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WHAT WE EXPECT OF GRADUATES.

A significant statement was made by H. J. Shinn, chairman of the school board at the time he presented diplomas to this year's graduating class.

He said that during the nine years that he has served as school director the school district has expended the sum of \$300,000. It probably was not his purpose to suggest to the class that that amount had been expended for their education. It was not his purpose to suggest to the class that that sum of money had been spent for nine years of their education. That would not have been the truth.

It probably was not the purpose of the school board chairman to make any suggestions to the graduates about any sum having been expended upon them. The amount spent during the nine years that the chairman has been upon the school board is about the same that has been spent by the city council for the conduct of the affairs of the city.

That also is significant. Cottage Grove, and this city is not different from others in that respect, spends for the education of its children an amount about equal to that spent by the city for the conduct of the affairs for all the people.

It is not the purpose of The Sentinel to dwell upon the amount spent by Cottage Grove, or any other city, for the education of its children. At the outside the education of a child from the first grade until he or she graduates from high school does not cost the district to exceed \$2000. The fact that the major portion which we give our children may be wasted does not cause us to feel any regret over the expenditure of the money. We are here only a little while. In that little while we can not accomplish much. The greatest satisfaction we can have when the final summons comes is to feel that we have done what we thought best in preparing for their battle with the world those who will follow in our footsteps. We would not have it said that we begrudged to others things which we could not have. We would rather that those to follow should be able to accomplish greater things than we did from the fact that we provided them with better opportunities than we had.

If they fail to accomplish more than we did, we would rather that it should be that they failed to grasp the opportunities that were theirs rather than for a lack of those opportunities because of our niggardliness. We are happy that those about

to blossom into manhood and womanhood have had these opportunities. We do not care to dwell upon what the cost has been, but it is well that they should be impressed with the fact that the cost of giving them superior opportunities has not been a small one. Now that they have had such opportunities, now that they have had more than those who have paid the bill, now that we have willingly paid the price of their education, we are looking to them to accomplish more than has been accomplished by those who have gone before, just as we who have given them the opportunities that are theirs have done more than those who paid the bill for us.

To accomplish more, even with the increased opportunities of the present, is not going to be an easy task.

In the first place more has been accomplished by the present generation than by any generation of the ages.

In the next place, the present generation and particularly the one immediately preceding, was fitted for its battle with the world by having to overcome many more obstacles than has the generation now graduating from high school and college.

The generation that is doing things now were, in their ability to battle with the world, men and women long before reaching voting age. For many of them, probably for most of them, education depended largely upon the amount of effort they were willing to put forward to get it.

They became independent at an early age because they depended upon their own resources. They gained initiative at an early age because they had no one to lean upon.

They did not get a craving for jazz and high life because there were no movies and no automobiles and because many things that are not now even frowned upon were not done in their day by young people who had ambitions to rise in life and to associate with those on a higher plane, mentally or otherwise.

So, while those who are graduating now, have had, or are having, greater opportunities than any who have gone before, they are having greater temptations to follow the lines of least resistance. In some ways their struggle to make good must be harder than it was for those who have gone before.

Nevertheless we are looking to them to do greater and better and nobler things than we have done. If they succeed, few of those who have paid the bill will regret the cost, but most of us expect to remain here long enough to learn whether or not what we have spent to prepare them for the performing of greater and better things was wisely spent.

We will be watching throughout the years, ever ready to lend a helping hand or speak a word of kindly advice. We trust that we shall not be disappointed.

IS HUMAN LIFE OF NO MOMENT?

Is human life to be considered little above that of an animal—and then only above that of an animal because of an intelligence that gives a different reaction under conditions that produce death?

We may infer that we are moving in that direction when we read the confession of the two Chicago youths who kidnaped and killed

another largely that they might scientifically observe the reaction when the lad should be put to death.

"The taking of human life is nothing," the murderers stated, "when in the interest of science."

The murder had been planned for months and a nearly-perfect alibi had been provided. The boy who was murdered was not selected for the gruesome experiment. He merely happened to appear at the moment that the young men had decided to carry their plans into execution. One human being would do as well as another and they took this one merely because it was convenient to do so—just as they had, no doubt, in former experiments picked a guinea pig or cat or some other animal necessary in their scientific experiments.

Oregon has not forgotten the Brumfield case. It was equally as revolting. A victim was necessary in order to carry out well-laid plans to establish the death of Brumfield and make possible the collection of thousands of dollars in insurance policies. An old man in a lonely cabin was taken, not because he was any more fit for the corpse than the sacrifice, it was convenient to use him. Undoubtedly the one who became his murderer often passed by the cabin and waved a friendly greeting while planning how the murder could be carried out.

The brutal murder of four members of the train crew in the Siskiyou tunnel holdup is yet fresh in our minds. Many others equally as revolting could be mentioned. Usually the stake was but a few thousand dollars.

The Chicago college boys have stated that the taking of human life is justifiable when science is to be served thereby. It might be well to let the proposed victim have some part in judging whether the benefits likely to result, are worth the sacrifice. It is likely that the murderers are among those who, if they were the intended victims, would decide that science could wait.

If they were doing nothing wrong, why the elaborate alibi to prevent their detection, and how was science to be served if the results of their "experiment" could not be given to the world for fear of their being charged with murder?

If they really believe their own statement, why are millions in money to be spent in an effort to keep them from the gallows?

