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OUR PLACE AND DUTY.

When the new world was discovered, almost at the same time devout men of all creeds in Europe, hailed the discovery as divine, as supplying the spot where at last true religion would flourish, and the ignorance, cruelty and superstition of the old world would no longer haunt the souls or chill the energies, or be the instruments of cruelty and tyranny in the hands of conscienceless men.

They did not claim that any special creed or dogma would rule, but that the lives and acts of men, being no longer restrained by what is dark and base, would culminate in establishing a code of morals under which mortals might progress, and which would be acceptable to God.

Two hundred years ago Samuel Sewall called our country "New Jerusalem," and said of it: "New Jerusalem will not straighten and enfeeble, but wonderfully dilate and invigorate Christianity in the several quarters of the world; in Asia, in Africa, in Europe, and in America."

Then he broke out in a kind of rhapsody:

"Lift up your heads O ye Gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in."

We think the fathers had the same idea when they framed the constitution, and while providing that the church should keep its hands out of politics—for they had seen in Europe the wrongs and tyrannies that follow when there is a union of church and state—still they were careful to insure absolute liberty for all forms of religion under the law.

And these lessons from the past ought to come home to us when each new year comes in. There is too much crime in our country. Why? Are we all doing our duty as citizens; what guard are we keeping over the criminal elements in our midst? What watch are we keeping over the conditions of the poor, lest through necessity they become criminals?

There should be a guardian for every ward of the city, who should be paid for his services, to report the condition of every poor family, and the manner of life of every suspicious family, to the authorities every week. This would not cost nearly as much as many people believe, and it would save a world of distress, prevent a great deal of crime and add materially to the comfort and good name of the city. And could every town and city be thus watched and patrolled, the tone of the whole land would be swiftly exalted, for in a republic, much more than in a monarchy, the condition of the units makes up the character of the whole.

Our people at home ought to keep up with the influence which our country is perhaps unconsciously making upon the world.

There would not be an effort on the part of the strongest men in China, to model a government after ours, had not Admiral Dewey planted our flag over Manila. It is the light of that flag that is shining on and over the mainland of Asia. That is why Japan is protesting against a republic there; behind the acts of Russia in Persia is the fear of what that same flag may do if permitted to shine upon the iceberg of ignorance and intolerance which has chilled central Asia for twenty centuries.

And we at home should keep up with destiny and give to the flag a more impressive majesty as each new year comes around.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Editor E. B. Piper, of the Oregonian, is firm in the belief that President Taft will win the preferential primaries to be held in the Webfoot state next April. That rabid insurgency is on the wane becomes more and more important. Mr. Taft has declared that nothing but death can remove him from the contest. From present appearances, the name of Theodore Roosevelt will appear on the Oregon ballot, despite the insistent denials of the former president that he will even consider the matter. Oregon's primaries will be watched with more than ordinary interest.

If the large land holdings were broken up the county would be settled and developed. This is a statement that you can hear in every county in eastern Oregon. Too few

men own too much land. One family will preside over 10,000 acres where there ought to be a hundred families. The man who owns the land is not to blame. If he has accumulated it through honest effort he is to be commended. But the fact remains that too few men own too much land conducive to settlement. There is positively no argument on this point. The assessment rolls show it and the neighbors know it. They say that settlement breaks up the ranges and cuts into the stock business. False. The state of Ohio with practically no public ranges and no 100,000 acre holdings, grazes more sheep than Oregon. There is a condition that is wrong and if the single-taxers see any force of argument in it, make the best of it.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

JUDGE LOWELL'S PLATFORM.

Judge Lowell, in announcing his candidacy for the senate against Jonathan Bourne, Jr., says he is a progressive, but not a radical. He favors government operation of the Alaska coal fields, and that the government should also own and operate a line of coasting vessels in connection with the Panama canal, as well as maintain an adequate fleet in Pacific waters.

