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A HARD WORKING LEGISLATURE

The members of the Legislature have worked hard; they have stuck tenaciously and faithfully at their tasks, in committee and open session—
And they have accomplished much—
Contrary to the idea of readers of some sensational newspapers which convey the impression that the Legislature is just one scrap after another.
But a consolidation bill should be passed; and an income tax bill; and the two bills seeking to collect additional revenues from corporations and others escaping their just share of the burdens of a commonwealth that gives them a chance to do business and make profits—
And every piece of legislation fulfilling the campaign pledges of the Governor and the members of the Legislature ought to be put through.
Then the members of both houses may go home with their consciences clear and the satisfaction of having performed their duties; and when the results are summed up that will be the verdict on the part of the reasonable people of the state.

AUTO SUGGESTION AND FAITH

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The visit of the French pharmacist Coue with his psychological formula seems to have created quite a furore in some parts of this country, notably in Chicago, where some quite remarkable cures, so it is claimed, were wrought by the afflicted simply by coming into his presence. He explained, however, that these cures were effected by no miracle or spiritual power. The persons who were healed were not ill; they only thought they were, he declared, and so all that was necessary for their restoration was to change their own thought or attitude toward their troubles.
It seems hardly reasonable or probable that the constant or frequent repetition of Coue's formula, "Day by day in every way I am getting better and better," could seriously affect one's physical ills. And yet there is no doubt that in many cases it might be so. Many people are habitual pessimists. They are always expecting the worst to come and often run to meet it. Indeed, their troubles often exist only in their imaginations. They live constantly in a mental atmosphere of hopeless gloom, which of itself breeds disease. In all such cases auto suggestion or anything else that will change their mental attitude toward themselves, the world and things in general would change the condition even of their physical systems. It is well known that grief and sadness, jealousy and anger may radically affect all the physical function; by them digestion is often impaired, the circulation made sluggish and the nerves weakened. On the other hand, great or sudden joy or happiness will accelerate the action of the heart and the circulation and affect changes in other bodily functions.
While it is true that auto suggestion may, and often does cure such diseases as are nervous or mental chiefly, and may even be beneficial and helpful in most cases of illness no matter what their nature, it would be a mistake to conclude that it could ever be a panacea for all human ills. Patients in the last stages of tuberculosis are generally very

hopeful and are thinking and talking little else except about their return to health. But this does not stop the ravages of the disease. No amount of auto suggestion or intellectual asseveration will stop the ravages of cancer or eliminate a settled disease of the kidneys, heart or liver. Something more effective than intellectual gymnastics is necessary in such and similar cases.
Equally erroneous is the idea that this auto suggestion is, or is closely akin to, the faith so often spoken of in the Scriptures, in the power and efficacy of which many religious people today believe. A little examination of the Bible will satisfy anyone that this is so. "Faith," says Paul, "is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It is, therefore, not some figment of the mind or the imagination. And it is recorded in Matthew that Jesus as He returned to the city hungered, "And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, He came to it and found nothing thereon but leaves only; and He saith unto it, Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward forever. And immediately the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it they marvelled, saying, How did the fig tree immediately wither away? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith and doubt not ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto the mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done." Evidently something more than intellectual asseverations or auto suggestions are required to do such works as these.

Humanity is only in its infancy. It has only fairly begun to develop its wonderful possibilities. There are lying dormant in all of us powers and faculties of which as yet we have never conceived. The infant has no conception of the power and ability that is to be his daily habit when he comes to the maturity of manhood. No more have any of us the least understanding of what we are to be when some of the possibilities now dormant in us are brought into activity. Most of these possibilities are in the spiritual nature. The statement may seem extravagant and visionary to those who are not yet conscious that they have a spiritual nature. But unless we are to reject the testimony of the New Testament and disbelieve its promises—unless we are to deny the truth of some of the strongest human testimony, this must be true.

It was by the power of faith, which the developed spiritual nature is able to exercise, that Jesus, the disciples and apostles and their followers, according to the New Testament record, were able to do their so-called miracles. And this same power is promised to those who become His disciples—that is, who develop the same spiritual life that was in Him. And this promise, like all the promises of the New Testament, is not simply to those of the distant past. It is made to those of this age to countless generations yet to be born. Otherwise the New Testament must be rejected in toto as not practically adapted or applicable to this age or the future.

More, who that has had any religious experience whatsoever, or even any large experience in the world, has not seen evidence of an occult, wonderful, silent force, whether one recognizes it as spiritual or not, that has been exercised to heal disease and to help solve many of the difficult problems of life? Instead of classifying faith with the myths and superstitions of the ignorant past, we are destined to see its manifestation in human life more and more. Many are already beginning to rely upon it, not only to heal disease, but to guide, help and sustain them in all the duties and trials of life. May their number increase, for through the spiritual nature of men and its development and powers must come the elevation of the race and its salvation in this world from war, sin, injustice and world-wide suffering.

