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AN OLD STORY

Every now and then somebody wakes up to the fact that in some communities the boys and girls seem to "go to the bad" more readily than they do in others.

Communities that have parks, playgrounds, lecture courses in the schools, centers where young people may meet and enjoy themselves, or any feature that offers a relief to the dull monotony of life, are not so much bothered with the problem of what to do for their boys and girls as are towns that have none of these attractions.

Boys and girls also have a thirst for knowledge. They will go to an illustrated lecture, to a laboratory experiment, to the movies, or to the theatre to gain whatever knowledge may be imparted.

And it is the older boys and girls that provide the greatest "problem." How to satisfy their active brains is the question to be answered; and progressive communities have discovered that this condition may best be met by providing what are truly called educational entertainments and by providing playgrounds, where the originality of the young can best be worked out.

School "entertainments" and picnics are being encouraged by Clackamas county's educational forces to meet this need. Some of the larger and more fortunate school districts have also provided playgrounds—and find the dual plan of inestimable value in character building and in solving the "boy and girl problem."

In view of this it seems a pity that Oregon City, the county seat, does not wake up to its opportunity to improve its human stock.

Oregon City owes its future citizens a playground. Oregon City owes its future citizens a real park. It has room enough for a park.

Oregon City owes its future citizens some "entertainment" in its schools. Oregon City owes its future citizens a chance to make good, healthy men and women of themselves—it owes them some other place to go aside from "to the bad."

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"BOOSTING" OREGON

The Oregon Commission for the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco has a peculiar sense of humor—or something worse. Its communications are sent out enclosed in fancy and much-printed envelopes which carry on their back an alleged map of Oregon.

This map shows beautifully the monopoly of the Southern Pacific in matters of Oregon Transportation, and even exaggerates this monopoly by showing only three of the Hill lines within the state's borders; and of these three it forgets to label one.

And then in a nice little box down in the corner, the commission emphasizes the fact that Oregon has 3,317,000 UNDEVELOPED horsepower; 19,452,129 acres of UNCULTIVATED LANDS, of which only 6,800,000 (or one third) is open to homestead entry.

This is publicity all right—but it would seem as if more might be accomplished by telling some of the "positive" things Oregon had, instead of the "negative" things. Why wouldn't it be more impressive to tell how many horsepower were developed in the state, how many acres of land were cultivated and productive, and to give a list of the things that are raised in Oregon? Then people who received the commission's envelopes might have an idea of what this state was doing—instead of getting the impression that it was a vast and vacant wilderness.

IS IT, NOW?

In the course of an editorial in which the Enterprise takes unfair advantage of a mistake made by County Judge Anderson in reading the record of Main street, Oregon City, the hard-surface-booster published

her, and went about with other women.

All wives should take warning from this, and not educate their husbands. Feed the brutes and keep them guessing—but don't let them go away to college and learn to smoke cigarettes and make eyes at the girls. An educated husband may be an ornament, but he won't show any gratitude for the care and cash expended in perfecting him!

Wolf Howls

Dov Van Brakle, erstwhile osteopathic county health officer, has offered the following conundrum for the Wolf Howls. The Doc says it is good.

"If you put Jack Johnson, Charlie Chaplin and Billy Sunday in a glass, what will you have?" is the Doc's query.

And the answer is: "A chocolate-nut Sundae."

Last week we offered some information about women's minds. Now we will venture to remark that women wear their stockings longer than men. Of course they do—men's stockings stop below the knee, but not so with the fairer sex, we are told.

The papers tell us that a teacher, utilizing a new method, made it possible for boys and girls to "read" after but seven hours of actual instruction. That's nothing—Patti, the erstwhile great singer, learned to "read" Home, Sweet Home in 20 min-

hemia, U. S. Consul Charles L. Hoover says:

"The use of silk underwear is confined to the very rich in ordinary times, but it has been discovered that the vermin which always appear when large bodies of men are assembled under conditions where cleanliness is impossible will not live in silk underclothing. As it has been ascertained that these vermin carry the germs of the dreaded spotted fever, the sale of silk underclothing has greatly increased recently."

