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TRUANCY IN SCHOOLS.

Truancy from school is one of the perplexing problems of school superintendents and school teachers. The law is clear. Children of a certain age are required to attend school. It is likewise clear that every child in this day and age of progress and rapid development must possess the rudiments at least, of education. It is likewise clear beyond dispute that home training has almost entirely been left to the teaching force in the schools. The crux of the situation is: how will we comply with the law that requires each child to have a common school education?

Where parents are conscientious there is no difficulty. The problem for solution comes in those cases where the parents do not realize the value of training, or where the conditions are such that the child is compelled to assist in making the living. Both of these cases are deplorable but not beyond remedy.

Where the proper appreciation of education is lacking in the parents the loss to the children can be obviated by greater enthusiasm on the part of the truant officer and by ceaseless vigilance on the part of the school board that the officer entrusted with that duty be on the job and receive a salary commensurate with the work. In Germany there is little difficulty in this respect because the law says so and so, and is carried out to the letter. If law means something, it means just that and nothing else. If the law has no backbone those entrusted with its enforcement won't accomplish much.

Where poverty is the plea for non-attendance, the solution cannot be framed on the lines of cold law enforcement as much as on practical charity. A boy or girl cannot study on an empty stomach. For this reason the problem of supplying food and proper clothing must be solved before the wheels of the law can be permitted to turn. In the larger cities this problem is met by the supplying the needy with necessaries of life. Fortunately there are not many, if

any at all, in the city of La Grande. But if there are any at all, provision should be made for their regular attendance at school in order that the burden of the parents may not become the burden of the children and their children. Children are worth more than cattle and sheep, for which every practical man provides fodder and shelter.

The child of today is the voter of a future day, and voting can't be done intelligently if the mind has not been trained to think.

HOW ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT CITIZEN?

"The greatest grafter is the citizen who, whether rich or poor, educated or illiterate, claims and exercises all the rights and privileges of citizenship in a self-governed community, but will assume none of its obligations," recently said Prof. Charles E. Merriam, professor of political science in the University of Chicago and a member of the Chicago city council. Every city has its drones as well as its workers. The drones sometimes outnumber the workers. In a bee hive the workers kill the drones and throw their bodies out of the hive. Society cannot do that. It offers citizenship to men regardless of their possessions or their influence. Yet no election calls all the citizens to the polls. Some get only half or even a smaller fraction out for the simple duty of voting.

When it comes to accepting an appointment in city service that means hard work and little pay it is difficult to secure men. It seems the idea that city work necessarily should yield a large return is pretty widespread. Volunteer labor is scarce. Private interests are placed higher than public interests.

The ancient cities of Athens, Carthage, Rome and others restricted citizenship to a narrow class. The citizen was a man set apart. He was a part of the small governing body. A dignity and a prestige attached to him. Then citizenship was valued. Men boasted that they were citizens. They fought rather than avoided the obligations of citizenship.

Today when citizenship is practically unrestricted we find such little value placed on the franchise that many will not take the trouble of using it. What are we going to do with such indifferent citizens? Should we take their citizenship away from them until they learn to appreciate it? Should we, as some communities have done, withdraw some minor privileges, like the freedom to protest against tax assessments?

"Character is created," remarks Frederick C. Howe, "Not during work but during leisure hours." That's why so many joy riders are fast.

The Agricultural department is telling brides how to make bread. Secretary Houston is gradually becoming the guardian angel of this country.

A New York girl disappeared with \$200 in her stocking. Serves her right for wearing a slit skirt.

If Dr. Owen wants to bring home

the Bacon, Wye doesn't he dig in the Thine?

Love in a cottage sounds all right, but at this time of the year coal in the cellar has a more practical ring.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Evening Observer on sale at Newlin's Book Store.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will give a supper bazaar and rummage sale November 15th. Watch for future announcement. 18-20 cf.

Catsw Grape Juice, 5 cents at The Club. 18-18 cf.

FOR RENT—Newly furnished heated room, 3 blocks from Post Office, 2102 Second st., or Phone Red 3411. 10-23 6t.

