

INCONSISTENCIES.

(Communicated.)

In the present political times it is strange to see the number of different opinions on different things. We have a party whose members think that the force that is to convert the world in politics; that if we could only by vote decide that men should not drink strong drink we would have a very happy world, indeed, quite forgetting the practical side of the question, that the liquor men and their friends have votes as well as they. Another point they seem to forget is that politics is simply an outgrowth of the average sentiment of the people, and is simply what people make it. The only way to purify politics is to make the people pure. The only thing that will purify people is the Christian religion.

The temperance question is said to be the only subject worth thinking about, and any one so thoughtless as to mention tariff, income tax, internal improvements, the industrial situation or the money question is classed as puerile, unworthy of intelligent recognition, etc.

In talking to a leading prohibitionist, who was once a preacher, I made bold to make some of the objections named, and in our talk I quoted some history, and also scripture, to wit: "That temperance is one of the fruits of the spirit of Christ, and to take it from that place and drag it in the mire of politics is doing what Christ told us not to do—i. e., cast pearls before swine or give holy things to dogs." In reply my reverend opponent informed me that before I quoted either history or scripture again that I ought to learn a little more of both. So this ended the talk, which was all in good nature while my friend did the talking.

This party, I believe, has been counted a number of times, and I presume will be counted again in June, though I have not heard of it.

Politics is not some hideous monster in the air. It is people; the friends and neighbors of these men; their equals, at least, in honesty and intelligence, and whose interest in good government is equal to theirs.

Again, we have people who want the government to take control of all its people, provide communication, transportation, mastication, etc., for us, so that we will have nothing to do but vote. The printing presses will turn out money enough for all. And if this is not enough, free coinage of silver, tin, old shoe leather and anything else that the people can vote to stamp will supply the deficiency. All that is necessary is to stamp a ten-cent piece \$20 and it is \$20. Now this would not benefit any one. If the government would take \$20 worth of gold and stamp it 10 cents, so that we could get it for 10 cents, it would suit the people better. The power that can make 10 cents' worth of anything into \$20 can make \$20 worth into 10 cents. Iron or nickel would be worth as much as gold, and a person would be a grand idiot for prospecting for gold when it would be so cheap. Really, looking the whole matter over, does it not look like the principle that wants something for nothing? These are the people who "greenbacked" their neighbors during the cheap greenback period; who want to trample all law under foot; would "hold up" his neighbor and rob him if the courage were not wanting. Their leaders are the modern Jack Cades and Wat. Tylers, who prey upon the ignorance and fanaticism of their followers; talk of wading in blood and appropriating the hard earnings of their more industrious and frugal neighbors, to supply their own wants, after having all the opportunities of making something for the future that others had. If we could only, in dividing up the wealth of the country, divide the ability of people, both mental, moral and physical, there would be no trouble; but as long as there is a difference in ability there will be rich and poor. At the present rate, we are showing to the world very rapidly that universal suffrage is a failure.

This is the way it goes: About every 20 feet the novice will think she is going to fall over, and will throw her arms around your neck, and you can naturally close yours around her waist. Occasionally you can remark, apologetically:

"I'm afraid you'll get tired of these lessons if you don't progress much quicker."

The chances are she will tell you: "I love learning—Oh, catch me, I'm failing!"

This is a job worth hunting by any one.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute of Clatsop county will be held at Court street school house Wednesday to Friday, May 2, 3 and 4. All interested in education are invited to be present at any of the sessions. A feature of especial interest will be a presentation of kindergarten work by Miss Ione Dunlap, of Portland, the afternoon of Thursday. Miss Dunlap will also hold a meeting on the 4th.

State Superintendent Hon. E. B. McElroy will be present and on the evening of Thursday, May 3, will lecture upon "The Educational Exhibit at the Columbian Exposition."

LOADED AND FIRED.

