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HONESTY, INDUSTRY AND HUMANITY.

The education of the boy or girl, received in the public schools of our country, should be based upon three great principles—humanity, with all its surroundings; honesty and industry. The feeling of humanity that is planted in the breast of the boy and girl by the beneficent rays that come from the teacher, will live forever; it matters not what walk of life it may be, whether in the school room, counting room, shop, farm or a profession. The humanitarian ideas that are inculcated in their minds while attending school, remain forever. If these are based upon the thought that the feelings of a fellow-man must be respected, that the ties of kinship and fellowship are among the most beautiful and ennobling that can be planted in our hearts; if the boy and girl are taught to look higher than the things of this world, then one of the foundation stones of this world is secure and the state is safe. The common schools of our land should instill in the minds of every boy and girl the element of honesty—honesty to his neighbor, honesty to his country.

IT is the keep on moving that counts. A spasmodic spurt of industry and vigor helps for the time being, but it does not take us far. We don't dare to stop and call that enough, or we will soon be straggling in the dust of the other fellow's auto. We are not talking now in generalities. We are addressing this directly to the business men of Vale. A year ago today we had the best organized bunch of workers that any town anywhere ever got together. They were all working together for a common purpose, and every one working his best. There was not a complaint. Every fellow patted his fellow worker on the back and said "Go to it, old man; you're a wonder." Every worker had the confidence of every other worker, and each knew just what the other was doing, and what the purpose was. When one made a mistake—and there were many mistakes made—the whole bunch went to his aid and helped him correct it, without a murmur of reproach or abuse.

OUR RED BLOOD MUST NOT BECOME STAGNANT.

What was the result? You all know it. A work was accomplished that the most sanguine thought impossible. Results were attained that are possible only in a team-work, where each member shares the confidence and assistance of every other member.

All this is past history, and it is all well known to every business man in Vale, for all were in the organization, and each knows the results attained and how.

Since then that splendid organization has been allowed to disintegrate. We have drifted back into the easy-going way—in plain words, the lazy way. That energetic executive committee that held meetings every day and accomplished something every minute for sixty days, has gone out of business. Even the Chamber of Commerce is a mere name. Its meetings, when any are held, are simply talk-fests where things that "ought to be done" are discussed without any energetic effort being put forth to accomplish them.

It is not the purpose of this article to scold, but to urge action. We know by experience what the Vale bunch can do. Let us put that old executive committee on the job again and all get behind it with the same determination to accomplish results that we had this time last year. There is just as much to be accomplished now as then, though the urgent necessity may not be as vividly apparent.

Let us decide upon the accomplishment of one important and beneficial enterprise, and concentrate our energies upon this one thing till it is permanently established. We have the same men; these men have the same energy and know-how. All of us have too much red blood in our veins to be satisfied with present drifting conditions. Let us put this red blood to circulating. Consider yourself a committee of one and get busy. Not tomorrow or next week, but now. You will be astonished to see how willing and ready all the rest of the old bunch is to come in with you and help.

Oregon's new Sunday law goes into effect tomorrow. The state supreme court has held it to be constitutional. It requires every business house and shop to close its doors to all labor and business, except drug stores, doctor shops, livery stables, hotels, restaurants and theatres. In passing upon it, the supreme court noted that under the law a carpenter shop might be closed and the carpenters continuing their work out of doors, that a cigar store and billiard room must close, while the drug store sells cigars, tobacco, candies and conducts a billiard and pool room in the rear. The supreme court aptly stated that it was not passing upon the wisdom of the men who passed such a law, but upon their right to do so. The new law does not prohibit the sale of goods nor working at a trade, but prohibits keeping the business house or shop open for those purposes. The daily newspaper is among the business houses barred, but it will probably close its doors and keep on doing business.

Nearly all the schools of the state report record-breaking enrollment for the present school year.

EVERYBODY has brains and most everybody has hands, and the two combined should chase the wolf from any door. A few people begin life by working with their hands, and as opportunity presents they throw their brains into the fray and make a success in their chosen vocation.

Later we speak of them as self made men. Others start life with their hands, never use anything but their hands, and die as they began. And we speak of them as failures. Now why can't every young man and woman in Malheur county start in by using their brains as well as their hands? Begin to-day to concentrate your thoughts upon performing your labors just a little better than you did yesterday, and each day strive to move upward on the ladder of efficiency. When you do this you will find your boss behind and pushing you about as energetically as you are climbing. Through your efforts and his you will soon reach the top, and when the proper opportunity arrives you will become somebody else's boss.

BRAINS AND HANDS. You will then be fairly launched upon your career, and a careful exercise of the brain and a liberal use of your hands will lead you on to success in life.

