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EXTENSIO NWORK TODAY.

In view of the interest which the public, as well as the newspaper profession is taking in the Pulitzer school of journalism, established in connection with Columbia university, a descriptive article in the February Outlook is certain to attract attention. It is entitled "Copy" and is written by Henry Farrand Griffin, a former New York newspaper man. The practical as well as theoretical training required of the students is told in detail. In one criticism that Mr. Griffin makes he strikes at a fault which deserves notice at the hands of the faculty. Little provision has been made to provide working newspaper men with the benefits of the college. As the writer says, this institution will miss one of its biggest fields of usefulness if it does not make more adequate provision in this regard. In newspaper work there are many university men. Then, again, many of those most successful in it never have seen the inside of a university. Some publishers, after actual experience with graduates, have come to shun them because they find they get better results with the practical man who has given himself a good education. Yet on the whole newspaper men are agreed that the right kind of university education hurts no one, and that if it does not help it is the fault of the man himself. Today there are in the profession many who would be glad to add certain special knowledge to their practical equipment if they knew where to get it. Some are finding the opportunity in extension courses furnished by such institutions as the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin. The Pulitzer school would double and treble its influence if it followed these examples and made arrangements for extension work which would cover the entire country. Extension is the 20th century method of making our educational institutions broadly useful.

A Californian has discovered that the Japan current does not make California hot. Perhaps not, but the Japanese, themselves, do. Dr. Wiley says young women should not be allowed to first until they can cook, but a good flirt never

has to know how to do anything else. Married women will not be allowed to teach in the Minneapolis schools in the future. A lot of husbands will probably have to go back to work. The English cabinet members fear they will be kidnapped by suffragettes. Now, to be kidnapped by American suffragettes would be a pleasure. Missouri mules are now selling for \$212 a head. What have the Missouri mules to kick about?

The Discovery of Iron. The stone age, bronze age and iron age so overlap one another it is impossible to say just when one begins or ends. Men began to use both bronze and iron long before stone had ceased to be used. In fact, America was in the stone age so late as its discovery by Columbus 400 years ago. It is safe to say that history proper and the iron age were born together anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 year ago. It is more than likely that men gained their first information concerning the properties of iron through experiments with the pieces of it that had fallen from the sky in the shape of meteors.

Our Names Lack "Color." At an early period, and indeed well toward the beginning of modern history, proper names told something as to paternity, occupation and habitation. Today they are quite colorless. A new Ellyses would no longer be Laertes. No Peter indicates that he is the son of Paul. A Carpenter or a Weaver is likely to be a dilly duffered stockbroker. Even the place names have pretty much disappeared, except in the case of nobility. London Globe.

Didn't Ha:s to Look. Dr. Crabbe had almost succeeded in dismissing Mrs. Gasoway when she stopped in the doorway, exclaiming, "Why, doctor, you didn't look to see if my tongue was coated?" "I know it isn't," said the doctor wearily. "You never find grass on a race track."—Judge.

Practical. Mary—George, I have heard you spoken of frequently as a successful business man. George—I am that. Why? Mary—Well, considering the fact that you have been visiting me for three years, I think you should maintain your reputation and talk business.

In Bunches. "It is an old saying," said the man with discouraging tendencies, "that riches have wings." "Oh, that's all right," replied Mr. Dustin Stux. "That's what enables me to keep them coming my way in flocks."—Washington Star.

A Bad Risk. Wigg—You can't place much faith in Bjonas' promises, can you? Wagg—I should say not. Why, that fellow couldn't keep a promise in a safe deposit vault. Philadelphia Record.

Slight not what's near through aiming at what's far. Euripides.

CHECKMATING JUSTICE.

An Inside View of the Way Criminal Cases Are Handled. In "Courts, Criminals and the Camera" Arthur Train, the author, once an assistant district attorney in New York city, says that our present system of administering justice offers no deterrent to the embryonic or professional criminal. The administration of justice is a clever game between judge and lawyer in which the moves are made with a view to checkmating justice, not in the trial courtroom, but before the appellate tribunal two or three years hence.

