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TABLE ETIQUETTE.

Meals are no longer served to convicts in their lonely cells at the state penitentiary. They all now sit in a large community dining hall together and take their meals from a table. Perched in one end of the large hall, locked in a steel cell with bars, sits a sharp-shooter with a repeating rifle. This on a glance, may appear mere ornamentation may be made to serve as a powerful regulator of conduct and equalizer of appetites. It is a guarantee against kickers at the hotel De James, a species of humanity common as bed-bugs at hotels of less rigorous discipline. If a man is dauncy about his eating, a glance at the man-killer in the cage will bring back his appetite. If too ravenous, a look down the glittering gun barrel will be sufficient restraint. If complaint be made that the soup is cold, the crack of a rifle will be warning that it is hot enough. If one thinks the coffee is too weak, a 30-30 Winchester leveled at the row of up-lifted tin cups down the long table, will give the required flavor. Under the new arrangement there is no use to waste food that is on the road to decay and economy may be pleaded in behalf of the dining room rules. In a pinch, much food might be redeemed from the garbage heap and the unarmed man would not dare cast reflections on it as long as he has confidence in the sharp-shooters marksmanship. The new system has its ad-

vantages, but it is to be hoped it will not be generally adopted by hotels throughout the country. Landlord Stark has promised not to father any such dining-room bill if elected to the senate.

POLK COUNTY WRITE-UP.

The last issue of the Rural Spirit is devoted to Polk county which makes a very good showing for the paper and the county. It contains pictures of Independence, Monmouth and Dallas besides some good pictures of the noted goats sheep and hogs raised in this county. A very good hop scene is also reproduced. The matter was prepared by Hon Tony Noltner and the best part of it is its true. Properly circulated the paper would be of value to this county.

One statement deserves correction however. In an article attributed to Kirkpatrick and Williams, the statement is made that hop land in Polk is hard to purchase and sells readily from \$75 to \$100 an acre.

Krebs Brothers thorough hop men recently purchased 640 acres near Independence at \$35 an acre. Other good improved hop land can be had at the same price. Hop land and other agricultural land can be had at reasonable prices in Polk county and more productive soil is not to be found.

The retention of Booth and Bridges as receiver and register at the Roseburg land office naturally does not leave a favorable impression with the public for the reason their relief was recommended by Secretary Hitchcock and his recommendations have been followed in other cases. It is no doubt through the influence and persistence of Senator R. A. Booth, brother of the receiver, that the secretary's recommendation did not prevail. The resignation of Receiver Booth as secretary of the big lumber company of which Senator Booth is president, while intended for effect has the opposite to what was intended. The public knows

Receiver Booth is as much interested in the lumber company as he ever was. It is not fair to make the party carry a load for Senator Booth it refuses through the administration to carry for others.

A party of surveyors, headed by Prometer L. W. Robertson, started out a few days ago to survey for a railroad from Falls City to Salem. The project is not being pushed. Upon reaching the Willamette the surveyors found that to reach Salem like getting to New Jerusalem, there's a deep wide river to cross.

The world is on a nervous tension and while the people naturally haven't the confidence in Roosevelt they had in McKinley under such conditions the opportunity is at hand for the President to gain confidence and prove himself a safe and great leader.

The Marion republicans show they are willing to set the pace by fixing March 28 for the primaries and March 31 for the convention. The Marion democrats will hold their primaries on the 26th of March and their convention April 14.

Editor Hofer of the Journal is perpetrating a column of sayings too bright for his former term of "X-Rays" and for lack of a more expressive term is running a column of "X-Radiums."

Among other things, Polk county is an educational center. The list of teachers turned out last week is commended to districts throughout the state in need of trained teachers.

If A. W. Machen, ex-Superintendent of the rural delivery service, received no more wages than the rural carriers, it is easily understood how he was tempted to graft.

Just for fun, a party went out in Lake county last week and killed 2990 rabbits. The event

was celebrated with a big dance at night. That's barbarous.

With the "walking delegate" at one end and the trust organizer at the other, it is the fault of neither if General Prosperity does not get the life squeezed out of him.

