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## PARKING THEIR CORSETS.

The statement which has caused the greatest furor in the Portland high school dance controversy is the one to the effect that high school girls "park" their corsets at the dances because the young men refuse to dance with "ironiesides."

This statement has not been proved and the testimony so far submitted indicates that it will not be proved, but such a charge interests those in every community where high school students attend dances, which is tantamount to saying that every community is interested.

What happens at a Portland high school dance is likely to happen at a high school dance in any other city of the state, but we are not as greatly alarmed over the charge that girls bow to the will of their male partners as to the wearing of corsets, a grave charge as yet not proved but probably true to a greater extent than realized, as we are over the fact which is proved without testimony to the effect that only a small percentage of Portland parents have any first-hand knowledge of whether or not the charges made against their children are true, and this parental ignorance probably is found in every other community of the state.

The mere fact of a girl attending a dance says corsets is not prima facie evidence that something is wrong, although the fact that such action was at the demand of her dancing partners might not be so lightly held.

If proper positions are maintained throughout the dances and in the social hour that follows the dance, there is no reason why a lack of the "ironiesides" should lead to evil thoughts or actions.

It is equally true that dancing positions can be taken that are vulgar and indecent without regard to whether or not corsets are worn.

The serious phase to our mind is in the fact that a large majority of parents seem not to care what happens at a dance hall, or feel too secure that children of theirs are not going to participate in any form of dancing of which their parents would disapprove nor remain to watch others participate in that kind of dancing. Probably some such will be surprised to learn that it is possible to see the "shimmy" right in Cottage Grove at a dance attended by the elite of the young people of the city.

If ruling out vulgar and indecent dancing will secure the moral condition of our young people, the remedy is easy. The desired result, however, is not as easy to attain as that.

While not condoning in the least a breaking away from rigid rules of conduct on the dance floor, it seems to us that the furor about the high school dances in Portland is like trying to cure a cancer by cutting away a boil from another portion of the body.

At the very worst, little actual harm can happen upon the dance floor, even if corsets are parked for more freedom of action, at the demand of the males, or for any other reason.

Where the cars park on the way to and from the dance and the kind of company a girl is in to and from the dance, are far more important.

The parking of young men and women on the main streets at all hours of the night, with an eye out for the main chance, is far more dangerous.

More harm comes from indiscriminate running of the streets than from all the dances.

The greatest harm comes from lack of parental watchfulness over those for whom parents are responsible, a watchfulness which the young people are coming more and more to resent, the largely is the fact that it is not more strictly maintained.

We see no great reason for criticism of the school board of Portland and of the parent-teacher association for permitting dancing in the high school buildings, with the right kind of chaperonage expected by the young people and probably rather strictly enforced, but we could understand why those raising the furor might ask why the parents who back them in their fight upon the dance are not able to tell whether or not the charges are true.

It is not doing away with parking of corsets that we need.

It is the parking of parents with their children at public dances that is needed and a knowledge on the part of parents as to the company their offspring are in when they are out from



Poorly adjusted or incorrect glasses are inexcusable—get them right—here.

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under the glare of the lights of the ballroom or away from the family fireside.

## EDITORIAL UNGRATEFULNESS.

The Oregonian is ungrateful, extremely so.

The Eugene Guard accused its editor of toadying to Mark Sullivan, a syndicate writer, whom The Guard accused of being a republican and his articles unworthy of publication.

The Corvallis Gazette Times took up the cudgels for The Oregonian, accusing Sullivan of being a hidebound democrat and as such his articles unworthy of publication in any respectable newspaper, much less a paper like The Oregonian.

The Oregonian comes back and says that Sullivan is neither democrat nor republican and hardly good for anything but that his articles are eminently fit for publication in a somewhat independent newspaper like The Oregonian, which uses many of them without consultation with, or the consent of, Editor Ingalls, of The Gazette Times.

Was there ever such ungratefulness before? And right after the editors have adopted a code of ethics governing their conduct toward other members of the craft.

