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## Four Big Evils.

The four big evils of today are lack of parental control of children, the wrong use of the motor car, the modern dance and the immoral moving picture show, according to a decision recently rendered by a careful study of present day conditions.

Selection of the evils was made by mayors of fifty or more cities of the United States in answering a questionnaire sent to them by George H. McAnnally of Konawa, Okla., who reports, according to the Oklahoma Oklahoman, that almost without exception the municipal executives were a unit on the choice.

"Parents are too lenient," one mayor replied. "Too many boys and girls are loose on the streets at night." Another mayor said that boys and girls have too much idle time on hand—not enough real work.

"It seems that paternal control of our children is a thing of the past," wrote another. "Children are turned loose at night to come home at any hour they may choose."

Regarding the improper use of the motor car, one mayor wrote: "Midnight oil was once used as a aid to education; now it is used for lubrication." Another said he considered the improper use of the automobile alarming "and many characters are going down thereby." "It is the greatest curse that ever menaced American girlhood," another replied.

Commenting on these replies, McAnnally says: "Late motor car riding and spooning will have to end or good character will end. The two cannot survive together."

"The dance breeds familiarity that lessens proper respect," writes one executive regarding the dance evil. Another said he considered the dance "extremely harmful." "Jazz dancing as is commonly practiced in my city is proving to be one of the most destructive evils," replied another.

Every mayor condemned improper moving pictures. "The mind can no more remain pure under such influence than can water remain pure when contaminated with impurities," a mayor wrote. "Low-grade pictures should be prohibited," another avers. "Immoral pictures are the crime of the age," is the conclusion a mayor reaches. "Much of the crime in every juvenile court can be traced to the influence of the immoral picture," says yet another.

## Will Wages Go Down?

Just now when there is talk of wage reduction and commodity reduction all over the country, it is of especial interest to turn back history's pages in order to learn from the past what has happened relative to labor and reduced wages. According to the bureau of labor statistics at Washington, for seven centuries the wages paid to labor have not receded but advanced steadily. Whenever any condition arose that sent wages temporarily very high, a reaction came, but when the final adjustment to normal conditions arrived, it was found that labor had held most of the advancement that had been gained in abnormal times. Should this condition still prevail, and it seems to be doing that very thing, we need not look during the next decade for much lower wages, and in turn without lower wages, the price of commodities will remain high. Products from the soil are the only things that stay down at the present time and were they priced in harmony with other things, this country could very well state that it is on a high plane to stay for some time. Unless products of the soil do advance, there will be a serious hitch in the general machinery of business and probably a few eggs will fly out of the main drive wheel. The thing that is of importance right now is the history of man in his operation in an industrial way during the past seven centuries, all of which go to show that the wage scale does not recede permanently after once it has been raised.

## Campaign Estimates.

There is always a funny side to every situation no matter how serious that situation may become. Today it is shown in the statements made by both political camps in the state of Oregon. The Republicans claim the state by 20,000 for Mr. Olcott, and the Democrats claim it by 30,000 for Mr. Howe. The jury today is at work to decide the case and in all probability nearly 300,000 jurors will cast their ballots before 8 o'clock this evening, each in his own small way to decide who shall be Oregon's governor for the next four years. It has been a campaign of vilification, a campaign of charges and counter charges, a campaign which builds up nothing, but tends to tear down confidence in public men and in state affairs. It has grown so ferocious that it has actually become funny and to those who are not too serious-minded, the last two weeks have become very similar to that last day of school when all the fighting boys decide to "have it out" for good.

Present-day statesmanship' most everywhere seems to be based on the cheerful hypothesis that any intolerable situation is bound to straighten itself out if you just let it alone long enough.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### PSYCHO FAKERS

San Francisco Bulletin: Dr. Raymond de Saussure, a visiting scientist from Switzerland, expresses surprise at the many charlatans and fakers from European cities doing a profitable business in the United States as experts in psychology and psycho-analysis. He finds men that were either recognized as frauds or utterly unknown in Europe posing in America as accredited professors of mental science. The doctor does not say so, but he seems to imply that the greater the fraud the greater the fraud's popularity as a purveyor of the so-called new learning.

In any case it is true, and the reason is not far to seek. While the man of sound science is by virtue of that fact extremely cautious and careful never to raise hopes for which there is no solid foundation, the charlatan and the quack are prepared to promise anything and everything. The more hopeless the failures the more eager they are to learn the secrets of success, and certainly the more ready to believe that success is a secret to be acquired in the course of so many lectures and consultations. Those that succeed in life do so because they have natural abilities, including the faculty for concentrating on the work in hand and not scattering their energies over multitudinous tasks. They did not wait until somebody ran a soothing finger over their skull and read their bumps or subjected them to psycho-analysis before deciding what was to be their life work. They leave all that to the other heads that are more easily impressed with a phrenological forefinger or the mystical phrases of the psycho-anatomists.

