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THE BAD BOY'S EXCESS ENERGY

Being a bad boy is one thing; owning up to it after you have arrived at years of discretion and honor is another. Yet the late W. R. Nelson, owner and editor of the Kansas City Star, in a letter accepting a degree of doctor of laws from Notre Dame university took occasion to plead his youthful wilfulness, and say a good word for the boy in general. In Nelson's letter he confesses that his father sent him to Notre Dame as a last resort. There he became the leader in college deviltries, and was dismissed at the end of his second year. Recalling these adventures of his young days the great editor admits the faculty was correct in dispensing with his influence, expresses admiration for the men who disciplined him, and attributes his dislike of being bossed to the Irish blood in his veins. He concludes that because the university sees fit to honor him after such a record, that fact "should afford encouragement to mischievous boys and make them feel that their case is not altogether hopeless."

Nelson ran true to form. He never was bossed, and his independence, finding free expression in the new west, was of untold benefit to his city, state and nation. But one wonders where he might have brought up if he had possessed just a little less force, education and opportunity? The very qualities which made Nelson a power for good in Kansas City might have made him a power for evil if his early mischief had been staged in a city slum.

Psychologists have long recognized juvenile mischief as a form of excess energy. The bravest most original and competent youth in the "gang" takes the lead with the result that the boy with the worst reputation in the neighborhood may be the best fortified against failure in the rough and tumble of life. It is an axiom among social workers that the first boy in a gang to turn the corner is the natural leader and the one worth going after. Win him and the rest follow him into the fold.

like sheep. Such boys are sure to soar high or fall low; they cannot be mediocre. The direction of the progress is determined largely by the wisdom of their parents, teachers and friends.

Society is advancing swiftly in its sympathetic appreciation of boy nature and boy perils; and the further we progress along that line the easier it is to believe there are very few young people actually "black at heart." Some day, when we know how to train them better—and that does not mean the namby pamby kind, or those who lack discipline—there will be none at all.

The thing we are afraid of is that the envoy who has been given safe conduct to Germany will inform the Kaiser that we have no national defenses to speak of since Col. Roosevelt broke two ribs.

We cannot be too thankful these days that Christopher Columbus had a chance to discover America before the submarines began sinking voyagers by mistake.

A scientist announces that plants can love and hate. But honest, professor, we don't know how we aroused the enmity of all the dandelions in the front lawn.

Advice to the young man who is waiting for something to turn up; Marry a girl with a pug nose.

King Victor Emmanuel has escaped at last one of the horrors of war. He has not yet been kissed by President Poincare.

SOCIAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Egly of Sutton, Nebraska, are guests with his nephew E. S. Norris and Mrs. Norris, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Landrum. Mrs. Landrum and Mr. Egly are cousins. The Nebraskans have been to the fair and are now returning home via Oregon.

Frank Ruby of Golden, Col., who had been to Southern California, is a house guest with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe. Mr. Ruby and Mrs. Ivanhoe are brother and sister.

Mrs. W. H. Banfield will leave tomorrow for Portland where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Mohr will entertain the Ladies Bible class of the Presbyterian church at her home, No. 2019 Oak street, next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. F. E. Stilwell will assist Mrs. Mohr in the entertaining.

Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman begins the course of "Six Great Masters" in Pendleton Monday night under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon club and the Woman's Literary club.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman has just returned from Baker where she has commenced a course of art talks on the Barbizon school under auspices of the Alpha club. In this connection the Baker Herald goes on to say:

"By special arrangements with Mrs. Cornelia Mossman of La Grande, the Humane society has prepared for a series of lectures to be given in the

near future which will be along the general line of humanity to animals, and which will be based on the masterpieces of the great animal painters.

Following the lectures in Baker, it is planned to hold a similar series throughout the county in the interest of the extension department of the society.

Mrs. Mossman's lectures will be free to the public."

Mrs. W. J. Spencer and children of Union are visiting in La Grande.

Miss Lenore Hughey returned home today from a visit with friends in Union.

LODGE AFFAIRS.

Tuesday night of this week was one of the banner social events the Moose have had in many moons. About 250 people were present during the evening and they danced, played cards, pool or partook of other social enjoyments for the evening. Refreshments were served and the whole event was a most delightful one. Lodges and orders which are tenants of Moose hall, were special guests for the evening.

Last Wednesday officers were elected to serve the ensuing year in Hope Charter, No. 13, Eastern Star. These were: Worthy matron Emma Kiddle; worthy patron C. D. Huffman; associate matron Myrtle Broughton; secretary Mary Warnick; treasurer Emma Russel; conductress Sadie E. Given; assistant Florence Bacon; trustees, Anna E. Bacon, Dora B. Schilke and A. C. Williams.

