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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

People who like boys will be interested to hear the remarkable figures just published, of the growth of the Boy Scouts of America. A year ago this society had 93,978 members. The executive board which just met reported that now 143,054 are enrolled. These figures suggest that the people that thought out the Scout work had good insight into the elusive boy heart.

It is a difficult thing to persuade a live boy to swallow a beneficial educational and moral pill. It may be ever so well sugar coated, but he detects the dose underneath. Countless boys' books have been written supposed to achieve this end. They have lively adventures and thrilling illustrations. But somehow the boy is uneasily conscious that the author is poking at his own faults and failures. His parents aid and abet the fraud by giving it to him as a Christmas present. He will have none of it.

It is equally difficult to interest him in organizations supposed to be for his uplifting. Social workers have tried out all kinds of ideas, often with indifferent success. Up to recent years the Knights of King Arthur was probably the most successful of these boy societies. It appealed to a boy's romance and love of chivalry. The Round Table literature was manly and inspiring, and many boys were helped. But perhaps the Boy Scout idea comes closer to the juvenile nature.

The boy is at heart a little primitive man. Savage life appeals keenly to him. He would live like the Indians if he could. The word "scout" seems the next best thing. It has fascinating suggestions of forest life and the pursuit of game and adventure.

There should be in every village and every neighborhood of town life, some man generous enough to give his time to the leadership of boys. The form of organizations makes no great difference. The secret of success is finding out what the boys like and giving them healthful sport along the lines for which they have a natural craving. The Boy Scout path to the boy's heart is probably today more direct than any yet discovered.

The boy will take in ideas around a campfire in the woods that could never be imparted to them in a Sunday school class, with the teacher looking crossly at their wiggling hands and feet.

Ashland is indeed fortunate in having men such as those at the head of the Boy Scout movement here. The Boy Scout uniform is a familiar sight on Ashland streets and the Boy Scout influence is already being felt in Ashland homes.

An ex-embalmer of Sacramento has been arrested for stealing zinc headstones from the city cemetery. The thief got away with over \$1,000 worth of grave markers before his identity was learned. We would like to see the man who could steal anything worth \$1,000 from the "dead ones" in this town. Whatever the faults of the "dead ones," they most assuredly keep close watch over the silver and gold and no doubt the zinc as well.

Some day a few of the more pestilent of the Mexican bandits will find that Uncle Sam has got his watch full of waiting and will not have any more time to diplomatically smooth over their foolishness.

What do you want? A Tidings want ad tells it to more than two thousand people in a day. Twenty-five cents does the business.

A PLEA FOR BETTER RURAL SCHOOLS.

(O. M. Plummer in Portland Livestock Reporter.)

It is now that time of year when the taxpayers of rural school districts come together and levy a tax to carry on their schools for the coming year. In no part of the state should there be better teachers than those found in the country. Sad to relate, however, country conditions are the very poorest. No amount of money spent in commercial club publicity or other form of advertising can approach the good done by an efficient school system. School directors should comb the country for the best teachers to be found; should be satisfied only with normal trained teachers, and consider money appropriated to secure such superior teachers an investment and not a tax.

Young teachers who have been in a country district a year or more, and who are giving good satisfaction, should be given a salary which will retain them, instead of allowing them to go to some large city, then breaking in a green teacher.

Do you want your boy and your girl to be under the charge of the best teacher than money can get, or are you willing that your board of education should go out in the market and "shop" for bargains in the way of teachers? Do you want your boy and your girl to have three different teachers in one year, or do you prefer the same skilled teacher year after year? Why should the country be considered the training cap for the seasoning of city teachers? Why not reverse this process? Every city teacher is under the eye of an experienced supervisor. Why can not the country father and mother see that it is to their advantage to come to the city and take our best teachers? The average salary in the city is about \$100 per month; in the country anywhere from \$50 to \$80.