In speaking of Judge Lowell's candidacy the E. O. says:

"The idea that the government should operate the Alaska coal fields and should operate coasting vessels in connection with the Panama canal will be classed by some as radical. Such suggestions will be regarded by Plutocracy as socialistic and there are people who will tear their hair and moan at the very thought of government operation of anything. Plutocracy does not want the public at large to profit by the gifts of God. They want the Morgans, the Guggenheims, the Goulds and others to get the bulk of the earth's riches and for the rest of humanity to kiss their toes in order to get the necessities of life."

"But Plutocracy is not going to manage the affairs of this country all the time and the ideas of Judge Lowell regarding the development of natural resources are going to prevail. If they do not prevail at the coming election they will in time."

"Judge Lowell also advocates presidential primaries, a banking system free from Wall street domination, direct election of senators, gradual assumption of express and telegraph business and several other reforms in line with advanced political thought."

Judge Lowell's platform shows that while he may not be a radical he is a very courageous sort of a progressive. In this respect the platform reflects the man. The judge has always had abundant political independence and courage. Nor are these his only good qualities. He is one of the most upright public men in Oregon and an orator of more than state wide renown.

Surely these things will count for much when the republicans of the state vote upon their senatorial candidates next spring."

People of Morrow county recognize in Judge Lowell a very able and worthy candidate for senator and would be pleased to see him succeed.

This is the harvest season for the fuel dealer.

Gilliam county has appropriated \$1000.00 to boost the tri-county fair at Condon, and the people over that way seem to be back of the fair in earnest. This is the right spirit and spells success.

Forty-one inches of snow at The Dalles, so goes the report. In fact, all up and down the line traffic has been greatly retarded by the storm. However, we can put up with these inconveniences if the moisture will continue to fall. We are in for seeing this country go "wet" good and strong.

During the present storm many sections of Eastern Oregon have been visited by exceedingly cold weather, the thermometer reaching 35 degrees below zero at some points. The record here was 2 below, and that for only one night. This section is hard to beat when it comes to weather—we have an abundance of good weather.

The five Chinese students at the Oregon Agricultural College, representatives of prominent families of the Celestial Kingdom, have been excused from classes this week at the request of the Young China Association of Portland, in order that they may assist in the universal celebration of the new era of China just entered upon.

To add to the burdens of our short years, Morrow county is called upon to pay to the state more than double what we had to pay last year in state taxes. To meet excessive appropriations the state is compelled to raise more than double the funds required in former years, hence the

heavy increase called for from the counties. Our portion will be \$34,207.50, which looms up mighty big in these times.

Snow is a good thing for Morrow county. The fall this week has averaged about 16 inches on a level, tho in many places it has drifted and is piled to a depth of 20 feet. On Tuesday the temperature raised to 40 above and has been above the freezing point since, and the melting of the snow has been gradual. In years past, when we were visited with heavy snows, it could be expected that good crops would follow, and our present discomfiture will doubtless be rewarded by an abundant harvest the coming season. Let it come; our people are certainly ready for it.

At the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.
E. P. Warren, Pastor.

Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m.; Epworth League 6:30 p. m.; preaching 7:30 p. m. Sermon topics: Morning, "The Part we are to Play in the Salvation of Heppner;" evening, "A Wonderful Message by a Great Prophet." A welcome for all at the house of God. Who can frame an excuse for not going to church that God would accept at the day of judgment? who? Can you?

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday, January 14, 10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., communion; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30, song service and sermon. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Ada Wallace Unruh, National Organizer and Lecturer, as well as Oregon state president of the W. C. T. U., will deliver an address at the Christian church, on Monday, January fifteenth at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Unruh needs no introduction to many Heppner people but for the benefit of those who have not heard her, a few words of appreciation from the press reports of her lectures follows:

"She is a graceful, eloquent, convincing speaker. Her logic is electric, her rhetoric picturesque and vivid, her style nervous, fervid, forceful."—Columbus Enquirer. "The address teemed with humor and sparkled with wit, and it is fair to say that few audiences were ever better entertained."—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Her ability was also highly endorsed by our beloved temperance leader, Frances E. Willard, who said, "her loyalty and devotion entitle her to universal confidence and affection."

