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THE VALUE OF PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

A young man who is studying painting and drawing gets many injunctions from his teachers as to the value of perspective.

No work of art can be of any value if the artist does not have the proper perspective—if he does not see things in their proper proportions and relations.

We should like to suggest that perspective is just as important to the average "man in the street" as it is to the artist.

The world just now is full of pessimism. The war has left many of us in a spiritual and mental slough. Many people see the disordered welter of foreign and domestic political and national affairs and conclude that the great sacrifice of the war was in vain—that the world is even worse off now than it was before 1914.

There is where the value of perspective lies.

If you would escape from pessimism, learn to look at things in their proper proportion. Remember that you are too near to current events now to gauge them correctly. The true fruits of the sacrifice of the war are not yet apparent; but they are ripening, slowly and surely.

Consider for a minute; during the decade after the Civil war, it must have seemed to a sensitive observer as if the results were hardly worth the terrible cost. The South was enduring agonies in the reconstruction period; the government was honeycombed with graft and intrigue; politics was bitter, sordid and mercenary; the dawning reign of industrialism was bringing brutality and misery to the lives of thousands.

Surely one might have been justified then in sinking into pessimism. But today, viewing those days with the proper perspective, we can see what people then could not see; that the sacrifice were not in vain, that something much finer and better than the old order was born in the blood and fury of the Civil war.

It is the same today. We may not be able to see "better times" ahead; but the eye of history, half a century hence, will see clearly how the world took one more step forward beginning with 1914.

Try to see the events of today in the right perspective. You will escape despondency and doubt.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

The so-called free text book bill passed by the state legislature last week and which the governor is expected to sign is neither compulsory in its design nor as charitable in its provisions as its title might indicate. In substance the measure provides that a district, if it so desires, may levy a special tax for the purpose of buying school books and distributing them to pupils within such district. The levy is to be made at a district election, confined to actual taxpayers, and it is not to exceed \$1.50 per year per child of school age. Such levy may be continuous until the entire text book equipment required is so provided for. In this legislation a well-beaten path has been followed. Free text book systems in some form or another have been installed by no less than forty states, and the general satisfaction with their operation is best indicated by the absence of any demand for their abolishment. The system proposed for this state appears like a fair one and it will perhaps become permanent if its application is kept within the scope of actual necessity. Taxpayers generally need have no fear of this law since those who do not pay taxes are barred from voting on proposed levies. And communities need not fear that any child will be denied an elementary education for want of necessary books—at least not in this county, where the generous support of educational service absorbs forty per cent of the tax moneys.

Your Boy and Your Girl

BY ARTHUR DEAN, SC. D. The Parent Counsellor

Dr. Dean will answer all signed letters pertaining to parents' problems with their boys and girls. Writers' names are never printed. Only questions of general interest answered in this column, but all letters will be answered by mail if written in the column, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Address Arthur Dean, in care of The News-Review.

Two Girls

"My two girls are now nearing sixteen and eighteen; both wholesome, clean-minded girls, full of life and fun, and whose obedience and confidence has been the joy of my heart. We have always discussed everything with perfect frankness. No subject of conversation has ever been taboo between us, and the subject of girls' relations with boys, as they should be, sometimes are, and never ought to be, has so thoroughly been sifted through, that wherever they may go or into whatever circumstances they find themselves, they possess some knowledge of human nature and of facts they that should attend them. What is not clear to me and where I need a helping hand is in regard to the personalities of these two dear girls. The eldest is a slim lovely girl whom people always like until they younger sister appears on the scene. She has less beauty but more distinction and charm. The boys who come to the house are all devoted attendants. In spite of her beauty and unquestionable attractiveness, the elder has few invitations, and suffers intolerably be-

cause of it. To be eighteen, with all youth's desire for attention and to stand by and see a younger sister surrounded by what she is yet too young to accept much of, is not easy for either mother or daughter. I have endeavored to make our home so attractive and free in its atmosphere that these young people would be happy in it without pairing off and going elsewhere for their pleasure. This has proved most successful. Young people run in at any hour of day or evening and always find an open fire, some music, and a full larner waiting. But too often it is the younger girl the boys seek out and give their invitations to. What can I do? "The one course presenting itself as practical is an eastern school for the elder who finished her high school studies in June. This will separate the two girls and give the one the opportunity to stand on her own merits, a thing she has never done, for she has always been the adoring applause of the younger sister's cleverness. There must be some substitute for the boy appeal which one of them gets in a school situation.

