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THE JOB OF BEING FATHER.

It has come. Woman extended the velvet glove while suffrage hung in the balance. Now that her position is secure, the iron hand is showing through.

The man to whom a girl trusts her future should be many things. He should be clean, honest, industrious, ambitious, dependable and loyal.

Now this is serious enough. But this is only on page 24. After pages about women in office, and "you can furnish the new home for a thousand dollars"—if you use only rag rugs, and how men do hate rag rugs!

There are many tasks upon the farm that no woman should ever undertake or be permitted to discharge, whatever the exigency, and there are many duties about the house that a bungling man will mess up that he had better let them alone except in extreme emergency.

The family is a unit, the writer says. There are times when a woman may have to turn to and do a bit of "man's work," and times when the man should help with the washing.

Here it is, gentlemen, in all its ruthlessness. It is no longer enough for you to expect your wife to be a good mother. You have got to be a good father, too.

After all, it may not be so difficult. And it is likely to produce more happiness than the old way did.

Teamwork in the family as anywhere else is the condition of real success. Such a family meets its problems as they arise and solves them in the way that is best for all concerned.

Remember the soldier lads tomorrow. Roll up a big vote for the bonus. They're deserving of every cent they get—and then some.

Make it a definite duty to go to the polls tomorrow and cast your ballot.

Vote early—but not often.

More Pay for Legislators

Are taxes not high enough without lengthening the legislative session and increasing the pay of members? asks the Portland Journal, and then it comments very properly as follows:

A good many legislators are ill ready paid more than their service is worth. Added pay would not make them any better legislators.

Then why pay them more, especially when everybody is groaning under tax burdens and when retrenchment along every line is necessary?

It isn't a longer session but a better session that is needed. Enough bills are introduced at 40 days' session. With a prospect of remaining at Salem 60 days instead of 45, how many more bills would be introduced?

The longer the session the fewer men worth while can be induced to go to the legislature. Able men and busy men who are doing something in the world and are the material for good legislators could spare 40 days in the dull winter season, but could they afford to spend 60 days with the session extending into the busy spring time?

Farmers are among the very best legislators. They are a curious and steady influence. It was the presence of so many farmers in the legislature that kept that body within bounds and helped give it a respectable record.

Farmers are against extravagance because they pay more taxes in proportion than anybody else; for this they have it in sight. They are against jobs and favors and "shimmy-rigging." But farmers cannot at

ford to remain in the legislature 60 consecutive days to the neglect of their farm operations in the crop-planning period.

What the state needs is not more pay and more days of more legislation, but less legislation and less of the legislation that always follows on the heels of new legislation.

Sixty-Five Cents a Day

An interesting experiment in economy and economy was inaugurated by a group of Chinese students in Clatsop County. They agreed to limit themselves to 65 cents a day unless for food for three months.

June 6, 1776.—Nathan Hale, Revolutionary soldier, born. Was hanged as a spy by the British.

June 6, 1862.—Naval engagement at and capture of Memphis, Tenn.

June 6, 1891.—El Ferry left New York for Greenland on an exploring expedition.

POLITICAL HISTORY

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suffers in China. None of these students, presumably, are living at home, hence their efforts will represent the greater self-denial.

There are many Americans today who protest that they cannot get ahead. There are others who offer the excuse that living expenses are so high.

A Modern Graduation.

In a big city which was ringing with commencement orations and sending out thousands of graduates of the ordinary type, one little celebration was held, far behind the others in brilliancy or numbers, yet more promising than any of them.

It was the graduation of a class of 50 children, from 4 to 14, who had attained a normal weight after six months' struggle with malnutrition.

These children had attended health classes at the school clinic every Saturday morning, and had followed specific directions as to food, exercise and rest.

Such an exhibition marks well the advance of modern education, which knows bodily growth to be as important as mental growth and fosters it accordingly.

In the older day, the standard of scholarship was a brow "sickled o'er with the pale cast of thought," gained through a laborious and painful performance known as "burning the midnight oil."

The modern school noting such an one would be ashamed of him, drag him from his books, prescribe a course in oatmeal and milk, send him to bed at 10 o'clock, and tell him to take a nap every day.

Amendments To the League

The covenant of the league of nations is now up for amendment. The league committee on amendments has assembled in London to consider alterations proposed at the first meeting of the league in Geneva.

