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ALL GROWTH IS FROM WITHIN

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One can make no headway in the development of character while he imitates others and submerges his own individuality in his passion to be like someone else. Mere aping of the manners or dress or expressions or any other superficial characteristic of another can never change the personality of the imitator; but if over his person with an ill-fitting garment that is usually unbecoming and unsuitable. He is trying to be the counterfeit of one in whom flows different blood, whose experience has emphasized characteristics that find expression in his manner or conversation, whose ancestry has wrought in his nature traits that are entirely opposite to those of the would-be counterfeit. Imitation of this kind deceives no one, it is too patent.

Our line of life does not coincide with that of any other person; we have our own problems to work out, our particular opportunities for growth, our own individuality to develop. To work after another's rules does not, generally speaking, meet our necessity; and it tends to deaden our activity.

It is easy to be commonplace, to walk like others, to eat like them, to follow the fashion of the day, to wear garments, narrow or voluminous, as the mode may be; many people are even satisfied to think in the same ruts as others and to let their own brains lie idle; they are loath to develop under the law that God has planted in their natures. They wish to be exactly like the world, and dread to be called peculiar and fear to excite any attention. Imitation is only a sham and one grows only as he is real.

To express one's own individuality and be himself may demand a measure of courage, but this is the only way that man can become what he was intended to be. The inner force that urges man to exert himself to live up to his high ideals remains latent and inert unless encouraged and stimulated by some independent activity on the part of the individual. While exalted emotions and holy ideals must precede noble deeds, one must not rest content with ideals alone, without making them a reality in his life. To substitute for the doing of the truth, that Christ enjoins, a mental attitude or an emotion is a fatal mistake; it paralyzes the soul. Combining in one the nature of the dreamer and the worker makes the symmetrical man, the man who is able to bear upon his shoulders the burden of life.

The history of the world is the narration of the effort, perhaps not conscious, of mankind to find the true way of life. The world's progress is due to inspired men who have lifted the great ideals of their soul into realization. Most men have sought to climb the "delectable mountains," they have sunk in the "slough of despond," they have borne "Christian's" burden—all these experiences to teach them that the responsibility of their advancement is their own and no other's; that the hunger for righteousness must be the overwhelming desire of their being; that the light of God must shine within their own soul and not upon it alone; that to resist as well as to aspire is vital to the acquiring of true knowledge and growth.

God places upon each one the responsibility of overcoming his ignorance by making use of the light of the Spirit that shines in his darkness. Man thus lights his own inner torch that his way and the path of others may be illumined by his own God-given light. This heavenly flame clears the vision, it helps to correct the faulty perspective so that man senses the true proportion of his surroundings. From the beginning of man's spiritual awakening "this light shone in darkness through the darkness comprehended it not," and the gleam has led the world in all the progress that it has made.

In the nature of man lie the possibilities of unfoldment in all directions, as the tiny petals lie enfolded in the rosebud waiting for the right conditions of growth to bring them forth in beauty and perfection. In human progress the preparation for this unfoldment is the important factor in reaching the most perfect results. Only through the right preparation will those latent energies that God breathes into every soul with His breath of life be aroused into activity.

Development is a continuous process, ever working on against

the powers of ignorance and darkness, and while youth is the best season for preparation for a life that will reach its most perfect development and truest success, all seasons are the right time to begin improvement.

Our nation is doing all that it conceives best for the education of its youth. We cheerfully submit to the taxation that is imposed for this purpose, and we point with pride to our complete educational system. Much of the good effect which the school is designed to exert upon the future life of the young students is neutralized, however, by outside influences that the school seems powerless to avert. There are too many attractions that develop desires and tendencies in the children, that render the effort of the school to form high ideals in the pupils ineffective. The better qualities of industry, perseverance, integrity, ambition to succeed, and the desire for real improvement of mind, body, and spirit become deadened by the unwholesome influences to which parents seem indifferent. The good, old-fashioned virtues of loyalty, self-denial, enthusiasm, truth and purity will die out entirely unless better nourished in the youth of the land than they are at the present time.

How many boys can be found, for example, in the ordinary town whose spirit is so fired with the enthusiasm aroused by reading of the struggles and success and devotion in the life of Abraham Lincoln, that the desire is born within them to emulate his life? A perverted hero of the movies often excites in them far greater enthusiasm and admiration than this great hero of this country. The tendency, therefore, is for them to emulate the movie hero. In this and other ways the youth of our land are threatened with a moral disease that will destroy all that is pure and beautiful and uplifting in their nature unless it is stamped out. All that is necessary to accomplish this is that our people be made to understand the danger, and they will be moved to swift and effective action.

