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A Thaw-White Moral

The Thaw-White tragedy has furnished a text for many sermons, and this a deplorable incident is made to serve a good purpose by the lesson it teaches. Some men and women on the downward road may stop and reflect—and thereby be saved. One of the many commentators on this subject has said that if White had cared for his home he would have been alive today. He could not have cared for his home or he would not have maintained apartments away from it. And the little thought that so many men in New York and elsewhere give to their homes, the little time they spend there is pointed out as a danger to the republic, says the Salt Lake Herald, and truly, too. Certainly there is something radically wrong about the man, or the woman either, who does not care for home. In that one little word there is a direct heart appeal. Unhappy indeed is the human being who is not reached by it.

White's home was not a home for him in any sense. He had two houses, one in New York city and the other in the country. Both were manseful as splendid as to be beyond the dreams of the great majority of Americans. Contained in them were treasures of art, magnificent furnishings, every comfort, every convenience, every luxury. Yet White found no pleasure in them, devoted no time to them. The night he was killed he had dined with his son at a restaurant. He lacked the saving virtue of a love of home, the virtue that has kept the feet of so many men in the path that is straight and narrow.

There is no reason why the rich should not have as happy homes as the poor, and the reverse of the proposition is likewise true. Misery, like death, is not a respecter of persons. It enters the palace and the cottage and makes its presence bitterly felt. Happy homes are not made by money, or the lack of money. They are made by the individual members of the home. Any home can be made happy just as any can be made unhappy if the individuals so will.

Most of us can look back on the days of childhood and remember the joyousness of them. Should we not leave the same precious heritage to our children? For there is no more precious heritage than the recollection of a happy home.

O. V. Hurt, of Corvallis, seems to be having more trouble than falls to the lot of the ordinary mortal. His family has been broken up, his wife and daughter disgraced and his son led astray by the Holy Roller craze, but he still stands by the wayward ones and is now expending money to defend his daughter for complicity in the cold-blooded murder of George Mitchell. Most men would feel like quitting long before this and allowing all of them to hustle for themselves, but Hurt seems anxious to gather the scattered members of his family under the home roof tree once more and help them to live down the past. The patience of Job seems commonplace compared to the Corvallis example of this rare virtue.

The Wisconsin Democratic platform foreshadows the full campaign issues as that party sees them. In addition to endorsing Bryan for 1908, the platform demands enforcement of the statutes against all trusts, combinations and monopolies; favors revision of the present tariff; the election of

the United States senators by direct vote and government control and regulation of all public service corporations. On state matters, the platform favors a law conferring upon municipalities power to regulate public service corporations; favors two cents per mile as a maximum passenger rate; taxation on the ad valorem basis, and amendments to the primary election law.

M. Gorky, the Russian, in this country, says in a recently published article:

In America they steal money very frequently, and lots of it. In the hand of the statue of Liberty blazes not the torch of liberty, but the dollar.

Not so far from the truth and well-expressed. But the great mass of Americans are clean in their private lives, something of which the Russian author and agitator cannot boast. Genius and disregard for the laws of society seem to go hand in hand in the Old World which M. Gorky professes to believe is so much better than the new.

In Pennsylvania the Democrats have made up a peculiar fusion ticket thus: governor, Lewis Emery, Jr. of Bradford, the Lincoln party nominee; lieutenant governor, Jere Black, of New York; auditor general, William T. Creasy, the Prohibition nominee; secretary of internal affairs, John J. Green, of Philadelphia. Emery is a Republican and heads the Republicans who form the new Lincoln party. Three parties are recognized on this ticket.

The demand for homes in this country is as great as ever. Over 40,000 registrations are expected in the drawing for claims on the Wind River, Wyo., reservation, soon to be opened for settlement. And best of all the increasing interest in irrigation work has made it possible to supply good homes for several million people on the erstwhile desert tracts of the West.

How would you like to be the ice man? and just as a hot wave struck the country, with 500 per cent. profiteering in, be put in jail by a Toledo judge who is foolish enough to take the anti-trust laws seriously!

Apostle Smoot's case seems to have been forgotten in the closing hours of the senate. And the Utah saint was as quiet as a mouse for fear someone might notice his unwelcome presence.

The Salem Journal refers to Joaquin Miller as an "alleged" poet. Colonel Hoer is supposed to be a specialist on poetry, politics and poultry, and ought to know what he is talking about.