Yesterday Iris Camp No. 2980 Royal Neighbors, elected officers for the ensuing year. These are: oracle, Minnie Bunting; vice, Nora Mackey; chancellor, Ella Trill; past oracle, Emma Lund; recorder, Lillie Kimmel; receiver, Zoe Thompson; marshal, Louise Landrum; assistant, Jennie Disqua; inner sentinel, May Day; outer sentinel, Addie Cochran; manager, three years, Fay Brown, one year Mrs. Gauthier, musician, Mrs. Pfeiffer; physicians, Upton, Richardson and Dora Underwood. This is the fifth successive time that Mrs. Kimmel has been retained in the office of recorder, and several other officials were honored with re-election to posts previously held. The Neighbors are having a successful year's work.

Notice

I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by Mrs. A. J. Fiek after December 9, 1915—Adv 12-9-15. A. J. FIEK.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of La Grande National Bank will be held at their Banking House in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1916, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1916 and until their successors are elected and qualify, and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer.

F. L. MEYERS.

The J. D. Lynch jitney got frightened at a passing automobile and started down Jefferson street. All went well for two blocks but in turning a corner a sack of Bluestem flour rolled out. The flour was not insured so Mr. Lynch must stand the loss. When you order Bluestem flour better have it registered.—Adv. 12-11-15

Notice of Final Account.

In the matter of the estate of Jefferson M. Bull, deceased: Notice is by this given that Almira E. Bull, the executrix of the estate of Jefferson M. Bull, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of Union county, Oregon; and the said court has set December 20, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the County Court room in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to, and the consideration of said final account; and that all interested parties may appear at such time and place. Date of first publication November 13, 1915.

ALMIRA E. BULL,

Executrix.

D. Nov. 13-20-27 Dec. 4-11.

Adv.

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"Society Brand" suits, "Fidelity" suits \$15.00,
\$17.50, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$30.
"Gordon" hats \$3.00—"Stetson" hats \$4.00
"Interwoven" hose 25c, box of 6 pairs \$1.50
"Manhattan" shirts \$1.50; "Standard" shirts.....
50c, to \$1.25
"Tilt" shoes \$3.50 to \$6.00; "Nettleton" shoes.....
\$6.50 and \$7.00
Men's "Red Fern" dress gloves \$1.00 to \$2.50
Men's knit gloves, pair 25c, 50c
Genuine Indian "Artcraft" Chief Joseph Indian
blankets, each \$5.00 to \$7.50
Genuine Pendleton bath robes \$18.00

Other new bath robes for men \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00
Men's "Keiser" Xmas ties 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Good leather hand bags, leather lined well made
..... \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$15.00
Men's house slippers in felts or the leather kind
..... 75c to \$2.50
Leather collar bags 75c to \$2.00
Fancy garters for Xmas 25c, 50c
Fancy suspenders in Xmas box 50c
Xmas combination sets 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Fancy armband in Xmas boxes 25c to 50c
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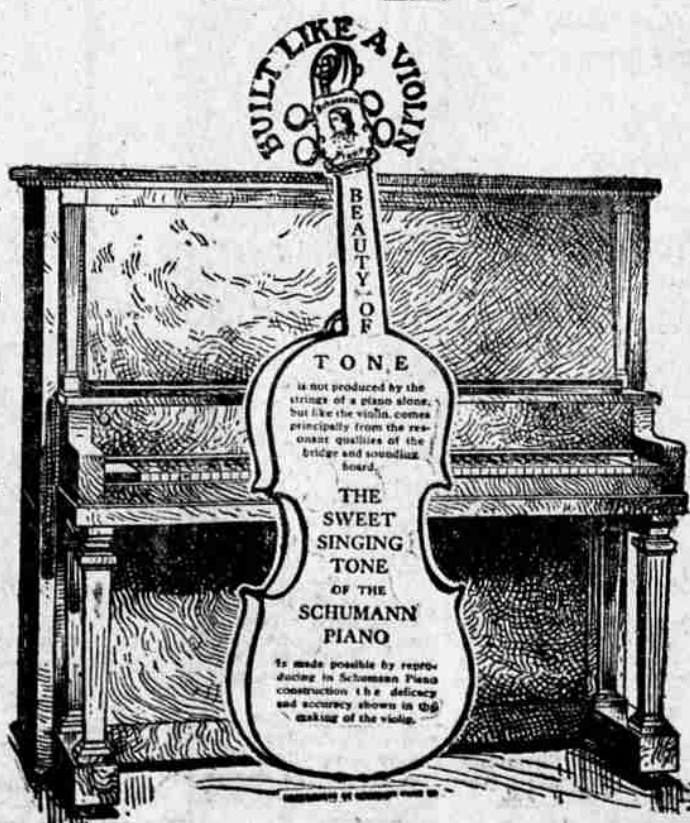
State Permit to Sell Stock

Salem, Or., Dec. 8.—Permission has been granted by Corporation Commissioner Schulderman to the Panita

company of Portland to sell \$100,000 worth of stock. This is an Oregon corporation with capitalization of \$1,000,000, and with S. C. Spencer, R. W. Wilbur and H. B. Beckett, Portland, as incorporators. It proposes for the manufacture of all articles made in whole or part from rubber or substitutes for rubber.

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