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A SCHOOL-BOY PHILOSOPHER.

Question No. 6, in the eighth grade examinations for this year in this state reads as follows: Describe an old-fashioned husking-bee or singing school. Are the young people today different from their fathers and mothers? Could they be persuaded to come together for similar purposes? Why?

A bright Elgin lad wrote the following answer: The young people are different in a way from their fathers and mothers. The young people now want to go to some big ball or card party, and don't like work, while in our father's time there were not nearly so many places to go. I don't think they could be persuaded to come together for similar purposes for the boys don't like to work and the girls would be afraid of getting their hands dirty. They would like to go but not to work.

That young man carries a head on his shoulders and in that head there is a man's brains. No philosopher of social life could have given a more succinct answer, and told the truth so unvarnished. While the sentence structure might have been different, the meaning is clear and to the point. It reveals in a boy so young a remarkable gift of observation, a knowledge of real fundamentals and a power to tell what he thought, in an equally concise manner. It would require no great stretch of imagination to fortell that this philosophic young lad is going to make his mark in this world for a steel-like precision of thought and a wisdom rarely found in men.

These are thoughts that crowd the brain when one sits for a moment's reflection. Further thought confirms the first impression and makes one feel sure the boy is a man in

thought. But, he is a boy among boys, hears their conversations, takes part in their games, ponders over their expressions of ambition and makes up his mind that they don't like work. The girls with whom he comes in contact at school, don't resemble their hard-working old mother who is not ashamed of her horny hands nor speaks of her soiled appearance. To him, she, with her daily duties, and his father who bore hardships to make his education possible, are the ideals to imitate. For some unexplainable reason he has come to the conclusion that work is necessary for life and that its performance must necessarily involve soiling of the hands.

He has indicted his fellow playmates. He did it not in a fit of passion, but in the light of cool understanding. The jury of common consent of thinking men bring in a verdict of guilty. A boy indicts his playmates with an aversion for wrok, his girl companions of being over fastidious.

It ought to make parents sit up and worry. True, the times have changed, but if any man in this day and age of inventions can invent a substitute for labor he has yet to be heard from. As the boy so the man. Lazy boy, lazy man, worthless leach on society. As the twig is bent, so the tree will grow; crooked twig, crooked tree, worthless and taking the place of another that might produce. Reckless, irresponsible boy, worthless non-supporting father, an expense to the community in which he lives. Dissipated in youth, eager for nothing but sport—race-track gambler and frequenter of saloons and houses of ill fame, as a man. Thriftless in youth—a beggar in old age. Disobedient as a boy—a shame and a disgrace to a broken hearted parent. Loose and immoral in youth—a carion of all that is corrupt in mature years.

It might be said that the history paper of this brilliant boy would take high rank among papers of mature men. His answers are concise and correct, his diction clear and simple as the speech of Gettysburg. Such a lad must be the pride and model of all teachers. Given the right opportunities, he will make Elgin famous with his talents.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured. If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers.

JOSEPH BANK
MEN GATHER

PAST YEAR SATISFACTORY IN EVERY WAY.

Socialist Participates In Debate of Women's Extravagance.

Joseph, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the First National bank of Joseph, held January 18, the same officers were elected with the exception of F. H. Gaulke who was elected to take A. N. Gilbert's place. At this meeting a ten percent dividend was declared, and everybody was pleased with the splendid showing made during the past year.

Edgar Marvin the sheriff of Wallowa county, spent a few hours in Joseph Saturday.

Cliff Evans the deputy game warden of Flora, spent a day in Joseph last week conferring with Warden Leffel. It is the intention of Mr. Evans to remove the dam in Wallowa river below Minam and allow the salmon to come to Wallowa lake to spawn.

James E. Stewart a United States surveyor is here to measure the water supply at Joseph. Mr. Stewart is from Portland.

W. R. Kivette a lumber dealer of La Grande, is in Joseph this week buying lumber.

The Socialistic debate held in Odd Fellows hall last Friday night on the question, Resolved: "That the extravagance of women is responsible for the high cost of living," was won by the negative side. After the debate the evening was spent in a social good time.

Frank Gillaspie and wife of Imnaha were in Joseph last week visiting relatives.

Larris Ferrin the assistant cashier in the First National bank, has returned from a visit in Iowa with his parents during the holidays.

Wm. Conley a one time resident of Joseph, is here from Alturas, California, visiting friends.

Everett Barton and wife were in town last week from Billy Meadows where Everett is taking care of the state elk which are located at that place. He reports that the 29 head of elk there are wintering fine.

The state dropped the case against Wesley Isley who was accused of forging his father's name to two notes. Experts from Portland declared the names were not forged.

Mrs. Glenn Leslie and baby have returned from Ohio, where she visited with her parents.

The basketball teams of the Joseph High school held two class games last Friday night. The regular fives won. The girls' score was 11-13; boys' score 42-17.

F. D. McCully returned to Portland last Thursday after the annual bank meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogboom left last Saturday for Haines to visit their son. Mr. Hogboom shipped a car of horses to that place.

Harry Mays shipped his race horses to Lewiston last Saturday where he intends to enter them in some big races that are to be held at that place.

Mrs. Anna Leslie entertained the W. C. T. U. last Wednesday. They held a literary program followed by dainty refreshments.

Tilden Morelock and H. B. Davidhizer shipped two cars each of hogs last Saturday. Mr. Morelock shipped to Tacoma and Mr. Davidhizer to Portland. County Judge J. B. Olmstead accompanied the shipment to Tacoma. He will go from there to Seattle to visit his daughter who is attending the University of Washington.

Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Ballinger of Portland, are here visiting their relatives, the Hambletons. Mrs. Vincent is here to see her mother Mrs. L. L. Hambleton, who has been sick for some time.

The Priscella Embroidery club met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Gaulke last Thursday. An enjoyable time was spent after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Brooks entertains next Thursday.

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The house was packed to the doors last night to see the wonderful performers in a thrilling acrobatic stunt. They are without doubt two of the most clever acrobats ever staged in this city. They will be on again tonight. Merels Cockaroo, the highest priced vaudeville stunt ever put on in the city will be here next week. They cost the management \$150 a week and come with excellent recommendations. A cockaroo is a bird similar to a parrot and does wonderfully intelligent stunts in mathematics, etc.—Adv.

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GODWIN REPLIES TO WEST.

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for me to attempt to answer such an assertion."

Mr. Godwin in his letter to Governor West, aside from touching on the "charity" feature, took the governor to task for attempting to assume credit for the work of abolishing the nuisances in Baker and denied that organized vice existed here. He denied that his deputy or law partner had ever represented organized vice. "At any event," he said, "I am answerable to my people and not to you." He concludes with the suggestion that "the people are doubtless tired of hearing mere vituperations from you," and tells the governor "to do something or shut up."

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