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A YOUNG MAN WHO MADE GOOD.

We can't all be millionaires, but we can study the ways of some of them and the secrets of their success without doing ourselves any harm.

The editor of The Observer, in a talk before the high school students the other day, mentioned the career of Herbert C. Hoover, a young mining engineer, as worthy of emulation.

When their father and mother died, Theodore J. Hoover was left the head of the family, with a younger brother and sister. At that time he was a printer, and the linotype was just coming into use. He went from Newberg, Oregon, where the family lived, to Oakland, California, and mastered the linotype machine, and from the proceeds of his labor sent his brother and sister to college.

Herbert Hoover, the younger brother, distinguished himself at Stanford University. He became the leader of the student body. He studied mining engineering and acquired a theoretical and practical knowledge of his profession. He entered the office of Louis Janin, a famous mining engineer, who was on the verge of retiring. Mr. Janin would accept no small commissions. One day Hoover accosted a client whose work Mr. Janin had refused because it was too small for him to be bothered with. The client offered Hoover five hundred dollars to expert a mine. Hoover went to his employer and frankly and boldly told him that he would like the job and could get it with Mr. Janin's consent. This Mr. Janin gave with the understanding that the report would be submitted to him for approval. Hoover did the work and made good. Then he started out for himself with the \$500 fee as capital. One day he got a telegram offering him a position with a big London syndicate. He took the telegram over to

Mr. Janin and expressed his surprise. It was no surprise to Mr. Janin. The syndicate had cabled him offering him the assignment. Mr. Janin had declined it and told the syndicate to engage Hoover.

Hoover was sent to investigate thieving in a gold mine in Australia, owned by the syndicate. He left for Australia and was not heard of for months. The syndicate searched for him high and low, because so far as they knew, he had never arrived at the mine. In the meantime, Hoover had gone to the mine, secured a position as a day laborer, and gone to work in the bowels of the mine. In a short time he sent his report to the syndicate and revealed the methods employed by the ring that was robbing the mine. Hoover was made superintendent. He increased the production and the earnings of the mine. He was placed at the head of all the syndicate's operations in Australia. He made good. Then he was sent to China to try to get concessions from the Chinese government. One day in Tien Tsin, during the Boxer troubles, he saw a group of Russian soldiers about to execute several Chinese. He intervened at the risk of his own life. One of the Chinese was the Chinese Imperial Minister of mines. Hoover had saved his life. He got his concessions, but they were made out in his own name, instead of the name of the syndicate. Hoover could have kept them. Instead, he turned them over to the syndicate without a string. The grateful Englishmen made him a partner in the syndicate and fixed his salary at \$100,000 a year.

He repaid his debt to his brother, who in turn went to college and became a successful mining engineer also.

Now he is a millionaire and the chairman of the Belgian Relief commission, in which he also had made good, dispensing and spending millions of dollars in the greatest privately organized charity the world has ever seen.

Faithfulness, honesty and competence win their reward.

MOTHER SHUNNED BY FAMILY

Kept Prisoner by Husband and Father. Red Cross Seals Help.

The mother of three children who lived in destitute circumstances on the outskirts of a southern city was informed by a physician that her ailment was tuberculosis. Ignorant of the nature of the malady, the father, a day laborer, became stricken with the fear that the disease would spread to the children. The mother consequently was shunned as a leper. She was isolated in the small home and, at times, virtually imprisoned. The children were not allowed to come in contact with her, though two of them were hardly out of their infancy, but the father enforced this rule with frequent show of brutality.

The home was in an alarming state of demoralization when it was brought to the notice of a visiting nurse of the Anti-Tuberculosis association, who made an investigation. She allayed the fears of the father by enlightening him as to the care of consumptive patients, installed a sleeping porch, kept the mother under her constant observation and now has her on the highway to recovery.

Anti-tuberculosis associations like this are accomplishing splendid achievements in the crusade against the white plague. Financial foundation for even greater success next year is being assured by the growth in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. Have you bought yours?

