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EVEN SCHOOL MATTERS CHANGE.

No one can take up a modern school reader such as are used in the public school nowadays, without regretting the absence of some masterpieces in prose and poetry that were familiar to school children of fifty or sixty years ago. It is doubtful if the authors of school readers were as well read as were our fathers. It was common fifty or sixty years ago for school boys and girls to memorize passages from Shakespeare, like the speeches of Brutus and Anthony over the dead body of Caesar, Othello's defense, Miss Mitford's "Rienzi," Byron's "Waterloo," or his address to the ocean, beginning, "Roll on, thou dark and deep blue ocean, roll," Gray's Elegy, Hood's "Bridges of Sighs," Macaulay's "Horatius at the Bridge."

These superb rhetorical models appear to have given way in the school readers of today to apparently ephemeral productions of later-day poets. It is extremely doubtful if in any respect the school teacher of today is in any way superior to his antitype of the early nineteenth century. In almost everything the world has made progress, but unfortunately, very little here and in some respects it is to be feared there is actual retrogression.

There is scarcely a town, however small, or a city but has its unsightly places which by the outlay of a little time, taste and money, might be easily transformed into beauty spots adding to the attractiveness of the town and increasing the pride and interest which everyone should take in the place in which his life is spent. Too frequently the thought of making such improvements is delayed until the busy season, and when other things demand our attention. The best thing is to make all plans now and then the execution of them in the growing season is an easy matter. The planting of a shrub or tree, the filling in of a little hollow, the making of a flower bed, keeping the grass mown—any one or all of these things often work such wonders that we are surprised the improvements were not made long before.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Portland by the planting of rose bushes in the parks and public squares of the city with appropriate exercises. Thousands of bushes were set out throughout the city and the new plants will be blooming in time for the annual Rose Festival in June. City and state officials, together with representatives of foreign nations that contributed their native roses for the affair, participated in the rose planting exercises. This has become an annual event in Portland and the custom is growing in favor each year. The planting of roses at a time when many other sections of the country are still wrapped in snow and ice is also a splendid advertisement of Oregon's climate.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., sat tight at home when he was not going courting and let his brother Kermit operate the gun and camera in Africa. Theo-

Milwaukee and Northwestern Clackamas

ANNEXATION IS OPPOSED.

Grange Members Believe in Staying With County Out of Debt.

Milwaukee Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Saturday discussed annexation to Multnomah County during the lecturer's hour, in charge of W. E. Thresher, lecturer.

One of the speakers declared that he could see nothing but advantage to the district north of Clackamas in annexation to Multnomah County. T. R. A. Sellwood, a pioneer resident, made an extended talk against annexation, and among other things he said that annexation would cost the people north of the Clackamas River to transfer that district to Multnomah County not less than \$200,000.

"Now, if we could take that amount of money," he said, "and use it in improving the roads in the north part of the county it would be much better than annexation to Multnomah County. If we should go into Multnomah County what assurance have we that we would get any more or better roads than we now have? Clackamas County is now making a practice of turning back into the road districts the money collected, to be used in the localities in which the money was collected. Now, we are told that Clackamas County is out of debt and that we can now go forward in road construction. We have an able County Judge. I am satisfied with his administration. I was satisfied with the former judge. If we are annexed to Multnomah County we must build our own roads again."

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BILL SIMPLY NO GOOD.

(Portland Labor Press.)

All over the State of Oregon the press is publishing the proposed bill of Senator Bourne regulating homesteading of government lands, and providing that residence shall not be necessary to acquire title. All that is required is cultivation and during the five years that crops to the value of \$1500 have been produced. The bill is simply no good. It will never be enacted while Bourne is senator, but if it was enacted it would simply enable the speculators to gobble up what remains of the public lands by dummy entries, the same as the timber lands have been sequestered by speculators. The sagebrush plains of Eastern Oregon have been overlooked by the speculators, and new railroads indicate that these lands will be valuable. There could easily be found thousands of men to file on homesteads they did not have to reside upon. They would sell their claims as they did their timber claims. It is a bill that is unworthy of the man who introduced it, and has no redeeming feature in it.

Advertisements are being placed by the Portland Commercial Club in the leading Swedish and Norwegian-Danish papers of the country, calling attention to opportunities here for industrious people who seek homes in the country districts. A large inquiry is coming to the Portland office from Scandinavians all over the country and letters are answered by a special correspondent who understands the language. This is but one phase of the Commercial Club's work but it is bringing inquiries. The people are thrifty and industrious and settlers of this kind will help develop the vacant lands of the state.

The President struck a stiff and sledgehammer blow at the Wall Street gamblers last week, when he told them, "If the enforcement of the law is not consistent with the present methods of carrying on business, then it does not speak well for the present methods of conducting business." There are thousands and thousands of people in the United States who do not believe that any legitimate business is conducted in Wall Street.

More Pointers in Regard to District 27.

