to his liberal hospitality. If any-thing were needed, however, to demonstrate the leaning of the President towards the temperance cause, it is only necessary to point to the recent example set in this respect by the mistress of the White House, who, without the least trace of fanaticism or intolerance, occupies the position that the drinking of intoxicating liquors is neither a proper thing to do nor to encourage.

Mrs. Cleveland's interesting personality continues to afford much material for the gossips and the press. Her most trivial sayings and doings, and many things which she has never said or done, are constantly printed. She is now enjoying a season of quiet retirement and rest at the President's country place, "Oak View," and has not been to the White House for a fortnight.

The novel proposition has been made that all the ladies who have presided as hostess of the Executive mansion make arrangements for a meeting and reception in Washington. All the former Presidents have passed away, but there are still living eleven ladies who have occupied the position of first lady of the land. These are the widow of President Tyler and Mrs. Semple, her step-daughter, now an inmate of the Louise Home in this city, who, during the period between her own mother's death and the second marriage of her father, was the head of his household at the White House. Then there are the widow of President Polk, and Mrs. Johnston, the niece of President Buchanan, who was for four years the mistress of the Mansion; Mrs. Patterson, the daughter of President Johnson; Mrs. Grant, who had the position for eight years; Mrs. Hayes who had it for four; Mrs. Garfield, who had it only six months; Mrs. McElroy, the late President Arthur's sister, who was lady of the White House during part of each of the three years of his term; Miss Rose Cleveland, who reigned fifteen months and lastly, the young wife of the President.

When, last evening, General Sheridan repeated by request, his lecture on "The Modern Pagan," which was, by the way an attack and a refutation of of Ingersollism, he was introduced to the audience by the Lieutenant General of the Army. They are friends and admirers of each other but are not relatives. The lecturer says he is constantly asked what relation he is to General "Phil." He answered the question humorously once, in a political speech. "So that there can be no possible misunderstanding," said he, "I will state that I am neither his father nor his brother nor his cousin nor his uncle nor his wife's aunt's sister's mother-in-law. In fact, he was no possible relation of the great soldier.

"General George," he is called by his friends, owes his title of General to having once been Adjutant-General of Louisiana. He was elected to the Forty-third Congress from that state, but his election was contested by ex-Governor Pinchback, and he was not awarded his seat until the closing hours of the last day of the last session, just in time to draw his pay for two years service, mileage, and expenses of contest, amounting in all to about fourteen thousand dollars.

A man named Hug is running for judge in Philadelphia. He ought to be able to squeeze in.

FAITH.

Pain would I hold my lamp of life aloft; Like yonder tower built high above the roof; Steadfast, though tempests rage or winds blow soft; Clear, though the skies dissolve in tears of grief.

For darkness passes, storms shall not abide; A little patience and the fog is past. After the sorrow of the ebbing tide The singing flood returns in joy at last.

The night is long and the pain weighs heavy; But God will hold His world above despair. Look to the east where up the lucid sky The morning climbs: The day shall yet be fair. —Colin Thaxter.

COMFORT IN BLUE CLOUDS.

Why Men Smoke—The Peculiar Tricks and Oddities of Smokers. "How do men smoke?" repeated the man of knowledge, in a reply to a query of the reporter, as he tilted back in his chair and lit a cigar. "I should answer by asking another question, that is, Why do men smoke? You tell me why a man uses the 'noxious weed' and I will tell you how he does it. There are an infinite number of reasons why men smoke. Some men smoke because they are nervous, some men smoke because they are phlegmatic, many merely from habit, a very large number do it because others do so, and a small minority smoke because they really enjoy it.

"Smokers have all sorts of peculiar tricks and oddities. One man I once knew had a trick of constantly knocking off the ashes with his little finger. He would keep that little finger wagging continually, and when there were no ashes he would burn his finger. But it was a habit which he seemed wholly unable to overcome. Some men whom I have known would always swallow the smoke. The nicotine-laden vapors which they would take into their stomachs must have kept those organs in a constant state of distension.

"Others seem to find an inexplicable delight in making chimneys of their noses and sending the smoke in volumes through those orifices. I once knew a man who had a peculiar trick of shutting one eye to look along his cigar with the other as he put it into his mouth. He was a bashful man, and never thought of flirting with the girls on the street, but that habit used to get him into no end of scrapes. How! Why, the girls all thought he was winking at them.

"The peculiar habits of smokers will sometimes run through a whole family. I remember a funny instance of that. A man came to me in my office one day and represented himself as a brother of an old friend of mine. He was a shabby, forlorn-looking specimen, and I was not inclined to believe his story, especially as there was no personal resemblance to his brother, but I asked and talked to him a while. He told a plausible story, but still I was not inclined to believe him, and finally I told him to clear out, that I couldn't be bothered with him. Then my better feelings came to the front, and I gave him a cigar. He took it with a sad, forgiving smile and lit it.

"He hadn't taken but one puff before I was on my feet begging his pardon. After taking that puff he had taken out his cigar with a peculiar jerk and had blown the smoke out of the corner of his mouth in a manner which I had noticed and laughed over a hundred times when with his brother. I saw him do it. I knew then that I was not being imposed upon." —Galveston News.

Coloration of Animals. Coloration was long quite unintelligible, that of creatures which are very conspicuous and often so gaudily colored as to attract attention; but it is now found that many groups of species thus colored have a totally different kind of protection in being endowed with such an offensive odor and taste as to be inedible. Whole families of butterflies, moths, beetles and other insects are now known by actual experiment to be so protected, and those in every case possess conspicuous colors, or at all events are entirely wanting in those protective hues which characterize most creatures which serve as food to others.

As illustrations of these forms of useful characters I may mention the glow-worm and fireflies, which belong to insect groups, but being nocturnal and soft-bodied, would be liable to be seized and injured, if not devoured, without the warning light which tells insect-eating creatures (after one experience) that they are uneatable. This interpretation of the use of the light was suggested by Mr. Belt and has been adopted by Mr. Darwin.—A. R. Wallace in Fortnightly Review.

Effect of Lamp Shades on Eyesight. In some interesting experiments made by an English oculist on the relative values of various forms of lamp shades an important result was arrived at. The method pursued by him was to measure the brightness of white paper lying on a table over which the source of artificial light was suspended at a given distance by means of a Weber photometer. Thus the fact was confirmed that the general effect of a shade is to increase very greatly the illumination immediately under the light, while not modifying it notably at an angular distance greater than forty-five degrees from this region.

Taking as a measure of the value of the illumination in this case the number of lines which can be read from a newspaper in a minute, and as a unit of illumination that of a normal candle at a perpendicular distance of a meter from the paper, it is found that the best illumination is not less than fifty such units, but even a fifth of this illumination is very rarely secured, except immediately under a lamp provided with a good shade.—Scientific Journal.

What It Denotes. A phenologist says that "fullness under the eye denotes language." When the fullness is caused by another man's fist it denotes very bad language, generally.—Norristown Herald.

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