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WHAT KIND OF AN EDUCATION ARE YOU GETTING?

Probably never before was there such a demand upon the part of the younger generation for a school education. Probably never before have there been so many young folks from Cottage Grove attending the institutions of higher learning.

This is a worthy ambition upon the part of the young people. America, leader of the world, has need for men in the coming generation of high attainments, mentally, morally, physically and otherwise.

Knowledge is power, so the old saying goes, but there may be a great difference between school education and the knowledge that is power.

Some of the most complete fizzes the world has ever known have been people with all that school and institutions of learning could give them. They didn't have the knowledge that is power. Some of the greatest successes the world has known have been people with almost no school education, yet they had the knowledge that is power.

School education, for our present purpose, may be said to be merely the vehicle whereby knowledge may be obtained, and to those in a position to observe, it appears that many are looking to school education alone as the fulfillment of their desire for knowledge, the knowledge that is power.

School education teaches the proper use of English, gives the rules whereby one may know what is proper and what is not, but it does not necessarily give the student command of English. That can come only through constant practice in the use of the language, through constant contact with the best English as used by the best writers, and it is a pretty safe prediction that less than five per cent of the graduates of any high school in any state can write a news story so that it would be accepted without material alteration by any newspaper which attempts to observe certain well-defined rules for the writing of news stories.

In making this statement, The Sentinel puts no emphasis upon capitalization and punctuation, for which each newspaper may have rules of its own. There are certain rules for the orderly arrangement of the elements of a story that are practically the same upon all papers. In brief these rules are all summarized in the one rule, "Tell your story on paper as you would tell it in relating the same story to a friend." Apparently an easy rule to follow, but one which every newspaper cub has to learn.

Certain infractions of rules often are permitted to writers of reputation, writers who are recognized as themselves competent judges of how news stories should be written, but which styles a cub writer might not be permitted to imitate. In such cases it may truly be said that knowledge is power, for to vary the style set by any newspaper and get by the editor is some little stunt. Such writers are makers of newspaper style and even editors submit to their superior knowledge.

A mathematical education prepares a student for positions wherein a knowledge of mathematics is required, but no student becomes a successful bank cashier or a successful accountant merely because of a mathematical education.

Again proficiency in the study is only a vehicle to knowledge as we are here rigidly defining it for our present purpose.

A diploma from a school of medicine is a very good start for one who hopes to become a successful physician,

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but a patient is not very quick to submit himself to a major operation by one who has just left school with all the education that can be given there. Knowledge that brings fame and power in this line of endeavor comes only after many years. Again education is not the knowledge that is power.

We might take many more professions and carry out the same line of argument, but these are sufficient to make our point clear.

We have said that probably never before was there such a demand upon the part of the young people of the country for school education. It probably is equally true that never before in the history of the country was less being done by the young people to get the knowledge for which this school education is the vehicle.

Probably never before, at least never before in modern times, has so much time been given to frivolity and pleasure. Time that the younger folks of a generation ago gave to reading the best authors and editorials by the ablest editors, thereby acquiring a command of language, time that young folks of a generation ago gave to getting a practical experience during hours outside of school is now given to theater-going, to dancing, to motoring, to loafing about places of amusement, anything for entertainment that will pass the time.

The young person who puts preparation for the future above the pleasure of the moment is the rare exception. The young person who puts reading that imparts knowledge above the reading that feeds the passion for entertainment is in the small minority—and in these they probably are no different from the generation that is grown, which also is getting away from the habits in vogue when they were young.

The person with a good school education is going to have the best of opportunities offered him when the time comes for him to take his place in the world, but the young person who supplements that school education with the attainment of knowledge that enables him to put that education to practical use is going to be the leader of men, is going to be the one to whom others will look for direction. The young person who does not do this is going to be outdistanced by many with meager school education but a wealth of the knowledge that is power.

Young man, young woman, what are you doing to prepare yourself to put your education to practical use—what are you doing to enable you to make use of your education after you have acquired it?

THRIFT, CLOTHES AND SUCCESS.

The thrift campaign now being conducted in the schools of Cottage Grove, as well as in all the schools of Oregon and the other coast states, is the outgrowth of a meeting held several months ago in San Francisco, when the superintendents of instruction of these states pledged themselves to cooperate with the federal government in the sale of thrift stamps by organizing thrift societies in every school in these states.

At this meeting it was declared that "soft, silky lingerie, silk stockings, shirt waists and all luxurious wearing apparel" must be discarded from the wardrobe of the school girl and the school boy.

