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THE NEGATIVE MAN.

One of the most pitiful sights in the world is the man who never has any opinion of his own, the backboneless man, the man who never differs from you, whose only opinion is assent to the one you express.

We instinctively despise the man who never opposes us, who always says "Yes, yes," to everything we say.

The negative character is always a weakling; the world looks upon him as an imitation of a man, not the real article. What the world wants is the positive man, the man who does his own thinking, the man who dares to step out from the crowd and live his own creed, who dares to have and to express his own opinions; this is the man who gains the respect of the community.

The negative man may be a very good, inoffensive sort of person; he may never do any harm in the neighborhood; but, on the other hand he never does much good. He is never sought out in an emergency, because no one believes he can accomplish anything; he is virtually a nobody.

A person who is naturally weak or timid should bend all his energies to acquiring self-confidence, firmness, decision, just as one should study to acquire a knowledge of mathematics or science. He should never for a moment give way to the thought that he would not be equal to any emergency. He should not refer to or lean upon others, but should do his work or his thinking independently.

OREGON SHOULD FURNISH LINEN.

Among other things that will undoubtedly reach the high limit as to cost are the manufactures of flax. Belgium leads both in the production of flax and in manufactures from it. My lady's linen will be cotton, or most of it will, when the present supply is used up, for the Belgian factories are closed and her fields of flax with their splendid fiber are no more. It will be a year and probably several of them before the linen market is again supplied, and high prices will prevail indefinitely. While the country is facing the problem of supplying its own needs in many lines, and awaking not only to the necessity of so doing but also to the immense benefits that would follow permanently therefrom, here in Oregon, which is the natural home of the flax, patriotism as well as self interest requires that we do our part by producing what we can to supply the demands of our own country. We can grow the very finest flax, and we should take hold of that industry with a will. The opportunity will never be better, for high prices will last long enough to get the industry on its feet and make Oregon the greatest flax country in the world. With more than 100,000 horsepower going to waste in the Santiam and climatic conditions perfect for making flax products, it is little less than criminal to neglect the opportunity that presents itself to make Salem the linen center of the United States, the Belfast of the new world.

In today's Capital Journal is an article on road building, reprinted from Ladd & Bush's Quarterly for July. It is a practical discussion of the question from a conservative standpoint, and much information concerning the condition of highways is given by Mr. Bush as the result of personal observation. The question of building good and permanent roads is a big one, as important in its bearing upon the progress and prosperity of the state as any before the people at the present time, and such articles as this will serve to arouse interest and provoke discussion which can only result in the public good.

Some Europeans were poking fun at President Wilson's Mexican policy but a short time ago and had much to say about grape juice diplomacy and watchful waiting, the while indulging in quiet sneers and ill concealed laughter. They are not sneering now, neither are they laughing at American policies, Wilson's or others—some of them are even begging the president to intercede in behalf of European peace as the only head of a nation in position to do it.

Just why this protest against the use of dum-dum bullets, is hard for the layman to understand. Is it any more pleasant to be killed by a fragment of shell than with a bullet that will not mangle the corpse half so much? Has our civilized warfare reached such a state of niceties that we stipulate the size of the hole in the soldier's body through which his soul may pass out and up to judgment?

According to the dispatches today, Austria feels sore at Germany because she went after the French instead of rushing to aid her against the Russians. The same dispatches intimate that Austria has about all she cares to assimilate just now, and would give a glad welcome to any kind of peace.

War, it is claimed, has caused an advance in the price of coffins. This would be a natural result in Europe, but why war there should make the high cost of dying in this country any higher is a mystery. Maybe it is just to stand off the much-talked-of high cost of living.

There are three allies that promise soon to be more formidable than the combination of French, Russian and British. Their names are Disease, Hunger and Cold. Any one of these is harder to face than a live enemy and they are more deadly in their attacks.

There is a common expression about this or that being "the biggest thing on earth." When the European war is over the debt accumulated in fighting it can walk off with the record in that line.

China seems rather reluctant to be saved by Japan. She evidently fears that kind of a "lamb and lion lying down together," in which the X-rays show the lamb inside the lion.

Emperor Francis Joseph may find it easier to change the map of Austria than that of any other nation, even that of little Serbia.

