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EDITORIAL

THE OLD FASHIONED WOMAN.

Nowadays one hears much of the "modern woman" the "new century woman" the women lawyers, preachers, doctors, stenographers, book-keepers, clerks, school-teachers, telephone and factory girls, etc., but one seldom or ever hears of the dear old fashioned woman, who lived for others, whose greatest ambition was to have a home and to make that home cheerful and bright, whose first and last thought was for the comfort and the happiness of the husband and children, who if Mrs. Jones came over to visit would sit down with knitting or mending in her basket at her side and knit, darn or sew while discussing ways and means for the betterment of the household, who was more interested in the welfare of the family than she was in books, society or politics, who would rather cook a meal well than to dance well, whose greatest ambition was to be a shining star among housekeepers who did her work willingly and lovingly, who could transform a cabin into a home, who believed the right way to fight dyspepsia and worry was to study the needs of the family and cook meals accordingly, one who welcomed visitors, and whose faithful loyalty to husband and children urged them on to higher things and to success. God bless them, these old fashioned mothers, the world is sadly in need of them, and we hope will get more of them.

THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

In a recent editorial the Oregonian suggests that if the prosecuting officers of the state did their duty, the cause for the application of the unwritten law would immediately be removed and such episodes that have recently occurred would be a thing of the past. This is the only true position to take. Law, no matter how trivial it appears, should be enforced. It should not be the privilege of any to ask whence, why, or wherefore, but to obey. The majority of men are law abiding because they have to be, not because they want to be. A few men are honest. The majority of men will do as they agree to do, knowing they can be made to do so. A certain number of men in every community prefer to select the laws they wish to live under, and ignore the rest. This being absolutely true it is therefore impossible to compel law enforcement (and law must be enforced or anarchy, unrest, disruption and weakening of government will prevail,) without the election of men to office, who upon their own initiative, or at least upon being notified of the commission of crime will take immediate steps toward the arrest and conviction of the offending parties. The facts brought out at the murder trial just closed at Portland should be sufficient testimony as to the importance of electing an honest, able and fearless prosecuting attorney.

You cannot dream yourself into a character. You must hammer and forge one for yourself.—Froude.

LEST WE FORGET.

Christmas, the annual time of good cheer, with its "Peace on earth, good will to men," has again arrived. The providing of presents for the little ones, and the older ones too, is always more or less of a problem for the women folks and usually a time of considerable importance (financially) to the men folks. This year the average pocket book is doubtless better able to stand the strain than ever before. In the merry making and feasting however, one is liable to forget the keynote for celebrating this great world wide holiday. It is now known to a certainty that Christ was not born on the 25th of December, but that he was born, lived, and died, for the benefit and salvation of all man kind, is sufficient for us to remember this and cause us not to forget that we should not live for self alone, but "the good that we can do," thereby emulating the wonderful and ideal example of the one whose birth this great event is supposed to celebrate.

THE WEAK LINK.

Some one has said that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link," and some take it for granted that if one has done wrong, this is their weak link and hereafter this particular link must be watched lest it break again. Is this good logic? Is it good reasoning? Is it fair, right, or honorable, because one has broken faith and is truly repentant, to forever place a ban upon him and say he shall not again be trusted? Right here is where we contend the church falls down, its members are prone to loose faith in the one that has fallen, they are not willing to leave the ninety and nine who are strong and safe, and go in search of the weakling, find it nourish and nurse it back to strength and safety. A little more faith and confidence in our fallen brother is a much needed thing. If the human link has broken help to weld it with brotherly faith and confidence and it is not liable to break again.

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

It has been demonstrated many times that the time has come for every county in the state to have its own prosecuting attorney. The state has without question outgrown its present plan. The prosecuting attorneys of the different districts have to depend largely on underpaid and oftentimes incompetent attorneys to attend to business that they are unable to look after themselves, sometimes resulting—as in the Murray case—in needless loss of life, the blighting of whole families and great expense to the tax payers of the county, and all because of the ignorance, egotism, or malicious disregard of oath of office and duty by some saphead, who should never be permitted to be entrusted with anything pertaining to justice. For how can one render justice, who does not know, or is impervious to the demands of justice.

In Siam the high-born persons walk with elbow joints turned inward and the thumbs outward.

BUILD THE RAILROAD.

Some one has suggested the idea of the farmers and business men of the Willamette Valley building a railroad to Tide Water. Why not? It would not be the first instance in Oregon where the producer, manufacturer and merchant has been forced to go into the transportation business; and it was mighty effective too, and has proved to be the only permanent relief. We have reference to the regulator line at The Dalles which it will be remembered was built to provide relief from the Harriman octopus, and it did too.

ANNOYANCE SHOULD BE STOPPED.

It is said that certain young men made themselves more or less conspicuous at church last Sunday night by whistling, moving books and feet, walking out and leaving doors wide open, taking outside, etc., to the annoyance of others present. Young men sometimes forget that others have rights. One however should not so far forget himself as to wilfully annoy others by his misconduct, for in so doing he forfeits the respect of all decent people and is paving the way for trouble ahead. Parents should hold their children to strict account for their conduct during public meetings of any kind, but especially during divine services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDED.

Recent events at Montavilla have proved the advisability of the immediate organization of a competent fire department, together with suitable equipment, buildings, fire alarm, bell, etc., to longer continue without them is inviting serious business losses. A fire starting at the East end of the Base line road driven by a strong east wind would practically wipe out all that portion of the Villa lying west of Hibbard street and east of Mt. Tabor. Why not call a meeting of the business men and property holders and proceed to organize at once?

It was a pleasure to be present at the "At Home" given by the ladies of the Gresham library last Saturday night. The rooms had been transformed into a veritable fairy land and ye editor and his helpmate enjoyed a social chat, "a cup o' tea" and the society of a goodly number of our folks until it was time for good people to go to bed, when we reluctantly wended our way homeward. We hope this is but a start toward many more such events during the winter.

Mayor Lane is mighty busy just now. He is only the mayor of a city, but he is enforcing law against gambling and the slot machines, has closed up some notorious dives in the north end, and is now taking a hand in restricting concerts in the saloons of Portland. Every law loving citizen should stay right by him in this effort to erase the dark blot from the fair name of the Rose City.

If you are thinking of who to remember in your Christmas expenditures don't forget that the Herald will be glad to receive a remittance to cover your back subscription, and a dollar extra for the coming years. Try it. We are sure it will be appreciated and you will feel the better for having helped the good work along.

"The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones."

ROCKWOOD

Mr. John Peterson and family will soon move onto the place formerly occupied by Abe Turner, near Cleone. Mrs. Geo. Covert was called to Dayton, Oregon, to attend the funeral of her brother, last Thursday. Mr. McManus and family have moved back to their farm here, having spent the last two years in Portland.

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W. O. W., Clover Camp No. 318, Gresham, meets in Regner's Hall on 2d and 4th Mondays at 8 p. m. D. F. Talbot, C. C.; E. L. Thorp, Clerk. Visiting Woodmen Welcome.

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