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Saturday Evening Thoughts

THE HISTORY OF JIM JONES.

Jim Jones—he was an editor—that is he tried to be; He bought himself a hand-press, an' he started in to see Jes' what there was in editin', but when he'd canvassed round, Some fifteen hundred editors in that same town he found.

They all knew more about it than Jones could hope to know; They told him: you must run her Jones, Jes' so an' so an' so! Be sure and boom the Baptists—they're bound to help you out—An' give the good old Methodists a big salvation shout!

"Give every man a notice: be sure an' put it down Whenever Major Jinks is seen perambulating round; Put in a few free locals for all the stores, an' give Each man a free subscription—if you want your sheet to live;"

Well, Jones, he done Jes' as they said, for fear they'd make a row; But the more he tried to please 'em all, the more they told him how; Until at last he took the book an' laid it on the shelf; Then run the paper in the ground an' follored it himself!

—Selected.

BUSINESS AND MAXIMS.

THE PRACTICE OF governing large working forces by inflexible rules seems to hold a growing fascination for business men. There used to be no rules at all, except those which the boss conjured up and applied as the occasion required, and as speedily laid aside when the emergency had passed. Things are done with less spontaneity nowadays. That is to say, the average business is a formal calculation, and is conducted as a machine, there being no variation of routine. Enter the employees' department of the average place of business and you will find, neatly tacked on the walls, cardboard placards upon which are catalogued the interminable list of things which no man can do and expect to hold his job. A sane man would know as much by intuition; but the signs are there, and perhaps they do serve to jog the memories of the workers occasionally, and keep them from slipping in the cogs of the machine.

Such rules, almost invariably, are painfully unoriginal in conception and purpose. Occasionally, however, some employer with ingenuity serves up something in the "Notice to Employees" form which is fresh, vigorous, philosophical, inviting, and worth assimilating. A Chicago business man who employs a few men, recently corrected something of the sort of the literature of labor. Here are the ten rules which he drew up and tacked on every conspicuous wall of his offices:

Rule I.—Don't lie—it wastes my time and yours. I'm sure to catch you in the end, and that's the wrong end.

Rule II.—Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short, and a short day's work makes my face long.

Rule III.—Give me more than I expect and I'll pay you more than you expect. I can afford to increase

your pay if you increase my profits. Rule IV.—You owe so much to yourself that you can't afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt or keep out of by shops.

Rule V.—Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, can't see temptation when they meet it.

Rule VI.—Mind your own business and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

Rule VII.—Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. The employee who is willing to steal for me is capable of stealing from me.

Rule VIII.—It's none of my business what you do at night, but if dissipation affects what you do the next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

Rule IX.—Don't tell me what I'd like to hear but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet to my vanity, but I need one for my dollars.

Rule X.—Don't kick if I kick—if you're worth while correcting, you're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.

A wonderfully sound and sensible lot of advice it is indeed—and as trite as business. The fact is, there is probably not a man in the shops who doesn't instinctively know the truth of every one of the rules. They wouldn't have dressed their thoughts in such crisp and specious language. But their boss has told them nothing which they didn't know or feel before.

However, there are few men who can draw up as nice and readable a set of rules as the foregoing; and the men will surely appreciate the literary talent of their boss. And by the same token, the latter seems to have missed his vocation. He ought to have been an epigrammatist instead of an ordinary business man.

AMERICAN CHILDREN.

ALFRED MOSELY, the distinguished British educator and economist, finds that the race of children is extinct in America, says the New York World.

We have "brushed the bloom off natural childishness," and instead of children there are only little men and little women, 4-year-old despots, who are walking editions of the Declaration of Independence and who have no respect, no reverence, for anything human or divine. The "normal" American boy is "a cute, smart, nervous business manikin."

Even savages, Mr. Mosely asserts, command greater respect from their

offspring than do American fathers and mothers. He attributes these conditions of juvenile precocity to a deficiency of nurseries and children's play rooms in American homes and to a too early association of the interests of parent and child.

From appearances this "distinguished British educator and economist" has met with the "smart American boy of four" and has formed an unfavorable opinion of him. Possibly he has bumped up against the Katzenjammer twins. If he has his remarks are to be pardoned.

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Look for the best in others and give the best we have. Nothing else is worth while.

Pore Old Dad.

Ye kin sca'ce pick up a paper An' it's "poet's corner" greet, 'Cept ye'll see er pirty poem 'Bout the mother, saintly, sweet; But ye'll have a time a-say— Eyes will be er-achin' bad Ere ye'll overtake er poem At this time for pore old dad!

No, it isn't willful in 'em— Them that write of mother dear— That thar's never notice taken Or her old man settin' near. No, it's never meant to slight him, But hit looks a little sad— All the bouquets made for mother, Not a bloom for pore old dad!

True, our mother watched above us Till her gray old eyes would ache, But old dad he humped to feed us Till his back would nearly break, Mother crooned above the cradle, Gave devotion, all she had; Still that wasn't any circus At this time for pore old dad.

Do not take one line from mother When you write the soul sweet song, But if thar's a word for father Now and then it won't be wrong.

Pore old soul! He's bent and wrinkled An' I know 'twould make him glad If, while you are praisin' mother Somethin's said for pore old dad!

—ANON.

If a woman has a man to boss let her do it or there will be trouble.

These pre-nuptial stocking showers enable young brides to lay by something for a rainy day.

Reformed spelling seems to have gone the way of all other reforms—it was a hot favorite for a few weeks.