Changes have been proposed by 11 member nations, covering a wide range of subjects. The most important, perhaps, are the Canadian proposal to eliminate Article 10, the Czech-Slovakian proposal to extend regional understandings and the Argentine proposal to admit to the league any sovereign nation desiring to enter it.

The first of these is of chief interest to America, because the fight against the league in this country has centered around Article 10. That article obligates members "to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league."

It is understood that an effort is being made to effect a compromise by which the article will be so modified that each state will be bound only to "respect" the integrity and independence of others, without the responsibility of "preserving" them. That would satisfy many critics.

The most interesting fact of the situation is that the league is in actual process of amendment and transformation, to suit the idea of its members and to apply the lessons of experience, just as the United States government was in its early years and still is, for that matter.

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Only a man can kiss and kidnap at the same time.

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There is no such thing as a lady vamp, but all masculine libidinal demonstrations should be discounted 99 per cent.

We accept all feminine goods in this line, from baby to grandpa, in part.

At that, it is more profitable to argue with a fool than a cop.

Not an Edison but an Office Car question—"Why does a man take off his hat instead of his collar when riding in an elevator?"

A Kodak. Is your Kodak ready to take some good pictures on Sunday when you will go up into the hills? If not, call on Silverthorn's and have them tell you what a fine Kodak may be had for \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.75, or any price you may name, and they can tell you just all about how to take pictures the first time out.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Simple Songs. A gentleman beyond compare Is Archibaldus Carter; He merely says, "Well, I declare! When're he busts a garter."

No Pig-A-Poke Methods for This Editor. (Gwen, Indiana, Leader.) We have several times been complimented on our choice of serials; folks say we always have good ones, stories full of action and replete with interest.

A woman's silence often means more than her words.

The Ed. Seems to Be a Versatile Sort of Cuss. (Leachville, Ark., Crosscut) Mrs. Valentine, a widow lady, was at the Ed's last Monday. She is desiring her house moved as it stands on another man's land.

Umbrellas and self-respect are seldom to be found.

Watts This? Mr. Carmel, Pa.—Electricians engaged in installing a meter in a residence here made a mistake and hooked it to a telephone line. Instead of "hello" the exchange girls were getting "Watts."

Father Gauder's Gambol. There, there, little pancake, Don't you cry; You'll be a phonograph record by and by.

Flatterer! In regard to your column—twelve pieces is too narrow a measure for your broad-gauge stuff. Let's talk the make-up man into changing the measure to sixteen. Reduce the size of one of the editorial columns to ten. Who reads editorials anyway?

NOAH LOTT

Only Painter in the World With an Imagination. Dear Office Cat:—Out on Fir street a handy-to-have-around-the-house painter hung a "Detour" sign on the porch steps in place of the usual "Wet Paint." I felt: Some novel, eh.

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LUCKY STRIKE cigarette



TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Union County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at La Grande High School as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 8, 1921, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 11, 1921, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon. U. S. History, Writing (penmanship), Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon. Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon. Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon. Grammar, Geography, Stereography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon. Theory and Practice, Orthography (spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon. School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon. Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon. General History, Bookkeeping.

Very truly yours, J. A. CHURCHILL, Supt. of Public Instruction, Dly 5-26-1921.

Low Price Day. Saturday is our low priced candy day at Silverthorn's—all candies cost less at their store on Saturdays than any other day in the week. Thus,

Advertisement for Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes, featuring a man in a suit and the slogan 'Reputation!'.

Large advertisement for the 1921 Special Election on June 7, 1921, urging voters to 'Vote 302 X Yes' for World War Veterans State Aid Bill.

M'LACHLIN IS ABLE TO SIT UP

J. H. McLachlin, veteran law enforcement officer of Eastern Oregon, who was accidentally shot by a party of local officials last week, was able to sit up yesterday for the first time since the day of the shooting, last Tuesday.

He felt much improved yesterday but today is not feeling so well, according to reports early this afternoon. The strain of sitting up yesterday is believed to have fatigued him.

ETIQUETTE

Proper Introduction. It is an unusual and effective manner of introduction. A fault that is most commonly made is the pronouncing of the names indistinctly, thereby leaving the parties presented in total ignorance of each other's names. Proper introduction with definition is necessary to this very important social life.

Advertisement for Silverthorn's Family Drug Store, located at 1416 Adams Ave., La Grande, Oregon.