VALLEY FARM FOR SALE—Grain and alfalfa. Terms. Address box 489, La Grande. 18-20 12t p.

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The Designer of the "AMERICAN QUEEN COFFEE" is recognized as the foremost artist in the country. This Coffee is correct in its minutest detail. A Phone Call or postal will get you a demonstration.

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COFFEE

IF YOU HAD THE TIME AND SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF GREEN COFFEE AND THE PROPER ROASTING AND GRINDING FACILITIES, YOU MIGHT ROAST YOUR OWN COFFEE EVERY MORNING BEFORE BREAKFAST. STILL WE SHOULD SAY: IF YOU DON'T LIKE SCHILLING'S BEST BETTER WE RETURN YOUR MONEY.

If you drink coffee 365 days in the year you can't afford not to try Schilling's Best.

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 \$17,852.63, for street paving, in denominations of \$500.00, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 8 o'clock p. m., November 5th, 1913, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to pay for said bonds within ten (10) days after notice that said bonds are ready for delivery. La Grande, Oregon, October, 21st, 1913.

LEE WARNICK

Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 18-21 3t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale and foreclosure of hereinafter described mortgaged real property, issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union, bearing date the 21st day of October, 1913, which decree was duly rendered, entered of record, and docketed in said court on the 7th day of October, 1913, in a suit wherein Paula Niederer was plaintiff and John H. Davis, and Geneva Cox Davis, husband and wife, and Clara T. Lyle were defendants, said decree being in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, for the sum of \$400.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from October 27th, 1912 until paid, and the further sum of \$5.40 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from August 29th, 1913, until paid, and the further sum of \$24.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from August 29th, 1913, until paid, and the further sum of \$80.00 as an attorney's fee; and the costs and disbursements of this suit, and accu-

ing costs, I will on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 1913, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said plaintiff's judgment, interest, costs, disbursement and accruing costs, all the right, title, and interest of the said defendants, John H. Davis, Geneva Cox Davis, husband and wife, and Clara T. Lyle, in and to the following described real property, to wit: Lots 3 and 4 in block 138, in Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 23 day of October, 1913.

AUGUST HUG, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon. Daily, Oct. 23-30; Nov. 6-13-20.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Lola Morelock, of Cove, Mrs. J. E. Brown, of Huntington, and E. T. Montgomery are guests of the Foley.

G. K. Gardiner of Portland, E. E. Sibray of San Diego, Elsie Carpenter and E. E. Barter, of Portland are registered at the Sommer.

Mayor John Witty of Imbler, newly elected executive of the apple community, is in the city today on business matters.

E. H. Piffle of Wallace, Idaho, who is a patient at Hot Lake, was in the city making purchases. He returned on No. 10 this morning.

Mrs. B. F. Cook of Kamela, and Mrs. C. L. Memerall of the same place, arrived this morning to transact business matters.

Victor Jackson, of Boise, was in the city looking over the situation. Mr. Jackson is in the jewelry business and is thinking of locating in La Grande.

B. C. Olinger, district deputy for the Elks, is in the city meeting members of the local lodge. He is stopping at the Foley.

Miss Jennie Anderson, living with her brother, at 101 Greenwood avenue, returned from an extended visiting trip to Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. During her stay in Portland she was the guest of Mrs. James Miller, formerly Gertrude Pike, of La Grande. She was absent from the city about two weeks and reports a splendid trip.

Dr. C. T. Hackett, of Enterprise, yesterday returning, accompanied Mrs. C. D. Robinson of that city to the local hospital, where she will undergo an operation for intestinal trouble. Mrs. Robinson was a patient at the hospital last summer and the operation performed at that time was for a similar malady. Dr. Hackett returned this morning.

BE A FOE TO FEAR.

Never Won a Cause or a Battle Merit Built a Railroad.

Was anything ever done by one who was afraid? Would Columbus have made his discovery of the new world if he had been burdened with dark forebodings? Would the gospel ever have been preached to the remotest parts of the world if the missionary had feared his mission?

