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THE SCHOOLS AND RESPECT OF LAW.

Disrespect for law has become so common that the condition is serious, if not dangerous. Almost every newspaper is commenting upon the fact, but that is not necessarily the reason that the condition is serious.

The most serious feature is that there are few with suggested remedies.

In a recent issue The Oregonian said:

There can be no blinking the fact that Americans evince a disregard for law that amounts to disrespect, and that in extreme cases brings about such sorrowful climax as that at Albany. (The killing of Sheriff Dunlap was referred to.) The law is perverted with it. Citizens who bear clean names do not hesitate to violate the liquor laws. Men of position and public respect are convinced that they have the privilege of racing their cars on the public roads. Fellows who wish to get ahead in the world choose the short cut of hawking worthless oil stocks. Wronged women, or women who fancy they have been wronged, do not ask the law for remedy, but buy a pistol and open fire. Children are willful and wayward. There is current a hectic abandon that passes for pleasure in the lives of many, young and old. The old standards are mocked, the old conventions derided and scorned. These tendencies merge naturally into a single trend away from progress and toward decadence. They are productive of a great variety of crimes, and even of the high crime of murder.

Commenting on what The Oregonian had said, The Spectator (Portland) said:

The crimes of which the Oregonian speaks are in a large measure due to the banishment of the bible from our public schools and the substitution in the classroom of foolish educational experiments for religious and moral training. The Spectator is old-fashioned enough to believe that our children should be given moral instruction and that, if they are not taught in their school days to reverence the laws of God, they will not later respect the laws of man. While the madmen who banished religious and moral training from our public schools are trying to answer the question, The Spectator takes the opportunity solemnly to declare that the lawlessness and crime from which we suffer are in a very great measure due to the fact that until we land our boys and girls in reform schools and jails we deny them acquaintance with God and his grace.

We are quite surprised that The Spectator would permit its passions to run away with it in this fashion. It should bear in mind, especially in a discussion of disrespect of law, that to willfully tell an untruth is in itself disrespect of moral law, if not of man-made law.

The Spectator evidently has not recovered from an overdose of pöeve which it took on at the time of the most recent state election when a measure which it vociferated against was enacted by the people. Of course the bible was taken out of the schools many years before that time, as those who keep in touch with public affairs know, but of which fact The Spectator may not be aware.

If The Spectator had read its history it probably would know also that the bible was taken out of the schools largely to preserve respect for the good book in the minds of adolescent youth.

When one teacher explained the good book one way and another teacher explained it another, and

the parents at home, if they explained it at all, explained it in still another way, it was but natural that the child should disrespect the contentions of the several parties to the controversy, and be led into disrespect for the book itself. Moral lessons should be taught the child, of course, and it should know the fundamental truths, of which the bible is the basis, but there is considerable doubt whether general study of the bible in the schools is necessary, or even desirable, for those too young to reason for themselves.

However, we do not wish to enter into an extended controversy with The Spectator on this subject. What we wish to do is to call the attention of The Spectator to the fact that our children spend but a very small portion of their time in school, something like one-sixth of the total.

Possibly The Spectator will admit that there is better opportunity in five-sixths of their time to teach them the bible than there is in one-sixth and we wonder why The Spectator, like so many who would shirk their duty, would shift the entire burden of educating our children, mentally, morally and physically, upon the schools which have them but such a small portion of the time. Anything that the schools could teach in one-sixth of the child's time could be easily lost in the remaining five-sixths. Also if we are content to leave the child's moral training to the schools it is quite certain that the child never will arrive at the condition where it will have proper respect for the laws of God and man.

Respect for law must start with respect for the law of the home. If there is no respect for parental law, it is quite certain that there will be little respect for the law of the land. Giving the child moral and religious training, even if practical, during the one-sixth of the time that it is in school, will not carry it through the other five-sixths of its time. As a matter of fact the schools can do almost nothing unless in the home the foundation has been laid and unless there the moral training given in the schools is greatly augmented.

