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## GOOD BOOKS FOR GOOD ENGLISH.

Are we more slovenly with our English than ever before in the history of English speaking nations. To those that come in contact with English as it is written it seems that such is the case.

This writer has read the diaries of many who crossed the plains or pioneered where opportunities for advancement were few, of those who lived in the days when a college education was thought not to be for the common herd and even a high school education was a luxury.

This writer has read the English compositions of high school and college students, and for expressiveness, for construction, for grammatical correctness, for knowledge of the proper use of words the writings of those who had the most meager of school training compare favorably with compositions by those of today who have had high school and college opportunities.

As a matter of fact, the written English of the average high school graduate of today is not equal to what an eighth grader ought to have, what it seems to us that the eighth grader of a quarter of a century ago did have. School teachers admit this.

It might startle college graduates to see the way their copy has to be edited in the ordinary newspaper office before it is permitted to go to the compositors.

And copy has to be edited before being sent to the compositors, because compositors who can correctly edit copy are few. The old time comp. who had his regular annual circuit considered it little less than an insult to have his copy edited. This writer has seen editorial copy handed to a compositor on a metropolitan paper with instructions to make improvements if he should find any that could be made. We doubt whether that ever is done today.

There is a reason why this should be so, and it is not by any means all the fault of the schools.

In the good old days about which we like to talk, but with which we were dissatisfied when we lived in them, much leisure time was spent with good books. Today there are more good books than ever before but less reading of them. After we deduct the time that the nightly theater takes, after we deduct the time that the automobile takes, after we deduct the time required for social functions, after we deduct the time required by lodges and societies, after we deduct the time taken by the radio and a hundred other things to keep our minds from our books, there is little time left for reading.

Reading good books gives one a command of good English, of expressive English, of correct English, all without conscious effort on the part of the reader. Today, if we should eliminate two dozen slang words from daily conversation, there are many who would be unable to express themselves.

Fortunately there is a turning to good books through study clubs and through some educational institutions.

In the Milwaukee vocational school, for example, and that city is peopled largely with those of foreign descent, credits and diplomas are issued for a certain amount of reading. The result has been that students who never before thought of reading good books are developing a taste for them, there has been a great improvement in the English of pupils and fewer magazines of the lurid type have been seen in the school rooms.

The National Committee for the Study of Juvenile Reading has been successful in getting good books into schools where there were no libraries before.

This writer has heard pupils of the Cottage Grove schools say they couldn't even remember the name of some study they had had the year before, that they couldn't remember a single thing they had learned in some study they had had a year or two before. The Cottage Grove schools are not peculiar in this respect. There is everywhere too much study of subjects which do the pupil no good whatsoever and too little study of English, something that is used every minute of every day. Anyone who doubts this should ask to be permitted to examine the English productions of a high school class, in Cottage Grove or anywhere else, or should ask college authorities as to how far behind where they should be are students who arrive there, are students who leave there.

Hasten the return to the reading of good books, of less time given to frivolity, of more time given to mental improvement.

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Lady Godiva, who rode through the streets of Coventry, so history tells us, with nothing to cover her nakedness except her wonderful golden tresses, thereby winning freedom from taxes for her people, is to be imitated at an arts ball to be given in Chicago. When Lady Godiva made her ride her people locked their homes and pulled down their blinds, so that there would be none to see her. Only a tailor, ever afterward called Peeping Tom, looked out upon the naked rider, and he was struck blind. In this bobbed-hair age there will be no flowing tresses and none of the revelers will hesitate to take chances on his eyesight.

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Some male devils desert angels of wives, while other husbands live apparently contented with wives that would drive Satan out of purgatory.

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Silk underwear of orchid hue is fashion's dictate for men this winter. We know some who ought to wear it.

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Industry may not be its own reward, but intelligent effort is always well rewarded.