On Sunday afternoon a countryman named Ingalls who had turned his little finger over his thumb just times enough to make him ugly, went into the Delmonico Restaurant and tried to pick a quarrel with some one, he didn't care whom. He was ordered out by the manager, and instead of going out started in to break the manager's jaw, but falling in the attempt, was put out on the street and at once taken to the police station by an officer who was attracted by the disturbance.

MARINE NEWS.

The barkentine Catherine Sudden arrived in ballast Sunday afternoon from San Francisco. She will load with piles for Redondo Beach, Cal.

The steamer South Coast is ready to sail for San Francisco with a heavy cargo of lumber, having a 11-foot deck-load.

The steamer George W. Elder came down from Portland yesterday, laden with wheat, on her way to San Francisco.

PERSONAL.

A. McKinney, of Ilwaco, is in the city and stopping at the Astor house.

R. B. May, W. W. Sweeney and C. E. Dayton, of Portland, are at the Occident.

R. S. Foby, of Seattle, Wash., is in the city.

G. K. Burton, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident.

J. H. Ballance, of Baltimore, Md., is stopping at the Occident.

Gus H. Bynon, editor of the Clatsop County News, Westport, Or., is in the city, and reports business picking up in his neck of the woods.

Capt. Eric Johnson, master of the Union Pacific steamer Escort No. 2, left for a month's vacation Sunday morning. He will spend most of his time in California. Capt. Hawes, of the Walla, takes Capt. Johnson's place on the Escort.

Rev. J. W. Dorrance, who has been temporarily supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church for the last few weeks, has returned to his home at Snohomish City, Wash., where he will again take charge of his private school. Mr. Dorrance has been remarkably successful while here in awakening the interests of Presbyterians.

Japanese novelties and fancy dry goods, can be had at half price, at the store of Wing Lee, next to Olsen's cigar store.

A six-horse power upright engine and boiler, almost new, for sale cheap. For particulars apply at this office.

THE ERA OF MUSCLE.

This is an athletic age. Everybody wants to be strong. The craze—for it has well nigh reached that stage—affects both sexes and even childhood. The pugilistic phase of this fad in young America is by no means morbidly promising. But it is one thing to be endowed with vigor and another to be SANdowed with muscle. Super muscularity is often induced by physical effort perilous to health and calculated to shorten life. The vigor which means a regular and efficient discharge of the physical functions, is the firm medium at which all may safely aim without causing ruptures or breaking blood vessels. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is largely conducive to a gain in vigor of this sort, since it stimulates and assists digestion, promotes regular bilious secretion and keeps the bowels in order. Sleep, that grand recuperator of nervous vigor, is encouraged by it, and it remedies malarial, rheumatic and kidney trouble.

When you feel that you want a good smoke, go to Charles Olsen's, 527 Third street. He keeps the Belmont, Ideal, American, Gerona, Schiller in Caballero size, Sir Edwin, Reina Luisa, Flor de Stanford, Hoffman House, Upmans, La Corona, Pride of Key West and all the latest brands of 5 and 10 cent cigars in the market, and the best stock of pipes, tobacco and smokers' articles in the city.

A SURE CURE FOR PILES.

Itching Piles are known by moisture like perspiration, causing intense itching when warm. This form, as well as Blind, Bleeding or Protruding, yield at once to Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly on the parts affected, absorbs tumors, allays itching, and effects a permanent cure. 50c. Druggist or mail. Circulars free. Dr. Bosanko, 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by J. W. Cass.

MILK'S NERVE AND LIVER PILLS.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr. Milk's Pills speedily cures biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unsurpassed for men, women and children. Smallest, mildest, sweetest 50 doses 25 cts. Samples free, at Chas. Rogers.

THE BAREFOOT BOY.

"Today is the first of May, and should begin the season when mothers emphatically say:

"No, you shan't go barefooted this year; remember what a time I had with you last year; and I don't want to hear of any of your foolishness!"

But you can't stop a boy from going barefooted, no more than his father's mother stopped him.