According to statistics, every child who finishes the eighth grade has an earning capacity during his life's expectancy of about \$32,000, one who finishes the high school \$48,000, and a university trained man or woman \$72,000. This gives the boy or girl who finishes the high school course a salary of \$20 a day for every day spent in the school room during the high school course; for every year spent in getting the university training is an equivalent to \$30 per day; in a rural school with twenty children there is an earning capacity of from \$400 to \$1,000 per day. Are you mothers and you fathers going to let the matter of \$1 per day difference in salary between a real trained teacher and an untrained teacher stand in the way of your boy's and you girl's future?

Let every man and woman vote; go to the school meeting this fall fully determined that the best is not too good for their district; that they shall have standard schools—schools such as are making Oregon famous throughout the country; that their teachers shall be of normal school training or an equivalent experience. Get behind your schools; make them something of which you may well be proud; talk about them in your working hours and dream of them during your sleep.

Every dollar spent by you in education will be returned to you a hundredfold. Make the states of the northwest known as the home of splendid rural opportunities. In no other way can we so rapidly build up our country.

Ashland's Glass of Water.

The Tidings has just printed the beautiful glass of water prepared by Mr. Duryea on a large number of envelopes (the glass immediately under the return card) and has them on sale at this office in packages of 25 at 10 cents a package. Every citizen should secure and use these envelopes in their correspondence and thus help to put Ashland on the map without extra cost to themselves. The price, 10 cents the package, is the same envelopes are usually sold for without the beautiful advertising souvenir.

Shirley Keene, dancing. Memorial hall. Phone 702-R. 43-tf



Government expert, engineers of Packard and Ford companies, and other authorities, declare oil from asphalt-base crude has greatest efficiency. And it was on efficiency that Zerolene, the oil made from California asphalt-base petroleum, was awarded highest competitive honors, San Francisco and San Diego Expositions.



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WORKING ONE'S WAY THROUGH COLLEGE.

Reports from the colleges show large increases in the freshman classes. In this country of wealth, more and more people are finding the money to pay college bills. Also more people are appreciating the value of the training. And there is an increasing number of students who work their own way.

At Princeton, this fall, for instance, a new step has just been taken toward this spirit of democracy. Seventy boys are waiting on table in the dining halls. They receive free board for this service. Thus the oldest and most conservative institutions open their doors wide to the class of earning students.

A reasonably bright young person can work his way through any college without great difficulty. He need not enrich John D. greatly for "midnight oil," either. Nor need he be an object of pity for overwork. It is simply a question of where he will put in his daylight.

When other fellows are frolicking and gossiping at the fraternity houses, will he have the resolution to get up his next day's lesson? He may often have to study while the others are playing tennis and football. This is regrettable. Yet he is no worse off—not so badly off—as his comrades that have gone into stores and factories. Half an hour in the gymnasium daily will keep his heart, stomach and nerves working.

He may miss some fine aspects of college life. Certain enriching personal intimacies may be impossible. Not because of any social discredit attaching to work, but because he must limit his expenses and travel a different path. He will make his own friendships. They may lie largely among other earning students. These boys may come from obscure families, but they have a rugged strength. Their persistence and ambition will make them heard from. In ten years these friendships may be more helpful than association with rich men's sons.

So let no anxious parent hold back an ambitious boy. Give him his chance to work out the faith that is in him.

APPLE DAY.

Tuesday of last week was observed throughout the United States as Apple Day. In the northwest especially, the apple was the big feature of the day's menu in hotels, restaurants, cafes, dining cars, private homes and everywhere that people eat. Stores took advantage of the day to advertise apple specials, many families laid in their winter's supply of apples, and for the day, apple was king.

Every day should be apple day in Ashland. In the midst of one of the greatest apple-growing districts in the world, Ashlanders can buy any variety and any quality of apples from the extra fancy at \$2.25 a box to culls which may be picked up in the orchard for 25 cents per sack or for nothing. The old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," will be admitted, even by the doctors, to contain much truth. The man of small means can lay in a supply at small cost and a little labor. The man of considerable means can buy the best apples in the world in Ashland. Make every day apple day.

It isn't always safe to judge newspapers, cigars and women by their wrappers.