The expression of such loose ideas upon the training of the child as those expressed by The Spectator has done much to make parents shirk their duties and without the restraining parental hand the child naturally falls into the habit of doing those things against which The Spectator inveighs while proposing a cure that is like prescribing sugar pills as a remedy for cancer.

It will be noted that The Spectator says that we DENY to the child the religious training which it should have. We have yet to hear of a case where the parent was interfered with in giving the child whatever religious training the parent thought the child should have. Neither have we heard of any movement to close the churches and Sunday schools against the child who desired to attend. Even bible universities exist, are well attended and are doing a great and noble work.

We are strong for knowledge of the good book but we have not heard that teaching the bible is an infallible method of inculcating in the child respect for the law and the rights of others. Despite the ill-considered statement of The Spectator, the schools do give moral training and do teach much to make the child a better citizen. If those who have reached the age of responsibility did as much to teach respect of law as do the schools we would have little of which to complain.

WEEKLY LETTER FROM STATE MARKET AGENT

The potato growers of Oregon should have a strong cooperative marketing association organized along the California contract plan, to put this industry on a profitable and dependable basis. Many sections of the state are naturally adapted to potato growing and it is said that but one state, Colorado, can equal Oregon in the quantity and quality of this crop, yet for years the method of marketing the potato farmer has not received the cost of growing the crop. Last fall thousands of bushels were left in the ground because the market price would not pay for harvesting and marketing. The potato crop of the state should be pooled through a solid cooperative selling agency. This is simply a thoroughly businesslike way. Through it trained men can do for the growers what they cannot do for themselves individually; markets can be stabilized, new markets can be found, ample credits can be secured, grades can be established and it would seem that through these channels the potato industry could be made stable and profitable.

The Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers is an illustration of what may be done by producers pooling and sticking. Farm market specialists who have investigated the various wool pools in the United States say that this association is the most efficient wool marketing organization in the country. It now has a membership of about 2500 in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and northern California. It sells the output sorted, graded and scoured. This puts the fiber into strictly merchantable classes and sheep men state that they get from three to ten cents more a pound than outside prices for ungraded stocks.

The potato crop of Oregon can be handled in almost the same manner as wool. A strong membership is necessary in organization, then capable management. And the success or failure of nearly all marketing associations depends on management—success, in putting at the head of the organization men who thoroughly understand the job and who are capable of handling it. Without efficient management, membership or anything else goes for naught.

Oregon grain growers should not be excited or scared over the news-

paper stories of record-breaking crops of the country generally. There will be a large production in the northwest but this condition does not prevail throughout the middlewest, so state those from that section. Weather conditions have been unfavorable, hot and dry, through most of the middlewest wheat belt.

Hood River has seen the folly of selling apples around 70 cents a dollar to grow them. Now the growers propose to organize a strong marketing and distributing agency and stabilize the industry. Among the country producers are forced to a realization that individual marketing is no longer profitable and that only through organized pooling and marketing can they succeed.

The state market master will give as much assistance to consumers' organizations as to producers, when this class becomes enough interested to take the initiative. So far the consumers have shown little interest in any movement to cooperate with producers and shorten the line and reduce the costs between the grower and the consumer. The state market master is ready to assist any cooperative proposition that is founded on a solid basis.

THINGS WE THINK

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

Being a creature of habit isn't so bad—the trouble is we form too many bad habits.

Too many advertisers are like the hen—they only cackle when business is good.

A man with an iron will naturally has a temper.

MAKING WORK FOR THEMSELVES Some folks can get enjoyment out of sliding down hill when they know they've got to struggle right back up again.

A mother and child make a pretty touching picture, but a father and child make a sensible one.

Everybody wants to down whisky—it is only a difference in methods upon which we do not agree.

MEN ARE HARDY If men should wear trousers that let the sunlight through, women would faint on the streets by scores.

A tired man seldom finds any fault with the mattress.