Brains without hands seldom accomplish much, and hands without the use of brains will most assuredly never startle the world.

Brains and hands should work together and in complete harmony.

Together they will surmount the obstacles in life's pathway, but singly they will skate through existence on the fringe of adversity.

There are 57 students in the Vale High school whose future is yet to be carved out. If taught the proper use of their brain power while young they will become the leading men and women of the future. If allowed to drift along until they arrive at maturity they will find greater use for the hand than for the brain. They may not become failures, but at best they will simply be cogs in the machinery of better people.

Start your boy and girl right and they will travel the rest of the way on their own mettle.

EVERY little child in Malheur county receives many pennies and nickels and dimes from its parents, and its brothers and sisters, and its uncles and aunts and cousins. But what becomes of those pennies? In a few cases they go into a juvenile savings bank and are kept from the sight of the child. In many cases they come easy and go easier—the child squanders them as fast as it gets them. And both cases are a distinct injury to the future of the child. You can not begin too young to teach your child the value of money, to impress upon its little mind the fact that without money it will find the pathway of life a rough one to be trod. Let the child have the money.

Teach it to count it, to realize its value, to speculate on what it will buy; but above all, instill in its mind a desire to "watch it grow."

Let it spend a portion of its pennies—say one-half of what it gets in its youthful days—but in that expenditure teach it to select something of practical value, even though the cost be but a few cents.

Then teach it itself to save the other half and **WATCH THE PENNIES GROW.**

Encourage it to count them over frequently and to keep track of the increase, and keep gently but persistently at this course until the child instinctively and voluntarily places the half of all it gets in its own little bank.

Let it have its candy and its playthings by all means, but let it learn the lesson of carefully considering the value of every little purchase it makes, always placing in reserve the half of all the pennies it gets.

When your child learns these simple lessons in infancy you need have no fear of the wolf crossing its threshold in the after years of life.

It will always have money and to spare.

IF Payette were not in the dry column, we would be constrained to ask Bro. Venable "What brand?" Last week he clipped a story from the Enterprise and credited it to the Vale Gazette, a paper that suspended publication so many years ago that the memory of the present high school generation runneth not to the contrary. Away back in early days, a little this side of the stone age, when Payette was a small village and Snake river was a little creek, Burt established the Payette Independent, became wealthy and retired to accept a position with Uncle Sam as Master of the Post at his home city. When the Democrats butted in and horsed him out of that job, he became mayor of Payette and took over the editorial management of the Payette Enterprise, which he has made the best paper in Western Idaho. Nobody would suspect him of being in the Old Codger class if he didn't let his memory slip back into past journalistic ages occasionally, as he did in crediting the story to the Vale Gazette. Even that could be excused on other grounds—but Payette is dry.

An exchange credits the following to John D. Rockefeller, when the latter was asked for an interview by a reporter. Old John D. is wise enough to have become the richest man on earth, and he did it by a great deal of night owl tactics, so it may be that he was wise enough to formulate the verse attributed to him:

A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more he heard the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't you be like that wise old bird?

Malheur county has neglected a great opportunity in its failure to supply the Oregon booth at the San Francisco Exposition with comprehensive literature descriptive of this country. A few hundred dollars invested in such literature would be the means of bringing a vast amount of capital to this county for investment in lands and other property. It is not too late yet, but there seems to be no movement in that line.

Boise is preparing to celebrate the completion of the great Arrowrock dam, the highest dam in the world.

ONE of the prominent horse buyers of the east, who has been buying horses in Eastern Oregon for the European armies, and who is now here for the purpose of securing additional animals, states that less than three per cent of the available horses in Eastern Oregon have been sold up to this time. That while a large number have been shipped from this section, and it has heretofore been difficult to secure a very large shipment of the particular class demanded, conditions in Europe have reached a stage that requires the purchase of horses of any class. If the war continues six months longer, every class of horses will be in great demand, and the prices will continue to rise. The culls of the first buying will become the preferred animals and so on through the bands.

The Oregon horse is preferred for the army work, both because of their hardiness and freedom from blemish. They stand more work and give less trouble than the horses found in the eastern states.

The horse buyers for the European market are unanimous in the opinion that Eastern Oregon is in a position to supply a very large percentage of all the horses used in the war for a year to come, and that this market will be favored so long as the supply holds out.

Over half a million dollars has already been spent in Eastern Oregon for horses, and more than twice that amount will be invested in this product during the coming year. Indications are that bidding for Oregon horse flesh will be more active in the coming six months than it has been at any time during the past year.

Malheur county horsemen will be in a position to market a very much larger number during the coming year than in the past, and a very considerable revenue will be put in circulation here from that source.

ONE MORE STEP FORWARD.

