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### THE MAN WHO KNOWS HOW.

Many people seem to think that the success of others is not for themselves, that what others have is too good for themselves, that they are not expected to be as fortunate as those who are "more favored." They have grown up under this conviction of their own inferiority.

A great many who are really capable of doing big things are doing little things and leading mediocre lives, simply because they do not expect and demand enough of themselves.

"If we choose to be no more than clods of clay," says Marie Corelli, "then we shall be used as clods of clay for braver feet to tread on."

Conscious power exists within the mind of every sentient being. Its existence may be unrealized, but it is there. It is there to be developed and brought forth by training, like the culture of that obstinate but beautiful flower, the orchid. To allow it to remain dormant is to hold oneself in obscurity, to be blind to one's opportunities, to smother one's faculties.

Down with fear! Let the conscious power within the soul stand forth boldly and lead to usefulness, success and happiness. It is a matter entirely of right study, of right effort, of right self-development.

Employers everywhere are seeking for the man who knows how and when and why; for the man who will go directly ahead and do his work promptly and correctly and thoroughly without having to be told every fifteen minutes how to proceed.

The way to get ahead and stay ahead is to use a head. But the head must be trained. One must KNOW. No matter how willing he may be, or how greatly he may desire to do the thing at hand, he cannot do it and do it right unless he knows how. Knowing how comes from training.

The main thing is to fit into one's place, whatever the place may be; and when one does that, other things take care of themselves. There is no superiority but in superiority of service. The only thing any man has to sell to this world, and the only thing the world will buy, is SERVICE.

Many think that opportunity must be something great and unusual; but the fact is that the stepping-stone for any man to the place above him lies in doing better the very thing he is doing.

### WHERE LIFE IS MORE THAN MEAT.

The working of the Australian minimum wage boards is discussed in the Survey by Prof. W. B. Hammond, vice chairman of the Industrial Commission in Ohio, who went to the distant continent to make a first hand inquiry. He says:

"It is a mistake to suppose that under the wage-board plan, wages are commonly forced up to the point where industries are actually driven out of the state. Employers are as strongly represented on the wage boards as employees, and are fully as able to protect their own interests. No sane chairman would vote with employees to fix wages at such a point as would be likely to drive out well-managed industries, conducting business in a fair way and with reasonable profits, nor is it likely that wage-earners themselves would be willing to see this done.

"Interstate competition is frequently brought into the discussion in these boards to show that it is impossible to fix wages as high as employees are asking, and as employers would otherwise be willing to grant.

"Interstate competition does not, however, prevent employers in establishments paying low wages from being forced up to the level of their higher grade competitors. It tends, therefore, to throw the management of an industry into the hands of men able to carry it on under conditions which make possible a living wage to their employes.

In Victoria, as in other Australian states there has been a steady growth of manufactures. In 1896, when the factories act, containing wages board provisions, was passed, there were in Victoria 3,370 factories; in 1911, there were 5,638; in 1896, the number of workers in factories was 40,814; in 1911, it was 88,694."

There will be no lid on the San Francisco fair Sundays, or any other day of the week for that matter.

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The three weeks revival conducted in Salem by Dr. Ostrom has closed and it now remains to determine whether the large number of people who made a determination to lead a new life during the meetings will follow the instructions of the evangelist at the last meeting Sunday night, and, day in and day out, through the coming years live the straight forward Christian life. Much has been written about the great numbers who have been apparently converted during the excitement of emotional services and then when the evangelist takes his departure and no one remains to remind them that they are now leading a new life and should take care regarding their conduct, drift back to their former habits and practices. If the hundreds of people who made a new start during the meetings will stay by their determination and put into actual practice the rules of life they have adopted, staying with them through years to come, then Salem is to be blessed with an increased number of citizens of the higher type and the meetings have been a real benefit to the city.