SOME NEVER LEARN Most people are disgusted with themselves when they fritter away valuable time—then do it right over again.

There's something about being alone in a great big lonely world that makes a person expect something supernatural to happen.

Live up to your opportunities and down to your salary.

Some folks clothe their thoughts too deolette.

Man never escapes punishment for disobeying the laws of nature.

When a man has a nag for a wife he can't be blamed for letting her work like a horse.

What's the use of calling a man a liar? You can't convince him—besides, he knows it already.

It's a bustle all the time to get money, and another bustle to spend it.

Pinks of propriety are seldom rosy checked.

When a man has a severe attack of rheumatism he has no other troubles.

JUST NATURALLY INVITE IT It seems that if a certain few in every community imagine they are always being abused by the rest.

Too many officeholders are afflicted with political spinal meningitis.

There is no good reason why a small man shouldn't fill a big place in the world's affairs.

We Americans haven't time to live to a ripe old age.

A thumb nail sketch is more than necessary to relate the biography of the man who spent his life under his wife's fingers.

Very few people know any news until after the paper is printed—and then they remember that they had heard all about it before.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID A metropolitan paper says that a scientist states that when people kiss they should use a strainer to prevent contagion. We would suggest—

R. D. Shearer Gains 35 Lbs. by Taking Tanlac

Robert D. Shearer, well-known retired hotel man, 319 South Second St., Walla Walla, Wash., is another enthusiastic friend of Tanlac. "That I am enjoying such good health at the age of seventy-one," recently said Mr. Shearer, "I can attribute to nothing but the help I have received from Tanlac. My stomach and kidneys had caused me great suffering and worry for ten or twelve years and I had about given up hope of ever getting well. When I started taking Tanlac I only weighed one hundred and twenty-five pounds, could neither eat or sleep to do much good, and my whole system seemed out of order.

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gest that a judicious use of chloride of lime when osulating might prove an excellent means of sanitation.

THE NO COUNTS The average value of a young man is said to be \$15,000. We know a whole bunch who are doing little to keep the average up.

A Waterloo may not be so bad—it depends upon which side we are on.

GETTING AT SOUL THROUGH STOMACH One pastor believes in furnishing a light luncheon for the inner man to be eaten while he is furnishing a feast of reason for the brain.

The airships are now carrying restaurants, says an exchange. Any facetious remarks about the meals being high are out of order.

Many people imagine the world is getting better when it is merely being "good" to them.

There is more honor in being a mother of men than in being the son of an illustrious parent.

Strangely enough those who refuse to drink water have a hard time keeping their heads high enough above water to keep it from running in.

WOULDN'T GET SEED BACK A news item tells of a ranch from which the first crop was a wagon load of bottles, wine, beer, champagne and seltzer, left there by a former occupant. A wagon load brought \$60. If all crops required a proportionate investment in seed, few farms would show a profit.

Why worry about your troubles? One college alone turned out 150 lawyers this year.

A man is hardly an exemplary citizen who allows noxious weeds to go to seed on his property.

Insurgency seems often to be a matter of emergency.

USE THE WANTADS We have heard of a man who wants a divorce because his wife refuses to cook. Others having

wives who do cook might be glad to trade.

PLENTY OF TIME FOR REGRET It quite often follows that the boy who only goes to Sunday school because he has to is compelled later in life to go to some other place he doesn't want to.

VAST EXPANSES A Washington man has engraved the alphabet on a pinhead. A man

foolish enough to waste his time that way could probably put his brains on the point of the same pin and have sufficient roof left to build a fence around them.

One great trouble with churches is a lack of hime.

HOW EASY WE ARE In confidential chats between women the problem of managing men becomes a comparatively simple

ple art at which all of the parties to the conversation are past masters.

More lives are taken with the revolver as a weapon of offense than are saved by it as a weapon of defense.

We'll have to teach our hens to put their eggs in cold storage during the summer and put them on the market in the winter.

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