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There is a class of educators today, says Wilhelm's Magazine, "The Coast," who are advancing and teaching the theory that in the raising and training of children they should not be required and made to obey—that they should grow up and mature as they are inclined by nature—and the making of children mind, or obey, destroys their independence of thought and action, thereby destroying their free moral agency, and making them the creations of another. Such teachings are the essence of anarchy and chaos and very dangerous to the existence of true freedom and liberty; they are the whims of depraved mind and the mutterings of a wicked heart which convicted of error and sin seeks to elude and evade the righteous result of its own thoughts and actions. The strict law of the universe is obedience, strict and complete compliance to the will of a ruling power. The success of a child's career in life is laid upon the sure foundation of obedience. A parent's real character is reflected on the child. No child outgrows its natural instincts—they must if bad, be trained out of him and, if good, be cultivated through obedience, if the child would be a complete success and become a power in the world. A child is the creature of another. For a child's existence another is responsible; to another a child must depend for all it can be and will be. A most dangerous and fatal error is free-will which is the parent of disobedience, the result of which is ruin and chaos. A bad teacher is like rotten fruit—only good to be thrown out.

It has recently been discovered that a wrong application is being made of the term "muck rake." A New York magazine publisher has looked upon "Pilgrims' Progress," where the expression had its origin, and he finds that the muck rake was the one that was always drawing to him the muck—money and other worldly things—in preference to the celestial crown. Hence, it is argued, the magazine writers who have been exposing commercial and political dishonesty are slandered when spoken of as muck-rakers. How many persons knew that "Pilgrims' Progress" gave birth to the now common expression? How many of the present generation have read Bunyan's famous classic?

When Russell exposed the beef trust's methods of peddling out dis-

eased meat in a popular magazine he was called a slanderer and the magazine was "yellow." The agents of the government have at length discovered these same facts, which everybody knew already, and they are to be made public unless the trust mends its ways. The reformatory efficacy of a threat to publish a secret which is known to the whole nation is open to some doubt. The beef trust will be good when it is afraid to be bad, and not before.

Eleven amendments as proposed by the Initiative and Referendum were voted on yesterday, and it is doubtful if more than one-half of the voters knew exactly what they were voting on. Referendum petitions have their drawbacks as well as their advantages. As a rule these petitions are understood only by the small percentage of people who are given the opportunity of signing them. The great majority have no knowledge of the intent and purpose of the petition except what they may glean from the vague inscription printed in the ballots on election day.

It is conservatively estimated that the property loss in this county resulting from the flood, will amount to a half million dollars. However, "its an ill wind that blows no good" to some one. In this instance the farmer will reap more in benefit from the good the soaking rains accomplished for the crop; than the loss to others will amount to.

Friends of the denatured alcohol bill do not seem yet to be quite sure that the senate amendments, though liberal on their face, may not contain some "joker" that will defeat the purpose of the measure. It went through so easily, after its long sojourn in committee, that suspicions will crop out.

The mayor of New Richmond, Wis. might rest assured of a long tenure of office if the women had votes. He not only listens sympathetically to their suggestions, but has invited them to petition for any reform which they deem desirable.

Good old Umatilla county, mending her fences and rebuilding her levees, says she needs no outside aid, and that the benefits derived from the generous rain more than offset the damage from the floods. This is the Oregon spirit, remarks the Portland Journal.

The resolutions introduced in the State Grange favoring the division of counties into Representative and Senatorial districts is based upon sound reasoning. Such a plan of making apportionment of membership in the State Legislature is in harmony with the principles of a truly representative government.

The silly man is quite unbearable to the ordinary individual and very distasteful to the average woman; however, the woman who knows she is a woman and yet tries to do the work of a man and fill the position of a man, is if possible more distasteful to a man, than she is disgusting to another woman.

The work of railroad building in Oregon and Washington is becoming strenuous. The people don't care

how much or hard the rival magnates fight, so long as they go right ahead building the roads. The more the merrier.

It is said that young Mr. Rockefeller is about to give up the Bible class of which he has been teacher for a number of years because of lack of interest of the members in a clubhouse scheme started by him. Strange as it may seem to the Standard Oil magnate's son, the members appear to think that the primary object of the Bible class is to study the bible.

The New York State Bar association, after a long investigation, finds that David B. Hill's connection with the insurance companies was quite proper. The same body is preparing the whitewash for Chauncey M. Depew.

A Michigan paper states that "Mrs. G. M. Brown is at home looking after the grip." It might be well to investigate and see who is taking care of Mr. Brown's suitcase in the meantime.

It is to be hoped that the Umatilla County Pioneer Association will see its way clear to give the annual reunion. Weston can be assured of a large attendance should she decide to give the picnic.

It takes considerable time to count the ballots and get in the complete election returns, but tomorrow the "other fellow" will know how it happened.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

Athena, May 30.—To the Editor: I have been asked to correct a statement in a recent copy of the Press. To the members of the Friday Afternoon Club: To say that we were surprised in reading in the Press that the Friday club had changed its name to "Thursday Club," would be putting it mild. We have been asked to correct it, as there were only five members present at the meeting, and our constitution says it shall be for the election of officers, and no club throughout the state ever transacts any other business on that day. Then again, a federated club could not do so secretly, if it so desired. Should the club decide so to do, which it does not—to make this change it would have to notify every member by card of the measure that was to come up, that it might be voted upon, and it should be unanimous. Then after all this the federation board might think it unnecessary and refuse to call a meeting of the board. Then again, "Friday Club" is good enough for the old members, and why should five women—and two of these new members—wish to do this, is past comprehending, while we older members who have tried so hard to make the club a success and a credit to the town in which we live, are perfectly satisfied with the name. Of course if these five members wish to call themselves the "Thursday Club," let them do so; but they will find out that the federation has no record of it. Therefore they will have no representation in the convention. As past president of this club, and at the present time one of the state officers, it is my duty to correct this matter, as I have made clubs and club work a study for the past seven years. Sincerely and fraternally yours, Mrs. Alice K. Cox, Past President.

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4:58 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Tacoma, Seattle, all points south.	4:58 p. m.
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