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GRAMMAR AND TONGUE.

School children who struggle in their grammar lessons with such terrifying octupi as "attributive complement," "predicate adjective," "anticipatory verb," and other equally mystifying specimens of grammar terminology should be glad to learn that according to a recent writer on the subject, "English grammar, as it is now taught, should be dropped entirely from our schools." Against the formal teaching of grammar as a "thing of laws, rules, ordinances, by-laws and exceptions; an unscientific, illogical, inflexible dictum which forces children to decline nouns in cases which do not exist to conjugate verbs in tenses, moods and voices which long since have ceased to be, and to make adjectives agree with nouns when agreement is neither necessary nor possible"—against all this emphasizing of the letter and killing of the spirit the writer makes a strong case. Perhaps the discarding of mental gymnastics would come as a relief to the teacher no less than to the pupil. Almost every teacher who is at all familiar with the speech habits of school children outside of the class room has seen the futility of the empty drilling and parrot-like reciting of the grammar hour. It is now admitted on all sides that we have in the past over-emphasized parsing and conjugating and that more recent device for the torture of the school child's mind, known as diagramming. This is evidenced by the fact that the teaching of grammar as it was practiced 25 or 30 years ago has been supplanted in a large measure by methods less irksome and more fruitful to both teacher and pupil. We can not afford to be less diligent in our efforts to correct slovenly speech habits and to preserve the purity and effectiveness of a language in which is written so much of the world's best literature, and which is the most widely used tongue in the world. If it is our intention to preserve the English language, and not merely to pad a school curriculum, it should be impressed upon the pupil that cultural and commercial opportunity depends in a great part on one's knowledge of his mother tongue and on a desire to use this knowledge to the best of his ability. Slovenly speech, the pupil should be made to understand, is as likely to bring the user of it into disrepute as is slovenly appearance in the matter of clothes. To this end the home can greatly assist the school.

YOUNG SELF ASSERTION.

For the past few years, many parents have become alarmed by the tendency of their young people to assert their own independence much earlier than formerly, and to put up a hard fight for the right of young self determination. Many parents have been distressed at their doings, which were not at all according to the ideas that prevailed in former years. They feel that much loose conduct has resulted. Such a development is an inevitable result of our education and training. We have done all we could to give the young folks self reliance and initiative, and then we get alarmed that they exercise it at a very early stage in the game. Up to a certain point this initiative will be useful. It gives these young people courage to strike out for themselves and overcome obstacles that would have daunted their elders. But it is well for them to remember that the customs of good conduct are the result of long social experience, and that they would better take a little advice as to manners and morals. Otherwise they may get into deeper water than they expect. Parents can control the situation if they see fit. If they feel that the young people in any group are rough and lawless, the parents can well get together and try to establish certain principles of conduct that their families should maintain. When influential people in a community lay down certain principles as essential, and take the attitude that it is good form to follow those principles, such ideas tend to become fashionable, and the young people do not expect to break away from them. Indeed they may pride themselves on adhering to them, as it conveys the idea that they have standing in the leading social sets.

The men who think that the newspapers should be more active in attacking the evils of the community, are often unwilling to write a letter to the newspapers over their own signature.

The American people are exhorted to keep their heads, but we are not told what those without the same shall do.

Judging from the speeches of the congressmen most of them are aware that an election is coming off this fall.

These super power schemes are all right but this country can't get along without muscle power also.

The friends of "Cal" Coolidge say he is practi-Cal, while his opponents say he is sophisti-Cal.

339,612 VOTERS ARE REGISTERED IN STATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, May 9.—The total registration of voters in Oregon for the primary election of May 16 is 339,612, according to official figures from the office of Secretary of State Kozer. The republican registration is 223,622, democratic 91,442; Prohibition 2276; Socialist 2454 and miscellaneous 19,374.

DEAN-EDWARDS BOUT DECLARED A DRAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, May 9.—Ira Dean, of Salt Lake, and Billy Edwards, of Kansas City, light heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, went two hours to a draw here last night. Neither grappler was able to get a fall in the match which was one of the roughest ever seen here.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Ye ed. went to
A Dads and Lads
Banquet last eve
And we've allus
Heard how much a kid
Can eat but
Last night
The Dads run 'em
A close second.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS

An oyster is a fish built like a nut.

Now they want to flood the country with Japs and then lock the stable door.

DORA'S RUNNIN' STRONG

Little Dumbell Dora today increased her total of votes in the carnival queen contest to 3. So delighted was Dora with her success that she rolled her sox down, bobbed her hair and bought a lip stick. Now she's in the race to the finish. When last seen today Dora was chasin' Al Creason down the main stem tryin' to sell him a carnival hat.

VOTE FOR DORA AND HELP THE POOR WOIKIN' GOILS.

We saw a straw hat in a store window today with a coupla fish in it and went on down the street and saw another one with another fish in it.

If the price of meat keeps goin' up hash will be more of a mystery than ever.

This country has laws to prevent cruelty to animals and a feller can't beat his wife without attractin' passin' notice but what we need is some dern good law to put a stop to the birds who want to go around Roseburg and chop down all the beautiful trees.

The Greeks certainly shine in America.

A dizzy blonde was noticed on the main stem today and most of the merchants who were standin' out in front of their establishments lookin' fer a customer dern near closed up fer the day.