"The shutting down of the Ford plant put a lot of people out of work, but just wait till the Democratic party closes down in March," says an exchange.

Potatoes is the Salem slogan subject for next Thursday. If you have any information that will be of service to potato growers, it is your duty to tell the Slogan editor. It is very important. There is nothing more important, because the general adoption of the right methods will mean vast sums in the way of increased revenues for this section. We must raise more and better potatoes; and this can be done without devoting any more land to their growing, too.

Yesterday was Holstein day in Salem. Breeders of pure bred Holstein cattle were here from various points of Marion county, and they organized an association for the better promotion of that breed, and they hope to extend their membership to take in the Polk county Holstein men. There are many good reasons why this should become a very strong organization, doing a vast amount of good, not only to the members themselves, but to all who are interested in live stock. And everybody is interested, directly and indirectly, for no country can have a well balanced prosperity without live stock, and no people can be virile and upstanding and strong in mind and body without milk.

When the streets west of Front street were vacated by the city, in order to accommodate the new paper mill, the city received from the Chas. K. Spaulding Logging company in exchange for that concession all the land west of Water street to the river front, running from Court street to the bridge on Center street. This includes all the water front property from Court street to Center street, excepting that part which is owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and occupied by the gas works. There is ample room there for a very large cold storage plant; a much larger one than money could be had in the near future to build—with ample room left for the building of municipal docks at some future time. So, when the city gets ready for a cold storage plant there will be no real estate speculation connected with the scheme. The site belonging to the city is near to the tracks of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric railroads and the street railway system. There could not be found a better

FUTURE DATES.

- February 14, Monday—Nora Inghamson of Business Men's League. Wives and lady friends are invited.
February 15, Wednesday—Business Men's League regular meeting.
February 18, Friday—Symphony orchestra concert for members of Commercial club.
February 19, Saturday—Lecture at 8:30 p.m., Dr. Wm. E. Waldo, on Health.
February 20, Sunday—Prune week in Oregon.
February 21, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow.
February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
February 23, Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla, M. C. A., at Walla Walla.
February 24, Thursday—Debate, Salem high school, affirmative vs. Albany, negative vs. Albany, affirmative, at Albany.
February 25, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.
February 26, Sunday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
February 27, Monday—Washington's birthday.
February 28, Tuesday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Salem.
March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.
November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Chamberlain day, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

They showed good technique and rhythm in their playing. The junior class is composed of Elmer Wright, Gladys Lachele, Lucile Mosher, Louise Dunbar, Hazel McElroy, Gertrude Hurvell, Helen McElroy, Howard Kurtz, Paul Allen, Elizabeth Bennett, Eloise Wright and Louise Allen. The second program was given by Joy Hills, Thelma Carey, Florence Clutter, Georgia Sneed, Mildred Sandberg, Evelyn Poulson, Lucile Anderson, Eulalie Witzel, Flayrella Haynes, Loyal Gray, Blanche Rowley and Thelma Peed.

The American Red Cross medal of the District of Columbia society was presented to Louisa Tetzlaff, who was said to be the first foreigner so honored. The decoration was given the diva because of her interest in the maimed service men at the Walter Reed hospital, at the national capital, and for her patriotic services during the war.

Caruso's illness has brought him one consolation at least in the knowledge of the intense sympathy it has aroused among musical people and music lovers the world over. It showed what a large hold he has upon popular favor, not alone as an artist and singer, but as a man, wherein he differs a good deal from most other tenors who have been held in high repute in the world of song, but in low repute in the world of manners and good conduct.

It is stated that Macame Nellie Melba, the illustrious prima donna of grand opera and concert celebrity, has been engaged to sing in vaudeville by the Keith interests at the Palace theater, New York city, commencing next fall, at a salary of \$5000 per week, or \$1000 more than Emma Calve is paid for similar services. Melba will sing for the Keith houses, 14 times per week. The Keiths are working hard to induce John McCormack to sing for them at about \$5000 a week, but it is understood that the noted Irish tenor thinks that about four times that sum ought to be the figure.

Geraldine Farrar, who will make a concert tour which will cover the length and breadth of the country during next season, celebrated in New York Sunday, February 28, her 31st birthday, and the day following Henry T. Finck, the exacting and able critic of the New York Evening Post, wrote of her as follows: "Geraldine Farrar, who was able to celebrate her 31st birthday yesterday in the gratifying consciousness of already being, though only an American, the most popular operatic artist in the world, with the exception of Caruso—was heard again Saturday afternoon in the part of Madame Sans Gene, the washerwoman who becomes a countess. Miss Farrar has added a number of telling touches to her impersonation, which now—so far as the opera permits—ranks with her best."