Let them prove the correctness of their own contention. Let them give to science the millions that would be spent in their defense and then offer themselves for the purpose for which they themselves committed murder. Something worth while might be learned from an observation of the reaction under conditions designed to produce death of young men with their obsessed and deranged mentalities.

Death on the gallows is too sudden and does not offer the opportunity for the kind of scientific experiment which they have said is justifiable.

SELFISH CAMPERS WHO ARE WITHOUT SHAME.

Shameful use of many of the camping spots near the city has been reported by many Sunday outers. One party reported that they had to spend some time in cleaning up old papers, paper cartons, tin cans and other debris before the camp was fit for use. The Cottage Grove country is a

great outers' paradise. Nature has been lavish in preparing for the pleasure of those who seek the great outdoors but, unfortunately, there are many persons who will selfishly enjoy these pleasures for themselves and take no thought for the enjoyment of the same pleasure by others.

Many owners of camping spots have closed them to the public for no other reason than the one that a few of those using them have left them in a filthy condition. Those owning such camping spots can not be blamed for feeling that when they give their use free those using them should have enough decency to clean up when leaving.

Those who leave filthy camp grounds are not entitled to have camp grounds provided for them. They have no appreciation of the beauties of nature which they defile with tin cans, greasy papers and other debris. The few who are selfish and thoughtless are robbing the many who have a decent respect for the beauties of nature and the rights of others, through the fact that many pretty camping grounds are being closed to all because of the shamelessness of the few who leave their filth for others to clean up.

Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo is about to be explained by an investigation of zones of silence, which were discovered as a result of the late war, when bombarding heard a great distance away was not heard closer to the big guns. None of that zones-of-silence stuff was present when Hiram got the returns from California.

That new and powerful anesthetic which has been discovered, a minute portion of which will put an elephant to sleep, should be used in carload quantities when the Californians get to telling how superior their climate is to that of Oregon.

Manufacturers on Puget sound have adopted rules designed to standardize shingles, and the small boy rises to remark that he hopes in the future they'll be made uniformly lighter and softer.—Eugene Register.

The drop in the price of sugar just as the canning season is coming on undoubtedly will make the housewife much sweeter in her comments anent the sugar trust.

Neighborhood News

SAGINAW.

(Special to The Sentinel.) June 2.—Wolfe Allen, of Wendling, spent Sunday at the Judson Allen home.

Mrs. Lowell Benston and daughter and Mrs. W. A. Keene and daughter Frances returned Monday from Salem. Miss Mary Allen, who accompanied them there, remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Clara Taplin received word Saturday evening of the death of Mrs. Mary Taplin at Vallejo, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Alta King and daughter, of Eugene, visited briefly Thursday at the home of Mr. King's aunt, Mrs. J. A. Burgess.

Relatives of E. H. Koch arrived Saturday evening from Wyoming. They have bought the J. S. Lake place in Delight Valley and the family will arrive in a short time. The O. Knight family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cotter, Mrs. Laura Moody and Esther Sharon spent Memorial day at London.

The C. A. Lindsay family left Friday evening for Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buff, of Salem, visited here Friday with Mrs. Buff's mother, Clara Taplin, and at Marshfield over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Pearl McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Koch, of Eugene, visited Sunday at the E. H. Koch home.

THORNTON CORNERS.

(Special to The Sentinel.) June 2.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodge motored to Amity and Mempherville for Memorial day.

Mrs. Frank Hockett and daughter Miss Gladys went to Portland Sunday for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Hockett's sister, Mrs. Joe Stuckey. They will attend the rose festival while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frost, of Blue Mountain, visited Memorial day with Mrs. J. W. Fisher.

Elmer and Frank Miller, of Cottage Grove, visited Friday evening with their aunt, Mrs. Tom Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hockett and children picnicked on Mosby creek Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Angelo Perini and Mrs. Louis Pamazzi and their mother, Mrs. Tonoli, accompanied Tony Tonoli to the cemetery at Divide Friday morning and spent the remainder of the day with relatives at Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, of Cottage Grove, visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beidler and little son, of Cottage Grove, visited Thursday afternoon with Alfred Beidler.

Miss Gladys Hockett attended a dance in Eugene Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher visited Sunday evening with Mrs. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Jessie Lowry, at Walker.

SILK CREEK.

(Special to The Sentinel.) June 2.—Mrs. F. A. Green and daughter, Miss May, spent Memorial day at Independence with Mrs. Green's father, Mr. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sams, of Cottage Grove, were Sunday dinner guests at the Shade Burcham home.

Elder J. Sams preached at the little white church Sunday afternoon.

The Van Darnell family, of Noti, visited Sunday at the E. R. Darnell home. The Byron Winslow family and Zaida and Effie Estes motored to Sutherlin Thursday evening. The Winslow family also attended the commencement exercises at Suther-

lin academy Saturday evening. Miss Leta Estes, who was a senior at the academy, and her sister Zaida, who had been visiting Miss Leta, accompanied the Winslows home.

The B. W. Garner and D. A. Estes families visited at the C. W. Dwyre home Saturday evening.

Some members of the Burcham and Babeok families attended the Memorial day services in Cottage Grove.

The D. A. Estes family motored to Lynx Hollow Sunday and visited at the E. T. Harley home.

Miss Mavea Fowler returned Sunday from Sutherlin, where she had attended a term at the academy.

Liked to Scare Women.

A respected carpenter by day and a terror to women at night, Joe Collins, of Winfield, Kan., is in jail. He is held responsible for the many huggings which held the entire town in fright. "I never did any harm," Collins told the police when arrested. "I just liked to see the women frightened."

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