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THE HIGH CALLING.—The one therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48.

Precedent

A good precedent is useful and ought to be followed. A bad precedent is vicious and ought to be erased from memory. What is a good precedent, and what a bad precedent? Perhaps this will do as a gauge; a good precedent is one that is founded in reason, advances righteousness and human happiness, one that in the following enhances self-respect, a bad precedent is one that is founded in prejudice or passion, subtracts from the sum of righteousness and human happiness, and stifles conscience.

Precedent is one of the greatest powers in the world. Good causes trench behind precedent for self protection, or to change the figure—all progress is built upon the firm foundations of good precedent. Likewise, reactionism and all the other influences of greed and selfishness that fear the light of reason trench themselves behind bad precedents. It doesn't mean much to be told that there is a precedent for this, that or the other thing. First inquire what kind of a precedent it is that is set up as an excuse.

The other day M. Poincare, speaking in emotional defense of what his country is doing in the Ruhr, quoted Bismarck's plan of 1871 as a precedent. That precedent was a bad precedent. It ought to be repudiated as unworthy of this generation, not followed as an excuse by men who should have learned things since Bismarck's time. Bismarck, rebuked by tolerant and far-seeing men of his day, probably excused his iron-fisted policy by precedent. Perhaps he found his precedent in Napoleon Bonaparte. And Napoleon may have cited Otto I, who named Charlemagne, who named Attila, who mentioned Caesar, who followed Alexander, who outdid Cyrus, who mimicked Tigath-Pilese, or some sire or successor of Tutankhamen.

Much may be said in defense of what M. Poincare is doing in the Ruhr, but the fact that Bismarck did or would have done this or that, or that the last Hohenzollern did or would have done this or that, is neither a defense nor an excuse. If what Bismarck or William II has contributed to the recent disaster and the present unsettlement—and certainly both of these men have contributed more than their share—then the policies they followed should not be employed or mimicked, or offered today in extenuation of this, or that, or the other thing.

Words

It is announced that the cost of printing the Congressional Record for the recent short and final session of the sixty-seventh congress was more than \$300,000. Four thousand dollars a day to lay before the people the priceless aphorisms, the soaring eloquence, the contributions to human knowledge of their representatives.

The extra edition of the Record, got out two weeks after congress quit, alone cost over \$10,000. More than half of this issue is devoted to speeches that, paradoxically, never were delivered. The insertion of such side remarks in parenthesis as "applause" and "laughter" might lead the unsophisticated to believe that those rhetorical efforts commanded the absorbed attention of large and appreciative audiences. But the dramatic and graceful gestures practiced in private were never needed. The authors obtained "leave to print" and the country was granted the privilege not only of reading these productions, if it felt like it, but of paying heavily, whether it read them or not. It is figured that the printing bill for these pseudo speeches alone exceeds \$5,500 in this single issue.

And the people foot the bill. Adequate reports of all these speeches—that is, the ones actually delivered—were printed in the newspapers at the time. There was no need whatever of their republication. One forenoon the senate took up a couple of hours solemnly debating the weighty question of what time it should assemble for business the next day. And all the remarks were scrupulously reported for the Record.

"What do you read, my lord?" And Hamlet replied: "Words, words, words."

Too Much Self Study

The latest victim of morbid introspection is that Barnard college girl who was led by what she saw in her self-analysis to welcome death. Generally speaking, to know self is helpful in the game or battle of life. But the subject is one that should be warily studied. Too close examination sometimes results in placing over-emphasis on weaknesses. Too microscopic investigation sometimes shows little things in large proportions and morbid investigators are prone to forget the enlargement. Too searching analysis sometimes makes the ego seem more dominant than it is. If examination is approached with too morbid sentiment, the result may be tragic. To this any morgue could testify if its walls had ears and tongue.

An egotist is a man who can look into a mirror and be satisfied with what he sees.

What has become of the "statesmen" who were certain that war with Japan was inevitable.

Some men can put a lot of enthusiasm into a thing that promises them more than a square deal.

A man will take a chance on his sins finding him out, but he is a little more watchful of the neighbors.

Germany believes in the freedom of the money printing press.

THE HOME GARDEN

What is Home without a Garden?

REPAIR WORK ON LAWNS

Lawn seeding to renovate bare spots damaged by winter freezing and to thicken the turf as well as the seeding of new lawns should not be delayed. An idea of the amount of seed necessary is given by the following figures which refer to reseeded seed of the best quality. For new lawns, one pound of seed should be sown each 300 square feet, for one quarter of an acre 25 pounds. To build up old lawns, one-half or less will be sufficient, depending upon the condition of the sod.

On established lawns at this time either commercial fertilizer, bone meal, shredded cow manure or pulverized sheep manure dressings should now be given in order that the spring rains may carry the extra supply of plant food down to the roots. The concentrated fertilizers sold by most dealers should be sprinkled upon the lawn as soon as the frost is out of the ground. About 25 pounds to a space of 1,000 square

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feet, 30 by 20, is a sufficient amount and it will be a good plan to mix it with an equal amount of pulverized dry soil to render distribution easier and prevent any danger of burning. In new lawns double this amount will be needed.

