

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

Whatever we would do well, we must do constantly. If we desire to be pure and noble, we must practice purity and nobility. Some men seem to think that all habits are necessarily bad; but a man can acquire the habit of doing good as strong as he can the habit of doing evil. Continual observance of the law habituates one to lawfulness and respect of law; every violation of law renders another violation more easy and probable. A man is known by his actions. The good are they who do good. Words without deeds are valueless as indications of character. The devil can quote scripture.

The human mind is incapable of existing in a stationary condition; a man must either go forward or fall behind in moral perceptions and practices. No man can expect to ever obtain the power of doing good unless he constantly practices. If a man practices immorality he must expect to lose to some extent the immediate power of living morally. There is a law of gravitation in morals; there is no such thing as standing in mid-air between morality and immorality. Unless a man exercises his natural functions he loses the power of exercise.

THE PRODUCTIVENESS OF OREGON

The soil here is wonderfully rich and productive, and produces wheat, oats, barley, flax, peas, beans, vegetables of all sorts, and staple fruits in their most perfect form. Oregon flour has long commanded the highest price in the Liverpool market, and now Oregon apples (green and evaporated), pears and prunes sell for more than the product of any other part of the United States in Chicago. St. Paul buys our "big red apples" and luscious prunes. The yield of both these fruits—long since accorded the best of "staples" in all markets, has been enormous this year, and the sight of an average Oregon orchard would make the eyes of a Michigan apple grower or an Eastern prune producer turn green with envy. Prunes set out on good land and well cultivated will begin bearing in at least five years, that is, so one can call the bearing a crop. To plant them will cost, say an acre of ground, \$50; 150 trees (the average number set to an acre), \$25.50; plowing the ground and planting the trees \$7.50; total cost (original) per acre to plant prunes, \$83.50, including the cost of the land. Cultivation for five years may be \$50 or \$100. One prune orchardist's eight acres will pay him \$500 to \$600 this year, fifth year.—Ex.

Now that the election is over, and as the smoke of the conflict has been cleared away by the balmy breezes of peace and returning harmony, let us now turn our attention to a contemplation of the material interests of the country—interests in which we all can agree whether we be Democrats, Republicans, or other party adherents. We are all desirous of so managing the affairs of state, society and person as to be for the welfare of each and all. With this grand end in view, THE EXPRESS will put forth its best efforts to give its readers the latest news, and as the political excitement is over we hope to enlarge our circulation, which we will do our best to merit.

It is said that Little will soon be left of Gen. Harrison's personal premises, at the present rate at which things are going. Hundreds and thousands of silver, gold and other articles of value, and valuable carrying away keepsakes. They have taken up bricks from the sidewalk in front of his residence; have torn down and sawn into small pieces the fence posts, cross timbers and pickets; have cut away the shade trees in the yard; have even dug up the stumps and posts. At latest accounts the souvenir hunters were carrying off pieces of the barn and carrying them triumphantly away.

Gen. Schofield, commanding the American army, in his annual report, calls attention to the great number of desertions from the army. Every effort has been made to obtain recruits up to the limit of 25,000 men, but the army is still 10,000 men short, and there are vacancies for that number of men who will have no opportunity to serve Uncle Sam. Gen. Grant recommends that the term of enlistment be reduced from five to three years, with the privilege of purchasing a discharge.

It is quietly whispered about that there is a scheme being concocted to get the Legislature to buy the canal and locks at Oregon City. It is said there will be a greater pay lobby at Salem this winter than has ever been known in the history of the State. Is it necessary to caution members against the folly of investing thousands of dollars of the people's money in this scheme? Don't buy them.—Democrat.

The superintendent of the dead letter office, in his annual report, says he has received during the year 1,213,870 pieces of original dead mail matter, an increase of 882,513 pieces over the last year. Of the number of pieces treated during the year 749,513 were restored to their owners without opening. In those opened there was found money, postal notes and negotiable paper aggregating in value \$1,381,157.

The indications continue to increase that Dulph will not have a walk-over for the Senate. Hon. Geo. H. Williams is now rumored as an open and avowed candidate, and there is some talk of Ex-Gov. Moody as an Eastern Oregon candidate.

There are 1,800,000 voters in this country who can't read the ballots they vote, but none of them have the least difficulty in making out the figures on a two-dollar greenback or a sack of flour.

BORROWING TROUBLE.