Following are three paragraphs from the declaration of principles adopted at that time which every patriotic citizen should read both himself and to the members of his family:

"We are living in a period of exceptional extravagance and high prices. Never in the history of the nation has there been such waste of time, labor, money and materials. During the war the people of America were told that thrift would win the war—that we should save food, clothing and money. The people responded to the drives that were made and saved, sometimes until it hurt. It is evident, however, that the practice of thrift has not been carried over. On the contrary, there has been a reaction that has now reached the danger point. We therefore feel that a concerted effort should be made to check extravagance and promote thrift as a life habit.

"Thrift is the saving of four things—time, talent, health and money. It needs no argument to show that these things are essential in the life of the nation. The world will not be safe and stable until there is greater conservation of these things. Our nation is facing a winter of unpreparedness. Unless the prices of shoes, hats, milk,

butter, eggs, potatoes, flour, fuel and other necessities are reduced the children of the nation will suffer. At such a time it is alarming that people of small means should make extravagant and unnecessary purchases, and even anticipate their income by making such purchases on time. Children growing up under such conditions are certain to develop false ideals and form extravagant habits.

"In the interest of the future citizenry of America, we, the state superintendents of public instruction in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, appeal to our people to do everything in their power to discourage and check extravagance, and by precept and example to aid the schools in the teaching of thrift. We urge upon school officials and teachers the necessity for the teaching of thrift as a patriotic duty and as a means of meeting this great social and economic crisis."

Since the time of the adoption of this declaration of principles, parent-teacher associations in many cities of these states have adopted resolutions along the same line.

Although not directly connected with this campaign, recent utterances of prominent churchmen of this and other lands are pertinent. These churchmen have attacked what they term "the prevailing tendency toward nudity in feminine dress," and the modern dress what little they seem to be able to find, is hit a hard swat, the difficulty seeming to have been to find enough to land on.

One churchman attacks the fashion which he found of wearing a fur about the neck which Nature has enabled to resist the inclemencies of the weather, while the "I. O. U." in front and the "B. V. D." in back remained exposed to the weather and to the profane gaze of the male of the species.

Of course, no one in Cottage Grove dresses this way, at least if they do so dress we have failed to notice the fact, but this manner of dress the churchman finds is only leading on and on to further extravagance by others who must be just as extravagantly and just as scantily clad—and it seems that scantiness and extravagance go hand in hand.

Only a few days ago we heard of a case that occurred at the University of Oregon that is very much in point.

At a certain boarding hall or sorority house one young woman by her extreme dress set up in the hearts of the other girls the desire to be just as luxuriously and just as fashionably attired. One girl in this house was from Cottage Grove and was provided very liberally with clothes by parents who, while able to afford all that could reasonably be desired, believed that the clothes had little to do with the main object for which they were sending their daughter to college. They reasoned that this over-dressed girl probably was the daughter of wealthy parents who did not realize how their pampering of her was raising false ideals in her associates who wished not to appear underdressed in comparison.

A year or so after this occurrence, the father of this Cottage Grove girl learned entirely by accident that the young woman who set the style in dress at this boarding house was the daughter of a widow who had slaved and denied herself decent clothing in order that her daughter might be able to have the things she demanded.

To senseless extravagance the young woman had added the most selfish disregard of others.

Extravagance in dress—a desire to be dressed like others are dressed—is very little help in getting an education. Time given to the thought of what others think of your clothes, time given to thinking that other girls or other boys must think your parents are stingy or too poor to dress you better, might much better be put into getting lessons and in preparation for higher and better things.

When the final test comes, when you are after the job for which you have been preparing, your future employer will little note what is on the outside, provided it is not so slovenly or shabby as to attract attention, but he will be mightily interested in knowing what is inside your head, and you will be unable to pile clothes on thick enough to detract attention from your mental deficiencies.

Getting the thrift habit is a stepping stone to future prosperity. The number who squandered their money, their time and their talents in their youth and yet have risen to positions of influence and affluence are few.

The number who have surmounted deficiencies in dress and have risen to the highest stations are legion. Governors, congressmen, senators, presidents, and people in the higher stations in all walks of life are among the number.

Get the thrift habit, be frugal with your money, wish your time, wish your talents, and all other things are likely to come your way.

The sleeping sickness is now said to follow the flu. We were bragging that we hadn't had the flu as yet, but after reading this statement we have concluded that we must have had it without knowing it.