The public is cordially invited to be present. Come and bring a friend with you. Admission free.

High School Notes.

Mid-term examinations next week. There seems to be some reluctance on the part of the students in paying their literary dues. These dues should be paid at once.

The Heptonian and Philomathian societies presented their monthly programs last Friday afternoon. The Heptonian program consisted of readings and music, while the Philomathians debated on the question: "Resolved, that a high tax should be placed on all immigrants entering the United States." The affirmative won the unanimous decision of the judges. (Hereafter all immigrants shall be taxed.)

Miss Mildred Hughes entertained her classmates, the Freshmen, last Friday evening. A few outsiders were also present. "Rook," "Chancellor," and "Millonaire," were the games of the evening. Light refreshments were served.

The physics class took a trip to Neptune the other day. They were accompanied by Prof. Hoffman. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain un-called for in the Heppner postoffice: Mrs. G. W. Hopper, Mrs. Clara McDonald, Elmer McMillan, Chas. Sherman, J. K. Simons, Pete Roys, John Tierney.

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Saving the Sunshine.

Most true conservationists will agree with the Secretary of the Interior in his condemnation of those loud talkers who spend their energies in discussing the wickedness of waste without at the same time being willing to assist in any practical plan to stop the evils they so greatly deplore. We suspect, however, that few, even of those good citizens who believe in the wisest use of natural resources and who are sincerely eager to safeguard the public good both now and hereafter, realize how easy it is to neglect opportunities for conservation which lie at our door. The coal and forests in Alaska are of vast importance, but the discharge of our duty with regard to them will not occupy much of time. A nearer need is to see that we make the best use of natural resources in our own back yards. How about making "two blades of grass grow where one grew before?" Why isn't that just as important as keeping the coal or saving the streams or doing any of the thousand and one things that we individually can only talk about? Our truest conservationists are those gardeners and farmers who catch the sunshine and husband the rain and strive intelligently to keep pace in production with the increase of the non-agricultural population.

The need of conservation of food-supplying resources is obvious. There are more people in America every year and every year the soil if unreplenished is impoverished. The area of rich land decreases and the cost of living rises. Conservation of potential power of rain and soil is the only reasonable solution of the problem of nation-feeding and just here is our opportunity. What is for the nation's good is also for our individual profit. The wise use of the soil means money in our pockets.

The very greatest product of land is derived from "intensive gardening." Through generations of intelligent selection and breeding thoroughbred seeds have been developed whose yield far surpassed in quality and quantity that of ordinary strains. You can be a true conservationist if you have a successful garden. Be sure, however, to start right by planting thoroughbred seeds. These can be bought of seedsmen having sufficient capital and experience to know what they are about and a reputation to maintain.

Estrayed.

From my place on Rood canyon, three head of two-year-old horses; a sorrel, black and bay; also four head of yearlings, all bays; All branded quarter circle K on right stifle, missed from my place about the 4th of this month. Write or phone me at my ex. pense.
E. M. KEITHLEY.
tf. Eight mile, Oregon.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness, death and burial of our beloved wife and sister. Paul Hisler.
McCullough Bros.

For Trade

37 acres on Rock creek, 11 miles from Condon. Will trade for residence in Heppner. For particulars call on or address the Heppner Gazette. tf

For Rent.

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Stock Taking Sale

We are now busy taking stock and are throwing out all broken lines and remnants on the bargain counter.

You will find some good values.

We are still giving 10 per cent off on Suits, Waists, Coats and Sweaters for Ladies; on all Suits and Overcoats for Boys and Men.

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We consider it an honor to have a largely increased number of people showing their confidence in the service of this store.

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for many courtesies and patronage so bountifully extended.

We hope you have had a Very Merry Christmas and will have a **BUMPER YEAR FOR 1912**

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