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PURE RELIGION and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:27.

### CONSIDER THE SUN DIAL.

On a famous sundial there is this inscription, "I record none but hours of sunshine." Human life would be happier and more fruitful if people could take the sundial's message as a life motto.

Nature has made it easy for people to forget the unlovely past. The mind of man is not a sponge, holding everything that comes in contact with it. It is an evaporator that permits the escape of unhappy memories.

The week of rainy weather is usually forgotten in the dawn of one fair day. A night of toothache is forgotten with the first five minutes of relief. Whenever normal people look back on the old days, they christen them the "good old days." They were not all good, but the memory of man refuses to live over again the evil that is past.

But some are so constituted that they like to revel in the unpleasant and disagreeable things of life. They always have some sad story to tell, or some evil forboding to relate. They talk of afflictions and losses. They seldom mention the bright days and happy experiences.

Others are just the reverse. They talk of pleasant experiences. They boost their friends. They regard optimistically their own adventures. They do not mention their vil days. We love such people because of this characteristic of mind.

No one has learned the art of life which has not trained the mind to forget every experience from which it may derive no advantage. When the lesson of the mistake is learned, forget the mistake. The hours of shadow make no record on the sun dial.

### BIG CITY STUFF—AND GOOD STUFF.

The advantages of living in the big cities are often remarked and pointed out by those residing in the smaller cities who are afflicted with chronic pessimism. Actually, of course, the attractive differences are not as great as they would have us believe. Sometimes we are inclined to think that the balance is in our favor very heavily.

La Grande comes in the small city class perhaps, but we'll wager there are lots more advantages to such a condition of servitude than you normally think about. You don't have to drive a half hour through congested streets on Sunday, for example, to get out in the "great open spaces" for a little fresh air. You don't have to drive ten to twenty miles to a golf course to indulge yourself in case you are a golf bug. And you don't have to allow thirty minutes or an hour extra time every morning for the job of getting to work through heavy traffic and across congested bridges.

Big city stuff after you discount the extra advantages of the theater and music auditoriums, while even there La Grande does not suffer extensively. Tomorrow night, for example, and two nights next week we have the Brandon Opera Company here to present three very choice and always popular comic operas ("Robin Hood," "The Bohemian Girl" and another)—a company that pleased Portland audiences for two engagements lasting nearly two weeks. We have had other dramatic and musical attractions that proved equally high class, and we will continue to have more and more in the future, thanks to local theater and organization energy and appreciation. We may even approach that time when the chronic grouch will cease to speak and we will feel our city automatically elevated to the "big-stuff" class.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley GRIM ANGEL



ERNE HICKS OFFERED TO ESCORT THE NEW MILLINER HOME BUT GAVE UP THE IDEA WHEN HIS UMBRELLA COLLAPSED



Calling a spade a spade has become quite the thing on the stage recently, only they generally select something much less lovely than a spade.

She (at dinner table): "For goodness sake, Gerald. Don't wash your silver in the finger bowl. What will people say?"

He: "Well, it's a cinch I'm not going to put it into my pocket dirty."

The Teacher: "When was Rome built?"

Boy: "At night."

Teacher: "Who told you that?"

Boy: "You did. You said Rome wasn't built in a day."

Mildred: "Isn't that girl modest?"

Betty: "Modest is a mild word for it, dear. Why she actually blushes when she dresses a salad."

The modern test of will power is to work cross-word puzzles or let them alone.

Woman seldom gets a thrill except the first time she is married and the first time she enters a barber shop.

In the old days the word simple meant foolish. Now it is used to make fools cost more.

The man who had been advertising for help was giving a colored man the "once over."

"You're not married, are you, Rastus?"

"No, sah, boss," responded the Negro, "that dent in nesh head is where a mule kicked me."

Warden: "What! It's against your religion to spit rocks?"

Prisoner: "Yes. What the Lord hath joined let no man put asunder."

A man leaning over the parapet of a bridge looked so grim that a kindly pedestrian stopped to make sure the gummy one was not contemplating suicide.

