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GOD CARES—Rob not the poor, because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate; for the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.—Prov. 22:22, 23.

Next time why not let the Literary Digest handle the Nicaragua elections?

Harry Lauder springs a new one, but it isn't a joke at all. He has found a way to improve broadcasting. Singing recently in the studio of the British Broadcasting Co., in London, Sir Harry refused to begin until somebody brought him a wet towel. Finally the studio people decided that a temperamental genius must be humored, and did as he wanted. The singer draped the towel around the microphone and went ahead. To the surprise of everyone, the critics in the "listening cabinet" reported that the results were excellent. The wet towel improved the singer's voice and subdued the orchestra. That's something the broadcasting world has needed. A lot of the music we get over the radio evidently needs a wet towel, or even a wet blanket.

The federal budget of \$3,780,000,000 recommended for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, is worth studying for its bearing on war expenses. Adding together the sums allowed for interest, sinking fund and reduction of the public debt, which is almost wholly a war debt, and adding also the estimate for the Veterans' Bureau, we get \$2,169,000,000. That leaves only \$1,611,000,000 for the operating expenses of normal government activities. Deducting from the latter figure the estimates for the army and navy, we find that less than one-fourth of the national budget is devoted to the peaceful, civil activities of the government. Anyone is privileged to do a little day-dreaming on what might be accomplished for peaceful progress if we had no war bills to pay.

STILL INEFFICIENT

William R. Basset, New York industrial engineer, tells the convention of Associated Business Papers that the famous "American efficiency" is by no means common to all American business men. Indeed, he declares that the country will be far more prosperous than it is if it did not have so many unprogressive business men.

"Large numbers of business men still cling to inefficient, antiquated methods of manufacturing and selling," says Mr. Basset. "They are the ones who bemoan the good old days when they could make profits. They are the marginal producers who can make profits only in times of inflation. They are the ones who gave rise to the expression 'profitless prosperity.' They are the ones who know only one way to cut costs—by reducing wages."

These comments are interesting. We have long since accepted the proposition that only the efficient can survive; but if Mr. Basset is correct, it will still be quite a while before all of the inefficient have been weeded out.

The reason is simply that most inefficient people are inefficient because they refuse to learn. No one is permitted to make contributions to their business methods or knowledge. Their ways are set—and their business gets that way rapidly.

Most of us are inclined to that fault because it's quite human. Our greatest chance of promoting inefficiency is to eliminate the man who "takes what comes," who refuses to either plan specially or to exert extra energy to accomplish a new and higher goal. Modern business has no place for the man who thinks the greatest opportunities are in the past. It has a high place for him who knows there are record-breaking opportunities in the future.

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I'll bet the ninety-eight year-old grandmama that insisted on being wheeled to the polls, I vote is a pleasant little party I have around. There's lots o' difference in the newly rich. An Indian girl out in Oklahoma who suddenly came out a couple o' million dollars said that all she wanted was a sewing machine and a case o' pop, strawberry preferred.

Hilgard Ice Is 6 Inches Thick; Skating Popular

By Verna Welmer.

(Observer Correspondent)

HILGARD (Special)—The young people are enjoying themselves skating on the river, the ice being about six inches thick.

Eva Thurnstene is able to be out again after her recent illness. Frank Bennett went to Cove Wednesday for the purpose of selling his cows. Mr. Bennett expects to go to Medford to spend the rest of the winter hoping that the change of climate may benefit his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross installed their radio set in their home last week and have been enjoying the splendid radio program.

Edson Bradley, of Hood River, was a visitor at Five Points Thursday. Mr. Bradley is the owner and operator of trucks. He has had one hauling gravel from Perry to the new normal school building. Charles Barnhart has been driving for him.

But luck seems to come to everyone sometimes. This time it came to Ed Salting, when, within 24 hours, he lost four nice yearling calves, the cause unknown.

Miss Martin went to La Grande Friday evening to take dinner with her friend, Mrs. Bennett. She expected to go to Cove to spend the rest of the week.

The gravel shovel has been set up here again and will be out Monday morning on the job of getting out gravel for maintenance. Messrs. Mackey, Wyllie and Blommer are operating the shovel.

Mr. Welmer of the Five-point station has completed eight garages where he expects to store cars left in his care by men in the employ of the M. L. County camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard and son, Clifford, and daughter, Ellen, and Ella Beall, of Roosevelt, Wash., came over to visit at the Scott home for a few days.

Carl Salting, Bessie and Verda Ferguson attended the dance at Kamela Saturday night.

HEALTH

OLD THEORIES OF AIR IMPURITY EXPLODED
Temperature and Movement of Air Determined Successful Ventilation

By Manton M. Carrick, M. D.,
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Baltimore, Texas

Thanks to experiments along the lines of preventive medicine, we have pigeon-holed the exploded theory that the percentage of car-

Use Vicks To Check Influenza

The Germs Are Breathed In; Inflamed Air Passages Make An Ideal Breeding Ground For These Germs.

Keep Air Passages Open

While there is so much to be done in the air it is safe to keep a jar of Vicks Vapo Rub Handy and apply a little up the nostrils several times a day, especially before bedtime exposed to crowds. It is also a good plan to melt some Vicks in a bowl of hot water night and morning and inhale the vapors. Treat All Colds Promptly.

At the first sign of a cold rub Vicks on the throat and chest, spread on the back and cover with warm flannel. Vicks Vapo Rub, the cooling and evaporating influence of outside air in motion—that ventilation is perfect. The efficient regulation of the body heat by the exhalation produced

by the current of air experienced outdoors rapidly changes the volume of air immediately surrounding the body, increases absorption and eliminates and stimulates digestion.

The normal composition of air by volume is nitrogen 78 parts, oxygen 20.94 parts, carbon dioxide, 0.10 parts, and water vapor, 0.08 parts. Even in the most densely crowded schoolroom, the changed condition of these gases never results in a sufficient increase of carbon dioxide or a sufficient decrease of oxygen to have ill effects upon those in the room.

The normal temperature of the body is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. This balance is regulated by the thermal or heat centers of the brain, the balance of which, in turn, is regulated through the oxidation and combustion of our foods during the process of digestion, and also through muscular action. We complete this system of radiation through the skin, the sweat glands and the respiratory tract.

The child is an ill ventilated schoolroom is bound to experience all sorts of discomforts. He has headache, irritability, drowsy, stupid, listless, nervous, and obstinate. No child can be a model pupil unless his physical welfare is looked after very carefully. How much stress cannot be laid upon the vital subject of ventilation.

We have overcome heat with insufficient humidity in our homes, by means of humidifiers. The same must be done in every schoolroom if we wish to have a healthy race of children.

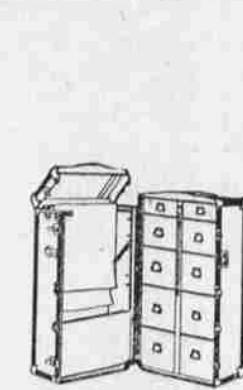
Attendance from school on account of colds will be fewer, and diseases of the respiratory tract will be greatly lessened. If more attention is paid to all these details.

RIDDLE'S BODY FOUND

KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The body of "Buddie" Riddle, Kiamath Indian, was found late yesterday in a dry irrigation ditch on the reservation. Burton Baker, Indian, had confessed that he had Riddle on the head with an automobile hammer after Riddle attacked him with a knife in a quarrel over liquor on Thanksgiving day.

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