There's something exhilarating which runs through a boy as he touches the earth with his bare feet—something of strength that fills his whole system with electricity, and it's almost an impossibility to stop him from getting next to the soil and receiving its magnetism first hand from Nature's great battery. So, if he is healthy and the weather permits, mothers, give your consent, or he will take it for granted anyhow.

CHINESE DUDES AND MASHERS.

China is perhaps the last place in the world where one would expect to find dudes and mashers, but it appears that Shanghai the gilded youth among the Celestials have adopted the masher costume. Very curious they look in their high collars and tight-fitting coats. They have also taken to wearing foreign underclothing, eating foreign goods, smoking foreign tobacco and doing many other things contrary to the old-fashioned Chinese usage. They also ride in foreign carriages, men and women together, and some of them live in foreign houses in grand style. There are also hundreds of schools kept by Chinese where nothing but English is taught, that being considered the most useful language.—Cairo (Egypt) Sphinx.

A YOUNG MAN'S JOB.

Teaching a young lady to 'cycle is the best task that can befall any young man who finds time heavy on his hands.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN Eagle Brand Condensed Milk advertisement featuring an image of the milk can and text describing its quality and history.

YOUR HEALTH IS IMPORTANT advertisement for Swift's Specific medicine, including a testimonial and contact information for Swift Specific Co.

ASTORIA WOOD YARD advertisement for D. & R. Campbell, Proprietors, listing various types of wood and services offered.

WELL BALANCED advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, featuring an image of a woman and text describing its benefits for women's health.

I do not Eat Pastry advertisement explaining the benefits of Cottolene as a substitute for lard in pastry, including a testimonial and contact information for N. K. Fairbank & Co.

COTTOLENE advertisement detailing its use as a substitute for lard in various food preparations, emphasizing its health benefits and availability.

THE ORIGINAL AND GENUINE (WORCESTERSHIRE) LEA & PERRINS SAUCE advertisement featuring an image of the sauce bottle and text describing its quality and uses.

Advertisement for Lea & Perrins' 'Dear Son's' product, including a testimonial and contact information.

NEW CARPETS advertisement for Chas. Heilborn & Son, featuring an image of a carpet and text describing their quality and variety.

EVERY REQUISITE FOR First Class Funerals advertisement for Pohl's Undertaking Parlor, listing services and contact information.

Washington Meat Market advertisement for Butchers and Packers, listing services and contact information.

THE OCCIDENT HOTEL advertisement describing its amenities and location, including a note on its table quality.

Do You Wish advertisement for Park Remedy Co., featuring a testimonial and contact information.

ROSS HIGGINS & CO. advertisement for Grocers and Butchers, listing services and contact information.

The Fire's Out! advertisement for G. A. Stinson & Co., describing fire insurance services.

THE C. P. UPSHUR Co., Shipping & Commission advertisement for Astoria, Oregon, listing services and contact information.

ASTORIA IRON WORKS advertisement for General Machinists and Boiler Makers, listing services and contact information.

Push a Lucky Man advertisement for Hughes & Co., featuring a testimonial and contact information.

J. A. FASTABEND, GENERAL CONTRACTOR advertisement for Pile Driver, House, Bridge and Wharf Builder, listing services and contact information.

GREATLY REDUCED RATES Southern Pacific Co. FOR THE CALIFORNIA Midwinter Fair advertisement for Round Trip Tickets, including prices and terms.

Excursion Trips advertisement for Southern Pacific Co., listing routes and prices for various destinations.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE And ST. PAUL RAILWAY advertisement for an unexcelled table, including rates and services.

St Paul and Chicago advertisement for electric-lighted cars, including details on routes and fares.

Omaha and Chicago advertisement for the Express Train, listing services and contact information.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY advertisement for America's Greatest Trans-Continental Railway System, including routes and services.

Palace Dining Room and Sleeping Cars advertisement for the Canadian Pacific Railway, listing services and contact information.

HUNTER & MERGENS, Portland Butchering Co.'s Markets advertisement for various meats and services.