Seemingly there is a market for every faker, and none better than in a land where so many people have so much to spend. Europe might be equally good for the psycho-charlatans if the people there had more money to spend on fortune-telling.

**GEORGE MEETS A TARTAR**  
Portland Oregonian: We thought dear George Helan was unduly harsh with the girls, when he said that movie actresses were but beautiful dumb-bells. Beautiful they were, and with a beauty enhanced by the romance of the films, but dumb-bells they could not be—not all of them. To be a dumb-bell is to yield no response to the impact of ideas or ideals, but, like the dancing doll, to cease in motion as soon as the music ceases. We thought, perchance, that George had been crossed in love, that left his battered heart in Hollywood, and that like many another luckless swain his office was filled with bitterness. Yet while this fond and charitable conjecture occupied our reflections, dear little Viola Dana was in defense of herself and her sisters.

Did Viola put the renegade to shame? Did she squelch him with the icy fluid of a lofty and Elizabethan disdain? Did she under his conceit on the sharp edge of a bright conceit? Let the competent judge judge too the chagrin and confusion of Mr. Helan, and the sobs with which Hollywood rallied round its dean. For what Viola said, her sweet clan titled scornfully, her memorable eyes kindled in genuine fury, was this:

"George Helan is a big piece of cheese!"  
While wit, so incisive, so indicative of lofty thought and trenchant purpose, is current in Hollywood, who will have the temerity again to say that its daughters are beautiful dumb-bells?

**Wisp of Wisdom**  
"Aristotle's 'Ethics' the cake-eater's companion of polish is represented by patent leather shoes."  
Little Rock, Ark., Gazette: Maybe we should not expect more than our share in the Near East.  
Little Rock, Ark., Gazette: The ancient Egyptians were forbidden to eat onions and garlic, which explains, in part, Cleopatra's charm.

**Today's Birthdays.**  
Lord Brough, who recently married Miss Catherine Wendell of New York, born 24 years ago today.  
By Royal S. Cleveland, democratic candidate for United States senator in 1914's election in New York, born at Decatur, Mich., 24 years ago today.  
Miss Pierre Parle, famous as the discoverer of radium, born in Poland, 26 years ago today.  
Brevint H. Cramer, former governor of Alabama and United States senator, born in Barbour county, Ala., 24 years ago today.  
Henderson M. Jacobay, representative in Congress of the Fifth Arkansas district, born at Danville, Ark., 22 years ago today.

## Flings at Folly

Caste in India is a matter of birth; over here it is a matter of cylinders.

We shouldn't destroy the wooden vessels. They will come in handy as relief ships.

Masculine conceit was invented when the first man saw his reflection just after shaving.

A man's success is not measured by the number who cheer him, but by the number who envy him.

Nothing else is so conflictive to contentment as a contemplation of the other fellow's troubles.

The beginning of a perfect evening is a decision to let the supper dishes wait until morning.

The most annoying thing about a bad cold is its habit of making the victim describe his symptoms.

Nine parts of righteousness consist in an intimate relationship between one's nose and the grindstone.

The greatest service that could be rendered the Christian people would be to convert them to Christianity.

That movie actress who resents having people pay attention to her might try disguising herself as a speed limit.

Some of your automobile tools are so seldom useful that the garage mechanic doesn't feel justified in keeping them.

The honeymoon draws toward a close when the young people come back to the neighborhood where their relatives live.

No matter who prevented the war in the Near East, we have an uneasy feeling that "postponed" would be a better word.

The election probably won't prove anything, except that different sections of the country are mad about different things.

If a drunk car driver kills a little girl, that's an accident; if a sober Park kills one, that's an international incident.

That fellow R. H. G. Boyd who is working on a perpetual motion machine has at least made a commendable initial showing.

That writer who says the moderns know little of eloquence has never heard a fluent driver commenting on a blowout.

A beautiful woman is just a set of good teeth with necessary accessories.

## In the Day's News.

Col. Arthur Lynch, who is a candidate for parliament in the coming British elections, was once elected to that body, but never took his seat, owing to the fact that at the time he was undergoing penal servitude for the crime of high treason. Few Britishers of the present generation have figured more conspicuously in the limelight than has Col. Lynch. The son of Irish parents, he passed his boyhood in Australia and received his education at Melbourne University. Going to Galway, Ireland, which was the home of his ancestors, he plunged into party politics. After being defeated for parliament in 1892, he went to London and engaged in journalistic work. In the South African war he fought on the side of the Boers, for which he was afterward convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life. After serving about a year of his sentence he was released. In the late war in Europe he rendered valuable service to the British government.