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Quite often friendship ceases at the hymeneal altar.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF GOVERNMENT TIMBER.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, WASHINGton, D. C., October 4, 1927—Notice is hereby given that subject to the conditions and limitations of the acts of June, 9, 1916 (39 Stat., 218), February 26, 1919 (40 Stat., 1179), June 4, 1920 (41 Stat., 758), and departmental regulations of April 14, 1924 (50 L. D., 376), the timber on the following lands will be sold December 5, 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m., at public auction at the United States land office at Roseburg, Oregon, to the highest bidder at not less than the appraised value as shown by this notice, sale to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The purchase price, with an additional sum of one-fifth of one per cent thereof, being commissions allowed, must be deposited at time of sale, money to be returned if sale is not approved, otherwise patent will issue for the timber, which must be removed within ten years. Bids will be received from citizens of the United States, associations of such citizens and corporations organized under the laws of the United States or any State, Territory or District thereof only. Upon application of a qualified purchaser the timber on any legal subdivision will be offered separately before being included in any offer of a larger unit. T. 20 S., R. 1 W., Sec. 17, NW¼ NE¼ yellow fir 880 M, red cedar 460 M, hemlock 120 M, cedar poles 140. NE¼ NW¼ yellow fir 1660 M, red cedar 460 M, hemlock 100 M, cedar poles 240. NW¼ NW¼ yellow fir 1750 M, red cedar 180 M, hemlock 80 M, cedar poles 240. SE¼ NW¼ yellow fir 920 M, red cedar 480 M, hemlock 60 M, cedar poles 80. SW¼ NW¼ yellow fir 1900 M, red cedar 230 M, hemlock 80 M, T. 27 S., R. 11 W., Sec. 5 N½ SW¼ NE¼ red fir 1300 M, none of the timber on these sections to be sold for less than $1.50 per M for the yellow fir, 50 cents per M for the red cedar, $1 per M for the hemlock, $2.50 per M for the red fir and 40 cents each for the cedar poles. T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 33, NE¼ SE¼ red fir 1250 M, NW¼ SE¼ red fir 1500 M, red cedar 50 M, hemlock 50 M, T. 20 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 9, SW¼ NW¼ red fir 1035 M, none of the timber on these sections to be sold for less than $1 per M for the red cedar and hemlock and $1.75 per M for the red fir. T. 4 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 29, SW¼ NW¼ red fir 1620 M, red cedar 130 M, none of the timber on this section to be sold for less than $1 per M for the red cedar and $2 per M for the red fir. T. 9 S., R. 2 E., Sec. 13, SE¼ NW¼ red fir 1850 M., none of the timber on this section to be sold for less than $1.50 per M. T. 8 S., R. 3 E., Sec. 31, NW¼ NE¼ yellow fir 2050 M, hemlock 800 M, SW¼ NE¼ yellow fir 2040 M, hemlock 500 M, NE¼ NW¼ yellow fir 2760 M, hemlock 340 M. Lot 1 yellow fir 3300 M, hemlock 450 M. SE¼ NW¼ yellow fir 2800 M, hemlock 420 M. Lot 2 yellow fir 2100M, hemlock 480 M. NE¼ SW¼ yellow fir 2200 M, hemlock 500 M. Lot 3 yellow fir 3600 M, hemlock 650 M, none of the timber on this section to be sold for less than $1.75 per M for the fir and 75 cents per M for the hemlock. T. 36 S., R. 3 E., Sec. 11, NE¼ NE¼ yellow pine 280 M. Sugar pine 20 M, red fir 275 M, nw¼ NE¼ yellow pine 360 M, sugar pine 120 M, red fir 540 M, SE¼ NE¼ yellow pine 100 M, sugar pine 30 M, red fir 180 M, white fir 50 M, SW¼ NE¼ yellow pine 30 M, sugar pine 200 M, red fir 700 M, white fir 60 M, NE¼ NW¼ yellow pine 380 M, sugar pine 160 M, red fir 180 M, white fir 30 M, NW¼ NW¼ yellow pine 250 M, sugar pine 80 M, red fir 270 M, white fir 40 M, SE¼ NW¼ yellow pine 250 M, sugar pine 60 M, red fir 360 M, white fir 30 M, SW¼ NW¼ yellow pine 520 M, red fir 410 M, NE¼ SE¼ yellow pine 460 M, red fir 300 M, white fir 40 M, NW¼ SE¼ yellow pine 180 M, sugar pine 170 M, red fir 420 M, white fir 50 M, SE¼ SE¼ yellow pine 240 M, sugar pine 60 M, red fir 400 M, SW¼ SE¼, yellow pine 380 M, sugar pine 140 M, red fir 500 M, white fir 60 M, NE¼ SW¼ yellow pine 370 M, red fir 125 M, NW¼ SW¼ yellow pine 130 M, sugar pine 40 M, red fir 225 M, white fir 50 M, SE¼ SW¼, yellow pine 350 M, sugar pine 180 M, red fir 225 M, SW¼ SW¼ yellow pine 440 M, sugar pine 70 M, red fir 90 M, none of the timber on this section to be sold for less than $2.50 per M for the yellow and sugar pine, $1.25 per M for the red fir and 50 cents per M for the white fir. T. 28 S., R. 12 W., Sec. 9, NE¼ SE¼ red and yellow fir 2590 M, white fir 300 M, red cedar 70 M, hemlock 20 M, NW¼ SE¼ red and yellow fir 1350 M, white fir 50 M, red cedar 40 M, NE¼ SW¼ red and yellow fir 1320 M, white fir 50 M, red cedar 20 M, hemlock 30 M, none of the timber on this section to be sold for less than $2 per M for the red and yellow fir and red cedar, 50 cents per M for the white fir and $1 per M for the hemlock. WILLIAM SPRY, Commissioner. o27-n24-21

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Clerk—Yes, sir.

