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Sible Thought For Today

ETERNAL PROTECTION:—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 124:8

INVITING SCHOOL REVOLUTION

Whoever makes the program for the present day school education is inviting a revolution in school work. This becomes more apparent each day when one sees the continual entertainment features crowded into school life, which in turn crowds out the concrete, substantial ideas of responsibility and rendering service to the world.

Down in California the state is aroused over the extraordinary expense in tutoring the "repeaters." A repeater is a pupil who could not make the grade the first time and he is compelled to drop back and try it again.

This is not the fault of the child, nor in all probability is it the fault of the teacher, but the blame rests with parents and with the ones who outline the work for the schools.

Continuous entertainment, such as we have now after a pupil leaves the eighth grade breeds no desire on the part of the young to carry responsibility and without responsibility a child is worthless.

Track meets and high school plays and a lot of other entertainment flap doodles have displaced books, sunk the former discipline, transformed the schools from institutions of learning to play houses whose motto seems to be "Take the path of least resistance and get by."

The Evening Observer would like to see Superintendent Churchill begin wielding a big stick in Oregon. It is in him to do it, and his heart is right. If he can be weaned away from custom and invite the wrath of a few enraged parents who may take exceptions to such a program, we believe there is hope for the educational institutions of the state.

But the burden rests with Mr. Churchill. No one else can start it. No one can do it half so well if he did start it, so, as the horizon looks today our State Superintendent will either jerk the schools back into line and make of them institutions of training rather than jollification establishments, or we will in time suffer that revolution from the people, which will be righteous but extremely severe.

CLEAN UP THE ROT IN LA GRANDE.

We bewail this and that, and quite properly for there are a lot of things that are wrong in La Grande—no more so than in other cities, but there is always a plenty. However, there is one thing no one seems to have raised a finger against. It is the vicious, lascivious, lustful, rotten, filthy magazines which are sold to the young.

The Evening Observer would like to see a committee from the Parent-Teachers Association inspect the different pieces of literature that are offered and sold to the boys and girls of La Grande.

In Denver and Cheyenne the railroad news stands will not sell the little cess pool magazines which are now flooding the country. Why should La Grande permit the sale of an article that poisons the mind with more deadly poison than drug or moonshine poisons the stomach? We are making a state and nationwide fight against the selling of dangerous drugs, yet we sit complacently by and see the young mind suffer from the printed word that is printed to sell for a high price and intended to arouse sexual kick which may do greater damage than the cocaine sold by the itinerant drug vendor or the illicit hooch which is made at Sunny brook and peddled throughout the land.

There is nothing so disgusting as the morbid filthy magazine whose editors have wreaked their imagination to put into print stories of the sexes, dirty paragraphs intended for jokes and unclean interviews with supposed painted ladies who never laid claim to decency even in the days when Bob Service milled for gold in the Klondike.

Economy in Daylight.

A citizen of an eastern city which does not go in for official daylight saving is much perturbed about it and writes to the editor of the local paper thus:

"No one seems to care a whoop about the extra hour of daylight, despite the fact that even now a dozen ball games are going on in the white lot just before dark every evening and that the golf courses are crowded all long lines waiting to play. Why can't progressive things be done in this town?"

"I am wondering, Mr. Editor, if you ever enjoyed a round of golf at six o'clock in the morning? There seem to be all too few people who realize what it means to take a good deep breath of fresh air at 5:30 in the morning. When this nation begins doing that it wholesale lots, we will be much better off."

There is much truth in what the letter writer says. Yet one cannot help wondering why he must need fire, and fume about it so. If the golf courses are crowded in the evening and he so greatly rejoices a game at 6:00 a. m., why doesn't he play his daily game at that time?"

As an expedient for enabling the community to go to business, eat and play together by daylight, turning the course ahead works pretty well. But daylight saving doesn't get any extra sunshine into the day.

ular 24 hours. The truly wise chap who wants to enjoy all the sunshine there is cannot be hindered from so doing by man-made clocks or other people's example.

Take No Chance With Fire.

"Did you put out your cigaret stub before you threw it away?" asked the girl hiker of her masculine companion. "No," he answered, "why should I? There's no dry stuff there to burn."

In this case no harm was done, but it is well to have the habit of carelessness. A glowing cigaret end, a lighted match, a camp fire left smoldering, all possess potential power for great harm. In regions where there are mighty forests such a trifling object could easily start a conflagration which would wipe out miles of valuable timber.

In the smaller woodland near a city or on a farm there is another danger. Even burning dead grass and brush, unattended, leaves an ugly scar on the landscape. It dries out or kills ground nesting birds. It destroys young trees. It takes human life out of the soil. It kills wild flowers, plants and turns their seeds, setting a future spring of some of its glory. It spurs away native wild life, spoils game camps and ruins the beauty of the country. It is a crime to go to bed tonight.