One of our beautiful young ladies, who just loves to read the popular magazines, ran out of fiction the other day, and for two hours studied Webster's Unabridged. When she finally closed the big book with a sigh, she remarked: "My, the stories are interesting, but they are all pretty short."

Alden G. Blethen, whose recent death removed one of the truly great Western editors from the newspaper field, used to read the dictionary every day—which accounted for his skill in making people mad by what he called them in his editorials. He once referred to the editor of a contemporary as being "anile and caduque;" and his victim was so mad that he couldn't read the type in the dictionary to find out what the words meant.

And speaking of newspapers, here is a gem entitled "The War Extra's Song." County seat folk who have recently expended nickels to buy war extras that the Journal and Telegram have sent this way will appreciate it. A noisy War Extra am I, A hideous jumble of type, I gather reports on the fly And print them before they are ripe.

PATRIOTISM

Mr. Roosevelt, whom the republicans don't like, but whom some republican papers persist in quoting every time he says something detrimental to President Wilson's administration, has established a new rule for patriotism. Instead of believing in "standing by the president," Mr. Roosevelt says he believes in "the country standing by the president as long as the president stands by the country."

And, acting as judge and jury, Mr. Roosevelt then implies that Woodrow Wilson has not "stood by the country" in the year of crisis we have passed through.

By which Mr. Roosevelt convicts himself, instead of convicting the administration. President Wilson has kept the United States out of the European war hell, he has by his dignified yet unyielding course of action at last brought Germany to a realization of the fact that reckless submarine warfare upon passenger-carrying ships is not allowable even under Germany's own code of ethics; and he has, by his wise and calm course in the face of dire national perils, preserved American ideals and conventions. In short President Wilson has had the courage to hold the United States in check, when men of the Roosevelt stamp would have plunged the nation into conflict with Europe or Mexico or any nation at all—just so that there could be war.

And Roosevelt intimates that this isn't "standing by the country." Of course opinions differ; but it is noticeable that the great—really great—republican newspapers, papers that have a national influence, are "standing by the president." And it is only "political mouth organs," like the Oregonian and our own dear and sweet little Enterprise, that are "playing up" the ill-advised and unsupported remarks of Mr. Roosevelt.

Which do you reckon shows the most patriotism—a man or a paper that supports the President and is willing to stand with him, or a man or a paper that yelps along at the heels of the "hero" of San Juan Hill?