Europe must not only be rebuilt after the war in point of commerce but it must be rebuilt as to population. The flower of Europe's manhood is being killed, maimed and diseased on battlefields, and if the war continues for several years there may be little left excepting undesirables in the lower strata of society, decaying dukes and other scions of an anaemic ancestry. It is apparent that however vigorous the female portion of the population may be after the close of the war, the coming crop of children may be inferior. In any event, it seems to be largely up to the women of the warring nations to maintain national intelligence and physique.

The country is being flooded with literature advising young men of the agricultural opportunities awaiting them in South America. The American citizen who understands the farming business can do better at home than anywhere else on earth.

The man who is said to be responsible for prohibition in Russia is Michael Demitrovitch Tchelisheff. Notwithstanding his name he is said to be a national hero now.

If the constitution has to follow the flag at this particular time-honored palladium of our liberties is apt to get a ducking over there in Irish seas.

But some members of the army of the unemployed were veterans in the service even before the business depression struck this country.

Scientists have discovered that sugar fed to plants will keep them from freezing. But what's the use, plants are cheaper than sugar this winter!

Forty days of fasting and prayer, following the adjournment of the legislature, should help square things.

### LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

(By William P. Kirk.)

Ma is all the time having club winners come to the home. Last night she had sum more of them. Pa didn't like it at all. The min of the new club is the Singel Sisters. Every one of them has taken a oath not to get married except Ma & she wishes she could talk the same oath only it is too late.

Well girls, sed Pa, I am glad to see you all in my cozy little flat, how are all your folks? Go ahead & enjoy yourselves if you want to, & play Spin the Platter or Whose got the Button & let me go into the library.

You cannot go into the library, sed Ma, you must stay here & help to entertain my girl friends.

Girl friends is good, sed Pa. I don't think any one of you has been a girl since Harrison was first elected to the White House. Go home & buy a buty sheep, sed Pa, hevings knows you all need one, sed Pa.

We are not going home, sed one of the Singel Sisters. We can hear to suite to discuss how we can get the privileges of the ballot. We came to here how we can vote.

That is the saddest thing in the world, sed Pa. If I will tell you will you promise to go home? Well then, this is the way to vote: go into the polling place & talk the ballot in yore rife hand & the point in yore left hand if yore left handed, then mark a cross against the name of the man who is trying to be mayor. Nothing could be simpler, sed Pa. Do you git it?

We don't relish yore conversation, sed one of the ladies. Where & how was you brot up that you speak to ladies in such a manner?

I was as well brot up as any of you old hons, sed Pa.

We are not old hons, sed one of the ladies, we are the Singel Sisters.

I shud say you were, sed Pa, & it serves you rite that you are singel. My blud runs cold in my veins, Pa sed, sed I think that some poor man may become a husband of one of you.

The ladies didn't like Pa at all & was one of them got up & began to recite a poem which she had rote. Pa had the heevings, he was git the heevings ery time he wants to. It is a trick that he lered in school. This is the poem the lady recited.

Too long, too long in bondage have we been,  
Our chains be rusty & our tears fall fast.  
We cannot vote, we cannot nominate,  
O tell us why shud men folks dominate.

I know you rote that sed Pa to the lady which had recited the poem. The minit you got up and showed that face of yours I knew that yure was the master mind that dashed off that thers gem. By the way girls, sed Pa, did you ever ketch that poem entitled O Mother War is trifeul this is how

### HISTORICAL

(By Albert Tozier.)

The 1878 session of the Oregon legislature divided politically as follows in the honor:

Democrats—Chandler, Curtis, Chenoweth, Broback, Beckley, Campbell, Caldwell, Dorris, Everts, Fountain, Gates, Grant, Green, Galloway, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Hervey, Hughes, Johnson, Kalkler, Mathison, Newman, Pardin, Rinehart, Reeves, Schneider, Scholberg, Stewart, Thompson of Lane, Townsend, Wheeler, White, Wright, Weblell, 35.

Republicans—Aston, Bennett, Bewley, Bradley, Carter, Cole, Durham, Forbes, Fredland, Gilbert, Kelly, Lee, Ramsey, Reed, Schulberg, Scott, Smith, Starweather, Stearns, Stratton, Thompson, D. P., Tyson, Will, Witzengerode, 25.

