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Peter Parley's Paragraphs.

It is not the amount one reads but what he reads will do him good. Moral—Read the Sylvan Valley News.

The Bible says, "Watch and pray," but many can't pray for watching.

A thought that one can use for good is worth more than a whole column of Gossip.

The way to make "honest money" a wise man says "is to create or manufacture something the people need and that will do them good.

When a man starts to get something for nothing the state should take him in hand and give him a job on the roads.

Brains that are not used for good are abused.

We believe in obeying the law. If it is unjust, then vote for men who will make it just. And then laws that are not enforced should be repealed. As long as they are on the statute books they should be enforced. An officer of the law who has taken an oath to enforce the law and does not do it should be indicted for perjury. And the court or official that will not mete out justice to friend or foe, rich or poor, white or black alike is a breeder of anarchy.

If the men of the towns and cities would do their part as well as the women do theirs this would be a prosperous and happy world. There are few exceptions. We were in a busy office the other day and saw not less than four young women busily engaged at their different duties. We came out on the streets and saw ten strong, robust young men loafing on the curb and around the stores. We pity the young people who have no regular work and who have to put in their time loafing on the streets, playing cards and other games and in many other ways which we dare not mention. "having a good time" as they call it. They may be "sowing their wild oats" but at the harvest, the day of judgment, so far as they are concerned they will find the crop to be cheat, smut, black-heads—"a stench in the nostrils of God," and only fit to be trodden under the foot of man, or to be "cast into the fire."

There is generally too much backsliding. We all do it too much. It is a habit that grows on people. With the cold and lukewarmness of our churches and church officials we may expect the weak brother or sister to stumble in the spiritual darkness into the pitfall of sin by the wayside dug out there by the devil himself. We are losing the power of being our brother's keeper. We can't even keep ourselves—that is "in the straight and narrow way." Three times out of ten when a good man or

woman falls by the wayside it is because there was no one to take them by the hand and lift them up. The professed christian proper of this day, as a whole, owe the world an apology and should fall on their knees and ask God to forgive them. Present company not excepted.
PETER PARLEY.

The Fowler Murder.

The following clipping from a Birmingham paper was sent to M. H. Fowler, father of the boy whose body was sent home for burial some time since. The item was received by him on Monday of last week:

John Green and Louis Chatman, both negroes, have been arrested upon warrants issued by Coroner W. D. Paris, charging them with the murder of E. H. Fowler, of Woodlawn. Fowler was fatally wounded May 29 last while escorting his sister home at night from the East Lake car line.

The arrest was made by Marshal F. P. Gray, of Woodlawn. Chatman is the man of whom mention was made at the time of the shooting as the probable slayer. It seems that Fowler had killed the negro's dog and the latter is alleged to have had a grudge against him on that account. Green is his alleged accomplice. He is alleged to have also been lying in wait at the place the tragedy was perpetrated for another negro, of whom he is alleged to have been jealous.

The two men were arrested in the Southern railway yards, near the place where the shooting occurred. It is said that they have been in the habit of staying around there. The arrest came as a result of the verdict of the coroner's jury returned last week. Marshal Gray states that he has evidence which he thinks will disprove Green's statement that he was in a house with two negro women at the time of the tragedy. He says that he will produce witnesses to swear that Green entered the house just after the shooting and was much perturbed.

The men have been locked up in the county jail for safe keeping. The other suspects jailed in connection with the Fowler tragedy were released shortly after their arrest.

In the last college year 537 students at Columbia earned an average of about \$172 by work done while attending to their studies. In these cases work of course had to supplant football. Some educators hold that the only education gained at college worth the while is that which the college worker masters. He is dead in earnest and, unlike the mass, has little difficulty in making a living after he quits school.

"Marching Through Georgia" is said to be the favorite tune of the Japs. Native music has no marches, as it is without "time." Japanese composers have, however, since the war began remedied this defect by adapting various foreign pieces. The soldiers have picked up the new airs and sing with great delight the Japanese words fitted to them.

Henry Van Dyke says: "There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart—never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true, and never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary and that God is listening while you tell it."

Chairman Shonts declares that the Panama canal will be completed in five years, or about 195 years less than the time set by Judge Yeomans.

Extravagant Economy.

