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SHALL YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY LATIN?

In former years most young people who sought a high school or college education, were required to study Latin. During recent years there has been a marked revolt against such requirements. Many people now feel that the study of the classic languages is not valuable for the ordinary person. Nevertheless, an investigation made by the American Classical League shows that there are still 940,000 students in Latin classes in the schools of high school grade. Also a great number of college girls and boys are studying it. It is a most remarkable thing that a language which has not been used by any race or nation as its ordinary means of communication for 1500 years, should yet be studied by more than 1,000,000 American young people. Is the time wasted that is devoted to study of a form of speech that will never again be heard on the streets of any city? If not, just where do the gains come in? No pupil should take Latin unless he is a good student, with an aptitude for learning from books. The people who are going to work with their hands, and workers of that kind are more needed today than the other kinds, will not usually gain anything from studying Latin. But if people are going to depend upon head work upon their ability to write good letters and express themselves well in forceful English they have much to gain from Latin study. Language is the greatest tool of human experience, and the person who can use it with fluency and keen discrimination of the values of words, has a source of great power. The discrimination between words which one learns in studying Latin or Greek is a great help toward this forceful use of English speech.

Three Portland sheiks overtook a young girl on the highway near Hood River yesterday in an automobile. Stopping their car they persuaded the girl to enter with the promise that they would convey her to her home, several miles distant. On the contrary they drove to a lonely spot, stopped their car and attempted improper relations with the young lady. Failing in their purpose, after having torn her clothes and otherwise mutilating her body, the dirty whelps threw the young girl out on the roadway while the car was in motion. She was later picked up and taken to her home in a semi-conscious condition. It is high time that fiends of this kind were taken into custody and given proper punishment. There are too many sheiks of the Loeb-Leopold stripe parading the busy streets of the city and highways, forcing their attentions upon innocent girls. Hanging by the neck until dead is not too severe punishment for these scoundrels who prey upon society. They are the lowest type of humanity.

The voters literacy amendment, submitted by the legislative assembly to the people for their approval or rejection at the election in November, adding to the qualifications of voters the requirement that they shall be able to read and write the English language, should be approved by every fair-minded citizen. The fellow who is unable to read or write in English is entirely too ignorant to go into an election booth.

Roseburg will regret the retirement from public service of Mayor Rice. He has certainly made a fine executive—a faithful servant of the people. Under his direction the city always stepped forward, in a sound, conservative and business-like way. He has been a builder in every sense of the word.

The News-Review is read daily by nearly twenty thousand people in Douglas county. It covers the entire county like a blanket—going to every nook and corner. No wonder those who take advantage of its advertising columns are reaping the benefit of a wide range of patronage.

If some fellows could dispense their breath after a struggle with some of the bootleg stuff being passed around it would be a great relief. The aftermath is worse than the disease—floating around in the atmosphere.

It pays to advertise. A fellow advertised a lost cat in these columns yesterday. This morning, bright and early the cat came back—evidence of the wonderful pulling power of a classified advertisement in this paper.

"Fatty" Arbuckle is trying to get into the movie houses at Portland. He should not be admitted a showing. People have seen enough of the fellow already.

Traveling in the air is the newest wrinkle in the way of rapid transportation, but for the present we will pin our faith to the old tin lizzie.

The world may be getting better, but there are a few individuals left who seem to have the faculty of mixing in a lot of crime.

This gentle rain sure feels good to a fellow who has an extra pair of worn underwear.

Minstrel show is coming to town. And everybody likes to see a "coon" show.

The political pot is beginning to simmer. It will be red hot in a few weeks.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

The patter of
The raindrops
Upon our dome
This a. m. was
Music to the ears
Of all true
Oregonians. § § § §

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS

A hydrant is a poisonous reptile. § § § §

The "vote for me" guys are now out among us shaking a festive paw and patten' us all on the backs. § § § §

Mebbe we are narrow
And all that
But geez!
It makes
Goose pimples
On us too

Run into what
We encountered today
When we saw
A high school feller
Wearin' a great
Big orange and black
Badge with a ribbon
And a miniature football
Suspended therefrom
And the little rig
Did look darn keen
And we took hold
Of the football
And turned it over
And printed in
Bold type
On the back
Were the words,
"Made in Germany."
§ § § §

The waterfront bell-ringers have
Had an offer to go on the Chau-
taouqua circuit next year as a
concert number. One of the ringers
will hafta buy a new bell, tho',
as his is slightly off key. § § § §

On acct. of ye ed. not bein'
shaved and groomed like the
Prince of Wales this a. m. we were
subjected to many raw comments
and hereafter when we neglect to
have our hirsute adornment trimmed
we will do our writin' in the
basement where the wood rats
don't give a dern whether we re-
semble Joe Knowles or not. § § § §

Lather Barnes was out on the
main stem today wearin' his Um-
qua Chief derby, which will con-
tinue to be used until he nicks
enough guys for the necessary
jack to purchase a winter chapau. § § § §

The high school football team
will take the Marshfield clam dig-
gers into camp on fish day, which
is certainly an appropriate day to
can sardines. § § § §

Saw another jane today with
one of the boyish boys and we
never realized what big ears the
girls have this season. § § § §

One of the knights of the rail-
road tie was down at the depot
this a. m. seekin' shelter from the
gentle dew and we couldn't help
thinkin', as we surveyed his tat-
tered garments, of the time when
we that we'd run away from home
and see the world. § § § §

A feller was in town Sunday
with a spike buck and the horns
on the animal had just sprouted
and well bet he was surprised
when he walked up and saw the
pretruding prongs. § § § §

Christmas is almost here and its
a shame that there are so many
girls rummin' around who don't be-
lieve in Santa Claus. § § § §

For six years we've been pound-
in' out this colyum of unadulterated
bunk and we are still livin'.
That fact is almos' as wonderful
as the around the world flight. § § § §

RADIO PROGRAMS

From Pacific Coast Stations

RADIO features for Tuesday, Sept. 30—(By United Press.)

