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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The real problem of life to the men and women of today is the probable of citizenship. Making a living is not a problem. With present prices of labor and its products the question of living is not a serious one. But the question of the quality of the citizenship being produced nowadays is. There has always been graft. We of today are led to think the moral tone worse in this species of wrong doing than ever before. That may be due to the understanding that comes with years. It was there all the time, but we did not recognize it. One reason why we hear so much more about it today is that people are coming to recognize it. On an average people are more intelligent than ever before and beyond being able to recognize "graft," they are also able to comprehend its true relation to civic integrity. "Graft" is not simply overcharging a public account. It includes more than working a bill through the legislature to secure a public sinecure. It includes all these and more. It means any scheme to secure an unjustifiable advantage. We are coming to understand that, and we also are coming to feel that our public men should be free from all such restraints as may be due to pledges or personal obligations. Their private interests are not to intrude. What the men of the future will be will depend largely on the standard of the parents of today. Undoubtedly, people take a more serious view of political crookedness now than ever before. If they will carry the idea into their own lives, practice the principles at home that they abhor abroad, the men of the future will be safe. But do they do that? We question if our children are not in many instances being trained today along lines that will result very badly. The idea of duty, of moral obligations to parents is not developed now days as our forefathers were accustomed to do. Very few children now days consider themselves under any obligation whatever to treat their elders with courtesy or to offer them a favor unless they are to get a reward. Many parents pay their children for performing the ordinary chores around home. The result is the child develops the idea of placing everything on a money basis, instead considering it a duty, an obligation or privilege to serve his parents or friends. Such a tendency cannot help but result badly. The person who grows up with such ideas as a basis of their moral code can hardly avoid improper standards when they get older.

The latest exaggeration on the part of the humane bird lovers of the state of Oregon is an effort to prevent the use of the feathers of the china pheasant for ornamental purposes. We question if any one hunts the pheas-

ant for the feathers. It is a game bird and as long as it is hunted, what wrong can there be in using the feathers for ornament? If the bird is to be killed, what better use can be made of the feathers? Aren't these bird lovers suffering from an attack of the ego? Why not use a little common sense? The birds will die in a short time anyway, and if they die naturally their remains serve no purpose. If they are killed humanely they go to sustain a higher creation in several ways.

That Oregon will double its present population during the next ten years is the prediction of Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the department of history at the university of Oregon. He draws interesting parallels between the agricultural states of the middle west and Oregon, which he says is now facing an era similar to that marking the periods of heaviest settlement in the Mississippi valley. He finds that Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and others doubled their population in ten-year periods when people sought the cheap agricultural lands to be had there. He expects history to repeat itself in Oregon.

Pendleton is setting a good example of western enterprise by starting early to put on a great show at the time of its annual "roundup." Liberal subscriptions are being made to build a race track and grandstands that will be ample for the occasion. A large tract of ground near the city has been purchased and the 1911 show promises to be a great success. Pendleton is attracting wide attention through its unique frontier celebration.

It is probably a little early to commend Judge McGinn. His term of office has hardly commenced and yet he has been heard from. His parole system has caused various comment and it is open to argument. His attitude on the question of additional judges for this county looks well and his demand that the county jails be cleared of waiting inmates is practical and just. It is to be hoped the judge will continue as he has begun—theoretically, practically and economically.

Usual low-priced colonist rates to the Pacific northwest from the east will be in effect from March 10 to April 10 and will, no doubt, result in inducing many settlers to come west. Rates will be the same as last year, on the basis of \$25 to the coast from Missoua river terminals. Fare from other points is in proportion, for example, \$33 from Chicago; \$32 from St. Louis; \$50 from New York City; \$49.75 from Washington, etc.

The double tracking of the O. W. R. & N. line down the Columbia river from Echo to Portland, as authorized by the Harriman directors in New York, will be of great benefit to the

whole state. Improved transportation facilities will be provided, but, perhaps best of all, is the confidence shown in the northwest by the great railway system in authorizing this heavy investment.

Jefferson City, Missouri, can certify that some, at least, of her citizens are heroes. The state capitol burned down the other morning and the most valiant men on the scene were the penitentiary firemen. They were foremost in preserving the state records and in fighting the fire—which all goes to prove that a man makes some mistakes and still be more than an average man.

CORBETT

Mr. and Mrs. Byers visited at the George Reed home at Rooster Rock Sunday.

A. A. Loeb was in the city on business.

Ralph Kincaid is afflicted with the chicken pox.

Mrs. S. Kincaid returned Saturday from a two months' sojourn at the Dalles.

Miss Ethel Smith went to Warrendale Sunday evening to resume her school duties.

Loeb & Byers moved two cars of hay from Troutdale, and two cars of cord wood from Latonell Falls last week. The firm has shipped seven cars of hay, cord wood, posts and miscellaneous produce since the first of the year. Through the efforts of these gentlemen Corbett is becoming famous as a market for farm produce of all kinds, which is certainly advantageous to the farmers of this vicinity.

Miss Annie Benfield returned Saturday evening from Portland, where she had been visiting relatives.

The Misses Alice Rasmussen and Ethel Smith visited Pleasant View and Springdale schools.

The rock crusher, under the supervision of Sidney Smyth, will begin operation very soon near tunnel No. 1. A dock will be built to be used for convenience in shipping the crushed rock, which will be deposited in bunkers at Rose City Park, St. Johns and Sellwood for paving purposes.

Mr. Calvin has sold the company ground where a cook house and sleeping apartments will be erected for the accommodation of the employees.

A valentine basket social is to be given by the teacher and pupils of Corbett school on the evening of Feb. 18. The proceeds to be used to buy pictures for the school room. Everybody invited.

ROCKWOOD

A number of Rockwood's young people met at the home of Earl Middleton on Saturday evening to do honor to Earl's 21st birthday. A pleasant time was had by all. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Hester Thorp, having successfully passed the eighth grade in District No. 8, has taken up the ninth grade in the Rockwood school.

Mrs. Wm. Childers made a business trip to the city on Tuesday.

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J. A. Watts has resigned his position with the Mt. Hood company and returned to Portland.

Mrs. Henry Helms is spending the week in Bull Run.

Gustav Aschoff successfully passed the recent eighth grade examination held here.

Mr. McCrauger is spending the week end in Bull Run.

L. B. Frame spent Saturday and Sunday in Sandy.

Miss Blanch Belfield is on the sick list.

Miss Glines left Saturday for Oregon City, where teachers' examinations are being held. She will also visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leaf have returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Shelley, in Portland.

Our winter still seems to cling to us, another heavy fall of snow last Wednesday night.

PLEASANT HOME

Mrs. E. L. Ladd of Santa Anna, California, is visiting her brother, Mr. Griffith.

J. H. Hartman of Vancouver, made a business trip to R. C. Altman's with a view to buying a home.

Rev. Calder is holding revival services at Boring.

A musical on the 17th is announced for the M. E. S. S., city talent.

The Baptist chapel has a new coat of paint and a brick chimney.

Mrs. Brauball is on the sick list.

Geo. Carpenter bought an acre of land of Mrs. McKinney and is preparing to build.

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