"My young feller," said a grizzled veteran of the criminal bar to me long years ago after our jury had gone out, "there's lots of things in this game you ain't got on to yet. Do you think I care what this jury does? Not one mite. I got a nice little error into the case the very first day, and I've set back ever since. S'pose we are convicted? I'll get Jim here [the prisoner] out on a certificate, and it'll be two years before the court of appeals will get around to the case. Meantime Jim'll be out makin' money to pay me my fee. Won't you, Jim?"

"Then your witnesses will be gone, and nobody'll remember what on earth it's all about. You'll be down in Wall street practicin' real law yourself, and the indictment will kick around the office for a year or so, all covered with dust, and then some day I'll get a friend of mine to come in quietly and move to dismiss. And it'll be dismissed. Don't you worry! Why, a thousand other murders will have been committed in this county by the time that happens. Bless your soul, you can't go on tryin' the same man forever! Give the other fellows a chance. You shake your head? Well, it's a fact. I've been doin' it for forty years. You'll see."

Ans. I did. That may not be why men kill, but perhaps it may have something to do with it.

PAINTING A HORSE.

The Schems That Delighted Detaille Upset Meissonier.

In other days, on the Boulevard Malesherbes, Edouard Detaille and Meissonier, his master, lived in adjoining houses. Their workshops almost touched each other. It happened that Detaille was painting some cavalrymen furiously charging the enemy. He found it necessary to excite the horse posing as a model to give the appearance of a frenzied gallop. But it was in vain that the jockey, who held the bridle, smacked his tongue; the animal drowsed.

Detaille then ordered another domestic to strike upon a Chinese gong. For fully five minutes the horse was terribly frightened, and the painter was delighted. But the animal soon became accustomed to the tomtom and drowsed again. To draw the valiant steed from his torpor it was necessary to strike the bronze disk with greater force. This was done. It was as if a cannon was being fired. On the other side of the wall Meissonier was painting quite gently. Napoleon I. mounted upon a white horse. In repose, observing in the distance the catastrophes of an immense battle. He had mounted a horseman in a gray redingote upon the beast that served as a model. As the blows were struck on the gong in the atelier of Detaille the imperial mount shook and snorted in a fiery way, which was far from pleasing to Meissonier. So he visited his pupil, and an arrangement was effected. Detaille was to paint his galloping horse in the morning and Meissonier his unmoving steed in the afternoon. It was in this way that Napoleon I. was enabled to keep a firm seat in the saddle.—Cri de Paris.

Advertising Overlooked.

It was shortly before the funeral of a well known person, and a certain manager had just placed a wreath in as conspicuous a position as possible. But he didn't like the look of the very small card attached thereto, and so he fastened on one considerably larger, with "From the — theater" on it. "How does that look now?" he said to one of his company who stood near. "Oh, it's all right," responded the actor, whose sense of humor is but an asset as his unquestioned dramatic ability, "but why not add, 'Every evening at 8?'"—Pelican.

A Mighty Nimrod.

An Arkansas hunter fired one shot at a flock of ducks and brought down three. They fell in the river. He ran downstream to where there was a log and, holding to it, caught the ducks as they floated down. As he stood in the water fish wedged into the legs of his trousers so tightly that as he waded ashore a button flew off and killed a rabbit that was sitting on the bank.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

No, He Wan't Full.

"I wouldn't shave myself today," said she quietly. "Want to insinuate that I've been drinking, eh?" he stormed. "Not at all, but that isn't a cup of lather you brought in from the kitchen just now. That's a charlotte russe."—Washington Herald.

A Fascinating Showing of Easter Apparel



DAME FASHION'S last word in Spring and Summer styles is expressed in this resplendent array of Easter garments at La Grande's quality store. From New York's best makers have come the charming Spring suits, coats, dresses and waists.

The New Bulgarian Suits

A touch of the Oriental in this latest whim of fashion. The style features are so different yet charming withal. Materials of Bedford cord, eponge and imported serges. Priced from \$30.00 to \$40.00.

