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## PROCRASTINATION

We have a calendar, each of us, that is more or less full of sins, or faults, whichever you prefer to call them. There is no doubt but with many of us the worst fault or habit is one of procrastination. Our younger readers may wonder what procrastination means—its definition. It means to delay, to put off, to be lax, to be dilatory—never doing today, or now, what may by any means be put off until tomorrow.

We may see certain things which our minds suggest should have attention at once, but we put it off—we hesitate, we delay. We observe often something that should be done at once in order to save some particular thing or object from practical or partial ruin, but so strong has become the habit of delay that we pass it by and put it off. In the majority of such instances we are the losers—not the other fellow.

Sometimes we see something that we want done for ourselves—but we let it go or take it out in “thinking,” never reaching the point where we get in action. We may observe a button off of our clothes. We wish that button was on, not off, but we procrastinate and the button stays off, many times until the garment is worn out. Our jacket or shirt may have a rip in it, but regardless of the old saw that “a stitch in time saves nine,” we conclude to “let'er rip” and she does—rips wide open often and if we sew it up at all the job is many times as large as it might have been.

A farmer observes a picket or board off his fence. He “fools around” and delays the task of nailing up the place, which after all was but the work of a few minutes. Later on the hogs discover that hole in the fence, pass through, and in a short time have “rooted” up the garden vegetables, maybe with the result of considerable damage. Maybe a crop is in this way ruined as the result of procrastination. So often we delay to our own loss or disadvantage. Why is it so? We find the habit easy—there is no excuse.

## REGGIE WRITES AGAIN

A few days ago Supt. Hall received a letter from Reginald Downie. Mr. Downie is now on active service with the American Expeditionary Forces somewhere abroad—his letter does not make his location

clear. We are all of us glad to hear from him, as he was, and is, a printer—a product of this shop and school, and we are proud to claim him. His letter follows:

For the past few years, at just about this time of the season, I used to find myself wending my way back to Chemawa. And, somehow, I always found it the most enjoyable part of my vacation. But that will not happen this year. Even so, I find my mind wandering that way, and that, too, every day for at least a few minutes. In my mind's eye I can see you all and the whole school at a glance.

You could class Oregon with California, comparing it with this country. Rain! It knows no stop. And the nights are nice and cool.

This is a great life here—much to hear and more to see. Surely I am drinking it all in.

You know what Sherman said about war and often I quite agree with him. But when things get like that I turn about and whistle “Smile, Smile, Smile,” or something like that. Of course things change immediately.

It's alright in the rain if you can console yourself with the saying, “Behind the clouds the sun is still shining.” However, I find it impossible to fool my own mind and conscience.

I send very best of good wishes to all of my Chemawa friends.

## HOLD YOUR LIBERTY BONDS

Some get-rich-quick concerns are endeavoring to persuade patriotic Liberty bond holders, whom they know will not sell outright their Liberty bonds, to turn over their Liberty bonds to these companies as security for a loan and with the money thus borrowed purchase stock in their companies.

A Liberty loan bond is the safest investment in the world, and a prudent man will very carefully investigate any effort to induce him to exchange it for a less safe investment. This lending one money on Liberty bonds as security to purchase stock in the lender's company is in many cases only a thinly disguised method of exchanging stock of doubtful value for Liberty bonds of unquestioned value.

It is good business and it is patriotism to hold your Liberty bonds.