The derby hat threatens to come back. Let the fashions take on any complexion but that.

MUSIC

(By N. L. A.)

JOSEPH HOFFMANN, the distinguished Polish pianist, will appear in concert at the Heilig theater in Portland Wednesday, February 16. Among pianists he has established the largest box office receipts in the history of New York. Joseph Hoffmann was the first pianist of international fame to give a program of all-American music. Count Tolstoy made the statement while in Salem that Hoffmann was the greatest living pianist, with the exception of Paderewski. Announcement has been made that no one will be seated on the stage at future recitals of Hoffmann. Seating the audience on the stage is a relic of artistic barbarism.

Miss Lena Dotson recently presented a number of her piano students in two interesting recitals at 1009 Union street. The first evening's program was given by the junior class, the program being made up of piano duets and solos which were very much appreciated. The second evening was occupied by the older pupils, the entire program consisting of duets.

PRUNE WEEK—EAT MORE PRUNES

- P r une week, eat more prunes, so they say.
R egardless of the price you pay.
U nless we eat them one and all.
N o sale will be for them next fall.
E ach housewife should chop them up fine.
W hen baking use them all the time—
E nough to stir in each fruit cake.
E very time they start to bake.
K ing of dried fruits and always sweet.
E quivalent to a piece of meat.
A week is set aside we're told,
T o eat up prunes that's yet unsold.
M ore prunes on prune week we should stew
O ur governor asks of I and You.
R esolve to help your fellow man,
E ncourage every one you can.
P r une butter makes the finest spread,
R emember when you eat your bread.
U se all you can, help growers grow.
N ow is the time if you would know.
E at of them mornings, nights and noons —
S o you will then be full-of-prunes.

—ORRIN O. SMITH.

THE SONG OF THE MISTLAND

Come join in the song of the Mistland,
Home of the Mistland prune,
And list to the jubilant voices
Singing the Mistland tune.
Old Oregon's beautiful Mistland
Covered with carpets of green
And under a mellowing sunshine,
Hangs in a golden sheen.
Come, hark to the musical Mistland,
Praising the Mistland prune.
And list to the murmuring breezes
Humming the Mistland tune.
They joyously sing of the Mistland,
Sing of her medals won,
With prunes she has highly developed
Under a Mistland sun.
The evergreen mountainous ridges
Shield from the eastern blast.
The tempering winds from the ocean,
Keeping the mists o'ercast.
The commercial traders are watching,
Viewing the mists unfold,
Old Oregon's wonderful fruitlands
Bringing her riches untold.
Sing not of a mythical Mistland,
U nless you can, help growers grow.
B ut sing of a magical fruitland
Lining an ocean shore.
Yes, sing of a wonderful Mistland,
Eat of her luscious prunes,
And drink of the juice of her berries,
Joined in the Mistland tune.
CHORUS:
O! Mistland, wonderful Mistland,
Home of the Mistland prune.
O! Mistland, Mistland, beautiful Mistland,
Fair as a bride in June.
O! Mistland, Mistland, magical Mistland,
Bathed in the ocean spray.
O! Mistland, Mistland, jubilant Mistland,
Famed in the world today.

—W. T. RIGDON

Editor Statesman: I offer the above as a suitable Mistland song. If it meets with popular favor, I purpose to have it set to a suitable original tune. I would gladly consider criticisms and suggestions from anyone, as it is greatly to our mutual interests that the cognomen, "Mistland," be widely advertised, and, if possible, popularized. Salem, Feb. 12, 1921. —W. T. RIGDON.

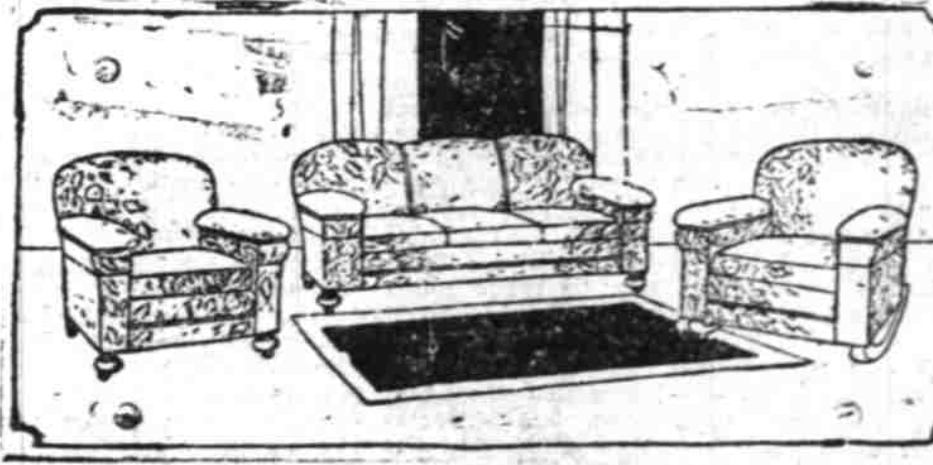
Motor Bus Bill Is Passed by Senate

Senate bill 24, by Moser, placing motor bus lines under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, was passed by the

