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Will the future historian be aware that the people who lived in the twentieth century could write? Yes; he will find a few letters which the tooth of time has not destroyed. There will be the court and probate record, tough and unfading, thanks to legal safeguards; and the archeologist will unearth blocks of granite and tables of brass with letters cut upon them. There will be no doubt that those Americans possessed the art of writing; but the great libraries and the repositories of newspapers and magazines, to which the historian will look for the intimate and accurate picture of daily life, will contain little more than piles of dust, or volumes in which nothing is legible, and which crumble at a touch. This is the fear of the historian and the librarian of today. They know that books and magazines, as well as the daily papers, are now nearly all printed on paper made from wood-pulp, which is very perishable. Fifteen years is the life allotted to it by some observers, a period probably too short. From 75 to 100 years will doubtless render any wood-pulp book or newspaper legible, if not too fragile to handle. It is useless to hope for a return of rag paper. It is too expensive. No one can afford to use a material which costs 12 cents a pound when his competitors use one for which they pay only 2 cents a pound. For this reason efforts have been made to induce publishers of representative papers to print a limited edition on a more durable paper for preservation; but there are difficulties hard to explain to the layman, yet evident to those who are familiar with modern process; and so nothing has been done. The situation has its compensations. No one who picks up a modern newspaper and glances at the array of crimes, accidents and unsavory gossip which is displayed under "scaresheets" can fail to see one of them. Another lies in the possibility of being able still to purchase good linen paper for correspondence or a diary. Those who sympathize deeply with the future historian must cultivate the lost art of letter writing, or walk in the footsteps of good old Pepps.

An interesting fact in all great and riotous uprisings against law and property is that women so often figure in them. This quality of leadership has existed from the time of Joan of Arc to Mother Jones, and from Judith to Carrie Nation there has been no lack of women to assume the initiative and undertake what men were reluctant to do. Harriet Beecher Stowe and Julia Ward Howe had as large a part as that of many statesmen in beginning and continuing our civil war. It is the coupling of a highly emotional nature with the deep sincerity of natures more steadfast that makes women so lovable and so dangerous.

An editor is a millionaire without money, a congressman without a job, a king without a throne. He constructs without a hammer or a saw, builds railroads without rails or spikes and farms without a plow. He runs a butcher shop in the journalistic world and deals out brains for cash or credit. The editor is a teacher, a lawyer, a preacher; he sends truth out to save souls and gets lost himself.

The Duke of Cambridge has been buried beside his wife, who could not bear his name because she wasn't of royal blood. It is quite clever of the royal family to concede, in thus permitting the duke to lie in peace at last beside the woman he loved, that royalty ceases at the grave to figure in the proceedings.

Few Americans believe the early reports that the commander of the gunboat Vicksburg had refused aid to the men on the Russian battleship crippled at Chemulpo. Such an act would have been at variance with all American traditions. The facts were just what were expected, in this country, at least, that the American commander not only offered assistance, but was the first to offer it; and the Russian government has formally expressed thanks for the act.

Hibernianism is a flower that never fades. A New York paper accuses an Irish paper of saying, in an account of a burglary, "After a fruitless search, all the money was recovered except one pair of boots."

Democratic candidates, both the elected and the defeated, have nothing to feel grouchy over at their support here in Athena. The twin precincts rolled up a total vote of 311, and they still carry the banner for democracy in Umatilla county.

It needed but one more issue of Pendleton Tribune to have made it a democratic landslide. Cole owes his election to the East Oregonian's support. This means that the Tribune cuts no ice.

It must be a tremendous strain on Dodd, afflicted as he must be with Hart (man) palpitation, to be Taylor(ed) by returns from the county precincts.

If the republicans had another Tribune, their nest eggs would be still fewer and farther between.

It don't take even a school boy to realize that the Pendleton Tribune is a stuffed prophet.

Taylor, Strain and Folsom seemed to have been played favorites in the race of vote-getting.

The country voters carried a banner, on both sides of which read "local option."

Obituary.

Mrs. Agnes McKenzie the beloved wife of Alexander McKenzie, was born in Leith near Edinburgh, Scotland, December 10, 1845, and died at Athena June 2, 1904, being 58 years, 5 months and 12 days old. She went to New Zealand and after a residence there of two years came to the United States in 1876. In Walla Walla she met Mr. McKenzie and they were joined in wedlock September 27, 1876. This union was a happy one and they resided on their farm west of Athena until the day of her death. It was here their children were born and reared and she had the satisfaction of seeing them grow up to manhood and womanhood, living faithful, consistent lives, making home happy. She with her husband joined the Christian church, of which she was an honored member at the time of her death. The immediate cause of her death was excessive fright—caused by the shying of the horse which threw her husband from the vehicle in which they were riding. Conscious to the last she passed to the beyond without pain. She leaves her three sons and three daughters the rich inheritance of a devoted Christian life, the greatest blessing a mother can bequeath to her children. She was buried from the Christian church in Athena, June 4th, at 11 a. m., the pastor of the church preaching the sermon. The floral decorations covered the entire grave, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The Masonic lodge, of which Mr. McKenzie is a member, attended the funeral service to the cemetery in a body. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

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