If nitrate of soda is used, scatter it thinly after it has been pounded fine so that there are no large lumps remaining. This is the quickest acting lawn fertilizer in early spring but as it is only a temporary spur, other fertilizers should be used later.

A quick catch for offending bare spots on a lawn is white clover. Many like a liberal supply of white clover in their greensward while others object to it. If green moss shows in spots on the lawn it is a sign that the soil is sour. The lawn should be given a dosing of lime to remedy this condition and to sweeten the soil. Hydrated lime or finely pulverized limestone may be used. A large handful to a square yard is usually enough.

Editorials From Over the Nation

YOU'LL BE OLD YOURSELF

Houston Chronicle: Not enough respect is paid to old age. We are not kind enough, not tolerant enough with the weak and infirm.

We are annoyed at the slow moving person who checks our speed when we get on or off a car or train. We are annoyed when an elderly person holds us up at the ticket office window because failing eyesight makes counting change a slow process.

We are displeased when a middle-aged or old person sitting in a seat with us moves about frequently because one position annoys him.

The discourteous treatment given elderly people by the majority of persons is surprising and distressing.

We are all going toward that age when younger generations will have as much cause to be annoyed by our condition as we have to be annoyed by the actions of older people today.

Perhaps they have but few more years to live and why should not those who are of younger years make the time as happy and comfortable as possible?

PASSING ON THE TORCH

D. H. Lawrence in the Dial: You cannot come upon the ruins of the old great empires of England, beside their waters, in some lovely valley, now remote, without feeling that here is one of the choice spots of the earth, where the spirit dwells. To me it is so important to remember that when Rome collapsed, when the great Roman empire fell into smoking ruins, and bears roamed in the streets of Lyons, and wolves howled in the deserted streets of Rome, and Europe really was a dark ruin, then it was not castles or mansions or cottages that he remained vivid. Then those whose souls were still alive drew together and gradually built monasteries, and these monasteries and convents, little communities of quiet labor and courage, isolated, helpless, and yet never overcome in a world flooded with devastation, these alone kept the human spirit from disintegration, from going quite dark, in the dark ages. These men made the church, which again made Europe, inspiring the martial faith of the Middle Ages.

THE PENNY EARNED

Louisville Courier-Journal: The proverb says a penny saved is a penny earned, but nowadays the penny saved isn't saved. Fourteen cents of every dollar you earn, the national industrial conference board learns, will be paid out this year as taxes, national, state and local. Before the World War you paid in taxes about half that much. The World War caused an expansion of taxation in every country affected by it. "Government extravagance!" shout some readers of the national industrial conference board report. "Abolish unnecessary bureaus, needless offices."

Among the necessary bureaus are the war and navy bureaus. By far the greater part of taxation is taxation to prepare for war and taxation growing out of war. If there were neither history of war nor fear of war Federal taxation would be far less than it is in present circumstances.

The little group of isolations in the United States senate did, for political reasons, in 1919 and afterward a great deal to keep taxes up. With Europe in turmoil and America let alone the more expensive government bureaus cannot be pruned safely and pruned radically. The penny earned must go, partly, to underwrite safety while international unsafety characterizes the times.

An avowed "wet," Jack O'Donnell, writes in Collier's Weekly: "The great Midwest is joining hands with the far west and south in the movement to make America bone dry. The 18th amendment is an accepted fact almost anywhere west of the Alleghany mountains, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee and other states that I visited in the last few months are dry—the sentiment is dry, and there is a growing respect for the Volstead act. None of these states is bone dry as yet, but they are on their way."

"I was leath to admit it even to myself, but there is an abundance of evidence that a great 'dry wave' is rolling eastward, slowly but surely grinding down opposition to prohibition. And riding the crest of this wave, are the clean, substantial citizens of the nation and John Smith and the Tom Browns—and, always, their wives and sisters and mothers are riding at their sides."

We are a generous and unselfish people, but we always enjoy watching the other fellow's property burn.

And those who live by the sword shall perish while trying to collect the indemnity.

High School News

Happenings in and Around the School Centers

(By Eugene Metalf.)

The Junior Party, on Friday, Mar. 24th was enjoyed by everyone present.

The track meet, between the four classes of the High School, which was to be held Saturday, April 7th, at the Fair Grounds, has been postponed indefinitely, on account of the bad weather.

The English classes are writing three thousand word essays on the old and new wars of the United States, and the treaty of Paris of 1763.

Six weeks tests are now in order and most students are busy preparing for them, especially in the lower classes. Senior 12 weeks exams served for six weeks tests.

All students for the April Antiks are progressing and will be ready for the night of the program, Friday the 13 of April.

The physics class is making drawings of a miniature steam engine for an experiment. They are finding it very interesting, but, also, very hard to get the engine proportional and all parts properly connected.

Mr. Lindgren, who has been in the hospital for some time, is back in school again.

Monday a short assembly was called. Mr. Towler read sections from the constitution of the Oregon State High School Athletic Association. The student body president asked for the support of the students in selling tickets for the University of Oregon Men's Glee Club, which was held Friday night, April 6th.