Once upon a time there was a man and woman who planned to go and spend the day at the house of a friend some miles from their own. So one pleasant morning they started out to make the visit; but they had not gone far when the woman remembered a bridge which they had to cross which was very old, and said not to be very safe, and she immediately began to worry about it.

"What shall we do about that bridge?" said she to her husband. "I shall never dare to go over it, and we can't get across the river any other way."

"Oh," said the man, "I forgot all about that bridge; it is a bad place. Suppose it should break through, and we should fall into the water and be drowned?"

"Or even," said the wife, "suppose you should step on a rotten plank and break your leg, what would become of me and the baby?"

"I don't know," said the man, "what would become of any of us, for I couldn't work, and we should all starve to death."

So they went on worrying and worrying till they got to the bridge, when lo and behold, they saw that since they had been there last a new bridge had been built, and they crossed in safety, and found that they might have spared themselves all their anxiety.

Now, that is just what the proverb means. Never waste your time on what you think possibly may happen.

Borax Mine in Oregon. One of the most important discoveries yet made in Oregon is that of an immense borax deposit in Curry county. This deposit is on the Bay of Linn ranch. It is of volcanic origin, and occurs in boulders of all sizes, up to a ton in weight, imbedded in volcanic mud. The area of the deposit is half a mile in length and 200 yards in width, with a depth of thirty feet. The bay forms a portion of a ranch of 1200 acres, and is half a mile wide, with good anchorage, and is protected on both the north-west and southwest. The first shipment was made to San Francisco in September, by the steamer Newboy. A towboat will be laid out, a wharf built, and active operations at once begun. Chemists pronounce this superior to any borate of lime previously known, and as it lies within a stone's throw of the shore, where water three fathoms deep is only 300 yards distant, the expense of getting it to market is reduced to the minimum. The borax deposits of California, Nevada, Chili, Thibet, Asia Minor and Italy are similarly handicapped by their position in the interior and the expense of getting their product to market. A valuable industry ought to be speedily developed here.—West Shore.

The mysterious order of "101" in Grant county continues to send its warnings and notices to leave to the citizens there. A. W. Waters dared them to approach him and they failed to come around. The last man to receive the summons to leave was Green Hudspeath. He replies through the Harney Items, saying: "I do not intend to leave, and I can be found at my farm, two miles southeast of Burns, at all times, and that I am prepared to give these cut-throats and tools of monopoly a warm reception. The cowardly whelp who wrote the notice I received is undoubtedly an expert with a pen, one who could raise or forge a note, but who attempts to frighten me or other settlers he will find that he has bitten off more than he can chew."

M. A. Miller, the druggist, desires to inform his patrons that he is agent for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, the best and most reliable medicine in use for coughs, colds and croup. No one suffering from a throat or lung trouble can use it without benefit. It will cure a severe cold in less time than any other medicine or treatment; it is the only known remedy that will prevent croup.

A young farmer of Land Lake, N. Y., killed himself because none of the girls of the neighborhood would marry him. He was, perhaps, justified in the act, since a man whom no woman will marry must necessarily be of little account. He, however, deserves a vote of thanks for breaking the record of rejected lovers by killing himself rather than the girls.

It appears by the dispatches that the country is promised a royal display at Harrison's inauguration, March 4th. The military part of the spectacle will outline any similar exhibition since the grand review at the close of the war. It must be admitted the President-elect intends to begin his official career in a manner becoming his aristocratic lineage.

Bill Nye says: Compared with eternity our career extends over a time easily expressed by the word "cent" uttered in an ordinary tone of voice.

About sixty men are now employed on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. The work goes right along and material progress is being made.

Parties wishing lumber will do well to give us a call. We have on hand over 1500 feet of fencing lumber. CASHOW & CARLE, Brownsville.

John G. Whittier's great ambition, when he was a boy, was to become a politician. But the world gained by the fact that he did not lay his pipes, but piped his lays.

John Swartz was mistaken for a bear on the Siuslaw last week by George Montgomery and shot dead, dying a few moments afterwards. This kind of gross negligence is becoming altogether too common.

Monday evening a brakeman named Leathers fell between the cars of a freight train near Harrisburg and was probably instantly killed. No one saw the accident. He was missed, and going back, the body was found. His parents reside in East Portland and he was 17 years of age.