## Today's Anniversaries.

1807—At Detroit, Gov. Hull made a treaty with the Indians for the cession of large tracts of land to the United States.  
1834—Gen. Jackson, with 5,000 Tennessee volunteers, captured Pensacola from the Spanish.  
1870—The Emperor of Russia issued a ukase permitting the title of citizen of the first class to be held by any Jew worthy of it.  
1864—The second session of the second Confederate States Congress met at Richmond.  
1878—Remains of the late A. T. Stewart, millionaire merchant, mysteriously stolen from the vault in St. Mark's churchyard, New York City.  
1882—Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was elected governor of Massachusetts.  
1885—Canadian steamer Algoma scuttled in Lake Superior, with loss of 45 lives.  
1918—President Wilson extended food control to feed the world.

## One Year Ago Today.

Masked bands held up a train near Paxton, Ill.  
Kinnaird Castle, one of the most historic in Scotland, destroyed by fire.  
Trip That Takes a Million Years.  
Phobos, Centauri is our closest star. It moves around Alpha Centauri, which, up to a few years ago, was supposed to be the nearest. Properly taken, it takes a million years to travel around Alpha Centauri.

## The Economy of Buying at the N. K. West Co.

The N. K. West Co. does not believe that the aim of economy are furthered by buying anything which is "cheap" in price, but doubtful in quality. Real economy consists of buying that which adds to the attractiveness of your appearance; that which will hold its style and "grow old gracefully," and that which will give a reasonable amount of wear.

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## FINEST BLANKET STOCKS IN EASTERN OREGON

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Charlotte Crabtree (Lotta), once famous on the American stage, is 75 years old today.

The house of representatives of the 68th congress will be chosen in the election today.

In thirty-three of the states the voters will make their selection of United States senators.

In twenty-nine states governors and other state officials are to be selected by the voters.

In several of the other states the election will be confined to judges and minor state officials.

Important initiative and referendum measures and constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters in many of the states.

Bonuses for soldiers, the sale of light wines and beer, bond issues for public utilities and highways and changes in election laws will be included among these proposals.

The names of fourteen women appear on the ballots as candidates for congress—four of them aspiring to seats in the senate and ten seeking election to the house of representatives.

Fifty years ago today one of the greatest mysteries of the sea had its beginning when the brig Mary Celeste sailed from New York. About a month later the vessel was picked up off the Azores with her sails set and everything on board in perfect order, but with no person aboard.

What had happened to the vessel and what became of her crew was never explained. The mystery furnished the basis for one of Poe's most thrilling tales.

## In The World of Industry

Colorado's beet sugar crop this year is estimated to be worth \$22,000,000, based on 6 cent sugar.

Cotton growing in the United States has dominated 700,000 square miles, in eleven states, on some 2,000,000 farms, engrossing 1,000,000 people.

Bessemer steel beams in connection with cast iron columns to form a complete frame in building construction were first used in Chicago in 1882.

Pressed paper piping, especially adapted for conveying oils, gases and various chemical liquids, are said to be coming into use in Germany and other European countries.

In Venezuela the "tarva," or task system, is used in almost all industries. A certain amount of work is assigned to each man the quota being fixed by custom.

Fifty years ago the industrial establishments of all kinds in the Province of Quebec produced an annual output valued at \$77,285,182. Now the output reaches a total of nearly \$200,000,000.

One result of Sir Robert Hadfield's recent announcement that the ravages of rust and corrosion represent an annual wastage of \$2,700,000,000 is a suggested exhibition in London of non-rusting and anti-rust products.

The biggest wireless station in the world—at St. Astor, about 27 miles from Paris—was recently opened for traffic. The station is equipped with 17 masts, each 850 feet high. Messages sent out experimentally have already been received in Cairo and the Argentine.

Since 1905, with the exception of

one year, Washington has led all the states in the production of lumber. Oregon comes second, followed by Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Arkansas, Alabama, Texas, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Florida.

A little mechanism called a "telechronometer" measures the amount of time that a person spends in using the telephone. It registers only at the instrument of the person who calls. In one city where the meter has been tried it not only

quickened service but reduced the telephone bills of the subscribers.

**Royal Road to Success.**  
Whatever your occupation in life may be apply yourself to it seriously and diligently. Let it be the subject which dominates your thoughts, because your success will be measured by the interest you take in what you are doing. Intense interest will mean close application and hard work and it is only along that road that success and contentment are to be found.—Exchange.



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