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Senator McBride and his friends ought to consider that his chances for re-election are excellent for the Oregonian has already started in to make a fight against him.

If the Oregonian has an editorial venting its spleen on McKinley or some man he has appointed to office, watch the Telegram and in a day or two it will say "me too."

There is at least one advantage we little larks have over some of our more pretentious cousins. We can do what we please with our sewage, and so far as we have heard Portland is not losing any sleep over what becomes of it.

It has long been an accepted fact that a candidate for the United States senate who has the support of the Oregonian has a poor show for being elected and it appears that the editor has at last tumbled to the fact, for he has announced that he will not be a candidate for the senate.

Bryan has been in "the enemy's country" lately but his friends have been doing their best to keep his mouth shut. Democracy has him on her hands and can't help herself, but she realizes that her chances for victory increase proportionately as Bryan keeps to the background. But W. Jennings won't pose well as a back number.

Just now it appears that our democratic friends across the Columbia are engaged in the rather fruitless pastime of trying to cipher out just where they are at. They "fused" with populism a few years ago and have since undergone a steady and relentless assimilation till there is little left of the real thing. Fusion has an attractive glare about it, but the end thereof is—well, what is it? No name has yet been found to fit what's left.

"What hath God wrought?" was the first telegraphic message ever sent, and Mrs. Annie Ellsworth Smith, the person who sent it, died at her home in New York last Sunday. The father of Annie Ellsworth was a college friend of Prof. Morse, and the latter had promised that his friend's daughter should send the first message, the fame of which is world wide. It seems incredible that one such life-time should span an era of such inconceivable progress.

If there is a good crop of fruit in the Pacific Northwest this year the output will be from twenty five to fifty per cent greater than it was in 1898. It becomes a question of interest, therefore, for fruit growers as to whether the capacity of the box factories in the country has grown sufficiently to meet the probable increased demand for fruit packages. In 1898 the factories were unable to meet promptly the demand for boxes and crates and growers were caused much trouble and some loss in consequence. It is to be hoped that the proprietors of box factories will this year be ready for the probable rush of orders which will come when fruit is ripe.

The above suggestions taken from the Oregon Agriculturist are timely and the question is, where is the man who will put in a box factory at Newberg. Our fruit growers ought not to be sending their money out of the community for boxes when they could be made right at home as cheaply as in Portland.

The farmers in this vicinity who are taking hold of the dairying industry deserve commendation and encouragement for their enterprising and progressive efforts. From sad experience, they have found that wheat, wheat all the time and nothing but wheat does not pay, and that their hope lies in the "diversified farming" which is so much talked of now. And having made a start in this new industry, they are following the proper course by organizing themselves into an association for mutual help and encouragement. There is much to be learned in the way of successful dairying, and public meetings for the general discussion of questions relative to the business, are invaluable. The class of citizens which is taking up this industry is the class which gives push and enterprise to a community. Not content to peg away unprofitably at one kind of farming, by exerting their energy to push out in various directions they are instrumental in developing our various resources.

The American flag has its uses in peace as in war, to teach lessons of patriotism on every hand. It is a grand and inspiring sight to see on a battle anniversary, or an admiral's visit, the too dull city streets alive and vibrant with the colors we love so well; to see the commerce of a great metropolis bow to the spirit of the occasion, and voice its appreciation of protection afforded to its interests by sea as well as on land, in flags of all sizes. Display cannot profane the flag, but exalts the one who makes a use of it, whether it be to brighten the darkest corner of a city alley, or in an advertisement. The flag is excellent brightening for earth's sombre places. The ray of sunshine falling upon the head of the murderer is unpolluted still. Nature's colors are displayed even in "waste places," so called. Let us then applaud whoever in America, whatever his race or calling, displays

the flag. Such use can be no desecration of the splendid colors whose folds are ample enough to shelter all.—The National Magazine.

