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### THE GRADUATE ENTERING THE WORLD.

As the members of a college of high school graduating class line up on the platform, it is a hard guess to tell which will be the big business and professional successes of ten years hence. Even the professors who know the young people thoroughly are often mystified.

In a good many cases a certain degree of business success is assured at the start through personal "pulls." Many young men have fathers or uncles or brothers in large concerns. A handsome desk and comfortable salary are assigned the fledgeling of the family as soon as he acquires his degree. He may become a faithful and methodical worker. But he is rarely the one who pushes his concern into bigger fields.

The success attained by many comparatively obscure fellows is a wonder to their teachers and associates. They may have had no social graces and facilities in book work. But somewhere back in their makeup was a certain bulldog tenacity that knows not the word "fail." They hang on and hang on, until the gates of opportunity open, weary of their importunate striving.

Many young men without family influence are sure of good results from the start, by a certain innate personal winsomeness. They greet the world with frank enthusiasm, and make friends every day of their lives. People like to have them around and do business with them. Their only danger lies in their too great facility. Sometimes the prizes come so easily that they forget to work. Then the tortoise soon overtakes the hare.

Graduates of colleges and high schools do not usually have to wait long for a job. There is always something ready for a bright young fellow with willing hands. But to find an opening that offers any chance of advancement is no easy matter. Young men should not grab too eagerly for lines of work in which there is no call for individual judgment and initiative. There is too much haste for 4 o'clock jobs where the young man gets the afternoon off for society and games.

### A HINT FOR EUGENE.

Eugene Register: "In our eleven months of travel Ashland, Ore., is the most hospitable city we visited," said a tourist who passed through Eugene day before yesterday. It is a splendid compliment. It is a tribute to a high civic quality that will do much to spread the fame of Ashland far and wide.

This man tells that automobilists are met at the outskirts of Ashland by a man who is stationed there to give information to tourists. They are directed to a new and beautiful city park that is especially fitted up for the convenience of travelers. It has electric lights and rustic benches and tables. It has a cook house and sleeping quarters, and it even has gas stoves and kitchenware. The traveler is made to feel thoroughly at home, and it is not likely that he will ever forget his pleasant experiences. He will tell every person he meets of the conveniences he has found.

Eugene might do well to take a leaf from Ashland's book. There is no city in the state that is more splendidly gifted with public parks than is Eugene, and these parks need not be reserved wholly for a playground for the people of the city. They can easily be made into recreation grounds for Eugene's guests.

The moment they decided to make June 23 Fathers' day the Suffis arose and declared it fitting and proper that the day be observed; inasmuch as the women are the real fathers.

### PUBLIC OPINION OF GERMANY'S NOTE.

Present comment on the latest German note replying to America's protest on the sinking of the Lusitania and the attack on the Gulf of Mexico is almost unanimously unfavorable. Practically all of the newspapers heard from declare the note to be unsatisfactory and really no answer at all to America's representation. The Minneapolis Journal seems to voice the sentiment of American newspapers generally in saying "Von Jagow, instead of answering the American note, has made a speech to the American people." The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says it is impossible to accept "either the reasoning or the terms of the German note," while the Chicago Daily News declares "American lives are still a minor consideration in Berlin," and the Indianapolis News calls it "discouragingly unsatisfactory." The Philadelphia Bulletin declares "friendly relations can not continue unless there shall be explanation in some form." The Philadelphia Telegraph refers to the note as "impossible of acceptance." The Dallas Times-Herald calls it unsatisfactory and the Louisville Times declares "it is time for Wilson to act," while the Louisville Post regards the note as arrogant and insulting. The Raleigh Times predicts that we will break off diplomatic relations and the Birmingham News puts it up to the president to act, while the Knoxville Sentinel calls the note "a mere piece of verbal fencing," and the Mobile Register says that Germany's reply "embodies a counter proposition which has for its basis the assumption that Germany, owing to her necessity, is justified in establishing 'rules of war' upon a sea highway common to all the world. The Atlanta Journal characterizes the note as 'simply a stolid evasion,' and the Richmond Leader points out Germany's impossible offer of relief, while the Savannah Press declares that "Germany in her last note asks us to do too much," and the Tampa Times refers to Germany's "stiff-neck attitude." The Columbia (S. C.) Record refers to the note as insulting. The New York Sun says it is impudent; the New York Herald says it is one of defiance. The Chicago Journal calls it insolent and evasive. The Houston Chronicle takes a gloomy view of the situation, as does the New York Globe and the Peoria (Ill.) Journal, while the St. Louis Times, which is owned by German-Americans, says the situation "is at the breaking point." The San Francisco Chronicle, the Des Moines Capital, the San Antonio Light, the Louisville Times and the Memphis Scimitar suggest that there is still ample room for diplomacy. The German papers, according to dispatches from Berlin, declare that the government has gone the utmost length to meet the American demands, while some German newspapers say that Germany has gone too far in suggesting the decoration of new ships with the American flag. Running through the comment of German editors is the boast that Germany is standing pat.

