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HOW TO BE HAPPY

THE grand essentials to happiness in this life are, something to do, something to love and something to work for.

ROADS AS AN INVESTMENT.

PROGRESSIVE men everywhere have taken the stand that good roads are necessary to the proper development of the rural districts upon which towns are built.

There is little need for argument for good roads. Almost everybody nowadays believes in a good road. Some, however, do not appreciate the investment that a good road has for the community that it serves.

People appreciate the service that a railroad gives. They understand transportation facilities. They believe in the construction of railroad lines and few would in this day and age oppose the construction of as many lines as could be induced to penetrate any given section of the country.

It means just as much to the people of a community hitherto without transportation facilities when a road is built through the territory.

In countries with good roads, farmers seldom use the rail lines for distances under twenty miles. They find that they can haul their heavily loaded wagons to market at a small cost in a short time and that it entails a smaller outlay than paying freight bills over the road.

This is a tax on the people—a tax greater than would be the annual cost of any bond issue that were made to cover the construction expense.

These conditions can be corrected if the people but awake to the importance of the good road and decide that the horrid, impassable road is to be banished forever from Coos county and that the improved highway is to be substituted in its place.

CONVERSING WITH THE HEN

UNDER the department heading, "Science and Invention," in a recent number of the Literary Digest, is set forth the record of an experiment conducted by two young Englishmen in a hen-coop.

The scientific value of the discovery lies in the possibility of turning the hen language to profitable use. This is the day of scientific agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and poultry-culture.

did, laying lots of eggs in the spring when they are cheap and laying none at all in the fall when they are worth something.

It is easy to see the field that is open to the progressive rancher. After a little study of the vocabulary, he could proceed by studious flattery to win the simple hen's heart, then her confidence and finally, perhaps, he might induce her to rest in the spring and work in the fall.

COMRADESHIP WITH CHILDREN

FRIENDSHIP between children and parents at all ages is the relation that should always exist between them. Unfortunately it is seldom found in American families after the children have passed a certain age, and often not even before.

The want is due partly to circumstances beyond the control of either party and partly to the fault of American parents. Time wipes away from the parents' mind the recollection of how they thought and felt and acted when children, thus removing a bond of natural sympathy.

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What has here been laid down does not mean that there should be no parental authority nor family government. Children must learn lessons of obedience if they are to be qualified to become members of society and the state.

OREGON A GOLD PRODUCER

OREGON has not heretofore been considered a producer of precious metals, and less attention has been paid to mining in this state than in any other state west of the Mississippi River since the days of '49 when mining was in its infancy.

Estimates of the production of gold in the United States made by the Bureau of Mint and the Geological Survey for the year 1912, have just been published by the Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco.

During the year 1912 the output of gold in Oregon amounted to only \$779,041, while in 1913 the estimate, which is considered most conservative, is for \$1,379,057, an increase of 79 per cent.

During 1912 Oregon's silver production amounted to only \$57,081, and last year the estimate shows \$158,584, an increase of about 175 per cent.

Considerable significance is attached to this showing and the prediction is made that in the future Oregon will be known as a great producer of both gold and silver.

With its equable climate, its agricultural possibilities, its opportunities for industrial development, and its mining, Oregon bids fair to take the lead in the future—and keep it.

DON'T BE A GROUCH

"Smile and the world smiles with you, Knock and you knock alone; For the cheerful grin Will let you in Where the kicker is never known, Growl, and the way looks dreary, Laugh, and the path is bright, For a welcome smile Brings sunshine, while A frown shuts out the light, Sigh, and the world's harmonious, Grumble, and things go wrong, And all the time You are out of time With the busy, bustling throng, Kick, and there's trouble brewing, Whistle and life is gay; And the world's in tune Like a day in June And the clouds all melt away."

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

Just in proportion as a government recognizes the individual and shields him in the exercise of his rights, in that proportion is it Godlike and glorious.—Garfield.

JUST AS YOU ARE.

Just as you are, no change for me True-hearted friend, I like the faults that others see, We don't pretend That life is much beside a dream And things are not the way they seem.

