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An Open Letter to Teachers.

FELLOW TEACHERS:—This is an appeal to your patriotism and to that of the school children of your district.

The Nicaragua canal has been talked of for 300 years. The conditions of the Pacific coast competition with the Argentine Republic now demand its immediate construction. Our wheat industry is about ruined, our fruit industry is jeopardized. The construction of the canal will put us in a position to compete with Argentina. It is said that the commission appointed at the last session of congress will report favorably to the construction of the canal. To ensure favorable congressional action there is need of popular pressure; some manifestation, that is, of the people's will. I suggest to you that the children in your school might receive a good practical lesson in geography, history, and patriotism in connection with this canal. Geography, of this North Pacific Coast with reference to the handicap in our race to market of some 10,000 miles to reach the front door of our competitor, Argentina. History, as to the development of the Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural interests of this Pacific coast. Patriotism, in that they may help to construct the Nicaragua canal, thus bringing their country 10,000 miles nearer to market, by circulating the enclosed petition so as to get the signature of every citizen of your district, and then mailing it to either Congressman Binger Herman or Senators Geo. W. McBride or John H. Mitchell at Washington, D. C. It is desirable that this be done at once, as congress is now in session and these petitions should deluge congress at the beginning of the session, impelling them to take immediate action. Patriotism is yet a living virtue.

In regard to the testimonial for the battleship, Oregon, before mentioned, I desire to say that our state has been especially honored in this naming of one of the few first-class battleships for our fair state, so that her name may be carried into every clime and through every sea by one of the finest and best armored vessels that human ingenuity and skill has been able to construct. So it is fitting that we should show not only our gratitude for the honor shown us, but also our patriotism by securing a personal financial interest in this magnificent ship. The committee appointed by the governor to take charge of this matter have estimated the cost of the memorial to be \$10,000, so you see it will be no small affair. The committee are: Chas. H. Dodd, chairman; J. H. D. Gray, Astoria; J. H. Raley, of Pendleton; J. H. McClung, of Eugene; W. T. Wright, of Union; Chas. Nickell, of Jacksonville, and B. W. Johnson, of Corvallis.

You can show your pupils that the best way to secure peace is for our nation to be well prepared to enforce peace. That is why these battleships are necessary. We have fewer wars now since the nations are so well prepared to cope with any enemy.

Respectfully,
T. O. HUTCHINSON.

Lincoln on the Monroe Doctrine.

It will be remembered that at this time Louis Napoleon was attempting to force monarchy upon our sister republic of Mexico by the musket, the bayonet and the cannon. He had fitted the bauble of an empire across the sea before the easily impressible mind of the Austrian archduke, Maximilian, and his ambitious consort, the beautiful Carlotta, formerly the Duchess of Brabant, and sister of the king of the Belgians. They caught at the bait, and Napoleon sent a French army to seat them upon the throne. This action of his and that of Maximilian were exceedingly offensive to the officers and soldiers of our armies in the field. It occurred to me to learn Lincoln's views on the subject. So I said to him:

"Mr. President, how about the French army in Mexico?"
Shrugging up his shoulders and wrinkling up his eyebrows, he said: "I'm not exactly 'skeered,' but don't like the looks of the thing. Napoleon has taken advantage of our weakness in our trouble, and has attempted to found a monarchy on the soil of Mexico in utter disregard of the Monroe doctrine. My policy is to attend to only one trouble at a time. If we get well out of our present difficulties and restore the Union, I propose to notify Louis Napoleon that it is about time to take his army out of Mexico. When that army is gone, the Mexicans will take care of Maximilian. I can best illustrate my position touching this subject by relating an anecdote told by Daniel S. Dickinson, senator from New York, in a speech delivered by him a few evenings since in New York city. He said that in a certain Connecticut town there had lived two men as neighbors and friends

for more than 60 years. They were pillars in the village church, one of them being a deacon named White. The other was named Jones. After this long lapse of time a serious difficulty unfortunately sprang up between these two brethren of the church. The feeling waxed so warm between them that it grew into a bitter feud. Mutual friends attempted a reconciliation, but the pen would not reconcile. Finally Deacon White became dangerously ill and drew nigh unto death. Mutual friends again interposed their kind offices to effect a reconciliation. They said to Brother Jones that it would be a sin to permit the sick brother to die with the quarrel standing. Jones was persuaded and called on Deacon White. The two men talked over the grievances, and, agreeing to let them be buried, shook hands, and exchanged mutual forgiveness in the presence of death. The deacon then lay back on his pillow awaiting his final summons, and Jones arose to leave. But as the visitor reached the door, Deacon White, with a great effort, raised himself on his elbow and called out in a weak, faltering voice:

"Brother Jones! Brother Jones! I want it distinctly understood that if I get well the old grudge stands."

