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TOO SOON TO QUIT
(A guest editorial)
(Editor's note.— Realizing that some of our readers may have grown tired of reading after us for so many months, we invited a civic and church leader to write the editorial for the week.

Young persons sometimes asked Henry Ford, "How can I make my life a success?" Mr. W. J. Cameron on the Ford Sunday Evening Hour program of January 10, 1937, incorporated Mr. Ford's answer; and as we celebrate the great inventor's birthday we do well to listen to his advice.

One such tip for making a success out of life is: "If you start a thing, finish it." Were you looking for some profound wisdom instead of this old-fashioned advice? It is both—but as such it is part of an engineer's design for living—finish it!

"Yes," one says, "but the things may not be worth finishing." Of course when he says, "finish it," Mr. Ford isn't thinking about the thing at all, he is thinking of you—you, Mr. Editor, you, Miss Maiden, and you, Sir Youth. The vital concern of life is not what you are working on, but what it is doing to you.

You know how it goes—you find a new project and start with a great gust of interest—you even miss your meals for it—break dates—then suddenly it goes stale—and you quit. Or you find your plan is wrong—and you quit. All that you have as profit from your effort is the knowledge of HOW TO QUIT.

There are always reasons to quit. Mr. Ford tells of the enthusiasm he had in making his first car in that little brick building on the alley in the rear of his home. He had all the ardor of young enthusiasm looking forward to great results.

Another reason for quitting is just the opposite—we want to quit, not because we see something better, but because we see nothing at all;—so why continue? Why not throw in the sponge? Ask yourself this question: Did I have clear insight when I started this? Were my motives sound? Very well—what happened? A cloud has settled down and I cannot see. Well, many a man has never seen the light he needed, until he entered that cloud and walked through it.

Determination to finish what we have begun is a discipline we need. Failure is the path of least persistence. Keep plodding on, doggedly forcing yourself on for that extra hour. Quitting makes a dead end of any road—often just as it was ready to open. Transfer if you must; catch another wave length; change your level to a higher one, BUT DON'T QUIT—it is always too soon to quit.

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OUR DEMOCRACY by M. L.

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NO LESSON IN THE CLASSROOM IS MORE DRAMATIC YET MORE ELUSIVE TO THE YOUTHFUL MIND THAN HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE FORCE OF COMPOUND INTEREST—DOLLARS AT WORK PRODUCE MORE DOLLARS.



IN LATER LIFE, IF WE TRY TO USE THIS FORCE AS INDIVIDUALS, WE MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT BUT WHEN WE POOL OUR FUNDS WITH THE MONEY OF OTHERS IN SAVINGS BANKS, IN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES, WE GAIN THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS POWER IN BUILDING FAMILY SECURITY BECAUSE WE ARE THUS ABLE TO KEEP OUR MONEY CONSTANTLY AT WORK.

THOUGHTLETS By Earl B. Balch

There is an old adage that says "The mills of the gods grind slowly." Sometimes, in our impatience, we think that the wheels of congress revolve just as slowly.

A man who is not aggressive enough to have any enemies is usually too weak to have any friends.

Years ago, we used to hear of Christian communists. This cannot be. A communist must first be an atheist.

An Indian scholar says that we should cease building up the differences between races and peoples, but should strive to see where the similarity of races and peoples are.

All people are pagan who consider no one but themselves no matter what creed of faith they may profess.

A liquor dealer does not wish all the results of his business advertised.

A measure has been introduced in the Oregon legislature requiring that all holders of liquor permits have their pictures on the permits. I wonder how much good this might do. At any rate, a man could not get a permit in the name of his dog.

To be fair, the profit motive must be subordinated to the moral motive.

Laws are made to correct abuses but if there is no public sentiment behind the laws the abuses are not corrected.

LATHAM

The Latham school club held its regular meeting Thursday evening February 6. It was decided to sponsor a series of parties for the older children of the school. The first party is to be held in the very near future.

Mrs. Gennie Cox has been very ill at her home on 6th street for two weeks. Her daughter, Frances Marquardt, the third and fourth grade teacher called a substitute last week in order to be with her. Another daughter, Sadie Brunhaug of The Dalles is with her this week.

