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Temperance principles are even gaining ground down in Dixie. The governor of Arkansas has recently been expelled from the Baptist church for getting drunk.

It is said that Massachusetts has an executive secretary who has been in office twenty-five years, he having served in that capacity under eleven governors. From the standpoint of an Oregon politician this reads like fiction.

An exchange which has much to say of suppressing liberty in the Philippines, in justifying the methods of the South in eliminating the Negro vote says that the intelligence of a state should rule it. The people think this policy is good enough to be applied abroad as well as at home.

We always feel sorry for a girl who is stuck on a fellow who will spend a dollar for ice cream and chocolates and \$2 for a Sunday buggy ride for her, on a salary of \$6 a week. Somehow we always see visions of barefoot children, a frowny headed woman over a wash tub, tin cans for dishes on the table and a combination of corn cob pipe and a man in the corner. The young man who lives within his means while single, usually has means after he is married.

As far as the Americans are concerned, Aguinaldo is now a free man, but the fact that he dares not mingle unattended with his own people, shows what kind of a patriot he is. If he has been fighting so zealously for the freedom of his people, as some would have us believe, they would hardly reward him by seeking his destruction. As time passes it becomes more evident that Aguinaldo, "the patriot hero, the George Washington of the Philippines," is rather Aguinaldo, the yellow cut-throat and adventurer.

Does it pay for a legislator to be honest? We will put the question in another form: Should a legislator reasonably expect reward from his constituents for honesty and good representation? asks the Woodburn Independent. Hon. B. L. Eddy, from Tillamook and Yamhill, was one of the ablest, most conscientious and most upright members of the last legislative house, and yet he was re-elected this year by a bare majority. The people do not seem to appreciate worth, and appear to applaud rascality to an alarming extent.

The following paragraph from a Kansas exchange must have been called forth by an unusually hot wind. It speaks for itself as a sample of racy Kansas journalism: "We have been lied about, maligned and slandered by one who did not have a soul larger than that of a mouse and a heart less cold than that of a snake, should feel a debt of gratitude to us, which time could never eradicate. The fact has but lately come to our knowledge, and we regard the sanctimonious hypocrite and cowardly cur here today we would compel him to go the rounds with us and eat the lies that have emanated from his hell-scoured throat."

Reforms of Refinement.

Certainly we are approaching the period says a New York exchange when the gibes of the European press at the Yankee's love of slang and offensive familiarity—gibes which already have lost their reason for existence—will give place to an admiration for the more than Castilian courtesy which shall characterize the social intercourse of Americans. Up in Syracuse the gentlemen of the medical profession have issued an edict that heretofore they are not to be addressed by the too familiar and offensively abbreviated title of "Doc," but by the full and honorable one of Doctor. The physicians in the other parts of the country are in full sympathy with their brethren of Syracuse, and the rash man who hereafter greets his local practitioner with "Hello Doc!" would better set his house in order when illness overtakes him or returns his manners.

Out in Evanston, Ill., there has appeared another indication of the tendency of the times. That fortunate town is declared to be inhabited almost entirely by "people of refinement," and a revolt has arisen among them against the use of the familiar and vulgar "hello" as a telephonic salutation. In addressing "central" and one another over the phone hereafter they have agreed to substitute the salutation "good morning" up to dinner time, after which it will be "good evening." Anyone caught violating these regulations is to be punished by being barred from all bridge whist parties, ping-pong tournaments and golf clubs. What an improvement a spread of this Evanston refinement will work in the manners and morals of the community at large! The man who is getting profanely appreciative at the neglect of the fair being who was once a "hello girl" and is now become a "good morning lady" will no longer make the innocent office boy shudder by shouting "hello, central—hello, hello! What the hello, etc., etc., is the matter? I've been ringing here for half an hour." Oh, no; he will say "good morning central! Could I trouble you for 4-11-47?" And central will reply, "pardon me sir, but I have just closed and the proper salutation is

now 'good evening.' I regret exceedingly I have kept you waiting." The man won't get his number any quicker, but what a sweet and gentle aspect will telephonic communication assume in place of its present shocking and soul-destroying form!

