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CERTAINLY, ATHLETICS FOR ALL

William Hayward, of the University of Oregon, was in the city last Wednesday lecturing to the school children of this city on athletics. He had no particularly new gospel to preach but it is satisfying to hear that, after many years of specializing on a few men of an athletic team, the educators of the country are finally coming back to the real purpose of athletics, namely the training and strengthening of the body of every student in the school with a view to elevating his or her mental standard.

Thinking men in any school have always fought this institution, and it is with some feeling of satisfaction that Bill Hayward, one of the best known trainers of the country has, after sinning perhaps against a cardinal rule of this idea himself, has become a convert and a preacher for the best idea in athletics.

The thing is just as plain and clear as boarding house milk. A man is not going to develop muscle, speed, endurance, wind, and a quickness of mind by sitting on the bleachers while his companions at school have donned athletic suits and are putting their muscle and nerves to use. Athletic drill in the army includes every man in the garrison. They are not after records and know from many years of experience that a few individuals highly developed will not stave off the hospital wagon for the majority who have not had the drill.

In cities this exercise will be of inestimable benefit to children who have no earthly thing to do at home and who, for lack of some kind of exercise, become soft and unable to endure.

When every woman's son and daughter attending the public schools begins to get some of God's fresh air into his or her lungs, some of the epidemics that have closed schools during the winter months will disappear entirely. The move is commendable and will do more in a mental way than some of the cramming for many youngsters. In this respect the parents may lend a helping hand by encouragement and attendance at some of the athletic stunts. The

picked team will take care of itself. These latter are what might be called a luxury, but training for all is a necessity.

INSURRECTO BENNETT.

Judge Bennett, of The Dalles, is an insurrecto. He refuses to play the democratic program as laid down by the Portland Journal and its allies, therefore he is marked for slaughter.

According to the Journal and its inner circle Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland, must be governor of Oregon. It proposes to force his nomination and election.

But the Journal forgot to reckon with Bennett, who is somewhat of an old war horse who never would stay put and invariably kicked over the plans of the machine democrats of Oregon.

The Judge says he did not expect to run, but when the Journal tried to cast him out—sniff out his candle as it were—the old jurist rose right up in bitterness, spoke out loud in meeting and set the rocks around The Dalles on fire for a short time.

Still the Democratic machine thought it could head off the stalwart, but he refused to be headed or be-headed, and he is now in the race with nostrils wide open and the bit in his teeth.

And Judge Bennett is going to surprise some of the primary fixers who have been dictating everything in the democratic party for the past ten years. He has a vote that is solid and will stay. On every hand you can hear of Republicans who openly state they are registering as Democrats in order to help nominate Judge Bennett. Isn't this amusing? That is the way Democrats used to do in Republican primaries. But who would have thought the wheel would have turned so quickly? It is the penalty for being the majority party, for such the Democratic party now is in Oregon.

Bennett's advent in the race helps John Manning and John is singing sweet lullabys to the old veteran lawyer and his friends. He reasons that Bennett's vote will split the vote of Smith and there is some logic to the reasoning. Thus, John thinks with his certain Multnomah county majority he will wipe out any up country vote that Smith might get over Bennett or Bennett might get over Smith.

But, isn't it fun to see 'em scrap. They have hovered together at Mother George Chamberlain's breast for so long that it is certainly great sport to see them fight once like a lot of Kilkenny cats.

"GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY MOVEMENT."

Absence at worship of so many people of late years prompted the belief on the part of some that the day of going to church on Sunday had passed with many citizens. Men of prominence even called public attention to the few people and especially the few men who attended Sunday worship, giving various reasons for the lack of a desire to partake of a habit and a pleasure that had stood for so many years.

But the wise ones were only guessing, for the cycle has been completely turned now and there is a decided movement on the part of people of the United States to "go to church Sunday."

This is best illustrated by the attendance at Christian worship last Sunday in Chicago when two thirds of the population of that great city attended religious services, while in Kansas City nearly two hundred thousand persons heard the gospel preached on the same day.

It is an awakening. Just who is to

blame for it, or rather to be credited with it, no one seems to know. People as a whole seem more desirous of hearing a good sermon and listening to sacred music than they have been for the past twenty-five years.

The daily newspapers must be given some sort of credit for the large turnover in the above mentioned cities, but no paper has yet even assumed to have been the prime cause of starting the movement. It was rather a case of the movement starting and the daily press assisting in every way it could.