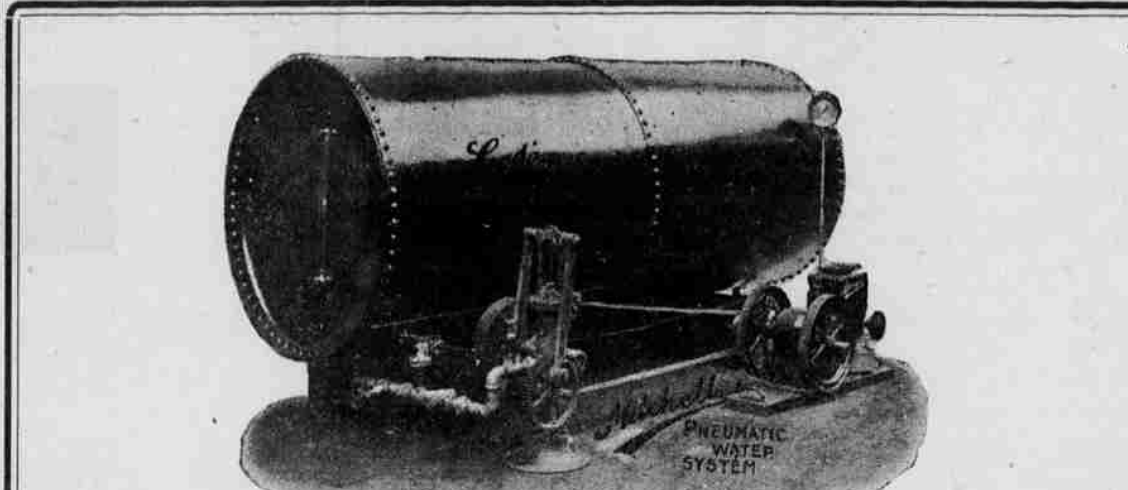
WHAT THEY FOUND

The Manly report to the Commission of Industrial Relations, shows that two percent of the people of the United States own 60 percent of the National wealth. But since national revenue is raised by indirect taxation they don't pay anything like 60 percent of the taxes. That shows how some persons get protection from the protective tariff.

Another fact shown by the Commission on Industrial Relations' report is that 65 percent of the people own less than five percent of the national wealth. Since some worthy persons, in expectation of war, are clamoring for a big army and navy, it would be well to ask them, would this 65 percent, in case of war, be required to do only five percent of the fighting? Would Congress in raising revenue for the war see that no more than five percent of the expense fell on this 65 percent? Or would this class have to bear the lion's share of expense and do most of the fighting?

Since the report of the Commission on Industrial Relations has been made we know that between one third and one-fourth of male workers earn less than \$10 a week, and from two-thirds to three-fourths less than \$15 a week. What should receive first attention from Congress—legislation to increase opportunities for American laborers and to increase wages, or legislation for a big army and navy?

Does the fact that two percent of the people own 60 percent of the national wealth indicate that the two percent does 60 percent of the work? Does it mean that but for the presence and activity of his two percent, the wealth of the country would be only 40 percent of what it is today? If not, they must have got it from those who have earned it without returning an equivalent, a by no means difficult process when monopoly of land and possession of other privileges, legal appropriation is possible of what others earn.

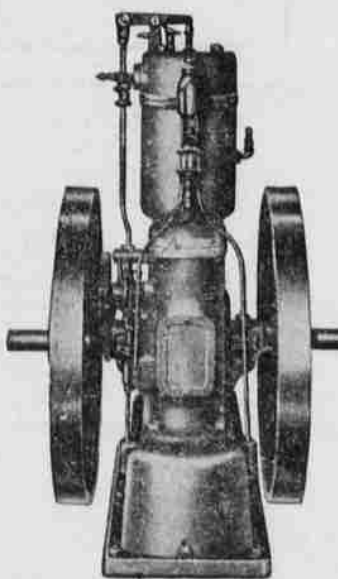


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It seems to us that the Enterprise did not always regard Main street as the perfect type of pavement. In fact we have read some pretty hard things about Main street in the columns of our esteemed contemp. And if Main street is the best argument for hard surface that it has at hand—the old brick Main street, which it now pretends to love so much—we are rather sorry for any hard surface boosting that the daily liberator may offer.

GRATITUDE

Clackamas county's circuit court records last week contained a little sermon on gratitude. Papers filed by Mrs. E. H. Isdell asked divorce from her husband on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. From the complaint it appears that after marrying Isdell, his wife gave him \$1600 so he could complete his college education.

And was Isdell grateful for this wifely devotion? Judging from Mrs. Isdell's complaint he was not—for she says that after he came back from college he told her he did not care for

utes. She could pronounce the English words, but she didn't know what they meant. We wonder if the boys and girls who learned to read in seven hours what they were reading?

Once upon a time we visited a country school, and a little boy got up and read a piece. Holding the book before him, he enunciated the following:

"There is a warm doughnut, tread on it, said the teacher."

Being rather curious, we took the book, and these are the words that we found the boy was struggling with:

"There is a worm, do not tread on it, said the teacher." And that bright boy had studied reading two years.

They "teach" many things in our modern schools; and the children "learn" some of the things they are "taught," too. Witness this answer to the examination question "what is the zenith and what is the nadir?" "Zenith and nadir are two Persian words of their own significance," wrote the child, in answer.