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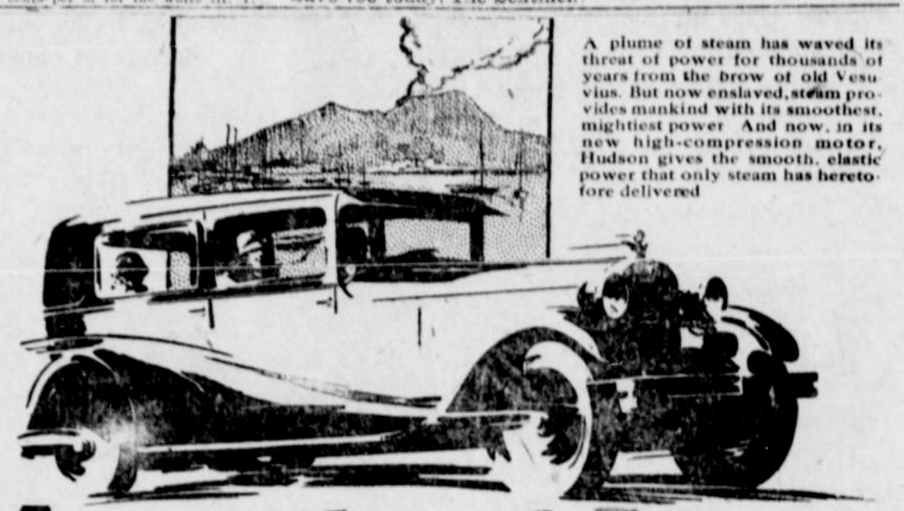

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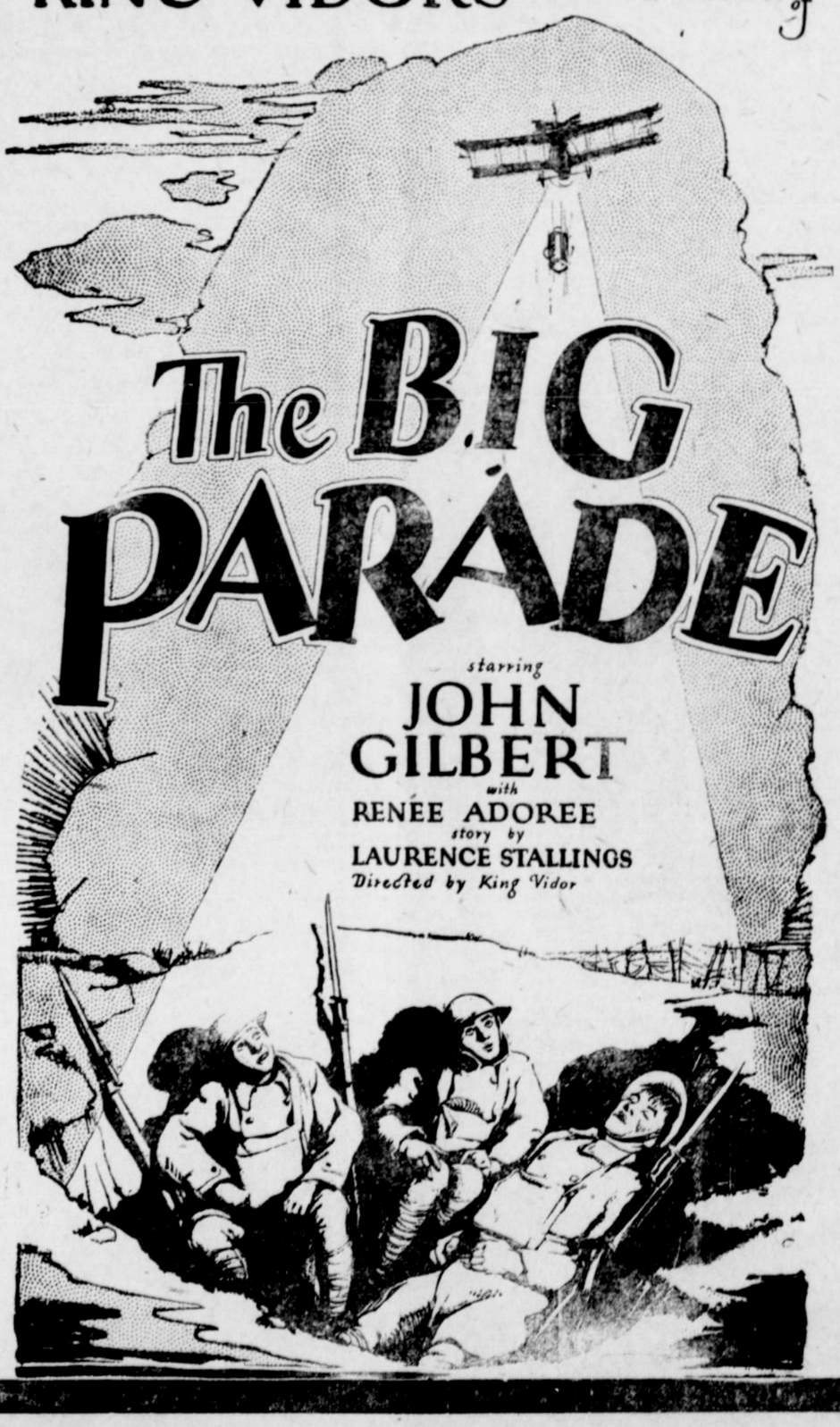


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