"No, it's this way," explained the latter, "I like to come here once in a while to rest my face. I get tired of smiling all day at the store and I don't think I ought to be grouchy at home."

A Pullman porter out west killed a train robber. Jealousy is a terrible thing.

Teacher: "We borrowed our numbers from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can you think of any other examples?"

Willie White: "Our lawn mower from the Smiths, our snow shovel from the Joneses and our baby carriage from the Bumps."

Half the world does not know how the other half lives but it has its suspicion.

The paper says a swindler caught in Chicago is wanted in Los Angeles, but hasn't Los Angeles enough of them?

A mad married man tells us the preacher should have asked him "Any previous military service?"

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### TAKES MRS. W. M. PIERCE

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There are three older sisters and one brother living. She was the youngest of nine children. Suffered Greatly.

She was a devoted mother, giving her whole soul and energy to the rearing of her children, caring little for society. She was always an extremely strong woman until her first operation, in October, 1915, since which time she has suffered much. Since February 1st, 1924, she has had the attention of a private nurse, demanding constant care. All through her suffering and affliction she has been kind, hopeful, cheerful and helpful to the very last; she had an indomitable will, keeping track of her household affairs even after she could no longer walk or talk aloud, insisting that the bills for the home come to her, even paying her February household accounts with her own check.

She was a member of the Methodist church, becoming converted at Walla Walla in 1888. Her circle of friends was not large, but those who know her best prize her friendship very highly. During the sessions when her husband, Walter M. Pierce, was state senator, she always came with him from eastern Oregon and was one of the well known ladies of the state senate. She was present the night her husband was inaugurated as governor, but was never able to enter the state house afterward.

Cared for Her Tenderly.

Mrs. Pierce took a deep interest in her husband's political career, although she seldom appeared. He was away from home much, both because of his interest in state affairs and because his farm and the cattle on the range took him. But there was the most complete harmony of interest between them. She had not been strong for some years prior to her severe illness, and Governor Pierce's solicitude for her at all times was extreme. During his campaign for the nomination two years ago he went to his home in La Grande and back to western Oregon many times just because he wished to see how she was getting along and to have a few hours with her. While the public did not know this, he had these night rides and put in many extra hours, some of them valuable for campaign work, because he could not bear to be away from her any more than was actually necessary, while she suffered as only he knew she did.

When Mr. Pierce was elected Governor the newspaper reporters soon found that Mrs. Pierce's illness was very serious, and questioned the Governor about it. To them he confided the truth that it was a hopeless case of cancer, but he asked them to say nothing about it and to not mention her illness except when absolutely necessary. The newspapermen recognized the fine sentiment in the Governor's wish and respected it. To Mrs. Pierce the Governor spoke hopefully right up to the day of her death. Long after she realized that there was no hope he would not admit it to her, but talked of the time when she would be well again and they could go out to gether. When he was in the hospital last summer, for an operation, he found a nurse he considered especially competent and he took her from the hospital at a greatly advanced salary, to care for Mrs. Pierce. The expense of these two years has been tremendous but that has not counted for a moment with him. To alleviate her suffering in the slightest degree, at

### NOTE WILL END CONTROVERSY

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ing would be announced in Washington previous to the inauguration of President Coolidge.

The quarrel arose out of certain unfulfilled stipulations of the treaty of peace, known as the treaty of Ancon, concluded in 1885 at the end of the war between Chile on one side and Peru and Bolivia on the other. War was declared by Chile in 1879 and in a struggle entirely victorious for the aggressive forces, Chile was, after four years of hostilities, in possession of Lima, the southern provinces of Peru, including Tacna and Arica and about 100 miles of Pacific littoral formerly belonging to Bolivia.

### GOVERNMENT'S LOSS AIRIED AT HEARINGS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Evidence designed to show that the federal government has lost millions of dollars in losses through war amortization allowances to the United States Steel corporation, the Aluminum Company of America and hundreds of other companies, is contained in an official transcript of hearings filed with the senate today by the Couzens investigation committee.

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