

Character Lessons to Train Youth

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IX.—Perseverance.



A YOUNG girl sat singing at the piano. "Sing it again," said the singing teacher, and the tired girl sang it again and again. "But you do not sing it properly, and I question if you will ever make a great singer."

But the little girl tried hard and practiced the next day and the next, the next week and the next, the next year and the next. One day she stood before 5,000 men and women, and she sang till she seemed to take them out of themselves and to carry them up into the clouds of enchantment, over seas of melody, into an ecstasy of delight, until the people wept from the excess of their emotions. That girl was Lillian Nordica.

Anything worth doing is beset with difficulties. Perseverance consists in continuing at any cost. Somebody says, "It is the first step that costs, but is it the last step that counts?" It is a pertinacity of purpose that overcomes all obstacles. It is the hinge of all virtues. Perseverance means the steady pursuit of a plan.

Excessive difficulties should lead to all discouragement, because the things best worth achieving are surrounded by conditions the most difficult to surmount. We must overcome a stubborn fact by a stubborn will. The difficulty frequently measures the worth. It also incites us to the improvement of our methods.

Perseverance is the grindstone saying to the ax, "You are hard, but I am harder and will wear you away." It is said of Marshall Field that when a boy he went to a great merchant and asked, "Do you want a boy?" "Nobody wants a boy," replied the merchant. "Do you need a boy?" the boy persisted, nowise abashed. "Nobody needs a boy," was the reply. But the boy would not give up. "Well, say, mister, do you have to have a boy?" "I think likely we do," replied the merchant, "and I rather think we will have to have a boy just like you."

To know how to wrest victory from defeat and make stepping stones of our stumbling blocks is the secret of success. The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other comes from a strong won't.

Some of the helps of perseverance are: (a) Be sure that while striving you are gaining good habits and getting something far better than what you strive for. One gets this in elementary work in schools and trades. (b) A knowledge that each year of faithful perseverance will transform you into an abler person and that you can then do easily what is impossible to do today. (c) Be sure that if the work were not difficult at the start it would not be interesting. Few satisfactions are keener than that of perseverance patiently exercised. Miss Willard says, "First, then, I would give this not at all startling bit of advice. Keep to your specialty, to the doing of the thing that you accomplish with most of satisfaction to yourself and most of benefit to those about you. Keep to this whether it is raising turnips or tines, painting screens or battle pieces."

Practice.—When called upon to shell peas, sweep the house or do similar tasks let each child make up his mind that, however tiresome, he will keep on working until the work is accomplished. When apparently insurmountable difficulties arise determine to overcome them all by oneself and note the satisfaction.



LILLIAN NORDICA.

Literature.
The sun set, but set not his hope.
Stars rose, but faith was earlier up.
—Emerson.
No rock so hard but that a little wave
May beat admission in a thousand years.
—Tennyson.
The exaltation, the divine
Insanity of noble minds
That never falters nor abates,
But labors and endures and waits
Till all that it pursues it finds
Or, what it cannot find, creates.
—Longfellow.
Climb on! Climb ever! Ne'er depend,
Though from each summit gained,
There stretch forth ever heights beyond,
Ideals to be attained.
Life's receipt simply is to climb,
Unheeding toil and tire,
Failure hath no attain of crime
If we but still aspire.
—James Terry White.

It is not the worst thing in the world to fail; the worst thing is not to try.
—Unidentified.
Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as borrowing and planting those of the earth.
—Margaret Fuller.



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LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Larsen returned Thursday evening from a few days' visit in Portland.

J. M. Parrish, located at the Eggermont Orchard, left Thursday for Los Angeles, where he will make a two months stay.

Col. A. R. Greene of Portland, was here Wednesday on a short business visit. The Colonel now has interests both in Portland and Stevenson.

The petition of residents of Columbia street to have that thoroughfare graded, has been granted, and it is expected that the work will be done soon.

Rev. E. L. House of Spokane, came down from there Thursday morning and spent a day or two here last week, looking the country over with a friend.

Christian Science services are held in Reading Room, No. 6, Davidson building, Sunday at 11 a. m. and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

J. M. Wright, the contractor and carpenter, has leased the first floor of the Armory building and will fit it up as a carpenter shop, including machinery for turning out building supplies.