The Oregonian has opened its campaign against the re-election of Senator McBride. There are many very good reasons why it should not succeed. Among them are the very influential committee assignments of our senior senator. There may be better orators in Oregon than Senator McBride; but there are few, if any better workers in committee; and this is the sort that counts. Oregon might do infinitely worse in the selection of a new man to take his place.—Statesman.

Oregon makes a grave mistake in her attitude toward her congressional representation. No sooner does one man receive the honor of a national representative, than the petty politicians at home and his political constituency even, begin to look around for a man to succeed him. It seems to make no difference how faithfully and ably he is serving his commonwealth, nor how successful he is in her interests. This seems to have very little weight. Such a vacillating, wavering and restless policy on the part of our state works a two-fold evil. In the first place, when subjected to one incessant fire of false criticism and abuse at home, our representatives must necessarily devote much time to their self-defense which would otherwise be spent in behalf of the state. In the second place, with new men continually going to congress, we lose the influence there which old men have attained by years of able service, and Oregon must therefore take a back seat and keep it. Even now booms are being started all over the state for different men for congressional offices already ably filled, all candidates being of the same party. We can boast to our hearts content about "our illimitable resources" but unless we have able, efficient and experienced representatives to back up these resources, in the national congress, all our vain talk will be but sounding brass. What our people need is a good lesson in stability.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Senator Lodge refers to the American Tagals as "dabbling in treason." Recent developments leave them thoroughly bedrabbled with it also.—Globe-Democrat.

It is suspected that Aguinaldo has heard about the mileage money paid to Congressmen and expects to include in his claims that he hopes to file against this government, a statement covering his traveling expenses.—Grass Valley Journal.

One third of the United States is yet public land, rich in possibilities. Here lies a broad field for statesmanship in directing the utilization of untouched opportunities, and our success in handling these problems in our midst may naturally measure our ability to handle our external affairs.—Milton Eagle.

It begins to look a little like the democrats of the Kentucky legislature intended to steal the governorship from Taylor, who was elected and inaugurated. Well, if they do it will mean that Kentucky can be depended on to go republican next year. There will be democrats who will set the seal of their disapproval upon such tactics.—Forest Grove Times.

Age cannot wither nor custom state the devious methods adopted by Col. Bryan of Nebraska in his glorious work of self-advertising. His latest effort in that line is to have himself reported as in favor of a protective tariff on wool, which will give him the opportunity of denial. Of course, Bryan is not in favor of a tariff on wool—his whole record favors free wool as it does free silver, free trade and free riot.—Asnland Tidings.

Kindergarten Training Again.

"The Children's Friend" in a recent issue of your paper touched upon some of the most important points of kindergarten training. The subject is comparatively new to many and all thinking men and women are sincerely inquiring as to its purposes, methods and real value. Here are some of the purposes as given by practical kindergarten teachers. It is to develop the child and all its faculties in a natural manner, while checking all propensities to evil. The "New Education" may be regarded as analogous to the treatment of plants by a skillful gardener. It is to associate children with children, in a pure atmosphere, amid pleasant surroundings, and under a special guidance during the years intervening between the nursery and the primary school. It is to afford children all proper, rational enjoyment to supply them with toys and games, to sing with them, to play with them,—the toys, games, songs and plays being all covered vehicles of instruction. It is to promote children's healthy activity, later to awaken their imagination gradually to the influence of the beautiful, the true and the good, to aid the development of their reason, and to give those powers free exercise and a right direction. It is to prevent any undue strain on children's powers, mental or physical,—to teach by means of object lessons conveyed in plays rather than by books. It is to form a well balanced mind, to discern and bring out gently, but surely, any latent aptitude for intellectual acquirements, artistic gifts or manual skill. It is finally to prepare children for school, to fit them for learning more readily, to sow the first seeds that are to produce adults of sound mind in a sound body—good citizens and true Christians.

