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BETTER SPEECH FOR BETTER AMERICANS.

The General Federation of Women's clubs has designated November 6 to 12 as Better Speech Week, or American Speech Week.

Some of the slogans for Better Speech Week, put on a year ago in Spokane, where the movement started, were:

"You can talk. But do you talk well?"

"Don't swear. Swear off."

"Choose your words as you would choose your friends—for their character."

"Have you a message? Good speech will deliver it for you."

"Say it in English."

"Shun slang."

"Correct speech is a habit. Get the habit."

Spokane started a movement in which the schools of the nation, the churches of the nation and the homes of the nation are now asked to join. The movement in Cottage Grove is being initiated through the high school.

No better place could be found to start such a movement and, we might add, it would be hard to find a place where it is more needed.

We must confess that because of neglect of our education in our younger life, because of a lack of high school "polish" and because of unfamiliarity with foreign languages, we are unable to understand the strange tongue the high school student of today employs in an effort to express his ideas. When we pass high school students talking in some strange lingo, we wish we might also have had a higher education so that we might know whether or not they were making disparaging remarks concerning our old-fashioned ideas about the use of the good old Anglo-Saxon language.

Here's a conversation we heard a few days ago, as nearly as we can remember it and with apologies for possible misspelling of foreign words:

"I just seen physic B— lookin' for you."

"Heavens! that guy gives me a pain."

"He's gotta crust like a old maid's pie."

"Did you get a knockdown to Miss A— yet?"

"I'll say so. Fussed with her at the show last night but didn't get no kick out of it."

"Will you be on tonight?"

"I'll say so. Jake with me."

"Can the chatter. I've gotta vamoose and doll up."

"Well, au revoir."

"Carbolic acid."

The attention of the lads who carried on the conversation referred to, as well as that of others who find the good old Anglo-Saxon too feeble and old-fashioned for use in expressing the thought of "modern" high school students, is directed to the following arguments put forth by the federation of women's clubs which is responsible for Better Speech Week:

"Better speech for better Americans."

"One country, one flag, one language."

"The English language is our most precious national possession. To love

it and preserve it is our patriotic duty. Respect for our flag should carry with it respect for our language—and loyalty to it. Let us use it, not abuse it."

"As parents we owe it to our children, both by precept and by practice, to arouse in them a consciousness of speech, and to incite in them a desire for improvement."

"Good speech will open the way into the best of company. Correct and pleasant speech it at once a social asset and a social grace. Become a friend of good speech and good speech will make many friends for you. Respect your language and others will respect you."

TWO MINUTES FOR MANY YEARS.

President Harding has asked the nation to pause from its frivolities and labors on Armistice day, November 11, for the period of two minutes for silent prayer.

Only a short time ago many of the lads of this and other nations were offering their lives in an effort to crush the monster whose hordes of armed men sought to force German kultur and Prussian militarism upon a world of free peoples. Many did give their lives. Others returned home maimed or bereft of robust manhood.

For the all or much which these hundreds of thousands gave in order that we might enjoy the blessings of a free democracy; for the years of their lives that they gave to make our hearthstones safe, that we might gather with our loved ones under our own vine and fig tree, the two minutes of our time which each of us is asked to give is a trifling nothing.

The years they gave was a serious loss to them. The minutes we are asked to give will never be missed and will cost us nothing.

Only a short time ago we would willingly have given much more. We will willingly give this little now.

Albany once was known as the newspaper graveyard of Oregon. Today The Democrat boasts that a Duplex press was found necessary to handle its circulation and it has installed such a machine. The first issue printed on the new press was a creditable 16-page progress edition.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

Dead languages are not used as much as a person might think in the writing of epitaphs.

The more worries a person has the less theories he has.

Grouchiness will go out the same way you let sunshine in.

It is well to be discerning—but don't notice the dark side of things any oftener than necessary.

One who claims to know says that a man's usefulness just begins at 70. There are too many people in the world who never reach 70.

We don't believe in ghosts, for the very simple reason that it is unreasonable that one who has successfully made his departure would care to "come back."

Two is company and three a divorce.

It makes a man feel like kicking himself sometimes to know what a wretch he is in comparison to what his sweetheart thinks he is.

An exchange anxiously asks: "What must be the emotions of a man who is pardoned out of prison after 44 years' unjust punishment?" We don't know exactly. We haven't been in the news paper business that long yet.

Naturally the two-faced man has more cheek than the ordinary run of mankind.

With all the other expenses it's too bad that the man has to buy new hats for himself when the first baby arrives.

There's often something wrong when a person is too tarted on good.

Wives shouldn't expect their husbands to be very sociable of an evening just after they've been to a football game and hollered their heads off.

When some men the bifurcated garment when worn in the home is merely an insignia of sex rather than an emblem of authority.

With all the booster advertising heaven has received, there never has been any great emigration movement started.

Enthusiasm is necessary to success, but too much sometimes leads to failure.