Lack of German dye stuffs may make the wearing of white hosiery more a matter of necessity than of style.

EXHIBITS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT STATE FAIR

Many Exhibits Arranged For and Hundreds of Things That Will Interest and Instruct Young Folks.

At the State Fair this year a complete and comprehensive exhibit of all of the educational interests of the public schools and the state institutions will be shown. The Board of State Fair Directors has set aside the pavilion, which has formerly been used as the principal building, for an educational exhibit. As one enters the building at the main entrance from the north, one will see at the right an exhibit from the Oregon Agricultural college; at the left, from the University of Oregon, and in the center of the aisle, Mr. Chapin will have a booth showing the work of the girls' evening clubs of this county. Every afternoon demonstration classes will work in this booth. Further down the building will be the booths occupied by the Mutes and the Blind school, State Training school, the Public Minded school, the Indian school of Chemawa, and at the south end of the building, running across from east to west, will be a row of booths from the various counties showing the children's industrial work. Nearly all the space in the building has already been taken by the educational interests of the state.

To carry out the plan completely, Secretary Frank Meredith has planned for an educational program every afternoon and evening. The University of Oregon will give a musical and literary entertainment one evening; another evening will be taken by the Agricultural college, and one afternoon by the State Normal school at Monmouth. The Mute and Blind schools will also give entertainments by the children of their respective schools. In the afternoon, moving pictures of an educational nature will be shown, and lectures by the most noted speakers of the three state schools will be given.

For the new pavilion, better exhibits than ever are promised for this year, which will prove to be of great value to those who are interested in studying the industrial resources of Oregon. The educational building, however, has been planned for those who are especially interested in the work of the public schools, and who wish to know what Oregon is doing in a progressive way to make the work of the public schools modern and practical.

Last year nine counties sent exhibits for the children's industrial work, each county occupying a booth 12 feet by 25 feet. Five prizes were offered for the most excellent booths and the prizes were won as follows: Polk county, \$100; Marion county, \$75; Lane county, \$60; Linn county, \$50, and Jackson county, \$40. All the products of these booths were also judged individually in two classes, class A being the products of children over 12 years of age, and class B those under 12 years of age. \$1000 was given in individual prizes by the State Fair Board last year.

This year the state has been divided into two districts, and prizes for the best display by counties of the school children ranging from \$75 to \$35 have been offered. In addition to this, \$1000 in cash prizes will be given for individual exhibits, and for those taking part in the club contests, a large number of commodity prizes are offered, the biggest of which are trips to the Panama Pacific exposition. The boy or girl who scores the highest number of points in each of the two projects will be rewarded by being sent to San Francisco for one week.

Another feature which is proving a great interest to the boys is the boys' camp at the State Fair. The two boys

in each county who stand the highest in industrial club work will be entitled to membership in this camp. The Board of State Fair Directors will entertain these boys free of charge for one week on the fair grounds. They will be placed under the care of a competent principal. Daily drills for physical development will be given, as well as instruction in camp sanitation, camp living and customs. A regular program will be followed each day and boys will make a careful study of all the industrial and livestock exhibits at the State Fair.

The result of the work of last year has stimulated the boys and girls of the state to do more excellent work during the past year. One boy from Jackson county won the first prize on field corn. His prize was a registered Poland China sow. This year he has raised \$200 worth of pigs and has a better garden than ever before. He is saving and already has enough laid aside to pay his money from his garden and pigs, save him a college education.

Reports similar to this are coming from all parts of Oregon to the state department. One boy sends a picture of himself together with a pig which he bought four months ago, and which then weighed 40 lbs., and with his personal care during the past four months it now weighs 230 pounds.

One of the most interesting features of this work is made up of the beautiful little booklets containing a record of the work which the boys and girls have been doing during the past summer. These booklets will be on display at the State Fair and more can be told about them at that time. As there is a striking individuality about the plan of each booklet, it would not be fair to the boy or girl to describe any of these booklets until after the contest has been judged. It is safe to predict that the educational exhibit at the State Fair will be a great success this year, and every man, woman and child who is interested in the welfare of the public schools of Oregon should visit at least this much of the fair during the week of September 28 to October 3.