The only way to be able to read today's news today in Eugene is to subscribe for the Daily Guard, or borrow that of your good-natured neighbor.

There is danger that the whitewash supply may be exhausted before all the railroads and trusts are thoroughly investigated.

Oregon is a beautiful country, but it has no attractions for some persons. There are those California land fraudsters, for instance.

Alfred Heit, the richest man in the world, is dead. In his new location he is not so likely to be it.

Looks like the hop crop would bring a lot of needed revenue into Lane county this year.

Maybe Teddy only intends to rest up until 1912.

Our Eastern Fleet.
We are sending a fleet of torpedo boats to the Philippines to play in and out among the islands, to fire off salutes when congressional committees call and to be on hand if Uncle Sam in the guise of opportunity knocks at the door of China and is obliged to break in and tell the sleeping inhabitants that he has arrived.

These torpedo boats, while not much bigger than a cup and saucer, are veritable terrors. They can blow up a big ship if it will stand still while they are doing it, and in the hundred days of peace they are master hands at running into mud banks.

It is a pity, though, that the officers so designated that we cannot make the fullest use of them, for the boats could make a noble fight on the mosquitoes of the island province if they would just dodge up the rivers and, catching these monsters unawares, throw dynamite shells into their midst.

The Need of Trained Volunteers

By Lieutenant General H. C. CORBIN, U. S. A.



VOLUNTEERS in a war become food for powder and disease. There is no greater folly than that of believing the volunteer forces as we have them today are ANY USE AT ALL for active service under the conditions of modern war. However courageous the men may be, however intelligent, however patriotic, their lives would be a useless sacrifice on the altar of POPULAR IGNORANCE. They would impede the movements of the regular army and their deaths would be quite useless. The people must be brought to an understanding of this fact sooner or later.

In using the word volunteer I want to be quite specific. I make a distinction between "volunteers" only partly trained and only partly disciplined as they exist in the ordinary state militia and "VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS" who have seen active service and come successfully through the ordeal. We had "volunteers" at Bull Run in our civil war, for instance, but they were "volunteer soldiers" when they had been in the field nearly four years and came to Appomattox. The hard school of experience had MADE THEM OVER and they were reliable. Just what war does in war time the army discipline and training seek to approximate in times of peace, and the volunteer system of the states NEVER APPROACHES IT. Under existing conditions it never can. The remedy, and the only remedy, is the organization of a national militia under the immediate control of army headquarters and officered by men with the equivalent training, experience and knowledge of an enlisted man who passes the necessary examination AND OBTAINS HIS COMMISSION.

At least one full regiment should be raised and equipped in each state and be subject to a discipline and training that would guarantee efficiency WHENEVER the call to arms came. Understand clearly that I am not in any way advocating an increase in the regular army. I believe that is quite large enough. But what I do want to see is the establishment of an absolutely effective and reliable second line of defense, and that we can only get from a NATIONAL militia organized and officered as I suggest. I believe that public opinion is rapidly preparing itself for a movement of this description, and men of experience who love their country sufficiently to tell the truth frankly will endorse my view. When I was in Australia last year I saw a national militia officered and organized very much on the lines I suggest, not as thoroughly perhaps, BUT THE GERM OF THE THING WAS THERE. Although the country is still young they have a fine system of coast defense with each fort manned by a permanent garrison and a large force of artificers to keep the guns in order. Then they have their SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE for that arm of the service in a militia officered by thoroughly trained men and that militia works hard from year to year on the guns of the fort to which it is attached.

WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND I WAS TOLD BY LORD KITCHENER, SIR JOHN FRENCH AND SIR DAN HAMILTON THAT THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WERE THE BEST FIGHTING MATERIAL IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

A Poem for Today

REMEMBER

By Christina Rossetti



REMEMBER me when I am gone away,
Love, far away into the silent land;
When you no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you planned;
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for awhile
And afterward remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

A Diplomat.

"I didn't see the point of that joke."
"Neither did I."
"But you laughed at it."
"Sure. I am calling on his daughter."

All Right For a Boy.

"It must be very unpleasant to be king of Spain."
"I don't know. Every day is Fourth of July with him."

Some men wear their price mark so conspicuously that it is embarrassing to be caught looking in their direction.

At present investigating committees seem to be paying more attention to nerve tonics than to whitewash.

A good complexion is one that is powder proof.

Bachelors' buttons are appropriately worn with bleeding hearts.

Responsibility sits but lightly upon the man who has given no hostage.

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