KLH—The Times, Los Angeles, Cal., 295 meters—4 p. m. Hickman's orchestra; 8:30 p. m. varied musical program and lecture; 10 p. m. Hickman's orchestra.
KLN, The Tribune, Oakland, Cal.—509 meters—2 p. m. routine report; 8 p. m. Aunt Elsie's Sunset Anthems.
KFO—Hale Brothers, Inc., San Francisco—423 meters—2:30 p. m. organ recital; 5:30 p. m. children's hour; 7 p. m. orchestral music; 8 p. m. naval reserve night; 10 p. m. dance music.
KGO—General Electric Company, Oakland, Cal.—212 meters—4 p. m. orchestral concert; 8 p. m. musical program, instrumental and vocal; 10 p. m. dance music by Halstead's orchestra.
KEJ—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—469 meters—5 p. m. news bulletin; 6:45 p. m. detective stories and vocal concert; 7:30 p. m. Mammy Simmons and Crosby sisters; 9 to 11 p. m. special program; 11 p. m. dance music.
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KPO—Hale Brothers, Inc., San Francisco, 423 meters—1 to 5:30 p. m. succession of orchestral concerts; 5:30 p. m. children's hour; 8 p. m. Bradford's band, dance music.

Oct. 1—(By United Press.)

RADIO features for Wednesday, Oct. 1—The Oregonian, Portland, Ore.—492 meters—2:30 p. m. home economics talk; 8 p. m. concert; 10 p. m. dance music by Olsen's orchestra.
KEJ—Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles—469 meters—3 p. m. news bulletin; 6:45 p. m. detective stories and vocal concert; 7:30 p. m. Mammy Simmons and Crosby sisters; 9 to 11 p. m. special program; 11 p. m. dance music.
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KLX—The Tribune, Oakland, Cal., 509 meters—8 p. m. news program, a varied program including choir singing and organ recital.

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Who was protecting her?
How many other children of tender age are to be the target of attack by the same forces that dragged that one youngster into the drug habit? Who is protecting the other children?
Mrs. Russell's story about the 12-year-old girl alone is a warning that Oregon parents cannot afford to overlook.—Portland Journal.

Pledges For Drivers

A Boston automobile club has prepared 12 "I will not's" to be pondered daily by its members for the purpose of promoting safety on streets and highways. They are:
I will not cut in.
I will not cut corners.
I will not pass another car on a curve where there is not a clear road ahead.
I will not speed up to pass another car where there is not a clear road ahead for at least 100 yards.
I will slow up at corners and on thoroughfares where children are playing in the streets.
I will stop eight feet or more to the right of a street car leaving passengers and never attempt to pass on the left.
I will not be a road hog and will drive on the right side of the street.
I will not pass another car at high speed at intersecting streets nor race another car while attempting to pass legitimately.
I will avoid jay-walking, and will not cross streets after the stop signal is given by the traffic officer.
I will observe traffic rules and will not abuse the parking privileges, nor park my car on highways except where there is a clear view ahead and behind for at least 100 yards.
I will keep my brakes in good condition, realizing that a driver is only as good as his brakes.
I will not drive a car when under the influence of liquor. One drink is too many for the driver.
Some of these pledges seem so simple as not to need repeating. Yet it is obvious from the country's huge list of motor deaths that they do need repeating day after day. Courtesy and common sense, combined with willingness to abide by traffic regulations, are really the whole story, in achieving automobile safety.—Albany Democrat.

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STATE PRESS COMMENT

A Menace to Oregon

The last case that I investigated was that of a 12-year-old girl. It was pitiful. The girl was what is known as a "snow" addict. She was unusually clever, and I had difficulty in learning anything from her.

That is the report of an Oregon investigator on an Oregon child. The investigator was Mrs. Emma Russell of the Pacific Coast Reserve and Protective society. It was on a girl of 12 years addicted to drugs.

In one small city in Oregon, Mrs. Russell says, a ring of 25 persons is using cocaine. She says the use of drugs, liquor and alcoholism is increasing; that many school children are beginning to use liquor and cigarettes.

Mrs. Russell's report may be overlooked, but certainly it is one to go to the parents of Oregon. It is one that should turn their thoughts to their children, what they are doing and how they are protected.

"What of a 12-year-old girl using drugs? Where did she get them?"

THE BRASS TACKS OF IT.

The present Oregon state income tax law imposes an additional tax upon nearly, if not quite 80 per cent of the taxpayers of Oregon. This law was fathered and promoted by a state administration elected on a platform of tax reduction, and on the direct promise that this law would reduce taxes. Instead of reducing taxes it increases them materially for approximately half of the taxpayers. That is the real brass tacks of this question. The rest is pay important.

That is the reason, which of itself would be all-sufficient