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U. OF O. PROF. SHOULD BE MORE ACCURATE

The Sentinel is always interested in the many pamphlets and leaflets which come from the state's institutions of higher learning. They contain much information upon state affairs which it is important to know, as well as sometimes presenting alleged facts which it is important not to know.

Also many social and economic problems are presented in a manner that is interesting and informative and starts a train of thought. This is, we think, a highly important function of an institution of higher learning, even though the train of thought may not stop at some of the flag stations indicated in the treatise or may even take an entirely different direction.

Just as it is important for our institutions of higher learning to do the things we have indicated, so it is important for the newspapers to comment upon the activities of these institutions, to commend where commendation is due and to criticize where it seems fit so to do.

In a recent review by Professor Joseph D. Boyd, of the University of Oregon, of the social life of the rural districts of Lane county, The Sentinel is shown to have a radius of influence as great as any other two rural papers of the county. For this calling attention to the great influence of this family journal we feel called upon to commend Professor Boyd for his accuracy and discernment—and he places us in a position where we feel it a duty incumbent upon us to call attention to some errors which appear in his highly interesting, enlightening and entertaining treatise.

For example, Woodburn is placed just beyond the county line. Of course, during the past few years we have not been pleyaunish about a little discrepancy in figures. A few hundred billions of dollars or a matter of a hundred miles or so was of little consequence when we were financing a world war and sending soldiers thousands of miles across the seas, but when we get down to social conditions in Lane county it seems to us a far step to go clear across two counties of the size of Oregon counties to place a city just across the boundary—even though it be a city of the character of Woodburn. We really fail to see that the high morals and the social conditions prevailing in a city in the northern end of Marion county have any appreciable influence upon Lane county.

As another example, a stage line from Cottage Grove to Creswell is represented as having some influence upon the inter-community social life of this end of the county. We most sincerely trust that there are greater influences for good in this section, for if the stage line to Creswell has ever existed we have failed to hear of it. The stage line from here to Black

Butte, or from here to Lorane, both of which are overlooked, might have some little influence, but a non-existing stage line can have, it seems to us, no influence that will help in any great degree in keeping us following the straight and narrow path to glory. The stage line from here to Eugene might have a very noticeable influence for good upon the county seat, which does not seem to be considered a rural community, but it is inconceivable that any influence for good can come this way from Eugene.

A university with a journalism department should be making a reputation for accuracy, but we find in one table that a grade with a membership of 69 is given credit for an attendance of 75, while other grades of the county can muster only an attendance of about a quarter of the membership.

We find the Rebekah lodge spelled "Rebecca." Possibly the women have as great a moral influence for good upon the county regardless of how the name is spelled.

And just for fun we find in this able treatise that "Eugene is a 'teaming' center of life." Evidently Eugene is after all the only real rural community of the county, for elsewhere we find that automotive transportation takes precedence over teaming.

We are pleased to find that we heartily agree with the concluding paragraphs of the treatise, which read as follows:

"And yet a final recommendation, which is peculiarly fitting for some communities, is that in regard to property pride, the removal of rubbish, clearing of weeds from streets and roads, mending dilapidated wooden walks, improvement of school grounds and church grounds, and drainage of unsanitary places. This might be carried on by local improvement associations."

"And so Lane county, blessed above others in beauty and wealth of resources, waits for the coming of the general which, realizing that a great glory is theirs for the making, through purposeful plans and earnest work shall change its possibilities to actualities. There is a call for 'broader outlook, wider horizon, deeper insight, responsibility for greater social enterprises, maintenance of human relations in local life on a more comprehensive scale * * * life, more life, and still more life.'"

No matter how many figures there are in the price of a dress, a woman is not satisfied unless she has another.

WHAT'LL THE NEIGHBORS SAY?

Half the sting of poverty or of small means is gone when one keeps house for one's own comfort and not for the comment of one's neighbors.

Deny it as we will, few of us have the moral force to set up a standard of our own incomes and our own particular home environment. We commit the folly of regulating our expenses by the income of someone else.

If the Browns across the street hang up expensive lace curtains, we are discontented until lace curtains go up at our windows, no matter how much smaller our income may be than that of the Browns.

If the Smiths put down a velvet carpet, our neat and pretty ingrain becomes an eyesore to us. We are extremely mindful of what our neighbors think about many things that ought not to concern them in the least. We have no standard of our own. Our dress and even our tables must be regulated by the standards of others. We have not the courage nor the independence to be indifferent to the comment of our neighbors.

The extent to which this imitation of others is carried would be ludicrous did it not bring so much unhappiness

in its train. It is frequently the direct cause of the discord and discontent and debt that have driven happiness from the family hearthstone.

Let us have a standard of our own, based upon our own needs and let us cheerfully and bravely adhere to this standard, heedless of that dreadful bugbear, "What will the neighbors say?"

THINGS WE THINK
Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

One trouble with this old world of yours and mine is that there are so many big people who are small.

A Philadelphia professor will go to Hawaii to spend four months studying snails. For senselessness that seems to be going some.

The man who imagines his wife has no influence over him is about as badly fooled as the setting hen warming up a china egg.

Some folks claim their bad habits do them good.

Guide posts to glory are set out all along our pathway, but it is necessary to be looking up to reach them.

It is impossible for anyone to be happy all by himself.

Hobble skirts don't seem to keep the women from running for office.

The man who treats his family the same when alone with them as when company is present, is a model husband—but no one ever found one of such to pattern after.

A woman asks a man what he wants in the hope that he will want the same thing she does and thus prevent an argument in getting her own way—and man tries to guess what she wants, and for the same reason.