PRUNE PICKIN'S By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—So popular was our request for gags to make our customers giggle that this Sanctum has been flooded with mail this week. Bringin' to us jokes from far and wide and so we print another batch of 'em today—hot off the scissors.

TIGHT? My woman wants to dance with a Scotchman. She's been wonderin' if they're close dancers.—Brown Jug. Visitor: Are the mosquitoes bad around here? Native: Bad Say, did you ever hear of a mosquito being converted!—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

AY Little Miss Lofus worked in an office. Pity the pure working girl! She broke out in sores and sat at Ritz tables. Pity the pure working girl! She only got twenty-one berries a week. Yet she flashes a necklace of pearls! To locate the moral you've not far to seek—Pity the pure working girl!

Producer: "The success of a musical revue depends on the costumes." Critic: "Yes—it hangs by a thread.—Judge. Al: "I didn't care much for Marie—her neck was too long." Pal: "Can't agree with you there, old man; I enjoyed every minute of it."

Stude: I think you're heavenly. I adore your dress, your beautiful hair, your wonderful eyes. Oh! your eyes are ecstatic. R. S.: Oh now, you're exaggerating. Stude (persistent and pointing): Well, anyway, that eye's good. "Oh, Ruth, what do you think? I saw Muriel the other day." "Uh, huh? Has she kept her glib figure?" "Kept it? She's doubled it!"—Main Maniac.

Paragraphers have battled for years over the question of whether a hen "sets" or "sits." We are not prepared, at our youthful age (gray hair is no sign of age, silly), to settle this question, but we can distinguish the difference between "laying" and "sitting" as far as the poultry family is concerned: the hens do the former and the chickens the latter.

Maybe the popularity of the Black Shirts in Italy is partly due to the fact that they do not have to go to the laundry very often.

Pardon us folks, we've gotta go home now and wash our neck 'cause we're goin' over to Oakland with the legion fellows tonight.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ— "Most of the fellers who are so dern anxious to find fault with their feller men oughta take an inventory of their own stock at least once a year."

and the other hecks so largely. What it is? She has an excellent mind and some day it will be her joy but now she wants what every other of eighteen years dreams of, and she is filled with fear that it may not come to her.

Your column, with its clear common sense and broadness of vision is a real blessing to many, and I sincerely thank you for the help it is to me."

Whenever possible I would send a Pacific Coast girl to Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, or some other Eastern college, just as I should send an Eastern girl to the Pacific Coast. My reason is "orientation." Anyone who does not believe in the Mendelian law of reproduction had better read the above letter.

Without being able to tell you why, Mother, I am more drawn to the older girl. I know of many, many cases where the older one you described has been married sooner and married "better," as the expression is, than the other type. Some day she will surprise you as well as herself.

My Man and a Career Mother insists I go to work and wait for "my man" to come along and marry me. I want to go to college and study law. Mother says there are no successful women lawyers.

I want to go to work and go to college at night. All I ask of my parents are the entrance fees. I don't want to be a home girl—I want a career.

ANSWER—Your mother and I differ—there are successful women lawyers. If you were my daughter and wanted a career I would do all I could to give it to you. If you decided you wanted a pearl necklace you might not get it, but if you asked for a career I would give it to you if I could. Of course you must remember, my girl, that some day you will drop the legal career for another very wonderful career.

Get from the public library Catherine Eilene's "Careers for Women." Read it and talk with your parents about other careers. They may not then have the same objections.

Abe Martin LIVE & LET LIVE. Illustration of a man sitting at a desk with a typewriter.

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You'd Be SURPRISED! BY BILLY EVANS



HE will to win will overcome unsurmountable obstacles in all sports. Battling Nelson, former light-weight champion, had it, as well as many other leading ringmen. The will to win is a combination of ability, determination and courage, with the last named asset predominating in a great many cases. One of Nelson's choice lines was: "Never give up until you're licked. Then fight all the harder."

During his memorable career, which fairly teemed with color, one bout stands out as the toughest battle he ever had. For weathering the storm he received \$15 and also lost the decision. I once heard Nelson relate the details of that battle.

