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SCHOOL TEACHERS' WAGES.

The board of directors of School District No. 2 (St. Helens district) made slight reductions in the wages of the teachers for the ensuing year. That they are not the only school board in Oregon responsible for such procedure is evident to the Mist after a perusal of several of the Oregon papers which come to our office. For instance, Pilot Rock, a thriving little city near Pendleton, made a horizontal reduction of \$10 per month in the wages of the teachers. In Astoria, \$11,000 was cut from the annual pay roll. The expenses of the schools in Cottage Grove, a city of about the same population as St. Helens, was cut \$2600 for the year. Cottage Grove is a short distance from Eugene where the state university is located and the natural conclusion is that it is as much interested in education, efficiency and proficiency of teachers as is its sister city, so the fact that the directors of the school made a reduction in school expenses is quite significant. From the published school budget we note the yearly salary of the school superintendent is \$2200 per year; the high school principal \$1800 and five high school teachers will receive \$1170 per year while the salaries of the grade teachers are fixed at \$3 at \$1,000 per year and nine at \$900 per year. In Cottage Grove, like St. Helens, there are two grade schools and comparing the salaries fixed by the St. Helens board as to those of Cottage Grove, we note that the superintendent will receive \$2400 annually; high school principal \$1600, high school teachers \$1180 and grade teachers \$840. It can be seen that the average reduction is about the same percentage as that in St. Helens.

COSTS MILLIONS TO VIOLATE PROHIBITION LAWS.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, in an address at Philadelphia Monday, drew attention to the fact that the \$10,000,000 appropriated by congress for enforcement of the dry laws during the coming year is not a burden on the taxpayers, as the wet interests have led some to believe, but will be offset many times in the return to the treasury of fines, penalties and special taxes imposed upon violators of the Volstead law.

Against the \$10,000,000 appropriated for enforcement of the law, law violators will pay \$20,000,000 in fines and other penalties, and these enormous figures do not include nearly \$3,000,000 in bonds that are being forfeited to the government, or \$2,000,000 that have been offered in compromise by 21 large violators of the law, nor do they include the \$6,000,000 in differential or prohibitive tax.

Commissioner Haynes asks the American people to remember certain facts when they are told that "prohibition is a failure." Drunkenness has decreased to a very appreciable degree. There never was a time when liquor was more difficult to obtain. Convictions for violation of the laws are becoming more numerous.

It is because prohibition is not a failure that clamor is maintained against it. The 18th amendment and the Volstead law are pinching. Hence the outcry against them. Hence the propaganda to create the impression that the law is non-operative.—Ex.

PUTTING THINGS OFF.

Now comes Rev. Dr. Plyler, of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, upsetting one of the accepted tenets. He contends that it is sometimes wise to put off until tomorrow some of the things that could be done today.

His case is that "some things that could be done today had better be left off until the next day, and then the chances are that many of these things never would be done." And all the better, we must admit, when we get a little further into the matter he has in mind.

"A letter written in haste today," says Dr. Plyler, "may contain sharp words, foolish pledges, or immature plans, that would never find a place on paper tomorrow. Wait until after you sleep before you give somebody a piece of your mind. If so, the probabilities are that you will not be so ready to divide up your too limited mental equipment."

There are a good many variations of the old proverb, "never put off until tomorrow what you can do today," but there are truly deeds and thoughts upon which it were better that tomorrow's sun would never rise. It is true, as Dr. Plyler contends, that "much of the meanness that men do is the result of impulse, haste, immature deliberation," and there are many cases where, if they had waited a bit, "many things that brought hurt and untold regrets would never have been done at all."

There is another proverb that "it is always better to give the old Father with the hour glass a chance to give one the benefit of his wisdom."

CAROLYN UPSHAW.

No field of war ever held a pluckier person than the little school girl, victim of the Knickerbocker theatre tragedy in Washington, who died after a week of suffering, and

who, shortly before her death, turned to her sister and said with a smile, "I haven't cried yet."

Scores, reading of the incident, felt their eyes moisten, and, remembering, will be braver through life as the result of that simple sentence from the lips of a dying girl, little more than a child, who possessed the brave soul of an American woman at her best.

This was the spirit of those brave women who went to the west and middle west and made the wilderness and forest smile; this was the spirit of those women who earlier yet came across the wild width of the ocean to battle with unknown conditions.

The name of Carolyn Upshaw will live in Washington as that of a heroine, a woman who suffered bravely and went to meet her Maker with a smile on her lips.