development of children and to have in the most wonderful, beautiful and simple method, adopted means to this end. He perceived that the teacher of the little ones should not attempt to force the mind, but simply use the right means and material by which knowledge may be obtained, direct the awakening faculties, form the habits and preserve a pure atmosphere and good influence around the tender human plant. Many do not grasp his grand idea. They attach more importance to the "pretty things" they learn to make than to the desired end to be gained by the use of the underlying principles of the work. Accustom them to being governed in their daily work and play by the few simple laws of order and regularity of thought and they are started in the right way to form true character, a character that will find it easy to resist evil and love to do right. A kindergarten child of five once said to her teacher in a class of paper folding, "I like to do what you tell us to do because if I do not it always comes out wrong in the end."

All will admit that the supreme purpose of man's life is his realization of his oneness with God. This, Froebel recognized as the culminating object of his whole system. The use of his system these many years, first in Germany then later in our own country, has proved the correctness of it. One little boy in the kindergarten said, "I have a heap better opinion of God than I used to have." However the subject of kindergarten training must be thoroughly studied to be thoroughly understood. Let it suffice here to say that it has been proven again and again that the kindergarten method is the true method of education; that the kindergarten age from four to six years, when the brain cells are being most rapidly formed, is the most delicately important period of education; that the mother cannot give this training to her children; that she can provide no successful substitute; and that there is no more successful method of doing philanthropic work than to put the kindergarten in reach of all children.

The cost of a free kindergarten to each tax payer would be very small and the reward great in helping to form strong happy characters, good citizens and true Christians.

It must be remembered that while the system may be the best, it must first be thoroughly understood, then rightly used to be of real value. A sham or a mockery in the name of a kindergarten, mere play and mere copying, or mechanical work, is not a kindergarten. We must have a true teacher.

Miss Dunlap on "Art."

The second lecture in the course being given by the ladies' club, was delivered in the college chapel Tuesday evening by Miss Ione Dunlap of Victoria, B. C., on the subject of art. Though the lecture was on a topic with which most of us are not very closely acquainted, yet it was made so simple and comprehensible that it was intensely interesting, and no doubt awakened a desire in many present to be able to appreciate art and "to hold communion with her visible forms." Miss Dunlap impresses one as being most highly cultured, and in closest harmony with her subject matter. She has obtained her art education from Boston and its environs, the hub of cultural art. The lecture was illustrated by art designs kindly contributed by Boston artists. These designs have been on the college chapel walls for several days for general observation and study. The lecture was preceded by a well rendered vocal solo by Miss Eleanor Satchell.

Extracts:—Art depends upon the imagination, but the imagination in turn depends upon reality. The greater the draw upon the imagination the greater the art. Thus music is one of the chief arts. Sculpture on the other hand depends much upon reality. There has always been the most intense interest in decorative art. Even among the prehistoric savages we find rude attempts in this direction almost before the bare necessities of existence were provided. Art is always limited by environment; not by what is technically possible to the hand but by what is technically possible to the mind. Thus the study of a nation's artistic designs will reveal much of its history. The Roman decorative art was a peculiar mixture of ancestry and divinity, suggestive of the semi-divine race. The Egyptian was largely confined to representations of the locust and beetle, and also was lavish of strange religious symbols. The Greeks furnish a rich mine of decorative art, noted principally for its remarkable symmetry. Their perfection was attained largely through hereditary adaptation. The Mohammedans, owing to a prohibition in the Koran, were not allowed to portray any living organism. They attained the greatest perfection in geometrical figure and design. Up to this time different forms of art were confined by natural boundaries. The coming of the looms however tended to break up this isolation, and make it universal. The Renaissance breathed new life into the forms of art. Its tendency, which is still with us, was toward the lavish and profuse. The two necessary elements of art are spontaneity and restraint. Art is all around us but we can't appreciate it. The interpretation of nature, to see new beauties in common objects is its purpose. Every one should see to the cultivation of some artistic taste. Such cultivation of our higher perceptions is a safe guard against our lower selves, and places us in closer harmony with the noblest and best of creation.

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