A wise man is known by the company he avoids.

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Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

The Little Children.

Are all the little children in thy arms, O Lord, tonight,
Safe from the roaring battle and the thunder of the fight?
Are all the little children tucked away until the morn
Beyond the bitter trouble, and the conflict and the scorn?

For if they are, God rest us,
We'll be happy every one,
That they are on thy bosom
Whom He loved so much, thy Son!

Are all the little children cuddled up upon thy breast,
To dream the starry night away in bloomy fields of rest?

Are all the little children safely in from romp and play,
With loved arms clasped around them as they kneel at night to pray?

Oh, if they are, we're happy,
And we'll lie ourselves to dream
With faith's great temple o'er us,
And the lights of love agleam.

The Well-Bred Girl.

She doesn't talk loud in public places.
She does not accept a valuable present from any man unless she expects to marry him.

She doesn't say she hates women, and she has some good, true friends among them.

She does not speak of her mother in a sarcastic way, and she shows her the loving deference that is her due.
She doesn't want to be a man, and she doesn't try to imitate him by wearing stiff hats, smoking cigarettes and using slang.

She doesn't scorn the use of the needle and expects some day to make clothes for very little people who will be very dear to her.

She doesn't shove and push to get the best seat, and she doesn't wonder why in the world people carry children in the cars, and why they permit them to cry.

Be Cheerful.

Keep a stiff upper lip, and rise above the clouds of adversity, though they threaten momentarily to overwhelm you. Thus may you be led to forget your precarious position, until soon a ray of hope penetrates the obscurity, all darkness disappears, and the day dawns forth with renewed brilliancy.

Don't allow your mind to dwell on dismal themes, lest a gloomy imagination run away with you. It always augments grief and magnifies misfortune.

Interest yourself in the present, and diffuse the extra pleasures of the day through succeeding ones, in order to enliven the whole week.
Preserve the memory of past happiness until sure of a fresh supply, but never place yourself in the position to lose sight of both. It is as oppressive as the darkness of a total eclipse.

To Be Fascinating.

Doubtless thousands of young people, and not a small number of older ones, wish every day of their lives that they could learn the secret of

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flected, and from whose lips he can receive the unfailing assurances of care and love. He may be courted for his money; he may eat, drink and revel; and he may sicken and die in a hotel or garret, with plenty of attendants about him, like so many cormorants, waiting for their prey; but he will never know the comforts of the domestic fireside.

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Be as courteous at home as you are abroad; respect your family as you wish to be respected. Don't save all your smiles for strangers and all your frowns for home. You will never regret the kindness you have shown, while your thoughtlessness and indifference to your own may reap a bitter harvest. Life would be smoother in many a home if everybody would endeavor to understand his or her neighbor in the home, and if everybody were taken at the best and not at the worst.

fascinating others by means of their graceful, exquisite manner. The secret is an open one. It is easy to learn that it lies all neglected by the wayside, while they who would give their dearest treasure to find it pass unknowingly.

It is only this: Fill your heart with good will toward everybody, and then practice at all times the best manners you know, particularly at home. If you begin at home, this charming manner will, so to speak, get settled on you and never leave you. Be just as polite to your sister as you would to your best girl. Strive to gain the good will of mother, father, and brothers, and sisters, and children, exactly as you strive to gain good will abroad.

Our Bargain List.

Sunset Magazine for ten months and the Ashland Tidings one full year for \$2.

Weekly Oregonian until January 1, 1917, and the Ashland Tidings one full year for \$2.50.

The Daily Telegram and Ashland Tidings one full year for \$4.

Any of these bargains apply to either new subscribers or renewals made for a full year.

Good for a short time only. Better get in quick. 38-tf

Bandon—Manager Thompson of the Sixes River mines has crew of men working on construction of a flume. A sawmill is being constructed, and the cost of the flume and mill combined will be about \$150,000.

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Peter Thompson serge \$1 yard, 48-in. wide all wool, 54-in. poplin, \$1.75 new shades, Algerian Brown, dark green, plum and bordeaux.

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