

W. C. T. U. COLUMN

By May Benedict

Tuesday afternoon March 8 the W. C. T. U. ladies of Ashland met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Polk at 28 Gresham street and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together including a social and business session all in one. Mrs. Polk was the hostess for the afternoon and a profitable and pleasant time was spent together. A splendid letter was read at this meeting from Mrs. Mardge J. Mears, the office secretary of W. C. T. U., Portland and some of the good things she told are as follows:

"I am sure you will be as happy as we are when I tell you that in March we will pay the last indebtedness on the land at the Children's farm home, and at 4 o'clock p. m. Friday, March 25, the mortgage will be burned. This will be in connection with the mid-year executive meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Central Library Portland and we hope a number of you will be present to rejoice with us. It means much to use that we have such a home with more than \$200,000 invested without one cent of debt.

"We are glad so many counties are planning for cottages. This will help meet the need of the many pitiful cases of dependent children that come to us. It is hard to say 'there is no room' and these cottages will help to solve the problem. We need the cottage for girls described in the enclosed leaflet and hope it can be built soon, and a central heating plant is needed to conserve both fuel and labor. Then to do the best work on the farm we must have better equipment. We want to make the farm, gardens and poultry pay and be able to raise a large portion of the food for both the children and the stock, but it will require money for equipment.

"We are planning for our Bazaar at the state fair as usual and we hope every union in the state will help with this. We will plan to give each union credit for the articles they send that are sold so you will be more interested in helping. We should be able to raise several hundred dollars if every union will help and try to get other organizations in your community to assist. We are sending a letter to the churches and Sunday schools of the state asking for the Mother's day offering and hope you will do what you can to get these in your community to grant this request."

The Childrens farm home as most of us know is a protestant home for Oregon's dependent children and the Ashland ladies are planning now for articles to be made for the state fair bazaar so that in this way we may continue to help the Corvallis childrens farm home as we've done heretofore.

No doubt many of us remember how generously the Ashland women responded when the fruit shower was asked for last fall for the childrens home and not only last year but for many years the W. C. T. U. organizations all over the state have sent in fruit and other useful articles to the home. This is a good work that all are glad to assist in.

Rev. Elmer E. Helms, pastor of the great First Methodist Episcopal church of Los Angeles says;

"Last year the net increase in Protestant church membership was 690,000, and six thousand new Protestant churches were dedicated. But not one new brewery or distillery was built. Last year \$60,000,000 were spent on new churches. This year \$100,000,000 is being spent. The people called Methodist Episcopalians last year built \$21,000,000 worth of new churches as against \$9,000,000 the last wet year."

CENSORSHIP

"We enact laws to suppress narcotics to protect our youth from habit forming drugs; we pass statutes to guard our stomachs from poisonous foods; we have legislation to protect our eyes from vulgar sights, our ears from foul noises, our bodies from insufficient heat, our noses from offensive smells. The senses of sight, taste, feeling, hearing and smell are cared for; but more sensitive, more impressionable than the entire five physical faculties is the mysterious matrix of the soul, the subliminal consciousness which dwells in the human form, and indelibly records all its physical reactions; that,

imperishable, impalpable essence which comes direct from God to be reabsorbed after death into immortality! Shall it be neglected, forsooth, because certain erotic writers must find markets for their foul productions? God forbid!"

Miss Julia Marlowe, whose career has added to the dignity and honor of the profession to which she has devoted her life, recently made a statement before the Lotos club, went to the heart of the theater problem:

"It is admitted that evil communications corrupt good manners. It is also admitted that each man in his soul is conscious of ideals of beauty and honor which his circumstances may prevent him from embracing but which set for him certain standards before which his soul must bow. We are told by the 'emancipated,' the 'advanced' the 'sophisticated' that the 'adult' drama may portray any villainess because life itself is vile—and the office of the theater is to hold the mirror up to nature.