A shooting contest recently held at Odell, developed the fact that Mt. Hood residents took most of the prizes. Several of the city boys were on hand, among them Edgar Button and Emmet Tompkins.

J. M. Parry, formerly in business here having bought the novelty business of J. S. Booth, was here Thursday on a visit. Mr. Parry is now making his home in eastern Oregon, although he owns a young orchard here.

Several members of the tennis club took advantage of the unusually mild weather Thursday and indulged in a long bout at the nets. When weather is like it has been here for ten days, California as a winter home has no charm.

Chas. Hall and E. C. Smith, who have been on a six weeks' trip through California, returned to Hood River Thursday. Messrs. Hall and Smith accompanied by their wives, went to San Francisco where they proceeded in Mr. Hall's automobile through Southern California to San Diego. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hall are still at San Diego and will spend the rest of the winter there.

Now is the time to get your pick of choice residence building lots in Riverview Park. J. F. Batchelder, phone 56.

Get your butter, guaranteed fresh eggs, cream and milk from Purity Dairy Co. Phone 68-L. Depot-Davidson Building.

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Prof. W. B. Wheelan, Master of Dancing, will open a dancing school in the Heilbronner hall, commencing next Saturday, Jan. 14th, and thereafter every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Classes now forming. Until further notice leave names at Heilbronner's office.

J. C. Forman and wife left last week for Cleveland, where they will spend the winter.

The school census of Hood River city for 1910 showed 885 pupils enrolled, as against 317 for 1909, an increase of 68 over 1909.

Jimmie Leavens, formerly with Mason & Ehrman, is on the road again with a special line of groceries, and was here Friday calling on his patrons.

L. A. Grant has rented the gymnasium outfit of the Hood River Athletic Club and has opened a private gymnasium with baths, under the Hood River Banking & Trust Co. Several kinds of baths will be installed and massage given.

For a short time I will offer for sale my house and two lots, southwest corner Oak and Sixth Sts. No more desirable residence property in town. Also two lots southeast corner Thirteenth and Columbia Sts. S. E. Blythe. Phone 331-M.

L. H. Huggins, who has lately been engaged in the grocery business with J. M. Wood, has sold his interest to Mr. Wood and retired from the firm. It is understood that Mr. Huggins will devote his time to the lumber business in which he has been interested for some years at The Dalles.

E. Nelson and A. Wilson, who have been conducting saloons at Cascade Locks, were here last week and appeared before the county court to have part of their license money refunded. The licenses were issued to them in September. Through the county going dry, Cascade Locks, which has always been wet, was put into the drouth column.

The revival meetings will continue at the Alliance Chapel each evening this week. There will also be meetings Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2:30, and next Sunday there will be an all day meeting. The Gospel Singers of Chehalis, Wash., will sing at each service. Come early so as to get a seat. C. E. Perry, Pastor.

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Henri de Redding returned Sunday from a ten days' stay in Portland.

W. H. Eccles arrived here Friday after several weeks' stay at Ogden.

Mrs. Alma Howe returned Friday from a visit to friends in Portland and other nearby points.

The Dalles is getting metropolitan. Mayor Wingate has recommended that its police officers be clothed in uniforms.

Judge A. J. Derby left Sunday for Portland, and Monday went to Salem to be present at the opening session of the legislature.

Cards are out for another Assembly dance, which will be given at Heilbronner hall Friday, January 13th. The dance will open at 8:30.

Jesse P. Stearns, of Portland, and W. H. Wilson, of The Dalles, were among the out of town attorneys who attended the session of circuit court.

The Pacific Express Company announces that it has established money order stations at C. A. Plath's, Chas. N. Clarke's and at the office of the Oregon Lumber Company at Dee.

A. T. Allen and J. A. Epling, of the Hood River District Land Company, have been in Portland for the past week in connection with the opening up of a 320 acre tract of land near Lyle. The tract is being subdivided.

The exterior of the new Barrett schoolhouse is completed and the interior is now being plastered, and the furnace installed. The structure is of brick and the two stories and basement; it will not be opened for occupancy until next term in order to give it a thorough drying.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treating it too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher entertained the ladies of the Neighboring Club together with their families on Saturday evening at their home on the east side. The evening was spent in playing games after which light refreshments were served. Twelve o'clock came all too soon to put an end to the hilarity of a very enjoyable evening.