### EMERSON HOUGH IN SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Emerson Hough, in his writeup of Crater Lake for the Saturday Evening Post, has this to say of Ashland and the Rogue River valley:

"Southern Oregon is one of the show places of the world and the Rogue River valley is especially famous for its beauty. Medford, bustling and active with its new commercial growth; Ashland, beautiful and quiet, a place of comfort, with its brawling mountain stream running directly through the town and its many mineral springs close by—a veritable dream of a resting place, such as you would prize if you found it in the old world; Grants Pass yet farther down in the defile of the Rogue—these are all towns that need only removal to Europe to be well known and well patronized. There is history here, too, dating back to the wild mining days before the peaceful time of ranch and orchard. All of these things you have simply as lagniappe—boot money—in your shopping for scenery."

The Topeka (Kan.) State Journal is telling a lot of secrets which have remained buried for many centuries and is liable to get in bad if it keeps it up. In a recent issue it confided to the lady readers of the Journal the well-known fact that practically every man detests a picnic.

The sphygmometer is a wonderful machine that detects liars; but just why it is necessary to build a machine to do that is even more remarkable.

A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but we never yet have seen any person who would eat pate de foie gras if it were called by its right name.

## The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

**Handing Ourselves a Compliment.**  
It is not often an editor hands himself a compliment.

But this is the exception, and that is just what we are doing, because a certain well-known citizen of this community has and is persistently recognizing the value of this paper as a reliable disseminator of local news, and has paid us the compliment in a manner which speaks volumes for his knowledge of the good things of life.

He is not destitute of this world's goods, but he possesses the rare faculty of holding onto that which he gets, lest the pangs of poverty overtake him in his declining years.

He possesses a wide knowledge of local affairs, because he is a constant reader of the Tidings, and the knowledge extracted therefrom is turned to good account in his own behalf.

If an important event is soon to occur, he knows of it in advance, because he has read of it in the Tidings.

If there is a bargain to be had anywhere in the community he is promptly apprised of the fact, because of that, too, he has read in the Tidings.

And if an acquaintance is sick, or death has overtaken some member of a family, or the stork has paid a visit to the home of some friend, he is among the first to extend his condolences or congratulations—because of these, also, he has read the Tidings.

He is a man of wisdom—a pillar of strength—with a brain which absorbs to the utmost the essence of life.

Few things escape his notice, for he is ever on the alert.

But the one thing which he never overlooks in this paper, and therein lies the compliment which we take unto ourselves. It gives us a feeling that we are something more than a mere worm in human shape, that we may be even a whole cog in the community wheel.

True, he is not a subscriber to the Tidings—his dollar never reaches this office—but he reads the paper just the same.

For his neighbor is a subscriber and pays in advance, and in his generosity he lends the paper to the "pillar of strength"—by request.

But it may not always be so. In time we have hopes that the "pillar" will pay us the super-compliment of permitting us to add his own name to our subscription list—paid in advance, of course.

Time sometimes works wonders, even in the newspaper field.

And we have hopes, strong hopes.

When you pull down the town in which is your home, you are pulling

down yourself; and when you build up you are building up yourself and your neighbor. Try and banish from your mind the mistaken idea that all good things are away off in some other locality. Give one and all the praise they can legitimately bear. It certainly will do you no harm and will cost you nothing; and above all, patronize your home institutions.

No one is so independent as the farmer; he doesn't have to truckle; if he is insulted he can resent the insult without fear of losing trade, and there is no earthly reason, with the improved farm machinery he now has in use, why he should not have an eight-hour day and such leisure for reading and study as would soon make him one of the best informed men in any calling. Why shouldn't the farmer be all this and more? Surely he has the possibilities.

An editor is a millionaire without money, a congressman out of a job, a king without a throne. He constructs without a hammer or saw, builds a railroad without spikes or rails, and farms without a plow. He runs a butcher shop in the journalistic world and deals brains cheap for cash or credit. He loves those who advertise with him as he does a brother. The editor is a teacher, a lawyer, a preacher, and he sends truths out to save souls and is condemned himself. He heals the wounded, cares for the dying and rescues the perishing and starves himself when a ham sandwich would jerk him from the jaws of death.

Tattlers are confined to no particular class of society. They belong to all classes, and operate in all. We find them among the rich and the poor—"upper ten" and the "lower million," in the church and out of it. They are people who have no higher ambition than to be well informed in regard to other people's private business, and exult in fiendish triumph over the wounded feelings and bruised hearts of their innocent victims.

How quickly you can tell a live town from a dead one by simply looking over its newspaper. A poor skim milk sort of a newspaper with a few small advertisements and those looking as though they were run at half price, betoken a dead town just as sure as a corpse indicates a funeral, while a good, lively, well-printed paper, filled with good, fresh ads and displayed locals, shows that the town is thriving. It never falls.

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### CONGRESSMEN TO INVESTIGATE LAND GRANT CASE

Portland, Ore.—In view of the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the Oregon & California land grant case, the matter has become one for action by the citizens of this state. Some decision must be arrived at by congress within six months from the date of the supreme court decision, and five months of that time will elapse before the beginning of the next session of congress, leaving only one month in which to have the question acted upon by both houses. In order to expedite matters and to secure all necessary data, Oregon's congressional delegation, consisting of two senators and three representatives, will co-operate with the Portland Chamber of Congress and a series of conferences will be held to determine the standing of settlers and other interested parties in each county in which the disputed land is located. It

is believed that by taking vigorous action during the summer and fall all facts and figures can be collected and tabulated in such form that congress will be able to reach a decision without delay. As on this decision depends the winning or losing by Oregon of several million dollars, it is of the utmost importance that no time be lost in starting this investigation.



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