"These statements are not true. Art is a matter of selection. There is villainess in life, but there are also beauty and righteousness and humor and tender love, and grief and pain. The pursuit of art is the search for beauty—and beauty may be found in all afflictions and aspirations of man." Clipseet.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

Business men now-a-days, have keen competition at home and in neighboring cities. They must go after business; they must invite it and keep up with the procession or empty business buildings and small volume will gradually result. Advertising is the key to success. Every live town and business man in the world realizes the fact and the readers depend upon it. The Ashland American is the best advertising medium for Ashland business firms who have any specials for Saturdays or any late merchandise to offer the country people and citizens of smaller adjacent towns. For Friday, Saturday and Monday buying the rural route readers will see the announcements in The American early each Friday morning, as the paper is mailed Thursday nights. The Ashland American continually boosts Ashland and Ashland business men. It does more of it in a better way than has ever been offered in Ashland. It has had patience and does it untiringly without asking financial aid. It is read in nearly every state in the Union, and at home it is the home paper. One thousand copies printed each week now, actually circulated where they do good.

MOTHER LOVE

By Elmer E. Phelps

Oh, of mother love so gentle,
As she watches o'er her child;
With her thoughts upon the baby,
She keeps working all the while.

If she hears the little fellow
Making just the faintest cry
She will go and rock the cradle
Sing the song, sweet lul-la-by.

Now last night he was quite fretful
Granny said his stomach ached
In great haste they grabbed the bottle
And cas-to-ri-a he did take.

Now this morning he is better,
For he's looking all around
And dear Granny she is smiling
All dressed in a bran new gown.

In comes Daddy from the back yard
Where he's raising rabbit meat
And he stoops to play with baby,
Even pats its little feet.

Now just think he's almost seven,
And at school he's learning fast
We have lost our little baby,
He's a great big boy at last.

"CHOO-CHOO" VERSE LAST LINE CONTEST IS LATEST CRAZE

A new "last line" contest indulged in by Spring poets of 1927 was originated by George B. Jefferis, retired Southern Pacific road foreman of engines, who says that any locomotive engineer is fitted by experience to supply numerous appropriate although perhaps unprintable endings. Two samples of verse submitted to Jefferis, with sample last lines printed in italics, follow:

Ie heard the toot, but tried to scoot
And beat the choo-choo to it.
The poor galoot now twangs a lute—
Take head and don't you do it!

Stop and let the train go by—
It hardly takes a minute;
Your car starts out again, intact
And better still—you're in it!
Can you supply a better last line?

COLOR, THE SOUL OF METAL

Marcelle Reber.

The sun is a radiating center of light and life because its substance is in a state of incandescence, which means, a high rate of vibration. If we place a bar of iron in the fire, it soon becomes hot to the touch. The iron is now in a higher rate of vibration than before we put it in the fire. If we leave it in the fire long enough, the iron bar glows with a dull light, but if the fire is hot enough after a time the iron bar becomes brighter and brighter, and finally reaches a state of incandescence where it radiates light.

If the heat is carried still higher, the iron would burn and liberate its essential colors or color. These colors are called by science, the spectrum of the metal. The liberation of this color spectrum, the soul of the metal means it has reached a very high rate of vibration, a rate of motion where it is no longer able to keep a form in manifestation on the outer plane save in terms of light.

As with iron, so with other metals or elements. All can be reduced finally to light and color. Now in the sun is known that all the metals and elements we know of on earth are present, but not as iron, lead, gold, hydrogen, oxygen, etc., but in a state the color and light which is the spirit of the metals or elements. In the elements in the sun, all this light and life and energy is actual. In these same elements as they exist on earth today that light and energy is latent. That light is there but within the atoms unable to radiate through the dense body or form of the metal because its vibrations have become lowered and it is now too dense.

On the question of whether women should wear cotton stockings instead of silk to help the cotton planter—the eyes have it.

We are with Turkey. If reports are true that Turkey is for peace, then we're with her, heart and soul. Most of the "ideas for mothers" in the magazines sound very much as if they had been written by fathers.

As a usual thing the Ashland citizen who can "turn his hand to most anything" does the most loafing.

A man takes a day off when he celebrates his birthday, and a woman takes a year off.

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