The Linn county prohibitionists gave a big banquet in Albany Saturday night. A report of their doings is referred to the Dallas Itemizer.

The Chemawa Indian Training school is an object of interest to the politician now. He wants to know how many votes it can furnish.

The republican factional fight in Portland is making votes for the direct primary law and may be the course of its carrying.

Dr. Wood Hutchinson didn't mean to say all whisky is good; he merely meant to champion the cause of A No. 1 Brand.

The Albany Democrat objects to Jeff Myers running for congress in this district because he don't live in it.

The Lewis and Clark fair site at Portland, like the earth's surface is about three-fourths water.

Astoria has had its city records experted without getting the city hall burned down.

A democratic choice—the voice of Bryan, barrel of Hearst or brains of Cleveland.

Brownell for congress would run about like a jack-rabbit hopping through hades.

February with all its rain, did not wash away the sins of the umbrella thief.

The Portland Journal printed a war map Saturday. It was a war of colors.

Portland is putting on Kansas heirs. She has had her tornado.

ESSENTIALS of THE AGREEABLE MAN

By Mrs. FRANK LESLIE

THE agreeable man must not be selfish, or at least must by education and good breeding have learned to DISGUISE that "original sin" common to a child of Adam that it shall not offend other people. As for eliminating it, I do not suppose that is done, and perhaps it would not be well if it could be, for preservation is the first law of nature a certain amount of selfishness is a NECESSARY to the protection of every man as claws on a cat. The thing is to keep those same claws sheathed in a velvet glove. But an agreeable man must not make SELF his perpetual enemy, especially in society or with mere acquaintances. There are, especially in society, occasions when he can do nothing better than to talk of himself, but he must have that divine gift of tact to know WHEN those occasions present themselves. Between man and man I doubt if these occasions ever do present themselves unless a man is ever interested in getting an interior view of another's character unless in the way of business or for legal investigation some other practical result.

But a woman—that is to say, an intelligent woman—is keenly interested in studying the "TRUE INWARDNESS" of the masculine human nature. She loves to point out the faults, discovers and to bestow much sage advice, exhortation and warning. She loves to exclaim in pretty wonder at modes of thought and action so different from her own, to argue which method is better and to ask explanations of what is contrary to her own experience. In these are appropriate occasions when a man can establish himself as an agreeable man in no way so surely as BY TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF, but, as I said before, he has to know how and when. But there is ONE topic perfectly safe for a man to choose as a woman is his sole auditor, and that is herself. It is an infallible for being agreeable—that is to say, of course, if he knows how to treat the topic. A STRANGER MUST NOT PLUNGE ONCE INTO PERSONALITIES unless, indeed, his audience consists of those women with whom an inordinate love of flattery is self respect. Such women there are, to whom a man in the first hour of their acquaintance may praise her face, her figure, her hair or her clothes and meet with complacent acceptance.

THERE ARE OTHER WOMEN, HOWEVER, WHO WOULD REBUKE SUCH AUDACITY WITH FREEZING REBUKE, SO THAT A MAN NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN THE BEGINNING OF AN ACQUAINTANCE, ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE PRETTY SURE THAT HE KNOWS MY SWEET LADY DISDAIN LONG ENOUGH HE WILL COME TO THE SAME POINT IN THE END.

Public School Boys Are the Best

By President CHARLES W. ELIOT of Harvard

IN recent years I have been making a test at Harvard of the value of our PUBLIC schools in comparison with endowed and private schools. Our students are drawn in equal numbers from these three types of schools. I HAVE FOUND THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS PASS THE BEST ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AND THAT THEY ARE THE BEST AT GRADUATION.

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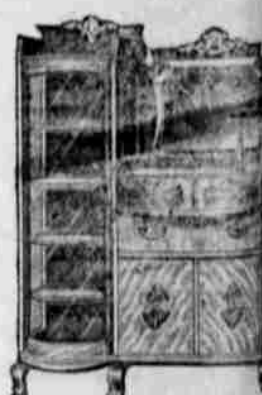
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