Just as you are. I do not ask Perfection, No, I only want to see the task That tries you so; And aid you in it to the last And ward you from life's tempest blast.

Just as you are; change not your voice, Nor yet your smile, Both make me constantly rejoice, Linger a while And let me see again those eyes, That make me strong to silence sighs.

To your virtue I would not add; Yours doth suffice, Example fair to make all glad At any price I'll try to emulate your grace, In your heart find my resting place.

I'd change you not; to Time leave all, Too soon, alas, The stage be dark, the curtains fall, The actors pass, And I will know, to my distress, Not e'en your faults can I possess.

Two are always company unless they are husband and wife.

Some Coos Bay people have an awful hard time letting other people mind their own business.

The only way a man can win an argument with his wife is to slam the door and stay out.

Only a chicken-hearted man will allow himself to be henpecked.

Marry in haste and haste at leisure.

It takes a loafer who hasn't a dime in his pocket and no property, to worry about the taxes.

Never waste your time about yourself, other people will attend to that.

The dressing is the best part of most salads and most girls.

A man never knows how many things he can't do until he tries to do them.

A girl who doesn't know how to boil water, likes to don a big apron and roll up her sleeves and look like a real housekeeper when she expects a young man to call.

A store advertises "new wrinkles in the latest skirts." We thought we had seen all the wrinkles they could get into a skirt.

The only thing a live mollycoddle has a hunch on is a dead clam.

He isn't handsome—far from that. As manly beauty goes; He doesn't sport the latest hat Or up-to-date clothes, And yet he is more popular Than all the blooming roost; And everybody likes him, for His middle name is Boost.

He doesn't know the latest styles Or know the latest fad; But he just smiles and smiles and smiles.

When things are going bad, He talks a lot, when rainclouds pour, Or crops they have produced; He sees their silver lining, for His middle name is Boost.

He makes no million bucks a year And yet he has enough; His charity is giving cheer When things are looking tough, Of friends he owns a plenty, more Than money has induced; Yea, everybody likes him, for His middle name is Boost.

Get out yourself and boost a bit And jolly folks along, For knocking never makes a hit When things are breaking wrong, If you should hear a kicker roar, Just bump him off the roost, And show the folks you're plugging, for Your middle name is BOOST.

The best of living is the thing That's furrowing our brow with care; A student of things says we've got To go to college Belgian here!

Sunday School Teacher—Why was Daniel forced to enter the lions' den? Brig's Pund—Why, he'd a split a whole (him if he didn't).

"Did whiskey lead the man stray?" The joker made reply, I'd put it in another way— It just sent him a-rye."

Times Want ads bring results.

SECRET OF LIFE

WHAT is life? The riddle of the universe and the ages. Life is indefinable. That characterization of it has as much validity as any attempted definition by science or any description of its nature and effects.

Science, as it approaches nearer and nearer in these recent years to what it imagines to be the hidden heart of nature, flatters itself now and again that it has at last tracked life to its lair. But always the suffix slips through the nets and hands of the naturalist, and he hears only distant, ironical, mocking laughter. The materialist fancies he finds life in some combination of chemical and physical forces, but always there is some unknown quantity in his equation and the problem remains unsolved.

On the other hand, such scientists and philosophers as Bergson admit that part at least of what we call life cannot be traced to any other source than itself and presumably originates there and is self-originated. Man can do more than the natural machines called animals can do. Consequently he is more than such a machine.

Consciousness is the stubborn fact that science cannot account for, says an exchange, or explain away. It has been proved scientifically to exist and persist after the death of the body. But its powers are so different from those known in connection with the body that it seems a poor thing. The scientist is justified in his discontent with this kind of disembodied consciousness.

A man always says things behind his wife's back when he is looking up her dress.

A few feminine tears or a shower of rain doesn't amount to much, but how a man does hate a flood!

When a woman is in love with a man she'll listen to what he has to say—just as if he were saying something.

Have your job printing done at The Times office.