Mister Wilson, who ferries across to Umpqua Park Addition, dropped into our sanctum yestiddy and handed ye ed. a box of reg-lar strawberries and folks we're glad we're livin' in a section where you don't hafta get the berries via refrigerator cars.

Ye ed. feels right at home writin' squibs for the folks in our hum town but when we receive word that this great column of moral welfare is being perused by folks back in New York City it makes us wonder how this line of bunk sounds in a metrop amid the clankin' of street cars and the rustlin' big town fellers. Today we rec'd word that Dr. Houck's friends, Dr. Gimberg and family, who are so unfortunate as to hafta submit to subway jams, are reg'lar readers of Prune Pickin's and that their youngster, is a devotee of our friend Tubby. We hope the New Yawkers will take our effusions with a grain of salt as the distance from Roseburg to New York is a long way to travel and Prune Pickin's can't afford a refrigerator car for our produce.

It won't be long now until the green apple season will be upon us and a shot of castor oil in us.

If Dumbell Dora is elected carnival queen she's promised to appoint ye ed. as kink and folks when we git to be kink of this section we'll make a 30-minute parkin' law for Chief Ketch and the rest of the p'lice force.

We wonder what that city fire truck will look like when we buy it? Instead of a bunch of accessories on it, it'll be loaded down with amendments.

Well thank gosh the candidates are not peddlin' campaign cegars this year and we can't help but think that politics is gettin' cleaner.

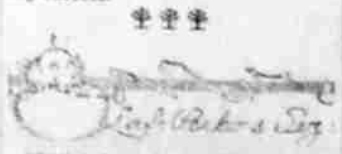
Dock Seely's lapel rose is an epidemic this time of the year and some guys have the audacity to appear in public with a cabbage rose as a corsage.

The Elluks staged a gallop last night and it is rumored that Lather J. Barnes' absence made the evening an unqualified success.

On acct. of not costin' anything there was a large crowd at the band concert last night.

A jane so cute
Is Carrie Lutien
She bobs her hair
When she takes a notion.

If the candidates would only pay as much attention to the office when they get it as they do in trying to get it this country would be a howling success.



"Bittin' down in tanglefoot puts a crimp in the seat of a feller's pants."

NOTICE

Starting May 6th we will serve a special table d'hote dinner from 5:30 p. m. to 8 p. m. for fifty cents.
TERMINAL CAFE

BAND PRESENTS FINE PROGRAM

The annual summer band concert season was opened last night by the Douglas County Concert Band. A splendid program of mixed popular and classical band music was presented to a large and appreciative audience. The concert was given from the bandstand on the courthouse lawn and many music lovers turned out to hear it. The band shows good effects of a winter's practice and seems to be an improvement over the fine work of last year. The organization includes about thirty members at present and is well balanced. The regular season's schedule of concerts is not yet definitely arranged, the concert last night being given as a special feature of National Music Week which is being observed throughout the country. As soon as the weather conditions insure a good crowd the program for the season will be made and the regular weekly concerts will start.

FARMER HAS TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

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TENNIS TEAM TO PLAY ASHLAND

The Roseburg high school tennis team left this morning for Ashland where they will meet the net representatives of the school of that city. This is the second of the interscholastic tennis meets of the season, the first having been played yesterday afternoon with the Myrtle Creek team. The locals were able to win a victory over the visitors and will be scheduled for a return game. Other games between schools of this part of the state are to be included in the schedule when it is completed. The team at present is composed of Louis Miles, captain and manager, Robert Gile, and Hall Seely. This combination has been selected from the class teams and show good work on the court. Miles has had a good deal of tennis experience and is a good leader for the local team. Gile and Seely are also experts at the game and a good showing is expected from them this year.

MOTHERS' DAY SERVICE

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STEAMERS COLLIDE IN DENSE FOG

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

FATHER POINT, Quebec, May 9.—The royal mail steam packet liner Orca, bound with passengers from Europe to New York, by way of Quebec where she landed passengers yesterday, collided last night in a dense fog about 50 miles east of here with the steamer Porsanger.

The Orca was hit amidship and a hole torn in her side about 15 feet above the water line. The bow of the Porsanger, a freighter, was crumpled and her stem twisted. No one was injured and it was stated the liners were able to proceed.

Damage to the Porsanger, while said to have been considerable was understood to be well above the water line and not to have caused any leakage.

FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Plain and engraved cards, box candy, perfume and numerous other articles she will enjoy. Come in and see them. Lloyd Crocker.

TRAPSHOOTERS MEET IN PENDLETON TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PENDLETON, May 9.—About 65 scattergun artists are here from Oregon and Washington towns for the opening of the 12th annual Oregon state trapshoot. About 40 visiting shooters were here yesterday for a preliminary or practice shoot in Collins Park. Fank Troeh of Potland is one of the noted shots who is here for the meet. Fifty shots are signed for the first event at 9 o'clock with the weather ideal for good marksmanship. Added prize money in the sum of $600 has been put up by the Pendleton Rod and Gun club.

AMERICA WINS TENNIS TROPHY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LONDON, May 9.—America won the Bathurst Cup, emblematic of the international championship at court tennis, through the victory of Jay Gould, of Philadelphia, over E. B. Baerlein, the British champion, in singles today. Gould defeated Baerlein in straight sets, 6-5, 6-3, 6-1. American has clinched the cup to the remaining singles match scheduled will not be played.

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