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THE HOUR SUPREME.

J. Vance Cheney, in the January Century.

On Nature's round Which sweetest is, stillness or sound? Which is most musical, Song or the interval When the silence stirs, to be A voice, a melody?

On Nature's way Which fairest is, dawning or day? Which would the nice eyes choose, The moon gold or the hues When the shadow of the night Wakes, smiling into light?

Ay, when is bliss The sweetest that it ever is? When the loved one is at rest Upon the lover's breast, Or when he first may dare To dream he feels her there?

HOW WE WRITE EDITORIALS.

A lady subscriber wishes to know how we write editorials. We are willing to tell a lady anything within reason.

Well, we eat breakfast, some fish if possible, and go to the office as fast as possible.

Then we look over the morning mail, having first read the morning paper, and jump onto the typewriter.

We proceed to write about whatever we think the public may be interested in reading.

We write on what we have thought, have read about, what we have seen, what we have heard, what we have learned.

We write what we think and believe to be true, and what would seem reasonable to others.

We try to be honest and sincere, but don't always succeed. We try to let the truth leak out once in awhile.

That is the way editorials are written each day on The Journal.

PUBLIC LAND REFORM.

Ex-Governor Geer has a long editorial explaining the way the lieu land business has become such a problem and issue in state affairs.

Explanations may explain, but they restore little or nothing to the people of their stolen patrimony.

No governor in our brief fifteen years has called a halt in the lieu land operations, until the present executive.

He has instructed his land agent, Mr. West, to go to the bottom of the business and formulate a report.

Whether that will accomplish anything remains to be seen.

The state and the nation have but one plain course to pursue—save the rest of the land for the home-builder.

CUT OUT THE SPECULATOR.

Let home-builders alone have public lands at nominal prices for homes only. Make them live on it.

For each child born on the land give them a commutation in time or price, to encourage growth in the population of the state.

Unmarried men or unmarried women do not need all the privileges of taking up homesteads that persons of family should have.

REFORM NEEDED IN THE NAVY.

A distinguished officer in the United States navy, whose name, for obvious reasons, has been suppressed, has addressed a letter to the New York Sun, in which he points out the growing necessity for the institution of reforms in the personnel of the navy, says the San Francisco Chronicle. He charges that examinations for promotion in the navy are "in most cases practically a farce." Those who are notoriously unworthy of promotion are advanced under the present system and given positions of great responsibility, although entirely incompetent. And the incompetency of some officers who have reached the higher grades after long careers has become the subject of the ridicule of the ordinary seaman at the fore-castle messes. When an officer becomes the butt of his subordinates, the situation assumes a grave aspect.

We have no doubt that the arraignment of the service is justifiable by the existing conditions. The frequent misfortunes which befall many of our warships indicate the grossest carelessness or incompetency of those in command. Ships have been lost or grounded or been exposed to other serious dangers for which no explanation except incompetency can be made. Possibly many naval officers are incapacitated from the proper fulfillment of their duties through their irregular habits. Intemperance is so much of a bane in the navy as it is in the army. But in the latter service there is a disposition evinced to weed out the disolute and the incompetent, and it is

about time the same policy should prevail in the navy. We are spending an enormous amount of money to build up a first-class navy, but it will avail nothing unless the vessels commissioned in it are commanded by competent officers, thoroughly equipped in the knowledge of their profession and temperate in their habits. As the New York Sun correctly sums up the situation, "the deadwood of the service must be cut away in order to preserve the sound."

X-RAYS

The Eugene Methodist church opposes any amendment of the local option law.

In the last presidential election what the voters lacked in number they made up in quality.

The Roseburg lawyers are reaping a harvest out of the city light and water plant litigation.

The power to indict, try, convict and sentence a man has not yet been lodged in the newspapers.

Let no guilty man escape, was Grant's motto. But also no newspaper convictions. They don't stick.

Portland has one high school, and will build another. The salaries of teachers have been raised ten per cent.

Chicago has another reign of terror. That has been a pretty steady thing ever since Carter Harrison was mayor.

In Marion county the grand jury has practically been abolished, and none of us prominent men have anything to fear.