Man wants but little here below, it is said, and he usually gets it.

Being an American citizen in Mexico may have its drawbacks—but it is a disqualification for the presidency, and that's some compensation.

The unwritten law is not alone for the illiterate, it seems.

The woman who earns over the wash-tub a living for a covey of children has earned her reward beyond the pearly gates.

The man who overworks is a fool, in many ways, but he still has a few on the do-nothing.

When a silver-tongued orator demands his lecture fee in gold coin, he's carrying inconsistency to the limit.

Men who go so far as to get a girl to take poison for a joke should have their funny bones extracted.

The republicans will put their foot in it if they try to raise the duty on women's silk stockings.

There's too much quicksilver in the mirror trust.

It takes a good man to handle other people's money, and a better one to get any of his own to handle.

If "absence makes the heart grow fonder," the sirloin steak ought to be prized very highly.

When a man marries the "boss" girl he mustn't kick if he can't have his way all the time.

After all the fun men have made of women for their inability to throw things straight, the suffragists are hitting the mark quite frequently.

An exchange says: That chain of hospitals 20 miles apart planned for Long Island will be handy for automobilists and their victims. That's about the right distance apart—the automobilists can be taken into the one nearest the accident and the victim to the next one ahead.

A woman's one great fault seems to be in the hats she wears—but the reason it appears that way may be because the hat hides all her other faults.

An eastern professor says he has succeeded in educating house flies. We trust their ideas of propagation will follow along the same lines as those of educated humans.

A woman would never be satisfied if her husband never did anything she couldn't complain about to her mother.

The happy married people are not as noticeable as the other kind because they don't make as much noise about it.

If there is anything that justifies a man in getting exasperated, it is to get up at 2 a. m. to answer the telephone and have central tell him she rang the wrong number.

If you have ever noticed, it is the busy people who don't complain about not getting their work done.

Laziness in other people makes us "tired."

An officer of Standard Oil says that all that John D. does is to draw his dividends. Even that would be a big job for lots of people.

A rule of the Oregon agricultural college canoe club provides that no man may take a girl canoeing until he has passed an examination in swimming and handling a canoe. Until he can paddle a boat and swim without the use of his arms there will still be danger.

The per capita circulation this year is just one cent more than last year. We seem to have the extra cent but have mislaid the dollars.

If every man could achieve his ambition the government would certainly

be in the hands of all the people.

Vice president Marshall says \$100,000 is enough for any man. We stand ready at any time to deliver up all we have over and above that amount.

A boy has died of lockjaw superinduced by a bee sting. He probably was gnatulous enough at the moment of contact.

Riches have wings, but poverty gets to you quicker.

Some folks cover another's faults.

We sometimes admire a man's stinginess when we want to borrow money—and he lets us have it.

The most sensible woman we have heard of for some time is the one who coaxed her hubby for money to buy a hat, then changed her mind and bought a home, paying half down.

When a man feels the biggest is the time he acts like the dooce.

Many a friend who was perfectly willing to lend you money when you had a job is hard to touch when you are out of work and really need a loan.

An entertaining man is in demand to be entertained.

It is usually a mistake to treat a new friend better than an old one.

We give our girls a classical education and then wonder that housework is a Greek to them.

It is impossible to be an angel on Sunday and a devil on week days.

Just so long as a woman's age does not tell on her she never will.

A hot cook stove on a July day has no irresistible charm to the poetic, soulful girl.

The reason you don't hear much about happy married people is because they don't do much talking—that's what makes them happy.

Tainted money will buy just as much grub for the hungry as any other kind.

The Savior didn't make any more of the three fishes than the disciples of Isaac Walton do at the present time.

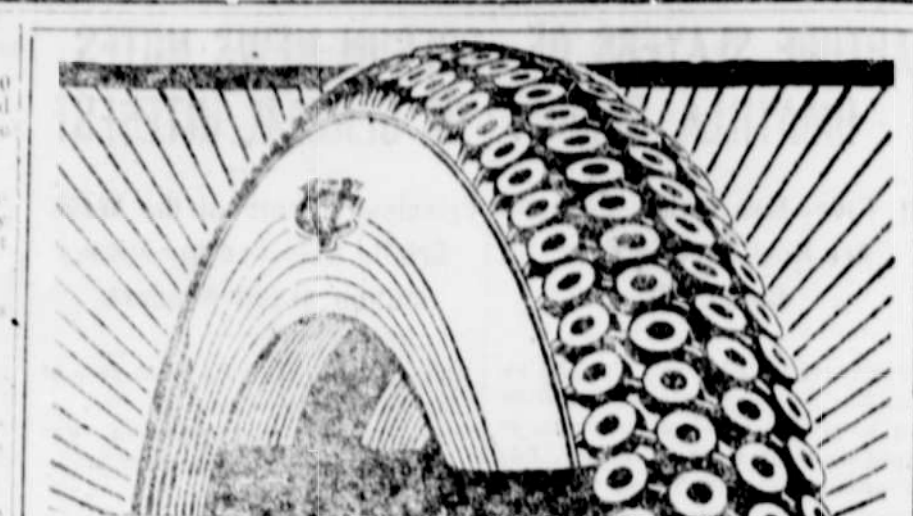
Some people surprise us by doing just what any ordinary person would be expected to do.

We look forward to manions in the sky—but if things are crowded we will be satisfied with a back bedroom—up yonder.

When you live only for some sweet girl it doesn't seem like much to be willing to die for her.

The long green will go quite a ways toward keeping a man from feeling blue.

Anyway the hobble skirts are not quite as deceiving about some things as the loose ones were.



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