Leslie Hull and son, of Vancouver, Washington, spent Friday night at the Claude Plaster home. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Yates and their two small sons of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Gene V. Hansen of Corvallis spent the week-end at the Hugh Trunnell home. This is the first time the family have all been together at one time. Mrs. Yates and sons will remain for two weeks.

Laird V. Ankrum, of Eugene was tuning pianos in the Latham vicinity during the last week.

Mrs. Harry Lewis and Mrs. H. Hayes spent Monday in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Youngman announce the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Lois, to Harold Mendell of Cottage Grove. The wedding took place the evening of January 29. The Rev. Frank Brown officiated with the single ring ceremony. After a short trip to the coast, the newlyweds are at home with the bride's parents. The Youngmans moved here last summer from Kokomo, Indiana.

Washing Woollens Woolen cloth should never be soaked. Wash by hand, squeeze suds through the fabric. Rubbing shrinks and hardens the wool.

Remove Tar From Linen Tar may be removed from linen by rubbing thoroughly with oil of turpentine, or lard, permitting to stand awhile, and then wash in soap and water.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

By a vote that was substantially more than the required two-thirds (285 to 121), the House passed and sent to the Senate a Joint Resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the service of any one individual as President to two terms of four years each. I consider this one of the most important measures to be acted upon by Congress in many years.

In our form of government, no one individual should ever be considered indispensable. Furthermore, our experience, over 160 years, has proven that the Constitutional checks and balances fail to operate for the protection of the people when the Executive, who has the power of appointing members of the Judicial Branch of the Government for life terms, is in office longer than eight years.

Braces Removed From Loon Lake Bridge Recently

Discovery of the removal of truss braces from the Loon Lake bridge, which might have caused its collapse and the consequent isolation of a large dairying and logging country, was revealed today by County Roadmaster Floyd C. Frear.

That the braces had been removed, evidently to permit passage of an extremely heavy load, was discovered Thursday by Clyde Rydell, Reedsport, county road patrolman, Frear said.

The Loon Lake bridge is the highest span in the county. It is 50 feet above the rocky gorge of Mill Creek, which flows from Loon Lake into the Umpqua River. The bridge was built in 1927 and has been repaired many times since, Frear explained.—Roseburg News Review.

three independent branches of government became too closely allied politically. As our experience has proven, this cannot happen when a President serves no more than eight years.

I hope the Senate will pass the resolution promptly, and that the amendment will be laid before the State Legislatures, most of which are now in session.

The framers of our Constitution very wisely made the process of amending it a slow and difficult one. The Constitution never has been amended hastily, and amendments are few. In all, more than 4,000 proposed amendments have been suggested to Congress. More than 200 of them have had to do with the term of office of the President, but out of the 4,000, only 21 amendments have ever been ratified by the states. The amendment now under consideration will, of course, require the affirmative approval of the Legislatures of 36 states.

The Special Subcommittee to investigate the sugar situation has just made its preliminary report to the Congress and the American people. Our committee has recommended that a per capita allotment of not less than 35 to 40 pounds be provided in 1947, as compared with 25 pounds in 1946. It has also recommended that industrial and institutional users be allowed sufficient sugar to equal 80 per cent of the 1941 base period, as compared with 60 per cent in 1946. It further recommended that the Secretary of Agriculture retain a minimum of approximately 3 million 3 hundred thousand short tons of sugar from the United States owned Cuban sugar acquisition for use of American consumers in 1947, and urged that producers in the United States, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico,

be encouraged to increase production in 1947-48.

The annual banquet of the Oregon Society of Washington, D. C. will be held Tuesday evening, February 18th, at the Roger-Smith Hotel. More than 200 former residents of Oregon live here now, and most of them turn out for the annual meeting. Pherne Miller, niece of the famous Oregon poet, Joaquin Miller, who has lived in Washington many years, is President of the Society. Carlton Savage, Assistant to the Secretary of State, and one-time President of the University of Oregon Student

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