## DEFENDING THE GIRLS.

The Eugene Register publishes many sane and sensible editorials upon moral issues, well written and much to the point. Also it never misses an opportunity to defend the rolled hose and the short skirt. The arguments supporting the girls are credible, although the girls give every evidence of being fully equipped to support themselves. We note, however, that The Register's defense of the short skirt and rolled hose has been much more enthusiastic and written much more authoritatively and with greater attention to detail since The Register's building was remodeled at considerable expense so as to give Editor Jenkins a front window with a view in two directions.

The man who keeps pounding away isn't always a knocker.

Do for yourself what you would that others should do for you.

Many are started on the voyage of married life with a smack.

It is not so much the men we put in office as those we keep out.

A woman's complexion is the skin game she works on gullible man.

Golden, glittering thoughts never come from the base and sordid mind.

We suppose there is such a thing as a "blow-in-the-bottle" prohibitionist.

A man can't expect to always make his wife happy without lying once in a while.

The girl who only has one man to choose between usually is married the quickest.

We all like to be fooled into believing that the nice things said about us are true.

A judge is a man of convictions—and he has no trouble imposing them on others.

There are lots of workmen in this old world—and many that have been worked.

Don't judge by appearances—except when it is to the advantage of the person being judged.

When a man is as broad as he is long, it doesn't necessarily follow that he is on the square.

Those who don't know what they want are often the worst kickers because they don't get it.

Another graft scandal in Philadelphia. No need to worry about the country when things are so normal.

With the progress of civilization we will soon have to send the fool killer after the man who rocks the airplane.

It's a disgrace to our modern civilization when the happiest moment of a marriage is found in the divorce court.

Among the women who have been most fortunate is love affairs may be mentioned those who have no prospect of being married.

Never hold back your congratulations to a newly married couple. You can be certain they will be appropriate—if given at once.

An argument for prohibition: Were it not for the fact that so many girls get intoxicated with love, few of them would get married.

Since the short skirt came into vogue men have learned a whole lot about women that they weren't supposed to know before.

Biblical saying revised: If a man slap the right cheek, turn him the other—and while he's slapping that catch him one in the solar plexus.

The cheapest grades of whisky are being used in motor engines in place of gasoline. The motor engines seem bound to keep going from bad to worse.

A Kansas judge rules that as far as the law is concerned a married woman can go by any name she chooses. And she will probably follow up the advantage by calling her hubby any name she chooses.

## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

In the battle of life all must die.

Women have the right idea—stay young as long as you can.

We really believe that some hypocrites succeed in fooling themselves.

The churches are always encouraged by advertisements of millinery openings.

Those who see the least in others are the ones who use their I's the most.

When it gets cold enough to crystallize the milky way it may snow ice cream.

Comparatively few people even try to live up to their own ideals—and none succeed.

Silence is golden, but we'd all like to be able to make a noise like a millionaire.

Every man has a right to his own opinions—so don't use them without giving credit.

Some folks like to see how close they can get to temptation without falling over the brink.

Some folks hang onto a dollar so tight that they rub the cuticle off the face of the goddess of liberty.

The trouble many times in giving charity is that the recipients regard it in the light of a continuing appropriation.

Often the way to a girl is through the mother. The mother feels that a man she likes is all right for the daughter.

It is too bad that so many of those who know just what is going to happen withhold the information until it is worthless.

The young man or young woman with a pleasant, happy face gets on the pay roll twice as often as the sour-faced one.

When a man criticizes what his neighbors do and brags of what he himself can do, he seldom does enough to give the neighbors anything to criticize.

An eastern college professor wants to know if anyone can explain the mystery of life and death. We, for one, can't understand why some folks don't die.

The handwriting on the wall was all right in its day, but the person who wants to scatter news rapidly these days uses the newspapers and ladies' aid societies.

When you are afraid to tell somebody something that you know he deserves having said to him, it is easy to hedge by saying you don't want to hurt his feelings.

We notice where an attorney charged \$10,000 for collecting \$7,500 from an escheated estate. We guess it was escheated, with the first two letters of the word silent.

An eminent English scientist thinks we may soon be able to hold communication with departed spirits. That may make it possible to go on another "toot" with the spirits imbibed during pre-prohibition days.

An eastern professor says Esperanto can never be used for the expression of high and soul-stirring thought. Why teach it in the schools, then, if it is of no use to valdicatorians and saluatorians?