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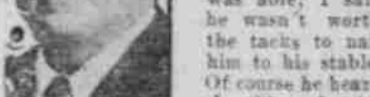
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Mean Words

It's all to say unpleasant things about your noisome neighbors; for all your mean and thoughtless flings are edged like swords or sabres. The man you speak about will hear your words, all fraught with malice, and on your home he'll put an ear, or, trying, bust his gut.

I used to roast my neighbor Wax, as hard as I was able; I said he wasn't worth the tacks to nail him to his stable. Of course he heard the things I said, but my observations

didn't, and now then he pushed my head, when he was not too busy. I tired of swellings on my brow, that old Bill Wax imparted; they griev'd and sorely, and my fra'n was almost broken hearted. And so I changed my method, then, and called Bill Wax a dandy; I said he was the best of men, as sweet as sugar candy. Now, kindly, gentle words have wings, as swift or pretty near it, as ugly words possessing stings, which jar and jolt the spirit. My pleasant words reached old Bill Wax, flew to him, fairly humming; so more he grabs his battle ax when he beholds me coming. I don't indulge in harsh words now, those words which tear like tangles; and Bill comes o'er and milks my cow, when I have got the messles.



San Francisco, Sept. 12.—As a result of a mass meeting of grape growers and wine makers, held under the auspices of the California Grape Protective association, telegrams protesting against the proposed federal tax on light dry wines today were sent to President Wilson and California's congressional representatives in Washington. The text of the message to President Wilson follows: "Grape growers of California are loyal and willing to bear a reasonable burden that may be assessed upon them to meet emergency financial conditions of our government, but tax on our light dry wines of 20 cents per gallon by ways and means committee is confiscatory."

CRIMINAL COURT BREAKS ALL SPEED RECORDS

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 12.—All records for speedy court action in Idaho are believed today to have been broken, when Eugene Henle, local agent of Bis-singer & Co. hide dealers, was arrested Friday on a charge of embezzling \$3850 from the concern, pleaded guilty, was sentenced and began serving an indeterminate term of from one to 14 years in the penitentiary within a few hours. Henle, who was a director in the Boise commercial club and prominent socially, was in the penitentiary before his wife knew he had pleaded guilty.

WOODBURN NEWS.

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Woodburn, Sept. 12.—Mrs. E. Dinwoodie, of Portland, is visiting her daughter in Woodburn.

Mr. C. Cather, of Portland, spent Wednesday in Woodburn on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gilles and daughter, of Monitor, motored to Woodburn on Thursday and spent the day shopping.

C. B. Smith and son and Miss Lila Jerman returned Wednesday from a two weeks' outing at Newport.

George Dinwoodie, of Portland, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dinwoodie.

J. A. Giddings, of Canada, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. W. L. Bentley.

C. B. Corbett, employee of the Spaulding Lumber company, left Monday for Eugene, where he will attend the university.

Troy Bogard will leave the first of the week for Corvallis, where he will attend O. A. C.

Mrs. J. C. Emerick, of Boise, Idaho, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. L. M. Bittney.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Feller and children, of Donald, motored to Woodburn Thursday and spent the day with friends.

Lawrence Mickel left Wednesday for Corvallis, where he will attend the agricultural college.

Miss Mildred Boque returned this week from Brownsville, where she spent the summer.

Mrs. F. W. Settlemier was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Sadler, of Aurora, Thursday.

Mr. Albert Lalay, of Corvallis, is working at Wampler's hop yard during hop picking.

Mrs. Wesscott of Aurora was in town Wednesday shopping.

Mrs. A. B. Anderson and daughter, Edith, of Boston, Mass., are the guests of Professor and Mrs. G. B. Coleman.

Miss Mary Felson left the first of the week for eastern Oregon, where she will teach school.

Mrs. J. P. Lawton, of Yate's Center, Kansas, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. A. McKee.

Mrs. E. Bruce, of Portland, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lawrence.

Austin Brownell, of Eugene, is visiting friends here this week.

E. T. Mudge, of Eugene, spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends in Woodburn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin and children left Wednesday for Tillamook. They made the trip in their car.

GRAPE-GROWERS PROTEST WINE TAX

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