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Meditations

A man who wishes wealth or fame can readily obtain both if he can design and patent a more attractive style of column than those used in architecture. Those now in use are practically as old as civilization and in the hundreds of years that have passed since they were originated a number of variations have been used but the general outlines invented by the Greeks still persist. The styles of columns are classified from the ornamental top of the column or "capital" and the base. It is said the Egyptians were the first to use columns and to hold them in position they tied bands at the tops and bottoms. As heavier structures were put up the bands were not needed and ornamentation followed. Essentially there are only three varieties of these columns: the Doric whose ornamentation consists of plain rings; the Ionic which resembles a sofa pillow placed on top of the column; and the Corinthian, a modified form of which is used on the new bank building front. In the Corinthian capital a Greek plant, the acanthus is introduced. It looks as if a waste paper basket had been set down upon the plant which was allowed to grow up around it. So if anyone has any brand new ideas for improvements on columns a wide opportunity is open before him.

The man who is moderate in all things follows a path which is straight and narrow in its truest sense. The popular tendency is to rush from one extreme to another. A man will gorge himself at one meal and go without eating anything at the next, collars are worn too tall or too short; shoes with pointed toes or patterned after a brick; ladies' sleeves so large that it takes a civil engineer to get them inside of a jacket or so tight that they restrict circulation. Men could not drink alcoholic liquors without swilling it like

pigs, so now we have abolished it entirely. Many church members regard all outsiders as heathen and many worldly people classify church people as hypocrites. The slave was taken from bondage and made a master, a position as far above his capacity as the other was below. In flush times we vote bonds for improvements with a whoop and hurrah and in times of depression we refuse money even for essential expenses. Even nature goes to extremes. It is too hot or too cold, too dry or too wet; too much wind or not enough air stirring to make a breeze. Sad, isn't it. But what are you going to do about it?

TEN YEARS AGO

A feature of the commencement week exercises was the presentation of the opera "The Cruise of the Pin-afore" with E. S. Evenden as captain, J. W. Leask as Dick Deadeye, the villain and Arthur Burkhead as the boatswain.

Dr. J. R. N. Bell delivered the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Chapman of Portland was commencement orator. There were twenty graduates in the Standard course.

Enrollment the first week of summer school was one hundred twenty eight.

O. A. Wolverton was re-elected director on the school board and A. J. Haley, clerk. There was a growing sentiment for the construction of a gymnasium.

J. B. Stump and C. P. Hembree returned from a trip to Kentucky where they bought a carload of Jerseys.

Robert Steele was having a new front put in a part of his Main street business property.

Lotus Sloan of Newberg and Miss Leota Foster of this city were married.

The concrete addition to the Monmouth hotel was being built.

Ernest Riddell and Miss Doris Herren were married.

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