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KINDERGARTEN VS KILLING-MACHINES

Recently this writer called attention to the fact that the premium money paid a firm of iron-clad manufacturers for extra speed of a war vessel would build, equip and conduct 207 kindergarten schools for two years. The opinion was expressed that to start ten thousand poor little children right in life was of more importance than arming and navies. The contrast was a violent one and started not a few minds to considering the underlying principles. The Sunday Oregonian devotes a column of editorial to refuting the position taken, and argues with much ability on the value of a navy, and the necessity of being ready for war as an assurance of peace. He quotes Bacon, Solon and the New York Times as authorities for maintaining a costly naval force. He cites Salamis, Lepanto, Trafalgar and Actium, to show the danger of extinction from a naval power superior to our own.

Without wishing to engage the Oregonian in controversy it occurs to any thinker that the authorities cited, and the naval battles referred to, are not quite "apropos." We have passed the days of Bacon and Solon, though they both taught that the force of moral ideas was the most potent civilizing power. The fact that Cleopatra and Pompey lost their armies and governments at Actium has nothing to do with a situation such as exists in the United States today. Bacon of 300 years ago and Solon of 3000 years ago are not to the point in this controversy.

Our country needs moral development. It needs employment for its millions of unemployed poor people, more than the boast of naval power or the pomp of warlike preparations against imaginary foes. We need a betterment of our moral forces more than a patchwork of a few millions here or there on a warship. The bands, the eyes, the hearts, the brains of a million future citizens requires a more rational development into better manhood and womanhood and a better type of citizenship, or all the navies and armies we can construct shall not save our nation from dissolution. Germany and England told us in our recent strike trouble that we were on the verge of destruction and it was true. So long as men can become multi-millionaires in a generation, while the wages of their employes are constantly ground lower and lower, and no material reduction in the price of the service such monopolies render, and laborers resort to brute force and destruction of life and property our need is not of navies on the seas, but more wisdom at home.

Our country has no foes abroad equal to those at home. Warships will not reach the anarchist or assassin in our large cities. When harvest hands work for 75 cts. a day and the farmer is doing his work and boarding himself at a loss to put wheat on the market at 40 cts. which costs him 60 cts. a bushel, when money is constantly growing scarcer, when more and more are unemployed, is not a time when our nation can to advantage build more warships. The argument for navies and war has always been advanced for the protection of wealth, not for the uplifting of the masses. Charles Sumner, of Massachusetts, and John Bright, of England, surely tower above the heads of ordinary writers and thinkers and they were opposed to armies and navies in time of peace. If we had a hundred ironclads, chances are we should not have a chance to shoot anyone for twenty years. Yet they would cost three to four hundred millions. Then we would not have ships enough to guard our coasts and harbors stretched along eleven thousand miles. While a navy may be of importance to our commerce, there are matters more important and vital to our national growth and security.

All are pleased who try our two-bit want column.

DEMOCRATIC NEPOTISM.

Some papers pretend to find fault because Black, Murphy et al., Democratic federal officials at Portland, are appointing each others sons to the fat places in the government positions at their disposal. They are only following the example of their superiors. The practice of nepotism has become so general from the cabinet and United States senators to pathmasters on the country road districts, that not to be guilty of it is rather reprehensible and a sort of political offence, a crime, not against the public treasury, but against the private purse, an outrage not on party ethics, but upon family privilege.

The appointment of sons, daughters, nephews and relatives generally by the member of the family who gets office will tend to relieve the public service of some of its hardships that make office holding almost equal to working for a living. A man is not going to re-buke his own flesh and blood for not doing work exactly right, nor dock his daughter or wife for short hours, or raise a row because a little public cash disappears.

The practice of nepotism will also encourage marriage and child-raising. By offering a pecuniary inducement, the much neglected industry of child-growing will receive a stimulus. It is going to pay to have children if they can be made a source of profit in the public eye.

Nepotism will never be very popular with the rank and file of any party. The farmer and laborer who toil and produce and taxpayers, have to rustle for a living without a dollar of help from the government, will always consider that a base advantage has been taken of them by the official class. The common citizen will be more and more excluded from a chance to enter the public service as long as nepotism prevails. But they do not count much anyhow!

A surgeon's Terrible Mistake.
"A few years ago," said Charles J. Patterson of Philadelphia, "I learned the secret of the life of a man who had passed more than a quarter of a century with scarcely a smile. He had been a physician and surgeon and on one occasion had to remove an injured eye in order to save the other eye and prevent total blindness. The night before the operation he had been drinking heavily with some friends, and although the following morning he was sober his hand was unsteady and his nerves unstrung. "After administering chloroform he made a fatal and horrible blunder, removing the well eye by mistake, and thus consigning his patient to perpetual blindness. The moment he discovered his error he turned the man over to a competent surgeon, deeded everything he possessed to him and hurried from the neighborhood like a convicted thief. The remainder of his life was one constant round of remorse, and he rapidly developed into a confirmed misanthrope. The secret of his life was known to a number of people, but when it was finally revealed to me it explained a mystery and made me respect the man, for however grave was his original blunder, which in some respects was of course worse than a crime, his repentance was of the most genuine character."—New York Recorder.

Effects of Sunlight.
Where a river is polluted by sewage, millions and billions of dangerous microbes flourish in its water and are carried along with it to spread disease and death around its banks unless their development is arrested. If the sun does not shine upon such a river, it may become a peril to whole communities. But if the sunlight does reach it freely the germs are destroyed, and the water is kept comparatively free from infection.

