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A MIGHTY ARM.—Thou hast a mighty arm; strong in thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.—Psalm 89:12, 14.

In order to correct an impression that might be gained from the story in yesterday's Observer, we wish to say that the historical essay contest for all the school children of Union county is planned and executed by Supt. Sayre. The Observer is interested to the extent of offering the cash prizes, of publishing the winning essays, and of aiding in every way we can this excellent effort. The contest will do much to gather historical data of this community and to stimulate interest in good English and in the great state of Oregon.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THEM.

The attack made on the character of George Washington, one-time president of the United States, by Rupert Hughes, author, at a dinner given in the national capital recently has caused much comment and aroused to contradiction the Sons of the American Revolution in that city. Mr. Hughes was the chief speaker at the dinner and spoke of the first president as follows:

Washington was a great card player, a distiller of whisky and a champion curser, and he danced for three hours without stopping with the wife of his principal general. As for religious tendencies, Washington never prayed and consistently avoided participating in communion. The school children of the United States should be taught the historical truth, and in none of the many textbooks could this be found.

His remarks were hardly such as would be received with enthusiasm by such an organization—and they weren't. One member was particularly enraged and spoke of his regret for the aspersions "cast upon a stainless memory." The party broke up with everyone, we imagine, feeling uncomfortable.

When given careful consideration outside of a patriotic organization and when supported by historical data available of Washington, there is no doubt that Mr. Hughes is right in what he says of the "father of our country." It is true that George Washington's character was not stainless and that he was not, personally, what we are prone to picture him as we emerge from the common schools which direct the study of his life. But the same thing is true of a large number of the great men in American history—and in the history of every nation. Scandal mongers would not be without an abundance of material if they put themselves to the task of picturing many national idols as they actually existed.

But the fact that George Washington, or any of the others, gambled and distilled whisky and was a champion curser has little bearing on his greatness as a general, a statesman, and a leader. Our school books do not tell these tales, it's true, but it is because they are irrelevant, not because the historians were unfamiliar with the truth. There were probably other things of similar character about Washington that Mr. Hughes might have related, but they are of no importance to us now. We can regret that Washington's personal character was not more perfect, but those elements that contributed to his lasting greatness are all that count from a patriotic and historical standpoint.

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These who marry on puppy love usually lead a dog's life.
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The political parties are also getting parties just before an election.

Sunday-school Teacher—What are the things that count most in this life?

Small Boy (fresh from a visit to his dad's store)—Adding machines.

THE LIFE SAVER
Ten little chorus girls, standing in a line:
One had a box date, and that left only nine.

Nine little chorus girls, for supper not a date:
One got a hand-out, leaving only eight.

Eight little chorus girls, not a cent in sight:
One met a married man, and later got a bite.

Seven little chorus girls, in an awful fix:
One stepped an apple, the cop left only six.

Six little chorus girls, just feeling half alive:
One saw a friend she knew, and then there were five.

Five little chorus girls, appetites too big:
One found a quarter, and spent it all—the pig!

Four little chorus girls, hungry as could be:
One got in a cab and then there were three.

Three little chorus girls, wonderin' what to do:
One picked a masher up, and left the other two.

Two little chorus girls, lonely on the street:
Along came a bald-head, offered one a treat.

One little chorus girl, hungry, lone and flat:
I met her just in time, I'll fill the world that!

The fellow who used to do crossword puzzles is now trying to figure out the French debt plan.

Wife—The price of the alarm clock was \$1.50 but I got a discount, so it only cost me 98 cents.

Husband—Yes, but you know very well you could have got the same thing at Brown's for 75 cents.

Wife—That may be, but then Brown's wouldn't have taken any thing off.

Some men are never satisfied unless they're joining something.

As the song says, the world may be waiting for sunrise, but the people of Pittsburg are not so foolish. They know better.

"Madam" said the cashier at the

ELGIN SOCIAL NEWS OF WEEK

ELGIN (Special)—The Women's Improvement club gave its annual library tea last Thursday at the R. L. Stibbenaker home. The money received by the tea will be used in purchasing needed material for the Elgin library. Twenty-five books were presented to the library at that time. A paper dealing with "American Music" was given by Mrs. Earl Chindler. Cakes and shortbread were served during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bezn left Tuesday morning by auto for California points. They plan to be gone the entire month of February. They will visit relatives in the southern state.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parsons drove over from Wallowa Sunday to visit at the A. H. Parsons home. They returned home Monday.

A. J. Garner, a former resident of Elgin for a number of years, is visiting friends here. His present home is at Newbridge, Oregon.

The Misses Laville and Elizabeth Pollock and Margaret Hall, Eugene Cates and Fred Hall attended the Epworth League Ind-

bank, "this check isn't any good unless you endorse it."

"Oh—you flatterer!" giggled the lady.

It isn't a question these days of why girls leave home, but why the whole family leaves home.

Bathing suits show the winter left some of us in bad shape.

Never saw the man who was long on both talk and work.

When the paper says the bride is twenty-four and the groom sixty, it isn't necessary to add that he is considered one of the richest men in the country.

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Funeral of Theodore McKinnis was held at Sumnerville Monday at 2 o'clock. Mr. McKinnis was well known here having made his home in and near Elgin for a number of years. His health had been poor for the past two years. His brother Philip, is his nearest remaining relative.

TRIBBEY LOSES TO DILLON
TACOMA (By the Associated Press)—Harry Dillon, Wainwright, light-heavyweight, won a decision over Bert Tribbey of Marshfield, Oregon in six rounds here last night.

George Ingersoll, Tacoma welterweight, was declared winner over Johnny Jordan of Tacoma on a foul in the fifth round of a bout carded for six. Jordan had the edge at the time of the foul.

Phil Sheridan and Norma Winters, Tacoma middleweights, drew in four rounds as did "Sparo" Phoebe and Joe Dyer, Aberdeen, middleweight, and Hank Tryker, of Tacoma.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Creation of three new international events features records, one a pole vault mark of the athlete champion of the Meisters 13 feet and 1 inch by Charles Hoag, Athletic association in Madison Norwegian star, and triumphs of Square Garden last night.

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