Seeing an article in last week's paper which is misleading, as well as other stories which have been intentionally circulated about the District of late, I wish to give a few pointers. District 27 has one of the prettiest natural school sites in the county, and as near the center, with reference to the roads of the District, as it is possible to place it. It would hardly seem just, even if the Boundary Board would allow it, to cut off those which are within less than a mile—and on a good road—of the present schoolhouse, especially if said ones did not desire it. At present there are over sixty-five pupils enrolled, less than fifteen of whom come from the Molalla road. If these were cut off, we would still have over fifty, which is altogether too many for a one-room school, to get best results.

It surely does not seem fair that a few property holders on the Molalla road should try to prevent the district from obtaining a two-room, graded school which it is so much in need of right now.

At our last meeting, about forty legal voters, having children, or owning property in the district, were only partially represented, but cast a vote of twenty-eight in favor of a new schoolhouse.

I think there is no one in the district who wishes to build or hold a high school just at present.

C. W. SWALLOW.

OAK GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Jennings Lodge have purchased the Blackley property and will make their home in Oak Grove.

The M. W. A. will give an anniversary ball on March 2nd in Green's hall. Everyone invited. Good music and a fine time expected.

We regret to lose our neighbor, Hugh Cameron, and family. They leave today for Vancouver, Wash., where Mr. Cameron expects to work for Gen. Sherrin in his lumber mill.

Mrs. Oscar Skoog has returned home from the hospital much improved in health.

Several of our good people have had lagrippe lately but are all on the road to recovery now.

E. C. Warren has been sick with a heavy cold for two weeks. Jack never giving up. He is always ready to listen to a good story or tell one to the boys.

Mrs. Ada Cosgriff has accepted a position as clerk with Graham & Son. Wm. Hall has a fine line of new candies. Give him a call and make your wives and sweethearts happy.

Mrs. L. E. Armstrong was a city visitor this week.

Mrs. J. E. Bontly is improving slowly.

Dr. McArthur's father is here visiting from Canada.

Frank Vanstrand is suffering with lagrippe.

We are pleased to have Prof. Butler with us again after an absence of two months on account of sickness. The school children all welcomed him. He is a great favorite with his pupils.

Miss Grim, who filled Prof. Butler's position during his absence, has returned to her home in Portland.

Mr. Montgomery has moved his family to Albany, Oregon, where he is employed and where they will make their home.

A family social will be given by Miss Rose Pfitzinger's Sunday school class of boys in the basement of the new church, Tuesday evening, March 1st. S. P. M. Everyone cordially invited.

The Ladies' Aid meets at Mrs. Wm. Miller's, Thursday of this week. Everyone interested in this work is invited to attend.

Mrs. Spaulding's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Gauss are visiting here and expect to locate in Oak Grove.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, who has been ill for two weeks, is improving slowly. Her brother, who is in Vancouver, Wash., visited her last week.

We now have a few good sidewalks in the business part, and hope before long to have them all over our little city. The sidewalk is all finished and is a great comfort to the pupils.

Born.
Born, February 15th, to the wife of Geo. Bigham, a daughter. Mother and child are doing well.

Services at Church.
Services will be held in the church next Sunday morning, James T. Moore, pastor, Sunday school at 10 o'clock. All are cordially invited to the meetings.

Ladies' Aid Meets.
The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Sherrin's last Thursday. There were sixteen members and visitors present. A comfort was tied, refreshments served, and \$5 added to the treasury. The society assumed \$200 of the church debt and is raising money to pay it off. The Ladies will do any and all kinds of work at reasonable rates. Call on Mrs. J. H. McArthur, president, or Miss Lida Kennedy, secretary. Any one interested in the work are invited to the meetings.

Valentine Party.
The girls of the Oak Grove and Concord schools, assisted by Mrs. B. Lee Page, gave a Valentine party at the latter's home February 11th, to raise money for the church. Music, refreshments and valentines were the features of the evening. The amount realized was over \$175. The young girls furnished the basement of the church, and much credit is due them for this work.

Thieves Steal Clothes From Line.
Some low, sneaky thief is working in our community again, stealing wood, and clothing out of clothes lines. Last Tuesday evening someone stole the clothes off the line at Wm. Farley's residence at Pine Station. Not long ago two chairs were taken from the washing room at Oak Grove. This may be the work of mischievous boys but we think not. Whoever it is will get caught sooner or later, so look out.

Girls Contribute Toward Good Cause.
The following girls earned one dollar apiece and contributed it to the fund for the basement of the church: Florence Lewis, Hester Armstrong, Alma Bentley, Mary Stein, Kate Stein, Jessie Spidle, Ella Bigham, Florence Bigham, Alma Richter, Lilla Richter, Olive Riley, Saddle Lidell, Rachel Worthington, Ruth Worthington, Jennie Jones, Ella Stelly, Rachel McArthur, Hilda Storer, Lida Graham, Dorothy Hansen, Delbert Miller, Robert Lee Wetzel.