Novelty Tailored Suits

Rare loveliness and distinctiveness are displayed in this unequaled showing of spring tailored suits of Bedford cords, shepherd checks, serges, line striped, etc. Rare laces and Oriental trimmings. Popular prices from \$12.50 to \$35.00.

The Spring Coats

Every favored model of the popular three-quarter styles here for your selection. Attractive stripes, check and plain colors. Many new white coats. Prices \$12.00 to \$35.00

The Spring Dresses

Saturday we received our second shipment of spring dresses which includes pretty styles for street and afternoon wear, of eponge, challies, silks, crepe meteor and ratines. Prices from \$10.00 to \$28.50

Our Exclusive Millinery Dept. Offers for Easter

A display so varied that we can merely hint here. Dainty small flower trimmed Leghorns, Milan sailors trimmed in velvet. New brocaded silk hats and many of the famous

Gage Bros.' Pattern Hats

for which we are sole La Grande agents. A splendid selection from \$5 to \$30.

Our Alteration Dept.

is giving excellent satisfaction by their expert workmanship and careful methods. They will please you

WEST'S

THE QUALITY STORE

New Shoes

Our shoe department has just received the new shapes and leathers in "Pingree" and "Utz & Dunn" shoes for spring and summer wear.

YOUR USELESS CHIN.

What Mechanical or Physiological Purpose Does it Serve?

"What is your chin for?" is the odd query raised by Sir Ray Lankester, the scientist, who says he is unable to find any mechanical or physiological purpose which the chin serves.

"The fact that modern races of mankind have chins and most primitive men whose remains have been found did not have them naturally leads to speculation as to why this is so," he said.

Dr. Forbes Ross agrees with Sir Ray that the chin is useless in itself, but gives the following explanation of the reason for it:

"All animals that browse have no chin at all. Their teeth slant forward to allow them to reach easily things that would otherwise be beyond their reach. The moment man gave up browsing on green things and became less and less an animal his teeth grew erect, and his jaw had to accommodate itself. Erect teeth prove man to be far removed from ruminants, and therefore a man with a well marked jaw is further removed from ruminants than a man without. That's why we are inclined to regard a man without a definite chin as possessing a mind rather like a sheep, without determination without character."—New York American.

Changing a Name.

How a patronymic may be transformed out of all recognition is shown by an instance quoted by Cosmo Innes in his work on surnames:

"James Halfpenny, a Dublin citizen, threw in trade, and his children induced him in his later years to change the name, which they regarded as undignified. This he did chiefly by dropping the last letters. He was buried as James Halpen. The fortune of the family did not recede, and his son after renouncing retail dealing looked about for a euphonious name. He made no scruple of dropping the unnecessary "h," and, that being done, it was easy to go in for the Celtic rage, which Walter Scott had just raised to a great height. Consequently he who had run the streets as little Keony Halfpenny came out at the assemblies of the day as Kenneth McAlpin."

For Sale. 175 egg "Old Trusty" incubator at a bargain, used but three times. Also thoroughbred black and buff Orpington, and R. I. Red cockerels. Chas. E. Perry, 1315 Jackson avenue, phone 1313.

NOTICE TO BOND BUYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of improvement bonds, in the sum of \$56,312.21, in denominations of \$500.00, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually said bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 8 o'clock p. m., March 19th, 1913, and must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$2800.00. The successful bidder will be re-

quired to pay for said bonds within ten (10) days after notice that said bonds are ready for delivery. La Grande, Oregon, February 25th, 1913. LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 3-4-6t

Treasurers' Call for Road Warrants. The undersigned county treasurer has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants issued on the road fund and endorsed by the treasurer not paid for want of funds prior to Dec 1, 1912. Interest on the above warrants ceases on March 8, 1913. JOHN FRAWLEY, County Treasurer. 3-3-5t

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe. This bank has been in business twenty-six years. It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West. The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management. This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

La Grande National Bank

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Capital, \$100,000.00 Surplus, \$130,000.00 Resources, 1,100,000.00
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