Lists of Best Books.

La Grande, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor)—The Observer for December 12 contained an excellent editorial recommending books for boys, in answer to a question on the subject from a mother. The Public Library is attempting to distribute lists which would answer just this question. A woman librarian hesitates to set herself up as an authority on boys'

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books, even after years of experience in observing the reading tastes of children. Instead of the suggestions of the librarian, this list contains the recommendations of the officials of the Boy Scouts of America, and is entitled "Books Boys Like Best." Several copies are still on hand, for free distribution on request.

It is interesting to note that the books mentioned by the editor of The Observer—Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Robinson Crusoe, The Swiss Family Robinson and Treasure Island—are among the most enduringly popular books in this or any library.

LUCIA HALEY.

To the Stockholders of the State Bank of Imbler, Imbler, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of

the above named bank will be held at the banking rooms at Imbler, Oregon, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, January 11th, 1917.

This meeting is called for the election of a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

SHERWOOD WILLIAMS, Cashier. 12-11-18-16-18

EDITORIAL COMMENT

People Who Remain Young.

James Whitcomb Riley was quite a bit over 60 when he died. Although his age was not generally known, his

frequent photographs show that he was not young in years. But any one who has ever read his intimate little child sketches, his delicious, half-humorous, half-pathetic verses, will agree with me that he was young, young in his heart.

My own grandmother died at the age of 74, and she was young when she died. She took an active interest in all current events, in music and laughter and good books. I would stay with her afternoons after school rather than go out with comrades my own age because she was more interesting than they were—far better company. Her hair was silver, and her years counted up to a large total. That was all, for her heart was as young as the springtime.

I've seen people who were old at 20—gloomily, sullenly old, though

their cheeks were firm and their hair untouched with gray. So have you seen such people. And I've seen women of 80 who walked haltingly and wore dim spectacles who were still wonderful, triumphantly young.—(Margaret E. Sangster, Jr., in The Christian Herald.)

SLINGSBY APPEAL IS DENIED

House of Lords Deny Appeal of Famous San Francisco Estate Suit. London, Dec. 14.—(United Press)

The house of lords has dismissed the appeal of E. H. R. Slingsby, of San Francisco, seeking the estate of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby, for Teddy Slingsby, their alleged son.

Our Want Ads bring results.

The Wheel That Squeaks the Loudest is the One That Gets the Grease

The same assuredly applies to you and me, as well—in order to get anywhere in this world, we must attract the attention of the big men. Now listen, young man! Nothing helps a young man more in advancement in business than to be known as one who keeps his bills paid, meets his obligations, has a bank account, and pays his bills by check. You know that.

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Prop Boy Pratie by Peter Gridley. "Props" greeted me with a smile that indicated the world was treating him well. "When you come to figer it out," confided he, "de life uv a prop boy ain't so bad after all. We have lots uv fun, and den lookit all de big stars we meet. People always talk about dese stars bein' up-stage. Well, dat might be true in some places, but it ain't so in our studio. Lookit 'Dusty' Parram. He just comes in a few minutes ago and hollers: 'Hello, Props! How's de kid?' He's dere wid de smile all de time, and when he's got nothin' special to do he comes around and tells us stories, and believe me, boy, dat guy kin spiel out de funny chin goods. He likes to kid wid de bunch, and if we kid him back he takes it wid a grin. He don't git sore, like a lot of guys would. "Den dere's Kathryn Williams. Say, kid, she's some gal! Everybody is in love wid her. When she comes in every morning she just spills sunshine all over de place. She usually has a bunch of flowers from her garden and hands dem around. Vietan Martin, Lenore Ulrich, Colin Chase—de whole bunch is de same. Always smilin' and—and—democratic, dat's it—democratic. You know—dey mingle wid de bunch. "It's jes like a big family at our studio; but, believe me, it wouldn't be such a happy family if it wuz not for de props bein' on de job all de time. De other day we were taking a scene

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