If this child, under such stress could smile through pain and suffering and take pride in her ability to refrain from weeping, surely in the ordinary affairs of life there is little cause for such demonstrations.

Men and women alike may learn from the example of this brave girl how to endure.

YOUR STATE OF MIND.

It is said that physicians have so few automobile accidents that their cars should be insured at rates several times lower than the average. A psychologist was called on to work out this puzzle. He came to the conclusion that the cause was in the habits of life and fixed state of mind of the physicians. Their whole lives are centered around the care of the well-being of other people. Their life's task is the relief and prevention of suffering. Hence they instinctively conduct themselves in such a way as not to hurt other people.

That is one more testimony to the character of a splendid profession; but it is more than that. Physicians could not achieve their unusually low record for accidents merely by determining to be careful when they drive. Doubtless they give more conscientious thought to be careful than do other upright and gentlemanly persons. To make such a record a man must live a certain sort of life in a certain sport of spirit.

It is the sudden, the unexpected, the trying incidents that reveal the true character of a man. There is nothing so technical in this quality of the doctors that everybody cannot practice it. Live and act all the time in everything in such a state of mind and heart that you will do an unusually small amount of damage in the world.

THE AMERICAN CREED

Some of the D. A. R. chapters throughout the country have begun a movement for teaching patriotism and a very good movement it is. One of the methods suggested is to have what is called the American Creed repeated by children in the public schools.

The American Creed, as it is called, was written by Tyler Page, clerk of the national house of representatives at Washington, and it will be endorsed by every right thinking American. It follows:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes."

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

RAILROADS VS. BUS LINES.

A situation recently arose between Bakersfield and Mojave that is pertinent to the discussion of the jitney business in this section.

During severe storms the highway over the ridge route or Tehachapi mountains between Bakersfield and Mojave, as well as the Southern Pa-

cific tracks, were closed by a slide at Marcell.

The auto bus lines and truck lines operating over the highway, without any expense to themselves, merely waited for the state highway commission, at the expense of the taxpayers, to clear the road, while the Southern Pacific necessarily spent large sums of money of its own and without any assistance from outside sources in clearing its right of way in order that service might be promptly resumed. In doing this they worked day and night. This is an interesting illustration of the difference in service rendered by the railroads and by the overland bus lines.

1922 TAXES TOTAL \$40,500,000.

While 11 counties reduced taxes slightly for 1922, \$1,900,000 in 21 counties increases are shown. In Multnomah county taxes for 1922 are \$1,500,000 below 1921.

Deschutes county increased 23 per cent, Lincoln county 22 per cent, Curry, Douglas, Grant and Tillamook 15 per cent, Benton, Umatilla and Union 11 per cent, and the rest about 8 per cent. Levies for interest on bonds aggregates \$4,000,000. Net reduction on all taxes paid in the state for 1922 is only \$700,000 below 1921. These figures are published by the Oregon Voter.

MARRIAGE STATISTICS.

The census bureau reports that 21,849,268 males and 21,318,933 females, 15 years of age or older, in America are married.

Do a little subtraction and it appears that 530,335 women must have two husbands each.

Error in the figures? Not at all. The situation is that about half a million foreign-born American residents haven't yet brought their wives from the old country.

E. H. Flagg, former editor of the St. Helens Mist, is a candidate for the legislature from Clatsop county. In commenting on his candidacy, the Astoria Budget says: "E. H. Flagg, editor of the Warrenton News, has been discovered. In filing as a candidate for the legislature, he disclosed that his first name is Emanuel which, according to Biblical interpretation means, 'God with us.' He may be, but, having in mind the fate which overtook the Kaiser, we would suggest that he start whetting up his buxaw."

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saying unto thee, Fear not: I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13. What instance is recorded of the dead being raised to life without intervention of prophets, Christ, or the apostles?—Matthews 27:52. How many instances have we of Christ raising the dead to life?—Matthew 9: 25; Luke 7, 11; John 11, 44. What Athenian woman was converted under Paul's ministry?—Acts 17:34. Who took Judas' place among the 12?—Acts 1, 26. Who came to prove Solomon with hard questions?—1 Kings 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. What orator preferred charges against Paul?—Acts 24, 1. Who in preaching prolonged his sermon to midnight?—Acts 20, 7. Where do we find Paul's own account of his conversion?—Acts 22, 20. What prisoner in chains addressed a multitude from the stairs of a castle?—Acts 21, 34-40. Read the Classified ads in the Mist.

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