In the session of 1878, on Friday, September 27, in the senate H. C. B. No. 11, favoring an equal suffrage amendment submission, on motion of Smith, to expire was lost.

September 13, 1878, Brown introduced S. B. 40 favoring the erection of a state hospital. It came up for passage Monday, October 14, 1878 and was indefinitely postponed.

John McCracken who died in Portland February 15, 1915, aged 89 years, was a member of the sessions of 1851, 1861, 1863 and 1901.

Zenas F. Moody, T. T. Geer and Geo. E. Chamberlain, who were in the legislature in 1880, serving their first terms in the house, each served as governor of Oregon. A little remarkable that three men out of one session should become governor of Oregon. Moody and Geer served as speaker, Chamberlain served one term of six years as U. S. senator and was re-elected last November.

### THEY ALL PASSED.

The physiology class of the West Woodburn school were all successful in passing the recent state examination. Those passing were: Ernest and Roy Tully, Grace Metcalf, Mona and Mable Scullard. Much credit is due the teacher, Miss Yveta Marshall, in her work at this school—Gervais Star.

It goes:  
A brave young soldier marched away  
The day he was the brack of day  
And he had his powder dry.  
The enemy charged like fowls at him  
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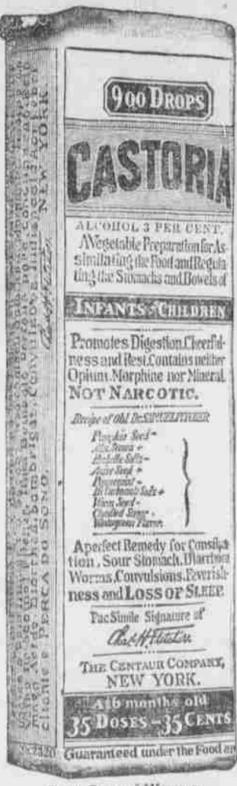
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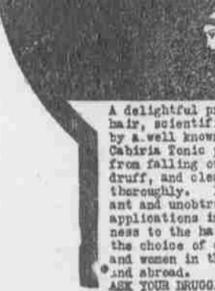
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**MACHINE DEFEATS ECONOMY.**

(Oregon City Enterprise.)

The twenty-eighth legislative session ends with this week. After 40 days spent in much talk and little accomplishment, the lawmakers will now return to their respective law offices, stores, farms or shops.

This session of the legislature was widely advertised as an economy session. Its members were elected on platforms of economy and were pledged to efficiency and common sense in every department of the state government.

But, even with economy as the key of their professed policy, the legislators turned down almost every economy measure that came before them. They refused to contract the clerical work of the session, a step which would mean a saving of many thousands of dollars; they gave each member five daily papers at the expense of the state; and they have listened to the easy call of extravagance from the beginning to the end of the session.

Note the session is almost a matter of history. Few constructive bills have been passed, as in other sessions. Both the house and the senate now find itself flooded with bills which will die a natural death, as in previous years. Really important measures will be railroaded through and perhaps the legislative clock will be turned back so that bills that must pass can be put through. All this has been done before.

Outside of the restitution of the lease of eastern Oregon mineral beds, the passage of the prohibition act, the consolidation of several boards and commissions and the usual appropriation bills, this session has done nothing of note. It is true that it has crippled the salmon fishing industry here; returned the tax collecting power to the sheriff; and passed scores of measures of minor importance.

Even if the twenty-eighth session has followed the footsteps of the twenty-seventh and the twenty-sixth and all others, there was a nation fighting for real reform at the state capital. If there was a machine that controlled the workings of the senate and the house, as one prominent state paper maintains, it worked quietly and not with the bellows customary with such affairs. Although results have been almost the same as in previous sessions, there is a better tone this year. Who knows but that when 1917 comes, the faction for real economy, real reform will be in control?

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