"Sad Accident" is a sad headline. It is not the accident that is sad, but some one who may have had that kind of an accident. See?

Our friend, Stormy Jordan, has asked us to get him a position in the legislature as janitor to stand around and look wise. He could do that, and says he is willing to divy up besides.

It would be too bad if some of our poor public officials who are making all kinds of money out of politics should be deprived of the sacred right to gobble several sections of public land.

As the Salem board of education handles more money than the city of Salem, it is reasonable to ask that it transact its business in at least as orderly a manner.

Whitelaw Reid is to succeed Rufus Choate as minister to England. Another newspaper man gone wrong, and a number of people will stop taking the New York Tribune.

The talk about depriving a young man of the right to take up a piece of government land is rot. He should take up a marriage license, and show evidence of honest intent by founding a home first.

Our friend from Eastern Oregon, "Snake" Kinney, writes to know if we will help him to get a clerkship in overhauling the state treasury. He wants the name of some member who would be willing to help for a "divy." He should know there are no such men in the legislature.

A Seattle man, in support of his application for divorce, testified in court Saturday that his wife was a woman of social habits, and in order to go out dressed their three children liberally with drugs, so they would sleep. They died. It is a horrible accusation, but likely true, as the court granted the divorce.

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PERSONALS

A. H. Williams, of Chemawa is a Salem visitor today.

Jordan Purvine, of Portland, is a visitor in the city today.

Miss Lee went to Drain this morning, where she will enter school.

Miss Minnetta Magers returned from a visit at Portland this morning.

Misses May Allen and Lenna Cavanaugh are visiting friends in Silverton.

Mrs. H. E. Green, of Portland, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. D. Sutherland.

Mrs. Amelia Miller went to Albany today, where she will visit relatives for a few days.

Senator and Mrs. Squire Farrar went to Portland last evening for a short visit with friends.

Miss Carrie Wint returned from Portland this week, where she has been visiting the past week.

Mrs. S. G. Shaefer, of Portland, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, for a few days.

W. A. Williams, of Portland, special representative of the Continental Insurance Company, is in town on business.

Rolland and Monroe Toews returned to their home at Albany today, after spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Leon Clinton, of Portland, who has been visiting her parents in this city for a few days, returned home last evening.

E. C. Heckman, who has been visiting his brother in this city for several days, returned to his home in Seattle last evening.

Webster Kincaid, of Eugene, who has been the guest of Chauncey Lockwood for the past few days, returned home this morning.

Governor Chamberlain went to Portland last evening, to spend a few days with his family, and attend to his business interests there.

Mrs. E. C. Apperson, of McMinnville, returned home last evening after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Norwood, in this city.

Mrs. J. P. Rogers and little daughter went to Eugene this morning, where they will spend New Years with Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Daniel Shafer.

Charles Sternberg, of Albany, is in the city, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Thompson returned this morning from Philomath, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boles.

Miss Lizzie McNary, matron of the Salem Hospital, returned this morning from an extended trip in the East, where she attended the fair and many cities of interest.

David Steiner went to Roseburg today to visit his son, Armin, who is in business there. He will return with the remainder of the family, who have been spending the holiday season there.

Northwest Notes. Four boilers exploded in a yard at Chehalis, Wash., yesterday, killing three men and injuring two others. Cause of the explosion is unknown, the mills were shut down for repair, and they were only keeping up a small amount of steam.

A strange man, supposed to be J. M. Myer, was run over and killed at a loaded gravel car on a Smith street. The people who witnessed the accident were greatly incensed, and was necessary to take the motor and conductor to the police station, save them from the mob.

The State of Washington has the Deadmona Sands, in the lower Columbia river, under an application by a Tacoma man. The state of Oregon also claims title to the same land, and has passed title to them several years ago the Columbia River Fish Association being the purchaser.

Women have been doing some of scene painting at the Imperial theatre, London, lately.

A Costly Mistake. Blanders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at J. C. Perry's Drug Store.

GREAT DRY GOODS SALE

Table with 4 columns: Millinery, Clothing, Ladies' Boots, and Bargains in Mens' Wear. Includes prices for various goods like hats, suits, boots, and shirts.

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