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NOT SO EASY, NOW

"It's as easy as lying," said Hamlet. Lying once was easy. It is not so easy now. There are wonderful means and instruments of detection. Lying therefore has become a most difficult expedient. A thousand agencies and instruments tend now to catch even the most ingenious person in his attempt at deception. It is due to the spread of general intelligence. The general intelligence comes about through a multitude of modern agencies. Universal use of printing and the multiplication of books, the newspapers scattering daily a great variety of information that the general mind assimilates and compares; the telegraph and the telephone, photography and the use of phonography, and the railroads and electric train service and the rural mail delivery—all these things make lying difficult and to detect it when it is attempted.

Morals, therefore, are advanced to a higher basis. It is useless to say that there is more deception than formerly for there isn't. "Be sure your sin will find you out," was an old aphorism, but it wasn't as true in old times as it is now. The time was when Doctor Cook could have forced his fraudulent pretences on the public for truth. But the false pretender of the modern times is having more trouble. There is less difficulty in "seeing through him." Abraham pretended to Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister, not his wife, and he fooled Pharaoh much longer than that expedient would fool any body now. The great fame and celebrity of Odysseus, throughout the Homeric poems, arose from the poet's representation of the hero as the most accomplished liar of the times. Driven into corners, he always extricated himself by plausible fiction. Lying was the greatest of accomplishments, and the poet delights in telling how the hero was always successful. The skill on one occasion may serve as an example for all of the rest; when he—

"With unembarrassed readiness returned Not truth, but fiction to truth opposite. For guile in him stood never at a pause."

But lying in these days is not so easy because there are so many and instruments of detection. So the pretensions and humbugs attempted by our politicians who pose as statesmen, now are readily and clearly penetrated. Oregon has now some in Washington, working for the dear people, and bearing the labor and heat and burden of the day, all for the dear people. It is the role of the politicians, who having played out the old methods, now seek out for themselves new invention. We shall see whether the new inventions are not broken cisterns that will hold no water.

The aphorism, "As easy as lying," should be changed. It should read, "As hard as lying."

Commercial Club... to give a big banquet on March 17. These social functions are becoming popular throughout the state. La Grande businessmen have been brought closer together by these occasional meetings.

If the present continues, thawing in the day time and freezing in the night, our snow will slip away from us without any serious washouts. The worst seldom happens in this always blessed section of America.

School election today, City election next. Outside of the position of city office there are no opposition candidates.

The Candy or the Picture

The influences that the moving picture is said to have upon the manners and customs are numerous. To read what is said by one set of people, the picture is sending the juvenile part of the population to peruse, to read what is said by another set of people it is one of the greatest uplifting force of the time. Of course, neither party is correct. Speaking generally the children are none the worse for seeing the pictures if they are of good quality. They are amused and entertained and very often instructed; they are neither better or worse for looking at a good moving picture than they are for looking at a good stationary one. In short, most of what is said about the influence of the moving picture upon young people is largely conjectural and journalistic. Evidence and statistics are seldom, if ever, forthcoming.

But there are exceptions to the state of things. Facts and figures are occasionally produce as to the influence that the moving pictures have upon the minds of the children. Some of the facts and figures are supplied in a recent issue of the Confectioner's Review. According to this esteemed eating candies and are spending their money for the moving pictures. They quote facts in support of their contention. A jobber knows of many small retail dealers who have suffered heavily—whose trade in fact, has completely disappeared. A broker tells of a number of stores having gone out of business; some salesmen assert that the picture is cutting into all classes of the candy business. Another authority quote cases where the candy stores have lost as much as 70 per cent of their trade when a moving picture show moved next door. The fact then seems to be beyond dispute that a great deal of the juvenile money is diverted from the candy store to the moving picture show.

Is this change of the juvenile habit to be approbated or is it to be deprecated? Of course the seller of the candies says it is to be deprecated. The owner of the moving picture show on the other hand says it is to be approbated. But which is best for the children, candies or pictures?

It would be interesting to know whether the great candy manufacturers, such as Huyler's, The Mirror and others, can trace any falling off of their business to the inroad of the moving picture. Probably not—the consumption of candies amongst girls and women, who eats these things with discretion not being liable to diminution by such causes as the popularity of the moving picture. We think that if the small children can be prevented from acquiring the candy habit until they are old enough to take only what is good for them, why then the picture will have produced a distinctly beneficial affect upon the rising generation—Moving Picture World.

Diamond Belt Lost

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Attorney Hartman, representing Stanley Ketchel, today demanded the St. Francis hotel to be searched for the \$1200 diamond chomplanship belt which was lost by the champion while traveling through the country. Hartman does not accuse the employees of

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