Chinese Hurdler



E. T. Chow is the first Chinese to make the University of Pennsylvania track team. He will compete in the Penn relay carnival at Philadelphia in the broad jump, high jump and hurdles.

Practical Chauncey Depew.

"I see more hope for the future of the world on my eightieth birthday," said Chauncey Depew "than on my birthday in the last seven years."

"I am entering my eightieth year jubilant. I am pretty well satisfied with this world and mean to stay in it as long as I can. I have a feeling that it is filled with mighty good people."

Here, indeed, is a contrast to the usual lamentations of old age. There is no futile regret for the past, no complaint of personal miseries, bereavements or other misfortunes, no scorn for the new generation, no bitter disillusionment, no worship of the past at the expense of the future, no forebodings for the fate of the race. It is an inspiring outlook on life that this octogenarian represents.

Yes, the world has been pretty good to Mr. Depew. But why? Perhaps because he has been pretty good to the world. People have liked him because he has liked people. His body has not failed him because he has taken care of his body. The times have not swept past him, leaving him stranded, because he has kept up with the times and made every succeeding decade his own. So he finds life still good when most men find it bad.

Water Traffic Coming Back.

A new passenger vessel is to be put in service soon between New York and Los Angeles, making the trip in 11 days. That is only a little more than twice the time by train across the continent, and travel by sea is much pleasanter for most people than land travel. The Panama route is likely to be popular this season.

For this and other reasons, the transcontinental railroads are cutting passenger rates. It is going to be possible to see America more cheaply this year.

Freight rates, too, are lower for across-continent hauls, since the coast-wise traffic through the canal began to grow. It is an impressive indication of the big part that water transportation once supreme in this country, is likely to have again hereafter. It is also an indication of the new interest that the public is taking in the subject right now. There is no feasible project put forward for the extension of internal waterways by deepening rivers and cutting canals that does not meet with an eager response from the public.

Another Great Bargain

No. 2 740 acres known as the Gettle place, 14 miles from La Grande, 160 acres in good state of cultivation, 10 acres timber, 570 acres pasture, 8 room house, new barn 28x16 feet, hot house, garage, and other buildings all in good shape. The following chattels go with the place: 2 wagons, 2 hay racks, 1 binder, 1 gas engine, 1 drill, 1 mowing machine, 1 disc plow, 1 hay rake, 1 mower, 1 hock, 1 harrow, 1 steam engine, 1 cream separator, 1 sled, 2 sets of double harness, 1 wood saw, 1 feed grinder, 12 head of coming two year olds, horn stock, mixed 11 head of milk cows, 16 yearling calves, 4 work horses and two colts, ready to break, 1 white faced bull, all small tools and other things too numerous to mention. All for the price of \$20,220.00 \$5,000.00 cash and \$1,000.00 each year thereafter.

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THE OFFICE CAT



SOME THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM.

Here are some choice lines gathered by Evelyn's Magazine from various publications all over the country:

Man—Experienced on ladies' pique ethologists and handbags; steady work.

Wanted—Maid for general housework in family of two adults. Must know how to cook.

For Rent—In Townsend apartments, a large, newly finished and furnished room, with windows on four sides.

Silk socks, 49c. 2,000 pairs purchased for this sale. You never saw such values. They won't last long.

Wanted by a widower a respectable woman to nurse a little girl at least thirty-five years old.

For Sale—Assorted lot of ladies of numbers we are discontinuing. Practically all sizes represented. Mostly blacks and values up to \$1.

For Rent—Second-story front room; semi-private bath; electric light.

Wanted—Thirty or forty good young laying hens wanted. Must be reasonable.

For Sale—Baby carriage, in good condition. Reason for selling, baby outgrown it and no more expected.

Sometimes we think Ananias was a fisherman or a golfer or the editor of the first seed catalog.

Conan Doyle says there are no divorces in heaven. How do the lawyers make a living? Perhaps they run for office.

Nell—Billy is terribly in love with Milly.

Belle—Do you think he has any chance of winning her?

Nell—The best in the world. Every member of her family is unalterably opposed to him.

It takes courage to face the enemy. Some people do all their fighting over the telephone. We say, no! Come in and see us first time.

"Love never dies," quoted the Wise Guy. "Perhaps not," replied the Simple Mug, "but there are certain times when it seems to go into a trance."

When a man doesn't care what he says or who else does either.

Old heads on young shoulders are not so apt to get it in the neck.

A little misadventure now and then often marries the best of men.

A dumbbell thinks the cry "54-40 or fight" was someone trying to get a telephone number.

The funniest thing about the average joke is the fact that the teller thinks it's a joke.

Sports in Old English Park. Evelyn and Peggy mention the horse and foot races that frequently took place in Hyde park. Peggy records how he went with "Mr. Moor and Mr. Creed to Hyde park, by coach, and saw a fine foot race three times round the park, between an Irishman and Crow, that was once my Lord Claypole's footman." This was followed by the humble spectators' paroxysm of "milk of a red cow" and the quality stippled silhouette with sack in it. The ladies' wretched scarlet stockings and Spanish scented gloves on their favorite steeds.

