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THE YALE QUARTERBACK.

The presence in the city of Dr. L. R. Rockwell, presiding elder in this district for the Methodist church, recalls an appropriate story in connection with his son Foster Rockwell, who has gained a wide distinction as a football player.

Young Rockwell was quarterback for Yale in the recent struggle with Harvard, and to him as much, perhaps, as to any other one man is ascribed Yale's victory. In making up an "All American" eleven this year, the football experts agree in naming him as the champion quarterback of the country. They call him a great field general, remarkable for his grasp of the details of the game, and his ability to take advantage of the changes in the situation. In his position a man must have the courage of his convictions. That the young man has it—he is only a freshman—was recently demonstrated in a manner worthy of record. The story is told in the Classmate.

"Some one gave the Yale champions a banquet when the season was ended and every game had been won. Every man was in his chair except the freshman quarter. He was sent for and brought reluctantly from his college room. Evidently he didn't expect to enjoy that dinner, but the older boys soon had his legs under the table. There were songs, and cheers, and stories, and then the toasts. When the toast was "To Good Old Yale!" some one noticed that the quarterback did not raise the glass to his lips. It was champagne and he was a freshman. Yale freshmen are expected to do what upper classmen tell them to do. But this "all-American quarter" had as good grit in that banquet hall as he had on the Princeton gridiron, and he said, "No! I have never tasted wine in my life and I won't begin now."

There's a football hero worth having. Small wonder that young Rockwell's father is prouder of his boy's record at the feat than on the field. At the table he showed character—and character is above intellect. It required phenomenal ability to resist the rush of Harvard's "Empire State Express," but this young man displayed more of the elements that make the hero when he so bravely withstood the blandishments of his friends on a moral issue. All honor to this noble product of a Christian home.

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT?

Editor Astorian—As time is being taken to consider various plans for constructing the canal at Dalles-Celilo, would it not be well to profit by the experience at the cascades and build a canal that will be of benefit to general navigation? None but the swiftest boats with great power can use the cascades canal. No sail boat, barge, vessel in tow or other cheap carrying freight boat can pass the cascades. Hence, the cascades canal affords but little competition with the land routes. So much capital is required to build and operate such boats as can stem the currents at the canal, that but few persons are able to engage in the navigation of that part of the river, and it would be easy for the land lines to own or control the water lines. Indeed, it is suspected that the "merger" has taken place already. OBSERVER.

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O. R. & N. Co. is behind, and in front of, the recently completed steamboat arrangements, where does the benefit to the public come in? If the swift cross current just below the cascade locks prevents any boat but the strongest steamers from entering the locks, how much better off will the smaller carriers—the competition—be when a like provision is made at Celilo? When the river is opened for the small craft, the cheaper class of carriers, and the boats with tows, then those who foot the bills will enjoy the freight rates to which they, as producers, are entitled. Perhaps others can throw light on the questions raised by our valued correspondent.

Persons are accustomed to speak of the "high spirit" of a man or a woman or a horse, and call it a strong quality. That depends. A high spirit—temper, as we call it—is valuable only as it is under control. Parents do not always understand this. Too often, when the young child flouts itself in irritation or in anger, the father and mother laugh at the exhibition. Later they learn with regret that they have an untrained spirit to deal with. Schools do not always teach self-control as they ought. What is called "discipline" is often an arbitrary thing adapted better to provoke than to control the temper of children. More than half of culture is control. And restrained power is one of the secrets of success. When men want power from water they restrain it, store it up, dam it. Why do the tides rise resistlessly? Because the swing of the ocean is behind them! Watch the great orator as he speaks. Analyze the force behind his plea. What is it? Restraint, reserved power—controlled spirit. Study the passion of the great actor. There is a greater passion in reserve. The one who "tears passion to tatters" has none left in his storage battery. "Greater is he that controlleth his own spirit than he that takes a city." He who permits his temper to boil over gives the spectacle of the hurried, heated, excited loser in the race. He is self-handicapped. Store up your engines. Keep your temper in leash. Do not push and crowd and fume and sweat and swear. For verily, verily, you will get left. The man who has his temper well harnessed will pass you by.

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