A certain amount of trouble is good for man—all should get married.

A father of two or three little tots has no need of going to a moving picture show down town on an evening.

If you ever get into the swim, be sure to keep away from the sewer waste.

To reform the world quickly, take away the need of money.

Get busy! Follow the example of the first man, who, the Bible informs

us, was never known to stand around with his hands in his pockets.

When a young lawyer goes courting his best girl it is a lucky thing for him that there is no one to interpose "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial."

What advantage is there in knowing a secret if you can't tell it to someone?

The person who is ready to die for the sake of some hobby usually lives to learn the ingratitude of humanity.

If some folks were not pretty easily satisfied what a lot of disappointed people there would be.

A young man will chase around a pool table a great deal harder than he will chase a job.

The only reason some people are not cussed more than they are is because of the prevailing respect for the dead.

Transient wealth surrounds a man with "sponges" who will not even be useful for sopping up the tears to follow after the money is spent.

We know some people so narrow minded that it's a wonder their eyes don't run together.

Now someone claims that Adam hid behind the skirts of Eve. No wonder he was found out so easily.

Somehow good luck never seems to get around to those who set out to wait for it.

If you have wit and a bright mind there's no need to worry about a lack of beauty. By the same reasoning, some folks need to be as fair as the dawning morn.

There is more pleasure in finding a dirty nickel than in earning an honest dollar.

In society a woman doesn't take a back seat for her hubby, no matter how illustrious he may be.

Some sweet girl graduates who stood high in mathematics are not yet able to perform the proper equation on the matter to have good bread as the result.

Suits for breaches of promise are not always certain indication that women want to wear the pants.

The man who doesn't collect his bills is about as bad as the one who doesn't pay his bills—and both are usually found in the same person.

People should not live too much to themselves. It is a good thing to have company once in awhile, if for no other reason than to get wifely and hubby to speak gently to one another for the time being.

Why not run Edward Payson Weston for governor of New York. He would win in a walk.

It always seems as if the people who are the most careful of their money don't need to be.

Isn't it aggravating to attempt an introduction to a person with whom you have been talking for about an hour, leading him to believe that you knew his name.

A New York dentist says that one reason why people have so much trouble with their teeth is because they do not exercise their jaws enough. How does he account for the fact that women have more dental work done than men?

There are only two things the matter with the cost of living, and those are that those who have things to sell want more for them and those who have to buy want to pay less. Easy, isn't it?

A hair in the head is worth two bottles of hair restorer.

If we work it right we can get considerable credit by advertising the things we are going to do.

The reason some people are so modest about advertising their charities is because others who heard about them would be asking for donations.

A strong-minded person doesn't always have the healthiest intellect.

When a woman dresses for wet weather she takes particular pains to see that there are no holes in her stockings.

Satan smiles sinisterly at the hearth that does not have the children of the home about it.

One way of making friends is to take advice when you feel like giving it.

Knockers should be oiled at any age.

About the only difference between a knocker and a respected citizen is that the knocker says what he thinks.

The automobile is making a lot of humpbacked people. Probably the monthly installments were too heavy.

Some people only get their morals out when they have on their black clothes.

Give the devil his due—that's the only way most of us may hope to get ours.

If everyone were to say just what he thinks there would be mighty little conversation in this old world.

A skeleton in the closet exhibits unexpected signs of life at times.

After a man gets so tired of having his wife's relatives hound him to do something that he can't stand it any

longer, he tries to make himself believe he is doing it because he feels it is his duty to do so.

A woman who is a nag doesn't like to be driven.

A wise man will not put his jewelry in a sock to buy watered stock.

A rule that works both ways is no loafer.

In some ways the hog is far ahead of the drunken man. It may eat swill but it won't roll in it.

If you make up your mind to wait until you are wealthy before starting to do charitable deeds, you will never do any.

Good women don't seem to have as much influence upon men as they should. Half the reprobates in the

world seem to have the best wives.

When a young man goes around all day acting as if his head were entirely empty, it's a pretty good sign that it's overflowing with ideas about how would be the most diplomatic way of asking some little girl to be his housekeeper.

A magazine says "money is timid." We should think it would shrink from publicity the way all men pounce onto it at first sight.

You may argue a woman into seeing that you are correct but just as you think she is going to admit it she says she doesn't understand what you are talking about.

Politics makes queer dead fellows.

Ambition is a good thing if it doesn't make the ambitious one think

he is too good to fritter away his time on the lowly and smaller things that are the stepping stones to higher and better things.

There is an appalling number of people who can't talk at all, but they are more than offset by those who talk too much.

If we could see ourselves as others see us we wouldn't feel much worse than they would under similar circumstances.

It is often said that we appreciate most the things we work hardest for. The appreciation of their husbands by some wives must be something beautiful to behold—measured by this standard.

With no evidence to the contrary, we suppose that rotten politicians are made of spoilt boys.

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