Recent experiments in Italy have shown that sunbeams are able to destroy bacteria in water at a depth of at least 20 inches beneath the surface. One might almost liken the rays of light in such a case to javelins and arrows piercing an enemy, for it has been found that the destructive action is greatly diminished if only the perpendicular sunbeams fall upon the water. The slaughter of the microbes is by far the greatest when both perpendicular and oblique rays enter the water uninterrupted. Like a ship in action, the sun is most powerful when it can rake the enemy with a cross fire. And it has to shoot its tiny arrows of light a long way—almost 93,000,000 miles! But, fortunately for us, they get here and they are effective.—Youth's Companion.

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Sharing the Burden.
The keynote of prosperous and successful existence is justice. It matters little to what condition in life one may turn, this statement applies with equal force to all. It is necessary to share and share alike, so far as one's ability goes, the burdens of existence. To put upon one individual, one class or one nation the responsibilities that should be divided equally among all is one of the surest ways to bring about dissatisfaction and ultimately open revolt. To every man his share of the burden is the only rule that will, for any length of time, hold good, and the only one upon which healthy, steady and permanent prosperity can be established. Philanthropy, benevolence and good will toward men are all very well when defined in the right way, but when these words simply mean that one class or one individual shall take up the responsibility that of right belongs to another, the terms lose their meaning and become only another name for injustice. —New York Ledger.

Queer Studies.
One day, says Henry Bacon in his book on contemporary French art, when I was coming up the Champs Elysees, a cab with the green blind down attracted my attention. It showed that some one was paying 2 francs an hour for the privilege of remaining stationary as long as he might choose to do so. Presently up went the curtain, and there appeared the head of Jean Beraud, the artist.

At his invitation I put my head into the miniature studio to see his last picture. His canvas was perched upon the seat in front, his color box beside him, and with the curtain down on one side to keep out the reflection and to hide himself from the prying eyes of passers-by he could paint at ease through the opposite window a view of the avenue as a background to a group of figures. Who originated this idea it is hard to say, but for years, since pictures of modern Paris have been so popular, it has been employed by many artists.

At the Circus.
The elephant reached around with his trunk and rattled the bars of the cage of the royal Bengal tiger. "What do you want?" growled the tiger. "I beg your pardon. I merely wanted to ask you a question." "Ask it then, and don't stand there all day." "Can you tell me the difference between a royal Bengal tiger and a jackass?" "No," growled the tiger. "What's the difference?" "Well," chuckled the elephant as he blew a washtubful of dust into the tiger's eyes, "if I couldn't tell the difference between myself and a jackass, I'd tie my stripes into a string and hang myself with it. Indeed I would," and the elephant went back to seesawing on his front legs and distributing occasional trunkfuls of dust and grass along his spinal column.—Detroit Free Press.

Rabbit Skin Jelly.
According to Figaro, a new and successful industry has been discovered in the selling of rabbit skins to confectioners for the making of calf's foot jelly. The hair is taken off and used for stuffing of couches, manufacture of hats, etc.; then the skin is subjected to certain processes until the oils are extracted. It is said that over 5,000,000 skins are annually imported into England from Melbourne alone.

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TODAY'S MARKETS.
Prices Current by Telegraph—Local and Portland Quotations.
SALEM, July 26, 4 p. m.—Office Daily Capital Journal. Quotations for day ending to hour of going to press were as follows:
SALEM PRODUCE MARKET.
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Hay—Baled, old \$8@10; new cheap \$7.50@8.
FARM PRODUCTS.
Wool—Best, 10c.
Hops—Small sale, 10 to 12c.
Eggs—In trade, 12c.
Butter—Best dairy, 12@15; fancy creamery, 20c.
Cheese—10 to 15 cts.
Farm-stocked meats—Bacon 10; hams, 10; shoulders 8.
Potatoes—New, 40c.
Onions—3 cents.

FRUITS.
Cherries, Royal Annes, 3c pound; currants 15c gal.
LIVE POULTRY.
Country Hens, 6c; roosters not wanted; old ducks not wanted; young ducks, 8; young chickens, 5@10c.
PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.
GRAIN, FEED, ETC.
Flour—Portland, \$2.65; Walla Walla, \$2.90; graham, \$2.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.
Oats—White, 35c; grey, 30c, rolled, 25c; cases, \$5.75@6.00; barrels, \$6.00@6.25.
Hay—Best, \$10@12 per ton.
Wool—valley, 10@10 1/2 cts.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$15@17; shorts, \$16@18; ground barley, \$20; chop feed, \$15 per ton; whole feed, barley, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$25@28 per ton; chicken wheat, 65@1.00 per cental.
Hops—1893, 10 to 11.
Hides—green, salted, 60 lbs, 3 3/4 cts, under 60 lbs, 2@3c; sheep pelts, 10@60c.
DAIRY PRODUCTS.
Butter—Oregon fancy creamery, 20@22c; fancy dairy, 17@20c; fair to good, 12@15c; common, 9@10c.
Cheese—Oregon 1 1/2@12c per pound; Young American, 13@14c; California 11@12; Swissimp., 30@32c; Dom., 16@18c.
Eggs—Oregon, 12c per dozen.
Poultry—chickens, old \$2.50@3 per dozen; young, \$2@3.00; ducks, \$3@4; geese, \$6@8; turkeys, slow at \$6@10c.
Beef—Topsteers, 2 1/2@2 3/4 per lb; fair to good steers, 2@2 1/4; cows, 1 1/2@2c; dressed beef, 4@5c.
Mutton—Best sheep, 1 1/2@2; choice ewes, \$1.60@1.75.
Hogs—Choice, heavy, \$4; light and feeders, \$2 7/8; dressed, 5c per lb.
Veal—Small, choice, 5c; large, 3@4c per pound.

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