A. A. Jayne has money to loan at 6 per cent on good security.

We print our paper MONDAYS and TUESDAYS. Copy required Monday.

Join the Bowling League. We have the best alleys in the state. Let's have the best team. C. A. Richards & Co.

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VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A watch night social was held at the parsonage by the Christian Endeavor Society, in connection with the annual business meeting. The following persons were elected to offices: President, Mrs. Addie Preston; vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Morse; secretary and treasurer, William Walters; corresponding secretary, Miss Verna Shoemaker. After a splendid lunch and some enjoyable games, the old year was watched out and the new one in by a devotional service.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its annual meeting at the parsonage Thursday, January 5th, at which meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. J. Gibbons; vice-president, Mrs. B. L. Murphy; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Swearly; assistant, Mrs. F. H. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Feugh; work committee, Mrs. Stando, Mrs. Swearly, Mrs. Pentt. The Aid had a most prosperous year, receipts being \$341.21, and over twenty new members.

The annual church meeting was held at the church Wednesday evening, January 4th. At this meeting C. H. Clymer was elected an elder; Thomas Bishop and E. W. Swearly, trustees; J. E. Boyce, deacon; F. M. Feugh, clerk; Mrs. Renvis, chorister; W. E. Candler, assistant, and Miss Gladys Renvis, organist. The church is prospering. The finances are in good condition and people are coming into the church. Rev. Isaac Poart is pastor.

Notice
Copy for advertisements MUST be in the office by Monday NOON.

HILDA THE HELPER

II.—"There's No Place Like Home"

Hilda the Helper used to say, when she was rather younger, "I think I'll pack and go away; I've got the city hunger."



One day did Hilda up and pack, she hid her to the city. Three months from THEN SHE MOSIED BACK and sang another ditty:

"The city wasn't half so fine as I had judged from rumor, so it's THE OLD HOME TOWN FOR MINE, and I shall be its boomer."

Properties That Will Be Worth 10 to 20% More Next Spring

10 Acres block of solid orchard located 2 1-2 miles from town, on main county road. All Newtowns and Spitzburgs 5 years old and in the very best of condition, having had a few apples last year. There IS NOT A BETTER ORCHARD on the West Side—there is nothing to compare with it at the price of \$12000 \$5,000 cash; balance 7 per cent interest.

15 Acres 6 1-2 miles from Hood River; near railway station, school and church, all set to Newtowns and Spitzburgs, as follows: 5 acres 7 years old; 3 acres 6; 1 1-2 acres 4, and 4 1-2 acres 3 years old. Trees in A-1 condition; picked 1120 boxes of apples this year. Three acres of strawberries between the trees. Old house, good barn. This tract is one of the best buys in the Hood River Valley at the price of \$14000 \$5000 cash, balance on or before 5 years at 7 per cent.

20 Acres located in the heart of the East Side, all under cultivation and planted to orchard as follows: 167 Newtowns and Spitzburgs 5 years old; 612 2 and 3 years old of same variety with Orley and Arkansas Blacks as pollinizers; 37 4 yrs old and 97 1 yr. old of same variety; 139 1 and 2 yrs. old and 97 1 year old of same variety; 139 1 and 2 years old D'Anjou Pears; also home orchard 4 years old. Improved with 6 room house, good barn and other out-buildings; with the place goes complete set of farm implements, also new steam sprayer, wagon, hack and good team. The price at \$15000 is below the market. Terms.

103 Acres on the edge of Willow Flat district; heavy red shot soil, south and east slope with good drainage; 20 acres under cultivation. 10 acres set to young Newtowns and Spitzburgs; 8 acres practically cleared, balance of place fir and oak timber. Small house and barn. The \$14000 price is way below the market at \$3500 cash; balance on or before 7 years at 7 per cent.

20 acres 7 1-2 miles southwest of Hood River; red shot soil, good drainage, all under the ditch. 4 acres in Spitzburg and Newtowns 1 year old; 12 acres slashed and burned; balance in fir. \$5000 \$2000 cash; balance on or before 5 years at 7 per cent.

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