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Playgrounds for Children

Interesting and Instructive Address Delivered by Mrs. H. Armstrong Before Monthers and Teachers Club of North Bend

tu to substitute for Judge A. S. Hammond. She said:

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the good Lord knew suppose what he was about when he made children so that they want to play. Perhaps he might have made them so that their first impulse would be a desire to work—but my ob-servation and experience tells me that He did not. All young things want to play, and they want to play something that means exer-cise. The human animal is the most helpless of all created things and doesn't even know enough to until it has been taught, but play if it does not learn to play it will never learn to work, for play is work before it has grown up. If child is a good player he is likely, later on, to be a good work-er. In play they not only develop their bodies by natural and healthful exercise, as Nature intended they should, but they learn to play the game of life, in which "to the the game of life, in which "to the victor belong the spoils" to the winner the prize. They learn that the only way to win in any game is to do a little better than anyone else. That the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that pa_sence and perseverance are quite as apt to bring success. They learn that the one who does not play fair is despised, and a good loser is admired. They learn the cruel but necessary lesson that there is no place in the general scheme of taings for a weakling-that the law of the universe is the survival of the fit-These are lessons which have test. to be learned, and it is well if they are learned early in life, and how much more readily and thoroughly they are learned upon the playground from actual experience. Johnnie comes home with a black eye, the chances are—if there is good stuff in him—that he will go developing, until, as likely as not. the other fellow goes home with a black eye.

The game of life is played much like other games, and after all, the greatest pleasure is to play the game well. The chances are not even, the cards are not of equal value, and it is impossible that all should win, or that anyone should win all the time, but the one who plays his hand for all it is worth will be satisfied with himself and will win the apprebation of his fellows.

These facts are absorbed by the children upon the playground naturally as they breathe. But in order to get that training which will qualify them for the big game, several kids have to get together. There must be competition, opposition and something to arouse emu-Just as sure as one kid lation. sees another Kiu jump over a stick, just so sure there springs up in the heart or soul or stomach of the first kid a desire to beat the other at his own game. Something has started, and there is no telling where it will stop. The experienc of millions of ancestors is urging him to get into the game and win. The more children, the better the game. In the big game later on they will have as the world as com-petitors. Let them get busy and learn the rules before the stakes

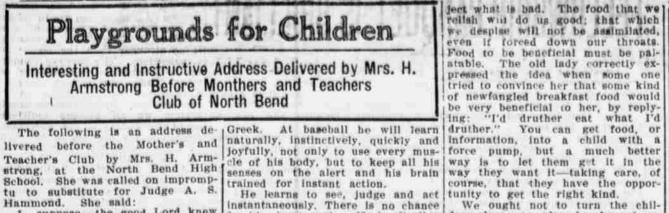
He learns to see, judge and act instantaneously. There is no chance for him to stagnate. He is all alive every minute. Also he learns that

world, where every citizen is taking in active interest in what is going on. What they Jearn there they will never forget, for it is absorbed into the system naturally, and becomes i part of themselves. What you have to stuff into a child against ts will does not help its growth. The mind of a little child is a won- must produce, from to know everything. But impres-sions are conveyed to the mind through the machinery of the body, and the machinery must be in good working order to get clear impressions,

The idea that a child must be compelled to do the things it does not want to do is contrary to the aws of Nature. Make the thing attractive and he will do it freely. aws of Nature.

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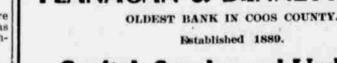
the other fellow must have an equal where, from very necessity, they opportunity with himself. The rules will absorb what is least destrable of the game require that each play-or 1 arn to play poor or dishonest games, any more than we should set there must be no cheating. Every playground is a miniature world, where every citizen is taking portant that we should have munic-

the children. lerful thing. It is a sensitized citizens who are healthy and intelli-'ilm always exposed to the light of gent, and more important still, who knowledge, and is receiving impres- are in favor of a fair deal and a slons every moment of its life. It square game, all the time, every's eager for knowledge. It wants where, for everybody.

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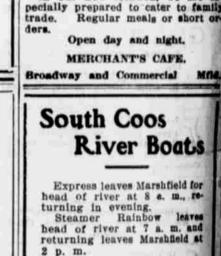
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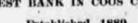
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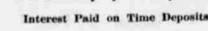
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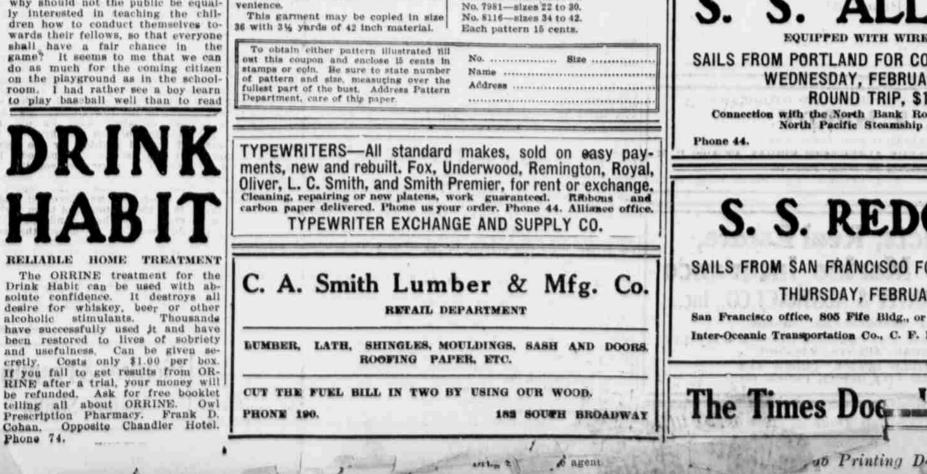




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are too high. A child who has not learned, as a child, how to bear defeat and how to win to success, is liable to be ruined, later in life, by a single failure.

But children ought not to be left to their own devices in play any more than work. They should be taught how to play. Children are imitators. They have no morals. They begin by doing what they see others do. It is important that they learn to play on the square, and to play the games that will de-velop their bodies and at the same time prepare them for the big game, by teaching patience, endurance, fortitude and resourcefulness. We devote a good deal of time and money to teaching the three R's, reading, riting and rithmetic. We even make the man who has no children of his own, help pay for this teaching, upon the theory that this teaching, upon the theory that in order to maintain good govern-ment we must see that the children develop into good and intelligent citizens. If this is a good policy, why should not the public be equalinterested in teaching the children how to conduct themselves to-wards their fellows, so that everyone shall have a fair chance in the game? It seems to me that we can do as much for the coming citizen on the playground as in the school-I had rather see a boy learn room. to play baseball well than to read



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