Lincoln laughed at the conclusion of the story, saying that was about the way he felt toward the French emperor. He manifested strong feeling on this subject, and said the creation of the empire, especially by force, at our very doors, was exceedingly offensive and could not be overlooked by the United States. It had caused him great annoyance, as he was not in a condition to interfere so as to prevent it. He expressed himself strongly in favor of the position taken by President Monroe in his celebrated message to congress, in which he declared against the acquisition of any territory on this continent by any foreign power.—John M. Thayer in Sunday Oregonian.

A Unique Exhibit.

Miss Hill succeeded in getting together a rare and unique collection for the loan exhibit given in her department of the Independence public schools last Friday and Saturday. The collections were contributed by the citizens of this vicinity and consisted largely of pioneer and war relics.

The display was very well arranged and attracted more than ordinary interest. Among the pioneer curios was a quilt, the handiwork of Mrs. Nancy Goff of this city, which was awarded the blue ribbon at the first agricultural fair held in this county at Ellendale Mills, a few miles west of Dallas, in 1850. The quilt is remarkably well preserved and would be considered today a skillful piece of needlecraft. There were on exhibition numerous articles of pioneer household furniture, the rude handiwork of the early pioneers. Also autograph letters written by pioneers long since gone to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns," and numerous old-style daguerreotypes of the men and women who first settled this country. There were also numerous relics from the historic battle fields of the revolutionary and the late civil war and the Oregon Indian wars.

An interesting curio was a manuscript certificate of membership in a Masonic lodge, which bears the ancient date of 1702. A beautiful collection of sea shells from the coast of Southern California attracted a good deal of attention. There were numerous other collections of interest which we have not space to mention. The proceeds of the exhibition netted about \$11, and will be applied on the purchase of a dictionary for Miss Hill's department.

Rev. G. M. Irwin's Lecture.

Owing to the inclement weather only a small audience greeted State School Supt. G. M. Irwin at the auditorium last Friday evening. The Novello quartette rendered a couple of selections in their usual inimitable style. Prof. Wiemer gave a piano solo, and Mr. Harry Balfinger sang a vocal solo. Supt. Irwin said, owing to the small audience present, that he would defer delivering his scheduled lecture until another time in the near future, when he hoped to meet a larger audience. The speaker discussed "American Patriotism" for a half hour quite interestingly. At times his remarks were truly eloquent and he closed by paying a glowing tribute to the patriotism and restless energy of the American people.

The Grand Army post expect to arrange an early date for Mr. Irwin's lecture on "A Nation Saved; a Nation Redeemed," at which time the people of Independence and vicinity will have an opportunity to hear this gifted speaker in his best and happiest mood.

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SIBLEY-BRONSON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bronson, one mile north of Lewisville, on Saturday, December 14, 1895, Mr. J. E. Sibley and Miss Hattie Bronson, Rev. J. M. Turner, officiating.

The gallant groom is a prominent lawyer of Dallas. The marriage took place in the quiet of the bride's parental home, with only the family circle and the officiating minister and wife present. It was a pleasure to witness so beautiful a scene in the sacred precincts of the home; the parents giving their fair daughter, who zealously surrenders her heart and sweet young life to brighten the life of the man, who has won her affections. May their journey through life be attended with the blessings of "Him that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow," is the prayer of their pastor, J. M. T.

Degree of Honor Lodge.

A degree of honor lodge, an auxiliary of the A. O. U. W., was organized in this city last Monday evening with thirty-two charter members.

Mrs. Julia A. Gault, grand organizer of the D. of H. for the Oregon jurisdiction, assisted by Mrs. J. P. Irvine and Mrs. M. M. Vinton, of McMinnville, instituted the lodge, which is to be known as Willamette Lodge No. 42.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. W. Williams, C. of H.; Mrs. W. P. Connaway, P. C. of H.; Mrs. W. W. Percival, L. of H.; Mrs. W. H. Wheeler, C. of C.; Miss Bertha Fryer, recorder; Mrs. W. O. Cook, financier; Mrs. Mary Tuck, receiver; Miss Dell Durham, usher; Mrs. A. J. Wolcott, I. W.; Dr. S. A. Mulkey, O. W.

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