That this same movement is spreading to the smaller cities is plain to be seen. In La Grande the houses of worship hold larger congregations than formerly, which is a good sign and indicative that the Christian religion survives all things. People may wander somewhat from its teachings, but it is for a short time only. Encourage the "go to church Sunday" movement in La Grande. Adopt the Kansas City slogan: "Go to church; any church; but be sure and go."

Ex-president Taft, in one of his fatherly lectures, advises to keep the boys' feet out of the clouds, to which a Grande Ronde sage immediately says "Amen, and the girls too, for these tango days are the days when their toys get turned skyward."

After the Observer published the homelike stories regarding Cove and community, including Tom Johnson and George Chadwick there has been a pronounced desire on the part of La Grande people to visit Cove along about butchering time.

Pendleton's Roundup committee had a meeting last week thinking it was getting in the game early. But the Union Horse Show bunch had preceded the Pendletonians just thirty days. How's that for early rising?

Bourne blames the country press for his defeat, and the senator is not far wrong in his conclusions. But the country press rest in the belief it did the right thing at the right time.

Since the Supreme Court has handed down an opinion regarding liquor selling it would seem Oregon has been in the doubtful column ever since 1910 and no one knew it before.

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HUMORS OF PULPIT

"Bulls" by Clergymen Arouse Mirth of Their Hearers.

Bad Judgment Sometimes Displayed by Preachers in the Selection of Their Texts—Curate's Odd Exordium.

New York.—It was Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, archbishop of York, who, when he was bishop of Stepney, remarked, apropos of the children of the east end: "They are doing a great deal to rebuke the tendency of the clergy to become middle aged in spirit—dull, morose and superior." And he told one of his favorite stories of an east end cleric, who was feeling lifeless and disconsolate on setting out on his daily round of visits, when a little street urchin looked up at him with a cheerful eye and knowing smile and said:

"Ullo, young man!" "That greeting quite reassured the parson for the rest of the day," Dr. Lang declares.

And it was Dr. Ingram, bishop of London, who once declared that a "sense of humor is essential to success. If a young man has no sense of humor I would keep him at college until he got one."

But, although many clergymen seem to lack that sense of humor which is so essential if their work is to be successful and popular, there are occasions when they themselves are the cause, unconsciously, of much amusement to others. The Rev. W. Cowan tells, for instance, how the "bull" at times arouses the risibilities of the congregation and plays havoc with the solemnity of the occasion.

"Brethren, I beg of you to take hold of your heart and look it straight in the face."

The following is said to have been a preacher's peroration: "We pursue the shadow; the bubble bursts, it leaves the ashes in our hands." A London preacher a short time ago invited "young men and women of all ages to attend his meetings, which reminds one of the memorable exordium of the nervous curate: "Young ladies, or perhaps I should say young women, for I wish to embrace you all." Nervousness is, indeed, accountable for some curious mistakes and laughable incidents. The preacher must have been nervous who gave out this text: "Heaviness may endure for joy, but night cometh in the morning."

Apparently it is dangerous for the young clergyman to fish for compliments. There is a story of a reverend divine who once asked a sexton how he liked the sermon. "I didn't like it at all," candidly answered that worthy. "Why, pray?" inquired the preacher. "First, because you read it; secondly, because it was not worth reading."

And there was another young man very vain of his accomplishments as a preacher, who, after officiating at a certain service for a Scottish minister who occasionally had to avail himself of the assistance of probationers, was met by the old gentleman with extended hands as he descended from the pulpit. Expecting high praise, he said, "No compliments, I pray." "Nay, nay, my young friend," said the parson, "nowadays I'm glad of anybody."

Mr. Cowan points out that preachers have a remarkable lack of common sense when choosing their texts. He has heard of an Edinburgh minister who preached a sermon on a miserly brother cleric from the words, "And the beggar died." Another cleric in preaching to a society of physicians announced as his text: "A certain woman . . . had suffered many things of many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was nothing better, but rather grew worse."

This is a story, too, told of an old evangelical clergyman who had a son in orders. The young man became a full blown ritualist. On one occasion the father paid a visit to his son, who asked him to preach in his church. For some time the old man refused, but pressed to do so, he at length consented, and chose the text, "Lord, have mercy upon my son, for he is a lunatic."

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