Chas. Terry, a former opium smuggler of Seattle, has embraced religion under the influences of D. T. Moody, the great evangelist, who is now working in the Lord's vineyard on the Sound. Terry has decided Port Townsend property to the value of \$5000 to Moody as an atonement for his misdeeds. This Moody will convey to the government.

SPICER.

Farmers in this vicinity have sown a large amount of grain, and all are delighted with the warm weather which has continued thus far.

Hon. S. M. Pennington, of Albany, has been spending a few weeks at this place. He has recently painted his residence, which adds greatly to its appearance.

J. W. White lectured to a small audience at the school house a few evenings since. He is traveling in the interest of the K. of L.

Rev. Walton Skipworth, pastor of the Lebanon M. E. church, preached at the Southern Methodist church Sunday, the 28th. There was also preaching at the German Baptist church near this place by Rev. Episth Prather of Southern Oregon.

J. W. Bell has just recently completed a handsome store building, which would do credit to any place. He has it nicely filled with a well-assorted stock of groceries and general merchandise, which can be had as low as anywhere in the valley. A first-class store has been much needed here, and Mr. Bell deserves the approbation of the people for the very enterprising spirit which he has manifested since coming to our midst. XXX.

An Economical Start. The Ellensburg Capitalist says: "A few days since a young couple arrived in Ellensburg from Yakima in a covered wagon. They had two hearts that beat as one, one soul with but a single thought, and a miscellaneous assortment of tropical fruits and squashes. Their hearts had turned as the pumpkin vine, and their voices were honeyed with dew. But this hasn't anything to do with the story. Success attended them in the disposal of their fruit; the wagon was empty and the purse was full. The aforesaid couple concluded they wanted to wed, and they did wed that very day. But when night, gentle night, came, the youth from Yakima hid him to a hotel and hired a room for his bride, which he inconveniently permitted her to occupy alone, while he took up commodious quarters in the wagon bed. It is just such indifference as this that lost the capital to Yakima."

Coreless Apples. Horticulturists are now endeavoring to breed out the troublesome core from apples. We quote from the New York Tribune: "Two cases lately put on record of seedless sorts of apples—one of them represented as a large and good winter variety—came directly in class with Prof. Claypole's proposition to breed out the troublesome core from the best of fruits. It is worthy of attention, especially as the trees are much more exhausted by the production of seeds than by that of their development, and usually the more seeds the less of the eatable pulp and the harsher its quality."

LEBANON PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted weekly by C. B. Montague.) Flour—Per 50-lb sack, \$1.15; per barrel, \$4.50. Bacon—Sides, 16c per lb. Butter—Fresh, per 2-lb roll, 40c. Eggs—Per dozen, 25c. Chickens—Per dozen, \$2.50 to \$3. Ducks—Per dozen, common, \$4.50 to \$5; Pekin, \$6. Geese—Per dozen, \$8. Turkeys—Per lb, live weight, 8c. Hides—Per lb, dry, 6c; green, 3c. Sheep pelts—According to wool, 15 to 20c. Deer skins—Summer, 30c; winter, 25c. Thompson & Overman, the leading harness dealers, Albany.

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No. 191. 110 acres, 8 miles from Lebanon, 30 to 35 acres in cultivation, 40 acres pasture; one-story box house, large barn 60x100 feet, orchard of 150 bearing fruit trees; fruit house and dryer; plenty of water; one mile to school. Terms, \$1,000 cash and balance to suit purchaser.

No. 192. 334 acres, 4 miles from Lebanon, 115 acres in cultivation, 144 in pasture; balance brush and pasture and some timber; house, barn and 2 acres of orchard; water convenient. Terms, \$3,500 cash, balance one year.

No. 193. 200 acres, 5 miles from Lebanon, 80 acres in cultivation, 120 acres pasture; a good house, barn 80 feet long, and other outbuildings, 5 acres orchard. Terms, \$1,000 cash, balance one year.

No. 146. 60 acres of level land 8 miles from Lebanon on road to Sodaville, 30 acres in cultivation, 12 acres large orchard; one-story house, small barn and young orchard. Terms cash.

No. 152. 80 acres, 9 miles S. E. of Lebanon, 40 acres in cultivation, 20 acres pasture, 10 acres of timber, all fenced, well watered; no building.

No. 177. 340 acres 11 miles from Sodaville, 20 acres improved, 100 under fence; good box house and double log barn; place is well watered.

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