"As long as I live," said Nelson, "I will never forget the name of Joe Hedmark. He gave me the worst beating I ever experienced in my ring career. "Up to meeting him, early in my career, I had never lost a decision. The bout hadn't been on a minute in the first round when he floored me. That was a new experience also, for I had never been on the canvas before.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. Illustration of a man and a woman.

I walk with J. Tamarack Tanner, and mark all his contacts with guys, and view all his changes of manner with something like awe and surprise. He talks with the owner of money, removing his hat from his home; his language is sweeter than honey, yea, honey direct from the comb.

He seems to be hinting, confessing, to Pluteman, the monarch of dimes, "I'd think it an honor, a blessing, if you would but kick me three times." I hear him addressing O'Daughy, the toiler who works with a spade, and he is so proud and so haughty it's painful to stand in his shade.

He talks like a king to a catfish, his language is harsh and severe; I'd hand him a clout on the pate if he belloyed such words in my ear. Now here comes a man who is thinking of buying an acre of land; and Tanner is smiling and winking, and pawing him down with his hand. J. Tamarack Tanner is showing affection too high to endure; he murmurs, "Now let us be going, to look at my lots on the moor. Just climb in my bus, it's a winner, a wonderful, marvelous car, and I will put up for a dinner, and eke an imported cigar."

"Oh, he is the generous mortal," you'd think, as he chatters along, all beaming with gurgie and chortle, and springing his dance and his song. Bet here comes a man who is passing the hat for a praise-worthy work; he's earnestly bent on amassing the price of a empire for the kirk. J. Tamarack Tanner, he freezes, his face is as bleak as the snow that is fanned by the Spitzbergen breezes, blown fresh from the desolate floe. J. Tamarack's bullish or bearish, as profits may swell or decrease; he isn't a man I would cherish, or wed to my favorite niece.

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CALIFORNIA IS FLOODED BY RAIN LASTING 3 DAYS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Under intermittently weeping skies, the mountain and coastal districts of southern and central California dried itself somewhat today after having been deluged since Saturday with torrential rains. While reports of damage in the storm area vied with expressions of satisfaction from the fruit belt, an almost unprecedented situation was reported from Hoegee's camp, in big Santa Ana Canyon of southern California. The camp was abandoned after 7:49 inches of rain had fallen.

A similar cloudburst was reported from Valley Forge, on the San Gabriel river, which had 6.56 inches of precipitation in 24 hours. Mount Wilson registered 5.40 inches. One death was indirectly attributed to the storm when J. A. Hampton slipped and fell on a wet sidewalk in Los Angeles, dying later of a fractured skull. Business in a small district of western Los Angeles was suspended because of big water which swept the streets. In another place a warehouse roof fell from the weight of water. The Los Angeles gauge showed 2.46 inches. Lightning struck twice in the San Francisco bay region, wrecking a school flag pole, putting four trolley cars out of commission. A miniature tornado moved a house 20 feet at Watsonville, reducing the structure to splinters.

There has been a generous snow fall in the mountain regions. "Over these trails an occasional Dodge Brothers motor car plows through, driven generally by Russians, for the Chinese are notoriously bad chauffeurs. The particular Dodge Brothers motor car that I am referring to was purchased by the government of the province of Kansu. He lived in Yenchu. The appearance of the governor's car upon the streets would cause cries of "chi chae," the literal meaning of which is steam car or power car. The car is a great curiosity and excites much comment among the raw heathen as to what makes it go, the general belief being that it is the invention of some foreign devil."

AMONG THE SICK AT MERCY HOSPITAL Mrs. J. M. Cabot of Portland has been ill for several weeks, has recovered sufficiently to be moved to the home of a friend in this city. Mrs. W. H. Thomas of Oakland today after receiving medical treatment for several days. Mrs. J. H. Chaire of Dillard who has been ill for a short time went home today. Mrs. L. V. Gates, who was injured recently in an automobile accident is improving quite satisfactorily. S. J. Jones, who suffered the amputation of a portion of his foot, following an accident, when he was run over by a freight car, is recovering.