senate yesterday when taken from the table where it had been placed, pending an amendment fixing a license fee stipulation. The bill requires that bus companies be issued permits by the commission, dating from January 10, this year, must furnish infor-

mation showing their operation in a public necessity and convenience. They also are required to furnish adequate facilities along their routes for the use of passengers and to prevent them using the stations of the railway companies.

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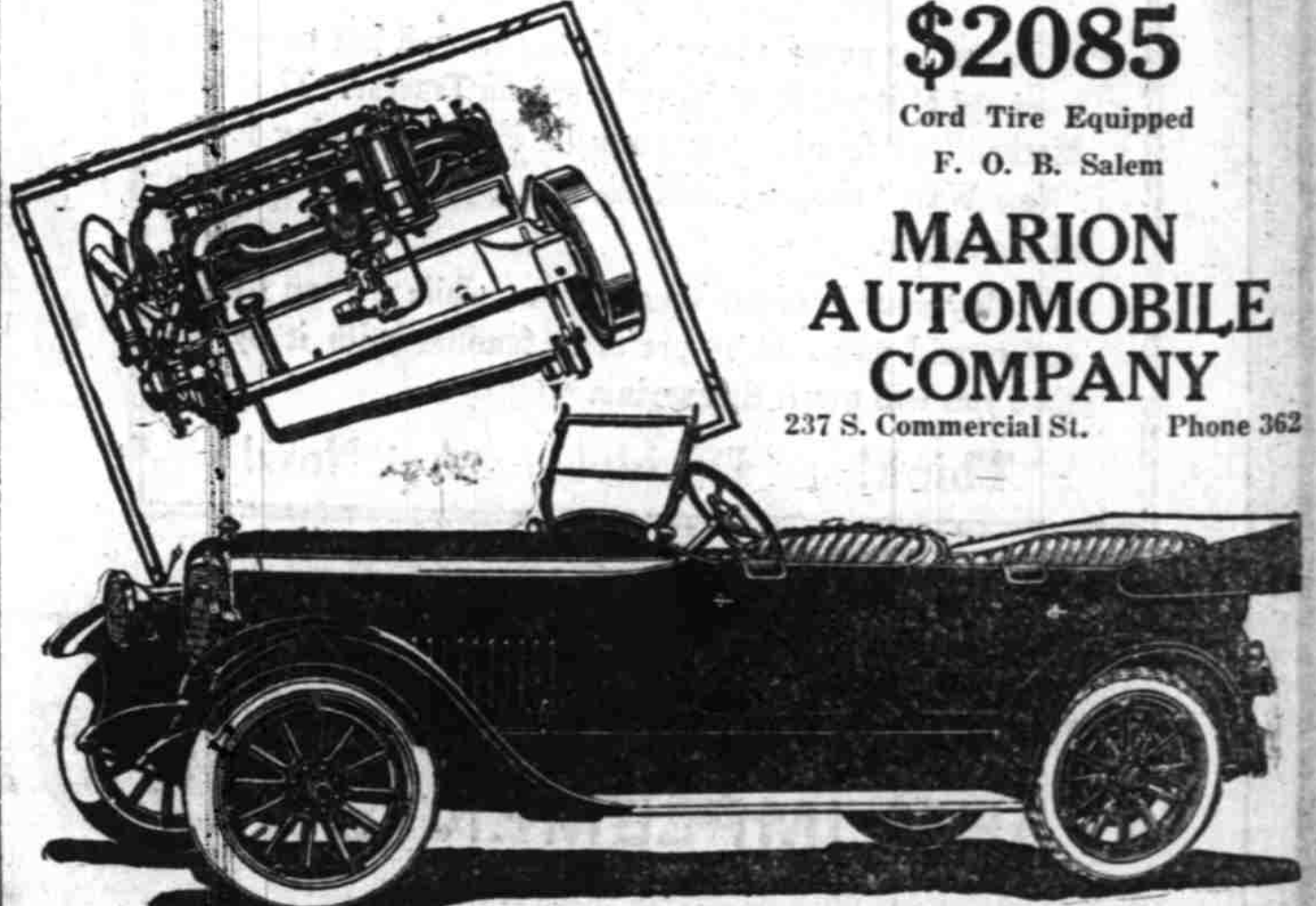
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