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TO RAISE PAY IN NORTH BEND SPECIFICATIONS FOR HUSBAND

Council Votes Higher Salaries to Officers — Street Work Outlined

At a meeting of the North Bend City Council last night, there was a general raise in the salaries of city employees. Recorder Maybee had his monthly stipend boosted from \$75 to \$125 per month, City Attorney Derbyshire had his salary raised from \$43 to \$75 per month and Chief of Police Anderson had his pay boosted from \$89 to \$100 per month. The pay of the policemen was left at \$79 per month. All of the councilmen except Hollister voted for the raise.

N. C. McLeod entered a protest on behalf of the property owners against the proposed grade on Meade avenue between Virginia and Maine, and it was referred to a committee which today decided to have it changed. A number of street projects were discussed as follows:

Connecticut ordered improved from Sherman to Sheridan. Sheridan from Virginia to California accepted.

Grade established on Union from Virginia to California. Liberty from Maine to Delaware ordered improved.

Bids ordered advertised for on the Montana street bridge. Petition of S. Rogstad for entrance to Sheridan street referred to committee.

SALMON DAY WILL BE MARCH 13.

All the culinary possibilities of the salmon, sometimes styled the "king of fish," are to be exploited on March 13 throughout the northwest and as far inland as the influence of the canners and the railroads will carry. "Salmon Day" is a brand new institution, patterned on the order of "apple day," celebrated last fall throughout the United States.

BARBOUND 42 DAYS.

The steamer Roseco came in Tuesday from the Umpqua bringing up the schooner Coquille, which she had just taken there from Yaquina. The boats were barbound at the latter place for forty-two days. The Roseco called Wednesday on her way to Portland. Captain Erickson took out his household goods this trip, and we understand is to retire from his position as master of the vessel, Mrs. Erickson accompanied him to Portland.—Florence West.

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NEW YORK WOMAN OUTLINES HER IDEAL OF A HELPERMATE —WILL OVERLOOK A FEW FAULTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Dolores Austin is a widow, with two stalwart little chaps to support and she works every day in a book bindery, but she says "No woman can be breadwinner and mother at the same time, and after thinking it all over I have decided to marry again for their sake." She does not ask for a paragon, having all the virtues, but "a man with a capacity for loving and who has kept his boy's heart; one not over forty; of any religion, just so long as he has one; he need not be rich, nor a professional man, but capable of earning a good living; he must be honest and a respecter of women and all that is best and worthy; he must not drink though she does not object to his smoking; he must be a man of clean life and habits; he must have good teeth; must love his own children; if any, his wife, if she were a widow with children and any more that follow, and he should have the ambition to start a home where love, righteous living, self-sacrifice and ambition may be fostered."

Mrs. Austin, though convent educated, is an Episcopalian, young, strong and very good looking; she is a good housekeeper and a good cook. She is not a suffragette, believing instead that women should not seek to lighten the burden of mankind by taking it upon their own shoulders but should keep to their place in the home and make the family life as near ideal as it lies within her power to do, thus doing her share of the world's work. She thinks a man without a temper isn't worth much, but it must not be in use all the time. She is willing to allow for faults and eager to marry a man who steps up as a real man. How many can answer these few sensible specifications?

The Baptist Ladies' Aid of North Bend, will hold a cake sale, Saturday, at Smith's Variety Store.

The WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of the Presbyterian Church will serve a CHICKEN DINNER at the Swedish Lutheran Hall, at Third and Commercial, beginning at 11 o'clock on SATURDAY, February 21. 50 cents.

The Times want ads are the key to the door of opportunity.

5000 MILES All Nobby Tread United States Tires are guaranteed to run 5000 miles. This means the ones you have on your car, as well as the ones you buy from now on. Just Think The NOBBY TREAD TIRE is guaranteed to run 1500 miles farther than any tire on the market. Service: In case your tire does not give you the full 5000 mileage, I make the adjustment on the spot. No waits, no freight, no ifs and ands, but just get your replacement at GOODRUM'S GARAGE at the time it is presented. Our service car is ready for your service so if in trouble at any time just phone your wants to 373-L and we will be at your side at once. GOODRUM'S Garage PHONE 373-L. MARSHFIELD