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A RENEWED PROMISE—"Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand shall he let them go."—Ex. 6:1.

One of the books particularly fancied by college students is Dad's check book.

### POVERTY DECREASES.

Government statistics were unnecessary to show that poverty is rapidly decreasing in the United States. For a dozen years it has been apparent and the government now proves it on paper showing there are 78,000 persons in the almshouses of the country this year compared with 84,000 in 1910.

What a contrast this nation provides with the others of the world. Throughout Europe the poorhouses, where they have them, are full to overflowing and millions more people are receiving unemployment pensions. England has a large almshouse population. Everywhere in Europe and Asia poverty is said to be increasing. Of course Africa, South America, Central America and the Orient have their history-old condition of poverty under which the lower classes, numbering into the millions of people, are periodically in need of government sustenance.

There are several explanations for the decline of poverty and public dependence in this country. First among them is that the American people are opposed to paternalism. Able-bodied men and women who do not work do not eat in the United States, unless they steal. Secondly, there is inculcated into the American people the desire to work and the ambition to be independent. Another is that the idler is abhorred by society. Americans find that poverty is too uncomfortable and equally unnecessary.

### NO NEED TO BE SICK.

The time may be nearer than we think when the reputed Chinese practice of paying physicians for keeping their patients in health rather than for treating them when sick will be universal in civilized lands. It is an ideal worth striving for. Great progress has been made in searching out the means of preventing disease but, as the director of the Rockefeller Foundation said a few days ago, we are not making practical use of our knowledge. Now comes Sir David C. Bruce, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and chairman of the governing board of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, strongly arguing the possibility of virtually eliminating disease in civilized lands. He is credited with having controlled parasitic maladies in the British army during the war.

Sir David declared that "medicine in future must change its strategy. Instead of awaiting attack it must assume the offensive. It must no longer be said that 'the man was so sick he had to send for a doctor.'"

The more the doctors accomplish along the lines indicated the better, but not all of the preventive work can be left to them. They can discover the means of controlling disease and show the people what is essential to be done in their own interest, but nothing will be done unless the people are willing to pay the price for improving conditions. Probably the money cost of getting rid of preventable diseases would not be nearly as great as that which we pay as a consequence of sickness. Sir David estimated the direct economic loss from this cause at \$750,000,000 annually in England and \$3,000,000,000 in the United States.

And in these countries, comparatively advanced in medicine, sanitation and hygiene, the death rate constantly falls. One important duty that lies ahead is clearly indicated by such as Sir David and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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### OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

By WILLIAMS

## LAY ELECTED BY STOCKMEN

**MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)**—The annual livestock meeting was held here Saturday. Joe Lay was re-elected president and J. I. Wankler, secretary-treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitten were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. With and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kennedy and daughters, Elsie and Jean, were guests for dinner at the Arch Vander order home recently.

About 75 people gathered at the J. E. Wankler home Saturday evening. The time was spent dancing. At midnight refreshments were served.

**Weather Spring-Like.**—The last week has been like spring here. The snow is going fast. The Medical-Baker stage made the first trip through Monday. Last week it came as far as the Miles ranch on Powder river where it was met with a team.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers and Uncle Lounham Wright motored to Union last week to attend the funeral of their friend, John Eaton. The trip was too much for uncle Lounham. At last reports he was still confined to his bed.

Cy Turner was chopping grain at the Frank Whitten ranch Saturday.

Several young people from The Park attended the Wankler dance Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Whitten were guests Thursday at the Cy Turner ranch.

Mrs. George South is reported to be on the sick list.

Friday afternoon the school children had a valentine party.

Joe had for her work. It reminded him of a remark that the teacher's long and excellent service deserved some special gratification. That year the economic straits of the little town reached their height because of the failure of crops and the total absence of grapes, the only product of the place.

"For these reasons," the letter continues, "my poor family is in such financial difficulties that we must discontinue the studies of our twelve year old boy who is at the Royal Normal school who, to judge by his teacher's praise, promises something."