Yet that kid had studied "astronomy" for one whole school year. Silk underclothing will now become popular. Writing from Prague, Bo-

I don't care for beauty or style; I'm more like a blot or a spatter. I hate to see people smile, I'd rather have something the matter.

Chorus

Oh, it's Get the Latest. Thousands Killed. Ship Torpedoed. Much Blood Spilled. Town Bombarred. Frightful Scene. Helpless Persons Murdered By a Submarine.

Next Verse

A hawling War Extra am I, A thing without conscience or taste. Whenever a horror I spy I thrill with delirious haste. When shooting and stabbing abound, And soldiers are fixing their dead-lines, You always will find me around To play it up strong in the headlines.

Final Chorus

Oh, it's Get the Latest. Hundreds Drown. Town Surrounded. All Cut Down. Children Perish. Crazy With Fear. Armies Mobilizing On the West Frontier. It's pretty good, isn't it? We thought so. And where do you suppose it was first printed? In the "Appeal to Reason," which isn't allowed in the Oregon City public library! Which will be about all for this



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spasm. And cheer up, John Stark, maybe there won't be any Wolf Howls next week—we may go hop-picking.

MUTUAL AID URGED

Expense of Threshing Easy to Lessen, Says Railroad Man

Hints on how to reduce the cost of threshing grain are contained in a communication by Prof. Thomas Shaw sent to the Courier by the Great Northern railroad. Prof. Shaw says, in part:

"As threshing is now done in the West it is too costly. The common method is to hire a machine that provides its own threshing crew. Payment is made on the bushel or sack basis according to the locality. This may be a very convenient way of getting the work done, but it is too costly. In the far west where the wheat is sacked, the cost of the threshing and of the sack taken together is about 13 cents per bushel, never less than 12 cents. In the Dakotas and Montana it is equally dear relatively, except that it is not sacked. This is a tribute which the farmer cannot well afford to pay when the prices paid for wheat rule low, and when there is a long haul to market the grain.

"But there is another objection to the present system. When the crop is very abundant the present system does not provide a sufficient number of machines to do the work with sufficient timeliness, much of the unstacked grain must remain many weeks in the shock before it can be threshed. Where stacking is not much practiced this leads to loss, and when the weather turns adverse as it sometimes does, the loss is increased. This does not mean necessarily that the thrasher plunders the farmer. It is probably true that very few threshermen make rich. But it does mean that the wisdom of doing all the threshing with virtually hobo labor is to be questioned. Surely there is a better way.

"Would it not be a good plan to let the wheels of progress go backward a little to prepare the way for old time practice? Why would it not be a good plan for several farmers to combine and purchase a threshing outfit to do their own work? The number who may thus combine will be gauged by the size of the farms. Usually the co-operative plan would embrace from three to six farmers. One of the number would probably own an engine used in plowing that could be used, also in running the grain separator. These farmers could buy a machine smaller and less expensive than the giant machines now in use. Such a machine would not work so quickly as the other. On the other hand it would be less expensive to operate, and it would also be less costly.

"As diversity in farming progresses, the need for such a system will become more pressing as the difficulties from maintaining the present system will manifestly increase. In farming the truth will hold good as

in other things, that a penny saved is a penny gained."

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THIS IS PLEASANT

Travel on High Seas Takes on New Charm Owing to War

Let's go to Europe, girls. The papers tell us that when the French lines Espagne arrived at New York this week, all the passengers had nice little tags sewed to their clothes, and on the tags were their names and addresses.

Think how joyous must have been the trip, with everybody knowing that if a submarine sent the boat to Davie Jones' locker, the folks at home would get their corpses all right, because they were duly tagged.

What a lovely trip that must have been for the passengers; and how nice and cheerful it was of the French stamship company to think of tagging its passengers. How it must have made the folk on board feel confident of their safety, and confident that the French sailors would do all they could to save them in case of accident.

There seems to have been only one thing lacking; why didn't the steamship company furnish unsinkable coffins, and let the passengers sleep in them?

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