May 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 5-9611

Time For Outing Togs

For Golfing, Fishing, Hiking and All Outdoor Sports N. K. West & Co. are Headquarters for Necessary Attire.

This store has always held the reputation of being headquarters of all sports apparel, outing wear, etc. This season our stocks have been greatly benefited by the famous "WELLWEAR" outing apparel for women and children which includes every possible need in both the khaki and woolen attire.



TWEED KNICKER SUITS

—Are shown new this season in the styles so popular in khaki and forest green last season. Knickers button at the knee; the coat rather long and with large pockets and belt. In tweed the suits are \$15.50 and \$20.00.

Also in Khaki Corduroy or Wool

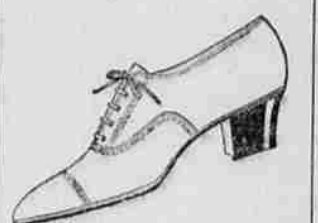
—These suits as illustrated here also are of heavy waterproof khaki, dark gray corduroy and forest green, as well as the tweed. They may be worn with golf socks, wrapped puttees or boots.

—The corduroy suits are priced at \$15.00. The wool suits at \$12.50 and the khaki are all in separate garments.



FEET FIRST

—A woman may be said to stand or fall in the world of fashion, by her feet. She is only as smart as her footwear and may even justify the vogue for shorter skirts by her hosiery. —And even discounting the looks of the thing (which of course no right-minded woman will do) spring loaves all its charm for the pedestrian whose shoes were not fitted wisely or too well.



—ARMSTRONG shoes are distinctly easy to look at, and as distinctly easy to wear. They are fitted here, with an eye for nature's requirements as well as style—"the better to walk in."

Down at the Heel

—goes the girl who would be smart this spring for the newest patent leather oxfords and pumps have broad inch-high heels. Styles like these carry one back to childhood and solid comfort, and the joy of wearing is further enhanced by the square and round toes. Prices \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$8.50.

BREECHES OF WOOL OR KHAKI

—bottom just below the knee and are to be worn with golf socks, puttees or boots. The wool is khaki color, regular army weight, reinforced and stitched between the knees. They are priced \$7.25 pair. The khaki in same style are \$2.50 pair.

SHIRTS TO MATCH

Are of the same material. They are made with convertible collar and can be worn down like a middie or up like a shirt. They are in all sizes and match breeches exactly. Priced \$4.75 each.

WRAPPED PUTTEES \$1.00

—Puttees for the khaki breeches are priced at \$1.00 in wool they are \$2.00.

—Golf socks have large fancy cuffs and are to be worn over other hose of flannel weight.

—Boots have mooseskin patch toe and are 14 and 16 inches high. Priced \$8.50 and \$10.

Khaki Suits for Girls are Just Like Mothers

—The breeches button just below the knee and button at the waist; the coats have belts and pockets too. They are in sizes 8 years to 12 years. Just what girls of these ages have been asking for. Breeches are \$2.50 pair. Coats are \$2.75.

IT'S THE UPKEEP

—Of silk stockings that cost—the constant replacing of hose that should have worn but didn't—the tragedy of unexpected runners—"La France" hosiery, pure silk and full fashioned are as near perfect as can be found, and are made for wear. They represent real economy at \$2.50 pair.

DARN IF YOU WILL

—those old gray stockings—but you'll find a lot more satisfaction in the new shades of homony that are here. Beige, nude, gold and Arizona silver are most popular. Worn with the new patent leather pumps. Priced at \$1.55 to \$4.00 pair. Silk, glove sock, drop stitched and clocked.

If It Isn't Mentioned Here We Have it Just the Same.

Powerful X-Ray.

A French scientist, chief of the bureau of radiography for the Paris hospitals, has demonstrated that an X-ray apparatus can photograph subjects through a stone wall more than 25 feet distant from the source of the rays. He has obtained clear photographs of metallic objects, the rays striking through a marble plate more than an inch thick, 12 inches of oak, four inches of plaster and a sheet of lead one-eighth of an inch thick.

Lost Interest in Party.

May and Maudie were attending their first party. Their idea of a party was tables of ice cream, candies, cakes, etc. After watching the kitchen door for some time and not seeing any hopes of her expectations being realized, May called across the room to Maudie: "Let's go home, they aren't going to have anything to eat."

Condemned.

Well, we are all condemned as Victor Hugo says; we are all under sentence of death, but with a sort of indefinite reprieve... we have an interval, and then our place knows us no more. Some spend this interval in listlessness, some in high passions, the wisest, at least among "the children of this world," in art and song.—Walter Pater, in The Renaissance.

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