The rebuilding and remodeling the Vale Hot Springs Sanitarium and putting it in charge of an experienced physician and sanitarium expert, whereby medical baths and a health resort is placed within reach of the people of the adjoining territory, as well of those of the interior, is a forward movement which Vale has long needed. A sick man wants all his accommodations right at the bath house. He does not want to board and lodge over in town and make trips to the bath house, and in many instances he or she is unable physically to do so. For this reason the establishment of a sanitarium fully equipped to furnish comfortable rooms, board and entertainment for guests as well as scientific medical treatment for patients, meets a want that will bring hundreds of people to the Vale Hot Springs for recuperation as rapidly as it becomes known that such accommodations are now in readiness.

The addition of a male and a female nurse, which is promised within a short time, will be another step toward a perfect sanitarium which will add other and more visitors to our famous Hot Springs. The patronage of a health resort depends entirely upon service and accommodation. If these are furnished satisfactorily, the patrons will continue to arrive in increasing numbers.

The superintendent, Dr. Thurston, has had difficulty in securing workmen to put the building through as rapidly as he had wished, and he has not been able to bring his nurses here till the work was completed and the sanitarium fully equipped to take care of patrons as contemplated. The work, however, is progressing very rapidly and the Enterprise hopes soon to announce the completion and that the Vale Hot Springs is ready to accommodate all comers.

If the farmers of Malheur county would hold weekly or monthly meetings at their school houses during the long winter evenings, and discuss their successes or failures in the production of different crops, the care of stock, etc., they would draw information from each other that would be most profitable. The quickest way to succeed is through the experience of others.

The Oregon Voter is becoming one of the most interesting and reliable statistical publications in the state. Those who are keeping files of the Voter will have an encyclopedia of facts and figures laid away in each volume that will be of almost inestimable value in a few years.

The case knife artist got his work in on the Union county jail a few days ago, sawing off one of the cell bars as smoothly as if he had been supplied with a hack saw. The jailbreaker made his saws by hacking the blade of one case knife against that of another.

The United States government will now take the census of any city, county or state upon payment of the expense of taking the census. Several cities have already taken advantage of the offer, and others have made application.

Now that the county schools are starting, the readers of the Enterprise may look for a renewal of the school department, which was so interestingly conducted by the County School Superintendent last year.

Recent publications in Portland concede the population of Malheur county to be 14,000. The federal census of 1910 gave us 8,601. We will double the population of the county during the decade.

The dry land farmers of Malheur county have made a showing this year that will cause those who have not been keeping in touch with this line of work sit up and take notice.

There are in the United States over 250,000 miles of steam railroad, which have about 600,000 shareholders and about 1,750,000 employees.

Uncle Sam's open season for migratory birds, including ducks and geese, began yesterday and will extend to January 15th.

The Indians predict an unusually long cold winter in Oregon this year.

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Trains due at Vale from Ontario and Riverside	No. 129 leaves Ontario 12:15 p. m., arrives Vale 1 p. m., leaves 1:10 p. m. for Riverside.
No. 140 leaves Riverside 7 a. m., arrives Vale 11 a. m., leaves 11:10 a. m. for Ontario.	
Trains due at Vale from Ontario	No. 98 leaves Vale 8 a. m. for Ontario.
No. 142 leaves Vale 2:35 p. m. for Ontario.	
No. 141 leaves Ontario 10 a. m., arrives Vale 10:40 a. m.	
No. 97 leaves Ontario 7 p. m., arrives Vale 7:40 p. m.	
Trains due at Vale from Brogan	No. 141 leaves Vale 11:15 a. m. for Brogan, arrives Brogan 12:20 p. m.
No. 142 leaves Brogan 12:50 p. m., arrives Vale 2 p. m.	
Homeade Branch	No. 140 from Vale, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays runs through to Homeade.
Main Line Trains due at Ontario	West bound No. 19 6:33 p. m. No. 17 4:22 a. m. No. 75 (Pony) to Huntington 9:35 a. m. East bound No. 6 6:33 p. m. No. 18 2:51 a. m. No. 4 12:12 p. m. No. 76 (Pony) to Boise 8:50 a. m.

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Three Yoncalla Warehouses Burn.
Yoncalla.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the three warehouses belonging to H. F. Westfall and Stearns & Chenoweth. The contents included thousands of bushels of prunes and several hundred tons of hay and grain.

Children are Saved but Mother Burns.
Nehalem.—Mrs. Fred Eggleston, 30 years old, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Eggleston home about three miles north of this city. Mr. Eggleston and three children were saved.

Fourth Arson Suspect Arrested.
Portland.—Fred Castle, solicitor for a magazine, was arrested as the fourth member of the alleged "arson syndicate" indicted by the grand jury.