In a recent address before an editorial meeting a speaker, in advocating a paid up subscription list, dramatically exclaimed: "Delinquent subscribers do not pay." Now, that's what we'd call an irrefutable statement.

A speaker attacking a well known rubber company said, "It is empowered to transact any kind of business on earth except to preach the gospel." It ought to be expected that a rubber company would secure an elastic charter.

**HORTICULTURAL BOARD TO MAKE INSECT SURVEY**

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Now!

Turn to the third page and read the Friday and Saturday Home Trade Specials by 22 Cottage Grove firms.

# New Ford Prices

Effective January 16, 1922

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Chassis, regular	\$285
Chassis, starter	\$355
Chassis, starter and demountable rims	\$380
Roadster, regular	\$319
Roadster, starter	\$389
Roadster, starter and demountable rims	\$414
Touring, regular	\$348
Touring, starter	\$418
Touring, starter and demountable rims	\$443
Coupe	\$580
Sedan	\$645
Truck	\$430
Fordson Tractor	\$625

Lowest Prices Ever Quoted on Ford Motor Products  
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# WOODSON BROTHERS

## SUTHERLIN MAIDS ROLL THEIR OWN SO IT IS CHARGED

Sutherlin, Ore., Jan. 17.—Considerable discussion has arisen here as a result of a meeting held in the high school building last Saturday afternoon at which many parents of students were made acquainted with some facts regarding the questionable conduct of their sons and daughters. Cigarette smoking, hard cider drinking, one or two cases of intoxication, short skirts, silk stockings, boys and girls hanging out together about the streets after dark and girls parading the streets in attire suitable only for use during the prune harvest, were among the matters discussed, while undue familiarity between the boys and girls and a total lack of chivalry and gentlemanly conduct on the part of the boys, was strongly criticized. Some of the mothers present were astonished when made acquainted with some of the things their children were doing when not under the parental roof, and it is probable that the meeting will result in parents keeping a little closer surveillance over their offspring.

Apparently the sole desire of many a school boy is to annex himself to a package of cigarettes, while the one ambition of many of the girls seems to be to get into a pair of silk stockings and a very short skirt. Superintendent Oscar Gorrell and his able corps of teachers in the high school have labored unceasingly to correct these evils, and in order that their efforts might bring about results, the cooperation of the parents was asked. It has been pointed out that the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and their use by minors is openly violated here every day without interference by those who are presumed to see that the laws are obeyed.

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## ONLY ONE CAR STOLEN IN LANE NOT RETURNED

Only one of 21 automobiles stolen in Lane county during the year 1921 has not been recovered, according to a report made by Sheriff Stiekels. Seven were recovered inside the county and 13 outside of the county.

The number of persons arrested in Lane county with Oregon cars stolen in 1921 was seven and the number of persons arrested outside of the county with Oregon cars stolen in Lane county was 14. The number of cars stolen outside of Lane county and recovered here was six, and seven persons were arrested here with cars stolen outside of the county.

No matter what you want, never give up until you have used a Sentinel wanted.

## DIPHTHERIA SITUATION IS THOUGHT NOT DANGEROUS

The diphtheria situation remains not dangerous. Two new cases were reported in this section the past week, that of the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tomah at Divide and of the 7-year-old grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Beck. It is thought that none of the cases are serious. C. H. Embree, who was taken down 10 days ago, is recovering nicely.

**Opposes Thanksgiving Institute.**  
Lorne, Ore., Jan. 24.—Lorne grange went on record today as opposing the holding of the teachers' institute at Thanksgiving time and unanimously endorsed the resolutions recently adopted by Irving grange.

Watch the label on your paper.

## Applied Piano-Accordion, Popular European Instrument, Played by Visocchi

Visocchi Trio Will Give Maximum of Cultured Entertainment to Local Folks—Three Clever Musical Stars.



Did you ever hear the piano-accordion? If not, you will have a chance. for Visocchi, the great master on this particular instrument, is to appear here in the near future with his company of distinguished artists. The piano-accordion is little known outside of continental Europe, and while one of the most complicated instruments known, it has wonderful possibilities. Assisted in violin, voice and piano. This trio is one of the most popular in lyceum and offers a maximum of cultured entertainment in every program. Their repertoire knows no limitations.

Friday, January 27, High School Auditorium at 8 o'clock