TEACH GIRLS HOUSE KEEPING

PRESIDENT WORK ENTERS PLEA FOR EXTENSION OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND HOME MAKING ARTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., July 10.—"Our cities are filled with miserable women, heart-sick men, and blighted homes, due to a lack of instruction for girls in the grammar and high school courses in the fundamentals of home economics." This was the statement made by President Cree T. Work of the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex., in an address at the National Education Association Convention. The speaker, in the address which was delivered before the department of manual training, pleaded for the more general introduction into the public school curriculum of arts and sciences related to home interests. President Work recognized the desirability of vocational schools for women, but emphasized the idea that the courses in such schools should also provide thorough practical training in home economics, because, whatever the present ambitions and occupations of the girls, they will some day have homes to direct.

"Our girls should know the 'how' of the art of housekeeping and home-making at least fully as well as their mothers, and the 'why' a good deal better," said the speaker. "The financial problems of the home and household accounts must be studied. A practical acquaintance with the problems of housekeeping adds to the freedom and comfort of women and girls, and also prepares them for taking their part in safeguarding the home against the impositions of a conscienceless commercial world. Through such training time and opportunity are gained for the all-important intellectual and social life of the home."

The training of teachers, provision for extension and demonstration work in home economics, and the further introduction of industrial arts and sciences into the curricula of our elementary and secondary schools, were pointed out as most important steps to be taken for the preservation and upbuilding of the American home.

THE DAY'S STORY.

Jack London, the author, was introduced one day to a musician. "I, too, am a musician in a small way," London said. "My musical talent was once the means of saving my life."

"How was that?" the musician asked.

"There was a great flood in our town in my boyhood," replied London. "When the water struck our house my father got on a bed and floated with the stream until he was rescued."

"And, you?" said the musician.

"Well," said London, "I accompanied him on the piano."

Analyzing it closely, I have concluded that most of us fiddle more than we dance.

Some Coos Bay folks think being patient with you consists of waiting for a good chance to get even.

Assured of a regular income, Mrs. Gould can now afford to take something occasionally "for medicinal purposes."

A good many Coos Bay people go about looking for a quarrel. But it is our observation that only a very limited number go about looking for a fight.

The New York man who has offered \$10,000 for a sure cure for obesity appears to have reached the conclusion that "nobody loves a fat man."

Last week's issue of the Silver State, published at Deer Lodge, contained an announcement that a "shirt waist social" would be given in that city on a certain date, and that "all ladies attending without wearing shirt waists would be fined." Good! Any lady who would attend without having common decency enough to wear a mere waistshirt should not only be fined, but be thrown out also.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES.

SALEM—William Herve, who shot and killed Henry Sullivan in a pistol duel over a woman at Gates some weeks ago, died at the Salem hospital as the result of wounds received in the battle.

RAINIER—Fire, which broke out in the sawmill plant of Farris Bros., at Rainier, destroyed the saw and planing mill plant, together with the plant of the Eureka Planing Mill Company, whose plant was situated within a few feet of the sawmill. The total loss is \$22,000, with no insurance.

PORTLAND—Civil service examinations to fill vacancies in the government departmental service in Washington are to be held generally throughout the country this coming fall and will cover appointments as clerks, stenographers, typewriters, etc. These examinations will be held at Eugene, September 8 and October 13; Grants Pass, September 18.

HILLSBORO—At Hillsboro, Mrs. Edward Benson was killed by a short circuit in the electric light system. The rain and wind had disarranged the wires on the street and allowed a 2300-volt wire to touch the incandescent wires. The woman went in to the back room of the store, where the floor was damp from melting ice, and had evidently taken hold of a brass fixture, thus completing the circuit.

A man will boast about his ability in any line except lying.

MYRTLE POINT'S BIG CROWD.

It is estimated that there were between two and three thousand people in town for the celebration, many of them coming from a long distance. Some estimated the crowd as high as 4,000 people, and it is declared by all that it was the largest crowd ever assembled in Myrtle Point at one time.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

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PLACE SPORT ABOVE STUDY

PRESIDENT SLOCUM TELLS NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION THAT TOO MUCH STRESS IS LAID ON ATHLETICS

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., July 10.—"The time has come when the glory of an athletic battlefield is much more in evidence than the intellectual and moral achievement in the classroom," said William F. Slocum, president of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., in his address before the Department of Physical Education of the National Education Association. "There are at the present time one or two things which are seriously affecting the physical training especially in our colleges and universities, the influence of which is also felt very directly in our secondary schools," the speaker declared. "This is the outcome very largely of the intense competitive spirit which has entered into the athletic sports which are carried on among American students. This competition has become so fierce that it is centering the interests of physical education in preparing athletes for contests rather than the development of thorough intellectual scientific physical culture for the larger number of young men and women."

"The great danger of the game of football as it is at present played between our American colleges and secondary schools, is that it is not dominated by a love of sport for its own sake. It tends to produce an abnormal type of physical development simply for the purpose of intense competition. It does not produce neither mental or physical normal conditions, but rather abnormal. Mentally it shows the same results as war and pugilistic contests. At least this is the predominating element of football as played at the present time on the athletic fields of the country. This is indicated by the fact that the moment that the football season is over the game disappears when one side has won and another been defeated. The spirit and conversation growing out of this game are similar to that which one hears after two contending armies have met on the battlefield, or two pugilists have met in a fight. "The escape from these conditions will come by the development of sport for his own sake, as is the case in English colleges and secondary schools, and by inducing practically every student to have his own sport which he learns to love for its own sake. It will also come by acquired

physical culture on the part of every student and pupil who is not forced to be excused for some special and good reason growing out of mental or physical infirmities."

WALLOWA—Clark Burton Downing, 14-year-old son of Joshua Downing, was instantly killed at Wallowa by a thunderbolt. He was struck while walking in an open rock field, 150 yards from any tree.

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