Mrs. John Lane of London has invented a new description for that peculiar yet by no means rare human foible which lays its victims open to the charge of being "penny wise and pound foolish." She calls it "extravagant economy," and by way of illustrating her meaning tells of "a woman of massive intellect" who to save 15 cents in aggregate on several purchases spent a whole forenoon in the wet, caught a chill and had to go to the seaside to recuperate, really giving up pounds for her indulgence in a mere whim.

The notable thing about Mrs. Lane's argument, penned in the Fortnightly Review of recent date, is that women are the chief sinners in saving at the spigot simply to waste at the bung-hole. She says they will sleep all day on a cup of tea or an eclair to spend the savings in gawgaws or extravagant articles of dress. Men do not starve their own stomachs in that fashion, but while preaching economy at home in all things that affect the family they cling to twenty-five cent cigars and similar luxuries and plan most expensive outings, which are "all right, my dear," so long as they are in them. But really somebody must be practicing economy or there would be universal bankruptcy. Matters not who is the economist, wife or husband, so long as the results are all in the family.

Czar Nicholas and the Zemstvos.

Four congresses of the Russian zemstvos, representatives of the whole people, have been called since the outbreak of the war. The first congress was held in St. Petersburg in private, the government having first permitted it and then forbidden it at the eleventh hour. The second and the third congresses of the series met in Moscow in private. The third congress met and transacted business in defiance of the orders of the authorities. Strangely enough, a deputation of the third congress, pronounced "illegal," was received by the czar and given a courteous hearing. The deputies were even asked to convey to all Russia the promises of the czar with reference to calling a national assembly.

The fourth meeting of the zemstvos, held in Moscow in July, was frowned upon, but the members cleverly urged that the step was necessary in order to convey in a formal way the message of the czar to the third congress. In common with the Liberals of Russia the outside world has been disappointed at the meager results of these assemblies of the people's representatives. But the fact that they met, deliberated and made known their views to the masses is a long step in advance for Russia. The habit of meeting will grow, and one day when the government least expects it something will happen to shake the fabric of aristocracy to its base.

Peary's Fourth Arctic Trip.

It is a matter for regret that the equipment and departure of the expedition now speeding northward should have been attended with sensational elements which suggest the adventurer rather than the serious explorer. There may have been reasons why these methods were necessary to attract attention to the trip. Stanley indulged in a great deal of posing, but he accomplished good work in Africa.

Peary's outfit for this voyage is the best that could be designed, and his plan is based upon previous experience. If the coming winter proves moderate on his route, he will push his base 350 miles nearer the pole than has heretofore been possible. From that point the force will be fresh for the sledge journey over the ice pack, which Peary believes will take him to the farthest north. The explorer is to try what he has tried before and failed in. Success this time hinges upon his ability to breast the difficulties which have checked him in the past.

For the thousandth time the health authorities are announcing the discovery that mosquitoes are responsible for yellow fever. What's the use of talking so much? Why don't they get out and "swat" the mosquitoes?

WASHINGTON CHAT.

The Japanese peace dove has a long "bill".

All that ails Vardaman, is that he suddenly remembered that he had a reputation to "live up to".

The South has again been reminded that there are some things worse than the cotton boll weevil.

John D. Rockefeller says he never tasted a strong drink in his life; maybe a drink would do him good.

It is believed that peace prospects would brighten, if Oyama and Linovitch were to resume negotiations.

The "Graft Hunt" in the Department of Agriculture might possibly come under the head of scientific research.

Russia intimates that she may decide to have the war go on, realizing that she has nothing more to lose by fighting.

Neither of the Ohio Taggarts wants alimony, in that divorce suit. Then they must want advertising worse than most other folks.

From the testimony, it would seem that Taggart and his wife should have been congenial. One is as black as the other is smutty.

Now the Filipinos know where they "are at." If they want self government, the sooner they fit themselves for it, the sooner they will get it.

"Where to look for mosquitoes" is the title of a long article in a New Orleans paper. We never find it necessary to look for them as they find us first.

Secretary Bonaparte of the Navy Department excludes bill collectors from the department during working hours. The clerks call him the "grand old man."

Mayor Weaver is taking a few weeks vacation, and Philadelphia may lift the lid far enough to get a few breaths of the old tainted air to which it is accustomed.

If the Peace envoys would only admit correspondents to their meetings, they would avoid the necessity of having newspaper writers draw up the treaty on the outside.

Those republican presidential aspirants may flirt with the South all they please, but the man who gets the coon delegates will have to do business with Gen. Clarkson.

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