The Glee Club from the University of Oregon entertained the people of La Grande at the L. H. S. Auditorium Friday.

The first assembly for the boys, alone, was held Monday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the track meets. Much interest was taken in the competition of the classes in a meet to be held Saturday. This will be the first of a series of dual meets to be held each Saturday after the class track meet.

Much amusement was shown by Junior and Seniors when they heard that the County Meet was to be held at Union on the same day as the Junior-Senior Banquet.

All B classes had meetings Tuesday morning in order to give out tickets for the students to sell for the U. of O. Glee Club. At an assembly Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Ridd from the U. of O. gave a talk about the Glee Club.

L. H. S. purchased a new drum to replace the one that disappeared mysteriously. It also purchased a few new javelins to replace the one that Owen Pjoe, the rabbit tracker, broke.

The Senior Class met Wednesday after school for the purpose of organizing their amusements for the graduation.

Work on the fair grounds started Thursday morning when a number of track races went out on the fair grounds in the track and put in shape for the Class Meet.

The candidates for the four class teams have been elected as follows: Freshmen, George Glass, Sophomores, Bernard Hummel, Juniors, Ray Lynch, Seniors, Floyd Smith.

The Mirror this year is to be the best yet. It will have a few new features. The pioneers of the Grande Ronde Valley will be mentioned in poems, stories and biographies. We are glad to hear this because our schools were founded by the work of these early settlers, and it seems that the students of the high school have not forgotten these brave people, and they should purchase some of the Mirrors. Besides this month the natural resources, scenic beauty and history of the valley will be portrayed in the grades along with the usual high school courses.

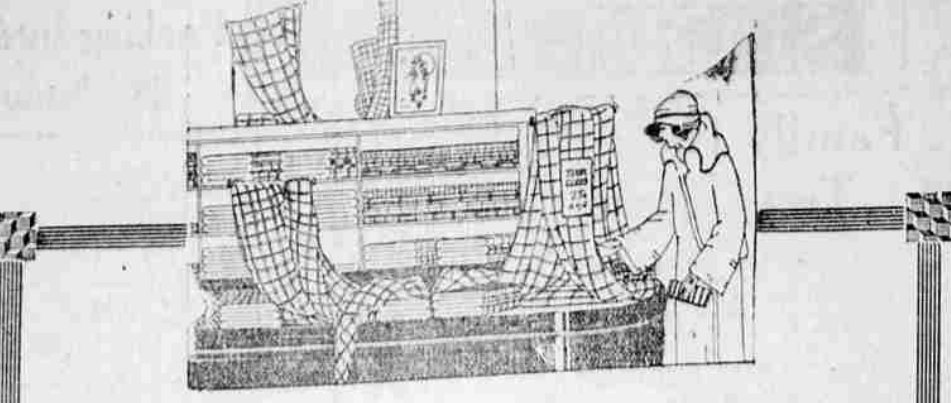
The girls of the Domestic Science classes visited the Macpherson Bakery last week. They saw the different processes by which many good things to eat were made. The demonstration of making French pastry was especially good and they were all interested in watching the speedy and efficient manner in which these were decorated.

LADD CANYON MEN HOSTS TO LADIES

(Special to The Observer.)
LADD CANYON, April 7.—A number of the people from this neighborhood attended Easter services in the various churches in town.

Mrs. Nell Metcalf, little daughter, Jessie, and niece Mary Helen Johnson from Pendleton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Zak McInnis and attended the party Saturday evening. Mrs. Metcalf formerly lived in this neighborhood and her many friends gave her a cordial welcome.

Miss Mildred Mulholland was a week-end guest of Miss Marjorie



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Peelie and attended the party given Saturday night.
Miss Lila Bean accompanied Marjorie Miller home Friday and remained until Sunday.
Guy Miller drove over from Baker for Easter dinner Sunday.
Mrs. Grace Couch returned from a trip to Corvallis Thursday morning.
Mrs. E. W. Peebler was hostess to a social afternoon with the Get-Together Club, March 29. Twenty-five ladies were present to enjoy her hospitality.
Among the visitors were Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Scriber and daughter. Visitation are always welcome to spend an afternoon with us. A business meeting was in order at which the president presented Mrs. William Hanton with a beautiful Easter lily. The hostess served a fine

meal. Tilton and Loftand were chief cooks and did their part to see that everything went off nicely. They wore white aprons and appeared at home in their. It is seldom that the ladies have an opportunity to sit by and have a good dinner served them and to say they enjoyed it would be putting it lightly. Over the guests were seated at the tables. This closes the social season for this community for the season, so far as the Club parties are concerned, for it is now time for the farmer to begin their spring work.

When a man gets half-soaked he thinks he is hard-boiled.

How to Buy Insurance

THINK ABOUT THE POLICY BEFORE THE FIRE

The insurance policy that lies in your desk drawer at home should exactly meet your needs. It is too late to consider its provisions after a loss. Make sure now that it is right.

Let this agency of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. advise you.

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