Tuesday night the state penitentiary guards nipped in the bud what bid fair to be another outbreak of criminals. Venturesome jail birds, taking the cue from Tracy's unparalleled success in eluding his would-be captors, would no doubt welcome an opportunity to make a dash for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But let them be not deceived. There is but one Tracy. Where he defies his pursuers for a month or escapes altogether, ninety-nine would be recaptured or killed within twenty-four hours. The surest way for an executive every-day criminal to regain his coveted freedom is just to "be good" and get his time sentence cut down as rapidly as possible, then go and sin no more.

OREGON YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CHURCH—NOW IN SESSION.

The Ninth Annual Session of Oregon Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church opened here Monday, July 7, and the regular sessions are now in progress. The attendance is hardly up to what it has been in other years, as the urgency of work on farm and in orchard calls many from the attendance of the meetings who would otherwise be present. However several members are present from a distance, and about twenty from the other yearly meetings. At the Tuesday afternoon session these latter were called upon to rise and introduce themselves to the meeting. Some of those who responded were Rev. Thomas Armstrong and wife from California; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mills of Western Yearly Meeting, also Susannah Scott; Terrell Steadom and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Terrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Packwood from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Mr. Conning and daughter of Tennessee, from Wilmington Yearly Meeting; Nathan Hinshaw and wife of Lawrence, Kansas. All were accorded a hearty welcome.

The first session was the meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The opening thought seemed to be a thorough consecration to the Lord and his work.

TUESDAY.

The opening session to the public was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. This meeting was led by Rev. Thomas Armstrong of California. He read for an opening lesson the third chapter of Ephesians, and dwell upon the thought, "That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

He was followed by James Price and Anson Cox, the thought again being that all might get emptied of self and in such an attitude before God, that He could fill with His fullness. It was a time of quiet waiting before the Lord. The Epistles from California and Iowa Yearly Meetings were read. These Epistles are letters between the different Yearly Meetings, which tend to keep the meetings in touch with one another, in regard to their work and are also a source of encouragement.

At 2 p. m. the yearly meeting assembled in its first business session. After the preliminary business of calling the names of delegates and caretakers, and the appointing of some committees, the Epistles from New York and Baltimore yearly meetings were read. In reading these epistles an advance step was noted in these old and rather conservative yearly meetings.

A letter was read from John Henry Douglas who is now visiting some of the eastern yearly meetings. His words of love and sympathy were very edifying. The closing thought of this session was the necessity of a consecration to and an anointing from the Lord.

The Tuesday evening meeting was led by Thomas Armstrong, who took for his text the first verse of the 23rd Psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He showed the absolute dependence of the sheep to the shepherd. If there is any forsaking, it is our forsaking the Heavenly Shepherd as he never forsakes.

There is nothing that infinite power cannot do and there is nothing that infinite love will not do.

WEDNESDAY.

The 8 o'clock devotional meeting was led by Anson Cox of Idaho. He read from Phil. 1: 12 to 2: 8. His theme was self-denial. He believes Oregon Yearly Meeting ought to deny herself and push out into the work. He had the same thought that was in the meeting on Ministry and Oversight that there were young workers who ought to be pushed out and supported in the work of the church.

At the 10 o'clock business session the devotional part was led by Daniel Drew. The delegates proposed the following persons for officers of the yearly meeting: H. Edwin McGrew, Presiding Clerk; Mabel H. Douglas, Reading Clerk; Rebecca H. Smith, Recording Clerk; John S. Richie, Announcing Clerk.

The reading of the Queries and Answers called forth many thoughtful and helpful remarks. A good firm and wholesome discipline in the home was emphasized. "If we had better discipline in the home, we would have less of the spirit of anarchy in the land." The attendance of week day and Sunday evening meetings was encouraged. It is as much a duty to attend these services as any other. In the Sunday evening service especially, the church hopes to reach the unconverted and the pastor needs the example and backing of the members.