Would there have been a United States if the signers of the Declaration of Independence had feared for their lives, as well they might?

Would the railroads have crossed the continent and pierced the desert and would our captains of industry have had the courage of their convictions in building our industries—the wonder of the world for size, output and wages—if they had been timid while risking millions?

Was a battle ever won by a general who feared? Was ever a great cause vindicated by one without a strong heart and undying hope? Was ever a prize secured by a competitor who did not enter the race believing he must and would win?

Is anything more contemptible than cowardice? Is anything more noble than courage? Is anything more childish than fear or anything sweeter than confidence in an age of unrest, treason, suspicion and disturbance? Let us turn from the dismal swamps and lift up our eyes to the hills. Let hope inspire and courage strengthen and the battle will be won.

This is the lesson to teach the孩-

New Styles in the Famous FIDELITY \$15.00 SUITS. Now on display in our windows and our Men's Dept. Drop In and examine these better values in all wool suits before making a selection. They will stand your most thorough inspection. West

men in our schools, to tell to the next troller at his work, to speak to the serious business man at his desk, to impress upon the preacher in his pulpit and the counselor in the hall of legislation.

And faint heart never won fair lady.—John A. Stecher in Leslie's.

BERNARDO'S MONSTER.

Giants and Unique, Once the Glory of the Medical Garden.

In the Demidoff garden at Pirmasens, some eight or ten miles from Florence, there still grows the monster in stone and stucco called the "Appennino," once the glory of the famous "Medical Garden." Some sixty or seventy years ago the statue was more talked of, but nowadays it appears that few folk know or care for such things. It is a good specimen of its style, and a reminder of its existence is just as well. Its height, if erect, would be about 100 feet, or say one-fourth the height of St. Paul's cathedral. At the back one can enter into rustic grottoes built into its interior, and from underneath the hair of the head a cascade may be made to flow forth at will over the shoulders and body of the colossus, creating a sparkling effect in the sunshine.

Biontalenti, the protégé of Cosimo di Medici, who schemed this gigantic thing in 1503, employed the best talent available for the setting of it—sculptors, masons, etc., and we are told that its abnormal size led to some of the artists losing all sense of proportion and being rendered unfit for ordinary work; one of them losing his reason as a consequence of helping to build the monster.

The audacity of the conception is worthy of the great genius who, trained under the eye of Michelangelo, hesitated at nothing, knowing that the Medici money was at his back and he had only to ask when a daring idea of his needed funds.

This famous boy Bernardo (Biontalenti) seems in his day to have outshone the Admirable Crichton, being painter, sculptor, architect, engineer and mechanician and much besides—London Sphere.

Morphine a Pain Producer. "Morphine," says a woman who was a morphine fiend and then cured herself, "does not give pleasure. It creates pain. This is the ultimate and positive effect. The pleasure it is supposed to produce is a mere temporary form of anaesthesia. The exhilarating effect is the first thrill of pain vibrating so rapidly one does not recognize

How About Your Home Water Supply?

IS IT PURE—PLENTIFUL—DEPENDABLE—ECONOMICAL? Supply your home with all the pure, clear, sparkling water you need—direct from well or spring, by the Perry System. No water tank to collect slime, mud or rust. Compressed air delivers fresh water under the pressure and in quantities you need. Automatic—economical in operation, easily installed. Water left in well until you need it—then draw fresh.

Call and Get Copy of the Perry Book. Let us send it to you. We want you to know all about the merits of this up-to-date system of water supply. The Perry System has more advantages than any other—in just what you need. It will give you water for drinking, kitchen, laundry, bath, barn, sprinkling and fire protection.

La Grande National Bank. Organized in 1887. CAPITAL \$100,000.00. SURPLUS \$24,000.00. TOTAL RESOURCES \$124,000.00. For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business. La Grande National Bank, La Grande, Oregon.

La Grande Taxi and Touring Car Service. Four good cars available day and all night for city and country driving, and to surrounding towns, charges reasonable. Experienced, licensed chauffeurs always on job. Call Sommer House or Perry Hotel. J. D. LYNCH