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The Value of Knowledge

"Men say that slavery has been abolished. Is it a fact? True negro slavery has been abolished. But what about the hundreds of thousands of white men in our country who are in a worse condition of slavery than ever negro endured in the South?"

Can you imagine a worse slave than a man who is competent to do nothing except common labor—who sees that he is shut in by a wall over which it seems impossible to climb, doomed year after year to drudge away at the same thing, with absolutely no hope for the future?"

You say this is a land of the free—that he is a free man. I say that he is a slave, because he is absolutely under the control of some one else—of a master. His tools are not in his head but in his muscles.

"Where some one controls your tools he controls your opportunity to work. When he controls your opportunity, he is your master. You are his slave."

"Indeed, in many respects, the black slave of the past was far better off than the white slave of today. True, the black man could not quit, but he was fed, clothed and doctored during sickness, and had little to worry about. The picture in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' is much overdrawn. The negro was far too valuable but you—if you are a white slave, how much are you worth to your master? How much will it cost him to replace you when you get old and weak?"

"You say 'I am not a slave. I can quit.' Yes, you can quit and go to work in the same old treadmill again or technical knowledge that will enable you to become your own master. A man is free, and free only, when he controls his own opportunity to work—when he has some special knowledge that enables him to use his brain, instead of his muscles—when he has educated and trained not only his hands but his mind. Then and then only has he the tools of a free man. Then he has his foot on the ladder and is competent to climb. This is the age of education along special lines. Never before in the history of the world has the demand for specialists been so great. Every branch of business has been systematized and reduced to a science, and a man must know his business and know it thoroughly, in order to successfully compete in these opening years of the twentieth century."

"Face hangs no red lights at the cross roads of a man's career." There are no sign boards along Life's highway, and the highroads to success or failure are not labeled at the beginning. It is only when we have reached mature years that we can look back and see just where the cross roads were; just where the sign should have been placed reading "This way to success." We can then begin to see just where we took the wrong road; just where by not going the right way, we can lose so much while had we done thus or so we would have gained honor, wealth and fame."

The reason why many men fail in life today is because of the fact that they squandered their time and their manhood in their youth; they would not go to school, or, if they had gone, they wasted their time, skimmed through their text books, annoyed their class mates and teachers, and impeded the progress of many faithful workers.

Let the boys and girls of our schools to lay wake up and heed this fact lest some of them find themselves in the race with the slaves in the years to come. To waste and squander your time now, instead of engaging in laborious study, means that you will suffer defeat and disappointment when you get out into the world to grapple for a livelihood with mankind. Ask yourself the question: "Am I going to be contented to plod along life's pathway with the great mass of humanity in the line of least resistance, contented to do the little things and let the more ambitious class take the lead, or shall I place my shoulder to the wheel and improve every spare moment, in as well as out"

of the school room, and thereby let the world know that I cannot be turned aside from my settled purpose?"

It is the young man or woman who confronts the world with an unflinching heart, who cannot be discouraged by its scorn or laugh, but masters every difficulty set before him, that makes his mark.

Do not wait for age to teach you this dear lesson but grasp your opportunity and fill your place in this grand old world or you may some day reflect back and say, "Well, I am still a slave."—R. G. Dykstra.

Women Should Vote

No matter what your opinion was before election, when the people of Oregon cast their votes to extend the franchise of voting to women, you now have a duty to perform.

Part of the women believe in suffrage and will vote, others may oppose it and may not vote; but since the franchise is extended those who would stay away, if good citizens, believe in good laws, favor honest officials, but feel their home ties demand their time. These ties, to a certain extent may do so, but to exercise the time of voting requires probably one or two hours in a year, so it takes no more time than it does to attend a pink tea, a card party, pay a visit or make a call and the woman who neglects to vote is no more a citizen than a man who refuses to attend the polls and registers his opinion for the man he thinks best or the policies he prefers.

Ten states now have equal suffrage and every year sees more states adopting it and that too successfully.

Women believe in clean politics and have a clarifying tendency wherever the equal suffrage amendment has been carried out.

At the coming city election we should like to see a good representative vote cast by the women of Independence and since they have the right they also have the duty.

We saw a man with a search light in his hand hunting the town over. He said, "I am trying to find a commercial club." By the way, have we one?

We notice that the Southern Pacific has not lowered the grade on Rail Road street to that established by the city council.

The bridge leading to the Willamette is not a legal bridge. It is too narrow and the county should see to fixing it.

The county should improve the bridge leading to the ferry boat, the river boat and the Oregon Election landing.

Every dog has his day, but the bull dog sticks to his job longer than the poodle. Moral: be a bull dog.

Independence has found the magic wand of success and she is going ahead in spite of everything.

We will probably have some tariff reform. Will it make beef any cheaper to the consumer?

Get in the boosting procession and help make 5,000 people in Independence.

Pin your faith to hard work and you will win if you come to Independence.

The man who buys Polk county real estate can't go wrong.

There are good things under the lid, so don't sit on the box.

CAR OF SHEEP & HOGS CROWD SEES THE GAME

Polk County Hogs to Portland Sheep to Corvallis

Joe Brown purchased a car load of sheep from W. H. Block, last week and shipped them to Corvallis. Block also picked up a car load of hogs for shipment to the Union Stock yards during the week. Geo. A. Wells disposed of 30 head of hogs in this shipment. Mr. Block states that the hogs are getting pretty well sold off at the present time.

R. J. Taylor has 7 1/2 acres near Salem to sell or trade for Independence property worth \$700.

Mr. Gilliland who formerly lived in Independence but has been in Canada for several months, stopped over a day at Independence en route to his home in Albany.

C. L. Hawley of McCoy is spending the winter at Mouth.

Corvallis--Whitman Game Draws Some From Independence

Vernon Brown, Ross Nelson, Chot, Henkle, Drs. Duganne, Hora, and McIntire, Hank Mattison, S. D. and Moss Walker, of Independence, Curt Hawley, Allen Clark and Ed Lawrence of Corvallis, were among those going up Saturday morning to Corvallis to see O. A. C. win from the Walla Walla boys. They all report the game a good one, but seem to be a little disappointed that their judgment was not better.

A. E. Davis who formerly worked on the West Side under J. K. N. Bell is now selling Linotype machines at a salary of \$5000 a year.

R. J. Taylor has a 200 acre farm to sell or trade for an up-to-date business property at Independence or some good town.

Mrs. Charlotte Shellenberger of Portland with her son is visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. Craven for several weeks. Mrs. Shellenberger is an old time resident of Independence.

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