The statistical report was also read at this session. While we have not gained many in numbers, yet we have made some advancement.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. The devotional exercises were conducted by James P. Price. The epistle

from Western Yearly Meeting was read. This being the session set apart for temperance the report of the temperance committee was introduced. This report was most gratifying and showed much thought and preparation. The main address was given by Prof. Kelsey. He said the business of the church was not only to save men from the current of intemperance as grand as that work is but to keep them from being put into the current. He showed that the church is to attack sin wherever it is found, in politics as well as elsewhere. His address was clear, logical and full of energy, yet given in the spirit of love.

S. L. Packwood followed with a few remarks. He had formerly been a bartender and could paint the picture from the other side. His advice is, not to put into office those men who will not enforce the laws.

The evening service was conducted by Rev. John Danks who preached upon the possibilities of the joy of Christian service in obedience, in persecution, in self-sacrifice and in victory.

PRESS COM.

What is All This Worth?

Webster inveighed with splendid eloquence against the petty-mindedness of those who would ask concerning the Union, "What is all this worth?" and would inscribe that query upon the stripes of the flag. There are still those, however, who raise that question concerning almost every step forward which this country makes. They want to know how much profit in dollars and cents, we have got out of Cuban intervention; how much Porto Rico is worth to us; whether we are ever to get our purchase money back from the Danish West Indies, and whether the Philippines will ever reimburse the United States Treasury for all the drafts upon it which they are now causing. Such questions are intrinsically unworthy and might properly be ignored. Yet on the principle of answering a fool according to his folly it is easily possible to make answer to them in a way that should be convincing, and would be if the askers of the questions were amendable to reason.

"Our Arctic Province" was not many years ago the favorite target of denunciations and of the contumelious questionings of the anti-expansionists of that time. Mr. Servey was charged with having "annexed an iceberg," which could never be of profit to us, and he could never even pay fair interest on its purchase money. In fact, within the last dozen years we have known men of self-possessed light and leading to declare, in view of the seal fishery disputes, that we should be better off if we had never annexed Alaska, for that wretched Territory had cost, and was costing more than it would ever be worth. Yet authoritative statistics indicate that we have taken out of Alaska \$150,000,000 in furs, fish and gold, not to mention lumber, coal or other products, and that we have shipped to Alaska merchandise worth \$100,000,000. And the whole territory cost us only \$7,200,000.

It is a good rule not to prophesy unless you know. There are many things which a nation must do without regard to penury profits. But it is seldom judicious to declare off hand in advance that a great enterprise undertaken in the fulfillment of duty or in the pursuit of "manifest destiny" will ever pay. Such cocksure declarations were unanimously made concerning the successive acquisitions of Louisiana, California and Alaska. Really one would think men would be a little shy about repeating them again concerning any other territory. But they are not. There seem to be some men who would not hesitate to doubt that two and two make four if an administration to which they are opposed should commit itself to that mathematical principle.—New York Tribune Farmer.

Damage Suits.

D. A. Magness has brought suit against Nathan Bradley, the Dayton liverman, for \$5,000 damages. The Herald says: "This is the outcome of a 'joke' played on the day of marriage of Mr. Magness several weeks since, which endangered the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Magness. A bell was attached to the carriage in which Mr. and Mrs. M. were to be taken to the depot. After the married couple were seated in the conveyance the bell was rung, frightening the horses and they ran away. The carriage upset and the occupants were thrown out, Mr. Magness being severely injured." This promises to be a stubbornly contested case. Holmes & McCallin of Salem, and McCain & Vinton are attorneys for Magness; while W. D. Fenton of Portland, F. W. Fenton and J. J. Spencer are attorneys for Mr. Bradley.

C. E. Bryan, of Lafayette, has filed a suit for damages against Jos. Matty for the sum of \$10,000. This suit grew out of the trouble between the parties early last spring, during which Bryan was wounded in the leg. John F. Caples of Portland, is attorney for the plaintiff, and J. J. Spencer, McCain & Vinton will represent Mr. Matty's side.—Register.

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