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MAKING DECISIONS.

From the time we are old enough to know right from wrong we are compelled to make decisions; to say "yes" to some things and "no" to others, says an article sent out by the American Bankers' association. In fact, all life consists in yielding to good impulses and resisting the bad. No man ever succeeded unless he learned this lesson. We can never form a character, acquire property, gain knowledge, provide for old age, take care of those dependent upon us, or get a job worth while until we learn to make decisions. And the men who draw the big salaries are those who can pass judgment, and are willing to stand by the judgments they make.

It is the easiest thing in the world to take the line of least resistance and to do the easy thing. If a man would acquire an education he must forego pleasures for a time. If he would get and keep a good job, he must deny himself indulgences that do not tend

in the right direction. If he would save money he must make decision after decision and stick to them.

How many of us resolve that we will save money and make a good start, but fall down, because we yield to the temptation to go to those places or in that company where our resisting power will be weakened. Suppose we have a spare night. If we stay at home we know that we won't spend any money. If we go to the theater we will spend a certain amount; but if we go to the club, or out with the crowd, we are not certain where we will go, or what we will do, and being with the crowd we must do as the crowd does. The result is bound to be a breaking down of the resolution to save.

The habit of consistently saying "no" can only be acquired when a man has an ambition, a goal, and an incentive. If he would own a home, acquire a business, get a good job, be a man among men, and have a master passion, the impetus will be with him steadily to spur him on and help him make the many little decisions that bring the result he desires. The bread line is full of men who could not make decisions and stick to them; who played with temptations of various kinds until they lost out; whose declining years must be spent in doing the easy things because in other days they couldn't do the hard ones.

You never will learn the secret of how men acquire money until you learn the fine art of making decisions; and if you do not learn this lesson for yourself, the world will decide for you, and the decision will doubtless be that you have no will power, are not strong in keeping promises to yourself and therefore cannot be expected to be strong in keeping those to others, and relegate you to the ranks of the "has beens," or the "never was," where you will drift along until the end. The saddest thing on the ocean

is a drifting ship, and the saddest thing in life is the man who is going nowhere, and cares not how long it takes him to get there.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Dirty hands spread much disease? A high-bred dog has a right to have his birth registered—so has a baby?

The United States Public Health Service guards American ports to exclude foreign disease?

Health is a credit with the bank of nature?

A clean garbabe can is a good example to the family?

Filth breeds flies—flies carry fever?

Slouchy postures menace health? Health brings happiness—sickness sorrow?

STATE NEWS.

Woodrow Wilson League Formed.

John Bayne an attorney of Salem was elected president of the Woodrow Wilson league Saturday. The league decided to hold a meeting to ratify the nomination of President Wilson after his formal acceptance of the nomination.

Milton College Sues.

The Columbia Junior college has begun suit against the Seventh Day Adventist church of Milton to quiet title to land.

Boosters Tour Northwest.

"Kit" Carson and W. C. E. Pruitt of Pendleton have left that city for a tour of the northwest to shout the praises of the Roundup. They carry with them 1915 Roundup films which will be shown in all the principal cities where they stop.

Fruit Crops Good.

The small fruit and apple crops along the foothills near North Powder are reported in excellent condition.

FOR SALE, LEASE OR RENT—Lumber shed near the "Y", is 60 x 100, suitable for storage or wholesale purpose. Cheap—terms easy. Inquire W. R. Rivette. 7-19-16

PERSONAL MENTION

Joe Egan, manager of the railway employes' club, left last night on a visit to Portland and Spokane and at the latter place will get on the list of possibilities for a farm in the recently opened Colville reservation. Mr. Egan does not expect to be away longer than four or five days.

Minor Stilwell and family who have been in Weiser, Idaho, the past year or two, have returned to La Grande. They will most likely remain here as Mr. Stilwell expresses the belief that there are no better opportunities to be found at any other point along the line.

Miss Martha May, aged sixteen and the youngest daughter of Ben May, was operated on at the hospital Monday evening for appendicitis. Her condition is such as to indicate a hopeful outcome.

Cashier F. L. Meyers is home from the seashore with a sun-blistered brow caused by swimming around in the Pacific ocean without any head covering. Mr. Meyers says that it is not at all comfortable on the coast, there being a chilling temperature and stormy seas at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bolton have gone to the coast for a stay of a week or two.

Miss Thed. Bollons has gone to Spokane to relieve one of the stenographers in the office of the railway superintendent in that city, and will probably be absent for a month.

J. F. Corbett, of the dispatchers' office, has again been called to Portland on account of the condition of Mrs. Corbett who has been in the hospital for several weeks and has made slow improvement.

L. A. McAllister, head of the railroad supply department for this district, has returned from Spokane where he took a chance on the land drawing. He reports that Spokane is filled with people, not only on account of the land drawing but through a general activity which is a vivid reminder of old times.

Mrs. Chambreaux of Portland, is a visitor with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Bouvy.

Miss Johanna Norum has returned from Everett, Wash., where she has been visiting friends for several weeks. She will visit Wallowa friends for a week and then return to La Grande to remain permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pitts, of California, are late arrivals in La Grande. Both are musicians, Mr. Pitts' specialty being the violin and cello and Mrs. Pitts is a pianist.

G. S. Levy, the druggist, is in Union today looking after business interests.

Dr. C. T. Bacon has returned from Montana where he was looking after the interests of his son, Archie, who acquired a fine homestead a few years ago through a drawing similar to the one soon to take place in Spokane. On the return through Spokane Dr. Bacon added one more name to the list of La Grande applicants in the drawing soon to be made.

"Uncle Bud" McAllister struck out today for North Powder to remain a while on a visit with relatives and friends.

Engineer Frank Jackson, who went to Spokane to look up the land distribution proposition, arrived home today.

Constable I. W. Faulk went to

Why go With Out a Stylish New Silk Dress or Wear an Old One? When we are selling such fine new Up-To-Date Dresses at only HALF PRICE Everyone new this season—Full skirts—the cost of the silk alone is more than the sale price on these dresses—But the rule at West's is never to carry Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments from one season to another. It's your opportunity now while the prices are reduced one-half. Regular \$15.00 Dresses only \$ 7.50 Regular \$17.50 Dresses only \$ 8.75 Regular \$20.00 Dresses only \$10.00 Regular \$22.50 Dresses only \$11.25 Regular 25.00 Dresses only \$12.50 Regular \$27.50 Dresses only \$13.75 Regular \$30.00 Dresses only \$15.00 Regular \$35.00 Dresses only \$16.50

Beautiful Draperies That will appeal strongly to all home lovers may be seen in great assortment in our drapery section. New Cretonnes in beautiful new patterns, per yard 18c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c New Curtain Serims, the greatest values ever offered, per yard 12 1-2c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 60c

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The money which the careful Man puts in our Bank is his real harvest. WHAT IS THE USE OF REAPING A HARVEST UNLESS YOU REAP A "RESULT" FROM YOUR HARVEST. BEING CAREFUL IN GROWING YOUR CROP WILL NOT; BENEFIT YOU UNLESS YOU ARE "CAREFUL" WITH YOUR MONEY WHEN YOU GET YOUR MONEY. REGULARLY BANKING THE MONEY YOU EARN FROM YOUR WORK OR IN YOUR BUSINESS, IS THE ONE SURE WAY OF GROWING A FORTUNE. TRY IT. BANK WITH US WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST 6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00 Fred J. Holmes, President, C. G. Pennington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolege, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. G. Pennington, H. B. Brownson, F. L. Meyers, A. Eukland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolege.

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