Across the letter with the date November 29, 1896 is the word, "Died."

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## OFFICE CAT

By Junius

A hand-carved desk recently sold for \$1,000—when you can find a million of them in the schools.

They dug up a mastodon track near Middletown, N. Y. Wonder what kind of tooth paste the animal used.

Teacher—"An heirloom of something that has been handed down from father to son."  
Bill Rogers—"That's a funny name for pants."

She—"If Missis-sippi should wear Missouri's New Jersey, what would Delta-ware be?"  
He—"What?"  
She—"Alaska."

Girl applied for a job in an office as secretary of the filing cabinet.  
"Can you handle files?" asked the boss.  
"I hope I can," she replied. "I have been a manicurist for nine years."

Another thing that has always puzzled is why fortune tellers never seem able to do much for themselves in that line.

**DEAD ON HIS FEET**  
They went riding after the part. And the night was very cold. He didn't attempt to keep his warm.

For fear she'd think him bold. "Are you nice and warm?"  
The lad asked her twice. And, with clattering teeth,  
She said, "At least, I'm not!"

The north pole must be a lawyer's job. Every explorer who goes near it has a close shave.

A New York man who abandoned his wife because she couldn't play the piano must now pay \$5 a week alimony. He could have saved money by buying a pianola.

The first of the month don't mean anything to some birds. They only pay when they have to, anyhow.

Every bride should have enough clothes to last until her husband finishes the installment payments on the engagement ring.

**WILLIE MANGLE**  
Little Willie, sweet and silly, Was his mother's joy;  
Went to college, got some knowledge, Oh, what a different boy!

Teacher—Johnny, what great things occurred during the World War?  
Johnny—I've bought me a new sunboard.

Small Boy—I want another box of pills for my mother like I got yesterday—and charge 'em.  
Druggist—Certainly. Did your mother like them?  
Small Boy—I dunno—they just fit my ailment.

What is home without a baby or a puppy or both?

**A. E. Clark At Cottage Grove**

**COTTAGE GROVE, Ore.**—A. E. Clark of Portland, candidate for the United States senate, was here Tuesday and showed keen interest in the welfare of industries of the state, by an inspection of the cold air lumber seasoning process being developed here. Mr. Clark declared the business of producing and marketing lumber was to be revolutionized by the process.

## COVE SOCIAL NEWS OF WEEK

**COVE (Special)**—Mrs. J. W. Houston, Jr., who has been spending the past month with her parents at Roseburg, is at home again.

The Rev. and Mrs. Sumner J. Brown, of Prairie, who have been visiting at Cove and La Grande for the past week, returned to their home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Conley, who have been living on the Conley ranch at Puy's point will move to the Bert Petermann place soon. They have rented the place. Mr. and Mrs. A. Conley, of La Grande, will move to their ranch soon.

The old-fashioned dance given here Saturday evening by the ladies guild was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carter, of Haines, spent a few days of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Barker and family, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hottel, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin, and Mrs. A. G. Conklin attended the ordination services at La Grande last Sunday.

**School Aid For Mussolini Was Denied in His Youth**

**CREMONA, Italy (AP)**—A humble letter written by a poverty-stricken school-teacher thirty years ago, asking the Prefect of Porti for some aid to permit his 12-year-old son to continue his studies, has just come to light.

The boy was Benito Mussolini, and the mother was Rosa Maltoni Mussolini. The request was refused.

Dated September 26, 1895, at Predappio, the letter recalled to the Prefect a visit he paid to Regia's little school and the words of praise

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MAURINE will give a special matinee for ladies only Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 2 p. m. and demonstrate her valued secret to eternal youth. She will go through her complete routine from the time she arises until fully dressed. She will teach the ladies how to be beautiful; how to remain young; how to get thin if too fat; how to get fat if too thin.

The ladies are extended a special invitation to this matinee and learn many things of great value. Admission 25 cents. COME AND SEE ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AND PERFECT FORMED WOMEN.