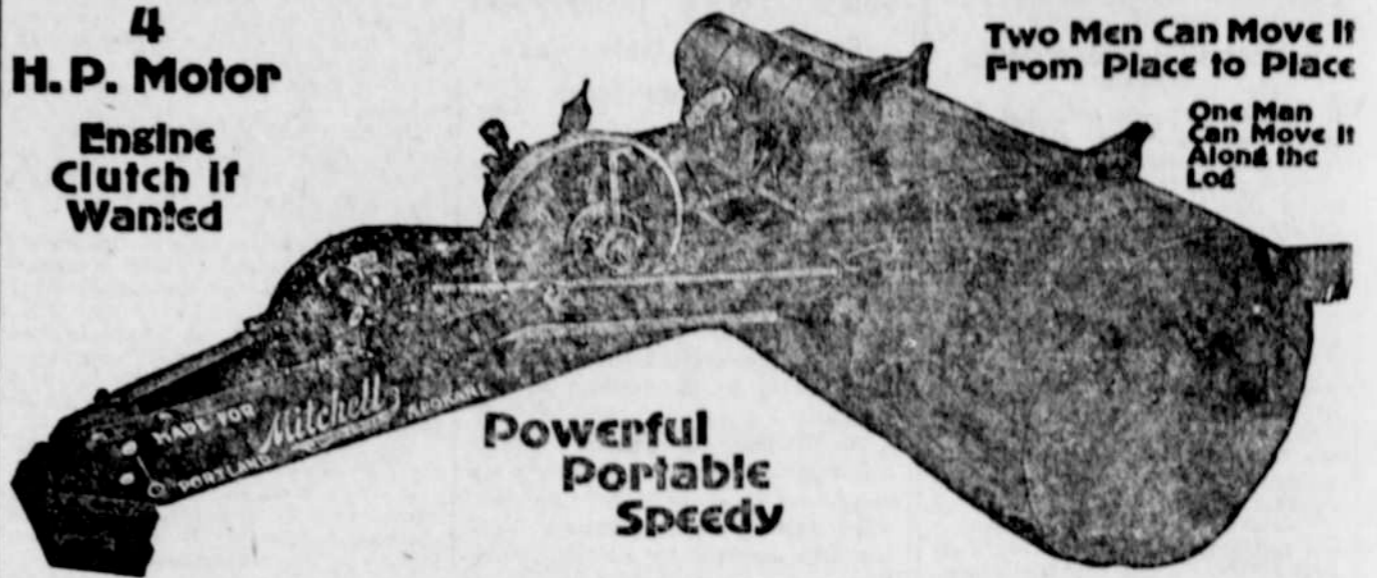
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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.
Eugene C. Lynn, Plaintiff, vs. Cora H. Lynn, Defendant.
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FRED E. SMITH,
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Eugene, Oregon.
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Sometimes the nicest thing about having company is seeing them go.

It is the "drys," not the "wets," who open the floodgates of oratory.

It appears inconsistent for a person to get into a tantrum arguing religion.

The woman who despises matrimony usually does not speak from experience.

More trees are cut down at Christmas time than are planted on Arbor Day.

All of us have something to be thankful for if we but stop to think of it.

A woman would rather not know a secret than not to have anyone to tell it to.

In the east women are learning to run elevators. Is this going up or down?

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

The old maid who waits the longest for a husband kicks the most about him after she gets him.

It costs about a dollar for every vote cast in these United States. Do you get your money's worth?

There is such a thing as becoming so wise to all con games that you will pass up a real gold brick.

With woman suffrage becoming general, candidates will need to devise a new line of campaign "bunk."

God probably never intended man to be satisfied—because if he were he would have nothing to pray for.

Every man has an inalienable right to work—but some do not insist on exercising all their prerogatives.

A person who can't get along with his neighbors will usually find that the fault is not with his neighbors.

When women come into general use as jurors, we presume the bandage will be removed from the eyes of justice.

A real unselfish man is one who gets busy moving things out of the way of the one who is rapidly getting to the front.

The recent census shows 642 poets working at manual labor. In these prosperous days even poets can earn a living.

An eastern doctor says girls have five souls. We don't begrudge the dear, sweet things as many of them as they want—we have enough trouble trying to save one from purgatory.

Statistics state that twelve billion telephone messages were sent in the United States during 1919. There must be an error somewhere—we found the line busy more times than that.

Some of the characteristics of the savage remain with the civilized man. The man who skins his friends can probably trace his ancestry back to some Indian who scalped his enemies.

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