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SINCE WE ARE interested in the newspaper business we may be slightly prejudiced in favor of the newspaper as an advertising medium; but we honestly believe that copies of The Times sent out of the city do more to advertise Coos Bay than all other methods resorted to. When a man gets a copy of a paper he is able to form a pretty good opinion of the town in which it is published. Newspapers do not always tell the truth about a town, for they are inclined to present the brighter side, but the reader knows that he has a picture of the town on a busy day, not while it is on dress parade. Therefore, a good newspaper is about the best asset a town can have. And a town is particularly fortunate if it has a newspaper that tries to keep a few years ahead of the times.

The Times would be in a position to make much better paper if the business men would concentrate their advertising efforts in its columns. There is no one thing the intelligent stranger uses as a criterion by which to measure the merits of a community as its newspaper. The following letter which The Times has just received from an eastern subscriber is a case in point:

Coos Bay Times:—

You will find enclosed money order in full payment for my 1909 subscription to The Times. The paper is a very good paper coming from so small town. Judging from the amount of business ads in the paper the merchants there are not awake to the value of your paper as a medium of reaching the buying public. Respectfully,

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WRITING AND SPELLING.

THE ERA OF TYPE writing machines has not made good handwriting an unprized qualification, although in correspondence there is not the daily use for it that there formerly was. The First National Bank of Minneapolis has donated fifty dollars for a good-writing contest there, the hope being that the occurrence will cultivate the aspirations of young people who may think that metal type and a keyboard have brushed other competition entirely aside.

There has been a good deal of vacillation in the policy of the public schools toward handwriting. It is a fact that one may determine the nationality of an Englishman of moderate education by the style of his handwriting, it is so neat and uniformly characteristic; but in this country every kind of slant and angle has been experimented with, and that in a superficial way, as though writing was a side line of education that no one need be very anxious about.

It is a serious indictment against the public school system that is brought on account of this condition. Spelling is another fundamental detail which is taken up and passed as one of the incidents of elementary education afterward on account of the later program that must be followed. As a result a correctly spelled and handsomely written letter is enough of a rarity to attract considerable attention in these days. There are many subjects that have been introduced in the curriculum of the schools, commonly spoken of as fads, which are much less necessary than these modest accomplishments would be.

It is a national weakness, and is indicative of lack of thoroughness in what is done—a quality of character which will undermine the value of the most aspiring efforts.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Fame comes only when deserved, and then is as inevitable as destiny, for it is destiny.
LONGFELLOW.

CLEON AND I.

Cleon hath a million acres, ne'er a one have I;
Cleon dwelleth in a palace, in a cottage I;
Cleon hath a dozen fortunes, not a penny I;
Yet the poorer of the twain is Cleon, and not I.

Cleon, true, possesseth, acres but the landscape I;
Half the charms to me it yieldeth money could not buy,
Cleon harbors sloth and dulness, freshening vigor I;
He in velvet, I in fustian, richer man am I.

Cleon is a slave to grandeur, free as thought am I;
Cleon fees a score of doctors, need of none have I;
Wealth-surrounded, care environed, Cleon fears to die;
Death may come, he'll find me ready —happier man am I.

Cleon sees no charm in nature, in a daisy I;
Cleon hears no anthems ringing in the sea and sky;
Nature sings to me forever, earnest listener I;
State for state, wit all attendate, who would change? Not I.

—Charles Mackay.

THE DAY'S BEST STORY.

Apropos of examination time, Prof. Carl C. Peterson of Dubuque, related at a recent dinner some examination stories.

"Once, in a Bible lesson," he said, "I repeated the text:

"'Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt.'

"And then I showed the children a large picture that illustrated the text in bright colors.

"The children studied this picture eagerly. Then they all frowned; all looked rather disappointed. Finally a little girl said:

"'Teacher, where is the flea?"

It is not the worst liar who makes a hit, but the best.—Life.

When women don't know what etiquette demands, they kiss each other.

Funerals have gone up in price, but why should you care? You won't have to pay for yours.

If you want to please a man, recommend that he do something that he has long wanted to do.

Some Coos Bay men are so optimistic that they think nobody knows it's their last year's straw hat.

There is a good deal of sympathy in the world, but not enough for any to reach the bartender who loses his job.

Make up your mind to do this. It is just as hard to succeed in the other fellow's business as it is in your own.

There are two kinds of people in the whole world—those who are trying to get fat and those who are trying to get thin.

No woman has a right to go to church four times in one day, and thus make her husband so mad that he will swear and go to hell.

An expert student insists that riding in automobiles makes people homely. Oh, well, we never expect to lose our good looks that way.

The midway at the Seattle exposition is called the "Pay Streak" and is a mile long. By the time a man gets to the end of that he will be decidedly short.

The fastest express train in Spain is said to make less than twenty-four miles an hour. Al Powers' new motor boat would doubtless give the natives heart disease.

A Washington man who said he wanted a million dollars was sent to the insane asylum. Of course, you harbor a similar desire, but be wise and kept quiet about it.

The grumbler is a pest. Such a man can cause a dozen men an hour to feel dissatisfied with themselves and their surroundings. A cheerful man is an angel, and a grumbler a devil.

Buffalo Bill gives it as his opinion that with "hard work" a man should live to be 100 years old. But even that prospect is not going to help some Coos Bay men to fall in love with hard work

"Why is it," asks the Topeka Journal, "that a woman is not afraid of thunder and lightning when a mere man is around?" Perhaps because she is sure lightning is discriminating enough to hit the man if it must hit something around there.

Head note: The big pompadours and mass of curls are going out. The style now is for a girl to wear her hair on the back of her head, projecting out so far that she has to turn a corner as cautiously as a wagon hauling a telegraph pole.

Every little while we hear it said of some one: "Well, he got a lesson he'll not soon forget. It was disagreeable, but it will do him good." People seem to like to see others get these "lessons." We don't. We like to see people get along without them.

THE FAITHFUL ONE.

I.

In the storm and the strife—when the lightnings of life
Had blasted my deepest endeavor,
She came to my side when the last hope had died.
And whispered: "I love you forever!"

II.

And the bitter unrest of a grief stricken breast
Saw a star through the black shadows living.
Knew a joy from above in the strength of that love
That is wounded and yet lies for giving.

III.

And sorrow now seems but a phantom of dreams,
And Peace shall depart from me ever;
O'er Life's Valley of sighs—see—see! the lights in the skies!—
For she whispers: "I love you forever!"

What Happened?

They broke the wishbone, this timid young couple.

"Tell me what you wished," she demanded.

"Tell we what you wished?" he countered.

"Well—I will if you will."

"I hate to do it—it might not come true."

"But may be it would. Now, you promised, you know."

"Well, I—er—I wished you'd let me kiss you. Now, what did you wish?"

"Oh, I daren't tell!"

"But you promised!"

"Well—I wished you'd get your wish!"

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

If that tariff debate lasts long enough, this may go down in history as the real year of the big wind.

Senator Daniel remembers having seen the Democratic party in worse condition than it is now. He must have a pretty good memory.

"Ohio man 105 years old, says he has used whisky for eighty-five years." The result would have been different had he allowed whisky to use him.

One disgusted individual declares that "the democratic party is going to the devil." If that doesn't make his satanic majesty feel like looking for a place of concealment we don't know what will.

James Franklin Hyde, democrat and 96 years of age, has been elected city treasurer of Lincoln, Ill. Here is a shining example for the democrats who become discouraged too soon.

Railroaders estimate that more than 2,000,000 people will visit the coast this summer. Of this great number it is only reasonable to expect that a goodly per cent will not be satisfied until they have seen Coos Bay.

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