MARKETS PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—Egg values finally tumbled in the local market after holding above other coast markets for more than a week. Heavy receipts together with a narrower outlet brought about the break. Today's quotations are 1 to 2c lower; with the undergrades taking the heaviest loss. Extras and firsts eased off one cent and are now posted at 25 and 23 cents respectively. Mediums and receipt stock declined 2 cents to 24 and 26 cents respectively. The butter market continues steady and generally unchanged; on the board yesterday standards were posted a half lower at 45 1/2 cents and firsts a half higher at 44 1/2 cents. There is a good call for undergrade butter with very little offering. Live poultry is still dragging. Receipts were heavier along the street today and current levels are not expected to hold much longer. Dealers were quoting light hens at 18 to 19 cents and heavy hens at 24 to 25 cents. Dressed turkeys are sluggish. There is little consumptive demand at present and prices are too high to freeze stock. Country dressed meats slow and weak at the 17-cent top on calves and hogs. Arrivals were liberal today and supplies are more than sufficient for the demand along the street. Milk steady. Best churning cream 14 1/2 cents; valley, 19c net; shipper's track in zone L. Cream delivered Portland 50¢/52¢ per pound. Raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.60, c. f. o. b. Portland. Spuds, onions easy. Onions local \$2.75@3.00; potatoes \$1.25@1.50. Nuts nominal; walnuts 27¢@26¢; filberts 19¢@20¢; almonds 22¢@25¢; Brazil nuts 14¢@16¢; Oregon chestnuts 17 1/2¢@20¢; pecans 14¢@16¢. Cascares bark nominal; steady. Sc. lb. Oregon grape root nominal. Hope quiet; 1926 fugeles 25¢; clusters 21¢@22¢; one-year contracts 29¢; two-year contracts 19¢.

State Press Comment Nancy Jane McPherson. The past was brought back in the passing Friday of Mrs. W. A. McPherson, 88. Her late husband was an editor in pioneer times in Oregon. Editing and publishing papers in Eastern Oregon, in Roseburg, in McMinnville and, during the Civil war, in Albany and Salem he worked at the game when it was young, with nearly all publications as weekly issues. When the war controversies and passions were at their height he founded and published the Unionist, at Salem, and through its columns fanned for an invincible country. Newspapers got little for its hire in those days. There were no privations and struggles through which the craft passed, and by the side of this pioneer editor was Nancy Jane McPherson, wife, comforter, counselor and confidante. It was a noble civilization then, made up of wholesome, Christian people.—Portland Journal.

Not a Tax, But a Loan It has been pointed out recently that the O. & C. refund is not a tax but a loan advanced to the counties in which the O. & C. lands are situated, the loan to be satisfied by deducting the amount of the advances from the share of money which accrues to each county when the lands are sold, as provided in the Chamberlain act of 1915, which restored the lands to the national government. This being the case, the point is made that the state cannot share in the distribution. The point seems to be well taken. The O. & C. counties do not receive tax payments from the government, simply money advances which they will repay later. In the meantime the O. & C. refund act seems to be stirring the government to action. It is already placing the O. & C. lands in some sections on the market. Facing the necessity of apportioning some eight millions of dollars among the Oregon counties, it finds it advisable to convert them

OREGON SWIMMERS BREAK EVEN ON TRIP SOUTH EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15.—The University of Oregon swimming team has returned from a trip to California, where the Webfoot mermen defeated the University of California in a dual meet, 31 to 28, and lost to Stanford 51 to 6. While in California the swimmers met George Young, Catalina channel swimmer, and appeared on a theatre stage with him.

EUGENE CHIEF OF POLICE IS DEMOTED EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15.—Appointment of Sergeant James Strait as chief of police in Eugene, to take the place of William G. Jenkins, was confirmed last evening at the meeting of the city council. Jenkins was relegated to rank of captain.

AUTO FLYING U. S. FLAG FIRED ON IN NICARAGUAN ROW MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 15.—Awaiting reinforcements, liberal and conservative armies were encamped today near Matagalpa, intent on battle for possession of the city, second in importance only to the capital, Managua. General Moncada, leader of the Liberal forces, is anxious to gain Matagalpa and then fight his way to Managua, stronghold of the conservative president, Adolph Diaz. As the conservatives desire to prevent this at any cost, fighting more severe than any yet seen in the warfare between the two factions is expected. Believing the Liberals outnumbered them, the Conservative garrison at Matagalpa evacuated the city yesterday, to encamp to the west and await the arrival of additional forces from Managua. As soon as the Conservatives had left Liberal adherents in Matagalpa staged a demonstration, in which rifles and revolvers were much in evidence. For a time there was wild disorder, in the course

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