Woodmen Give Entertainment.
The Modern Woodmen gave an entertainment and social dance to the members and friends Tuesday, 15th inst. The Oregon Fir Camp of Portland was present. Two of the members gave a silent drill. Remarks on the order were made by Counsel Foster, Mr. McGrath and Mrs. McGrath, State Organizer of the Royal Neighbors, made a few remarks on the Order. Musical selections were given by Mrs. Margaret Worthington, (nee Warren) and a recitation by Hester Armstrong. After the programme refreshments were served, and dancing indulged in till a late hour.

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OSWEGO.
The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church met at Mrs. Hininger's last Friday. Rev. J. W. Exon preached both morning and evening last Sunday. There were ten persons united with the church.

Mr. H. A. Esby and daughter, from North Beach, also Mr. C. J. Esby, from Eugene were visiting relatives here last week.

The E. P. is building new waiting stations at different points between Oswego and Portland.

The frosty weather is impeding the progress of the work on the electric plant.

The livery stable has closed, and Mr. Stafford sold all the horses.

The S. P. camp of surveyors and engineers who have been here over a year left, some going to The Dalles and the others to Milwaukee.

G. W. Prosser, the postmaster, has been sick for the past two weeks.

JENNINGS LODGE.

Will S. Millar, who formerly clerked in the H. J. Price store at the Lodge was married on February 8 to Miss Ethel Dennis of Los Angeles, California. At present Mr. Millar and wife are in Los Angeles but contemplating residing in Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. Deverelle, of Portland, but a former resident of Elk City Idaho, was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckner on Sunday.

One of the most interesting sessions of the year was held at the Grace Chapel on Sunday, February 20th, under the direction of A. F. Russell. The school is increasing in attendance and a number of suggestions for further increasing the attendance were given. Through the kindness of a lady who has recently come in our midst, a beautiful card will be given to all who are present every Sunday.

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basis for requesting a new trial, as follows:
Inefficiency of the evidence to justify the verdict and that it is against the law.
Errors of law occurring at the trial and excepted to by the defendants at the time.
Newly discovered evidence material to the defendants, which they could not with reasonable diligence have discovered and produced at the trial, which evidence and the materiality of it will be made a part of the motion.
Irregularity and errors of the court in overruling defendants motion for a non-suit and for failure to direct a verdict for the defendants which said rulings were duly excepted to at the time.
Excessive damage, appearing to have been given under the influence of passion and prejudice.

THE MAN WHO WINS.

(By Emory J. Haynes.)
Keep your temper. It is about the most ruinous thing a young man can do to get mad. If you feel like writing a very angry letter, why do so and lay it aside till the next day for your own gratification in reading it over. Then keep it the next day after, keep it as long as you please and get all the satisfaction out of it that you can. It will rapidly grow stale, even to your own taste. Do anything you please with a getting mad letter except to mail it. To talk savagely never pays. If a subordinate has costed he dare not answer, and therefore it is a coward's assault. If an equal is the object he gives you what you send, and action and reaction are equal and in opposite directions, and no progress is made.

If you indulge yourself with your superior you get a moment of satisfaction, and pay for it with weeks of regret while looking for another job. There are so few places where getting mad is of any service in civil life that the wonder is why the power is left in us by nature. The best soldiers, in fact, fight as they would sell goods, cool, collected, calculating and they are without malice toward the wounded.

Therefore, war is not murder between civilized peoples. One will have to think a long while to find circumstances where it really helps a man to give way to excessive anger. There are so many obstacles in life at best that artificial barriers in the shape of feuds are so very foolish, that wise men never erect them. When temper rules logic skips out of the window.

There never was a man whose judgment worked better when he was mad. There are no facts that anger takes notice of, but rather the caricatures of facts. Facts are of small account to fools and insane people.

The angry man is part fool and part insane for the time being. One has only to notice with what difficulty he afterward tries to remember accurately what took place during his fit of uncontrolled anger, to confess the truth of the above statement.

There is such a rapid fall in other men's estimation, especially disinterested spectators, that no man who desires success will risk making a scene of anger.

It will hurt him as much as it would be seen drunk in business hours. Very few hard fighters nowadays ever lose self-control. An unscrupulous hard fighter probably often tries to provoke his competitor to anger for the unquestioned advantage that ensues.

Beyond dispute an outbreak of bad temper is ungentlemanly in the extreme and drives down one's personal standing among gentlemen alarming. What distress it must inflict within a home circle only they who suffer it know.

It is the tragedy of private life. It is the curse of all curses and the black soil from whence about all other domestic miseries grow. To master one's temper is, perhaps, the earliest, the chief lesson to be taught a child.

Upon a charge of having used an explosive with intent to do injury to a human being, Dr. Willard P. Burke, owner of Burke's Sanitarium, one of the largest health institutions in California, was arrested at Santa Rosa, Sunday.

Genuine fire opals similar to those of Mexico have been discovered in the bed and banks of Dedman's Creek, within a few miles of the City of Kamloops, B. C., and a company will be formed to mine and market this new and unlooked-for wealth promising resources. The discovery of the semi-precious stones sent many samples to the Department of Mines at Ottawa, which classified the opals authoritatively.

Judging from the reports that come the past few months, has been in evidence all quarters Dr. Cook, during every part of the globe but the north pole.

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