A local clergyman is to speak on the subject, "How to Get Married," Advertising his side lines. —Los Angeles Times.
The churches of the world are about to combine to bring about peace. It seems to be a task beyond the powers of humanity.
We know nothing about theology, but if we were the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant and the doctrines of the church we stood for didn't suit us, we would quit. —Los Angeles Times.
Mexico is looking toward recognition by appropriating \$5,000,000 pesos for education. The "little red schoolhouse" will do more for Mexico than all her other bids for notoriety.
Grandmother's shawl, reminiscent of Civil war days, is coming back, in the view of the fashion authorities. How many readers of The Statesman can recall when men wore shawls? Don't everybody speak at once.
The joke of the legislative ses-

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 28, Wednesday, Children's health clinic at Chamber of Commerce rooms.
- March 1, 2, and 3, Flying Squadron, in interest of Prohibition enforcement.
- Afternoon and evening meetings in Presbyterian church.
- March 3, Saturday, Prof. E. S. Conklin talk on "Auto-suggestion," before University's Women's club at Chamber of Commerce.
- March 5, 6, Monday and Tuesday, Lions minstrel show for Boy Scouts.

The bill empowering the governor to remove the adjutant general, its author, by inference at least, holding that the usual military procedure was insufficient to permit a governor to get rid of an inefficient official. George White inefficient? Ye gods! He was the boy that had the national guard ready in 1917 and beat the other states when the mobilization order came. He stayed on the job until the selective service was in smooth running order and then secured a leave of absence and went to France in a subordinate position. There, wise higher-ups who knew his record lit on him and gave him service with the general staff, and the record was so "inefficient" that he was retained in the service for a year after the war ended. When George White dies, which he shows no signs of doing for many years yet, it will be time enough to think about giving a governor special power to remove an inefficient adjutant general, but not until then.—Hillsboro Independent.

FAIR PLAY FOR THE SMALL COLLEGE

The Oregon senate has done well to pass senate bill No. 184, which seeks to correct a discrimination which is odious and unfair. For years the railroads of Oregon have given passes to the presidents of the state schools, Mt. Angel college, and to some professors in these institutions.

Do the railroads give passes to anyone connected with the independent colleges like Albany, McMinnville, Reed, or Willamette? They do not.

When the president of O. A. C. goes to Ashland he rides on a pass, but the president of Reed college pays full fare. When the president of Mt. Angel college goes to Portland, he shows a card, but the president of McMinnville college buys a ticket.

The independent colleges have messages for teachers' institutes and community gatherings, but they must pay for delivering them. They have educational facilities and every student trained by them saves the state \$300 yearly in taxes. To present their claims costs them railroad fare, while the state schools send their representatives to the far corners on a pass. Rather queer, isn't it?

It took the senate one short jiffy to decide that if any college president had a pass, all the others should have passes; or if some had no passes, no others should have them. And it is up to the railroads to say whether all or none shall be favored.

Now let the house push the bill through. Oregon has been generous and patient with the railroads, but when they discriminate against the independent religious college they are touching an institution which has a lot of friends. As Webster said in the celebrated Dartmouth case, "The college may be small, but there are those who love it."

We ask for a fair deal for the independent college.

THE POOR EDITOR

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth ten bones. The groom standeth the editor off for a 12-month subscription. All flesh is grass and in time the wife is gathered into a silo. The minister getteth his bit. The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the head and the darned thing cometh out: "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place." And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great vigor. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subscriptions and they swing the hammer upon the third and fourth generations.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

ENTERED CITY WITH REVERENCE

"When the British forces were about to enter Jerusalem," a purse who was with the victorious army said, "a scene which never before had been witnessed in his-

tory followed. A conquering army entered a conquered city with so much reverence that it left its automobiles and horses outside in order that the men and officers might walk together in humility through the streets of the Holy City."

FAITH AND HOPE

An eastern pulpiteer says that going to church in an automobile indicates an absence of true faith. If that be the case there can't be much faith left. Maybe it depends upon the machine. If a man starts for church in some car he might not have a great deal of faith in reaching his goal, but he would at least have a little hope.—Exchange.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

There may be three days—
And there may be a whole week of the legislature yet.

One of the eastern Oregon members says he is thinking of spending the winter in Salem. He likes Salem.

Even old King Tutankhamen, who is just as dead as his mummy was more'n 3000 years ago, did not take any of his wealth with him, though a lot of it was hidden away in the earth for a considerable spell.

The Carkin consolidation bill, which has passed the house and is now in the senate, and which is the only bill that is alive now, proposes a cabinet form of government for the state of Oregon. If this bill shall become



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Bonus Benefits for Spanish Vets Favored
The senate yesterday adopted house joint resolution No. 7 which would have the state constitution amended to extend the benefits of the bonus law to Spanish war veterans, women who served in the signal service during the world war and to regular army men whose enlistment expired during the world war and who re-enlisted.
Olcott Vote Is Turned Down by Senate
A bill introduced by Senator Eberhard at the special session of 1921, providing for simplification of the local budget law, which was passed and then vetoed by Governor Olcott on grounds that it would lead to litigation, was passed by the senate Saturday over the veto of the governor.



"Do you mean to say, Doctor, that my tooth is crowned already?"

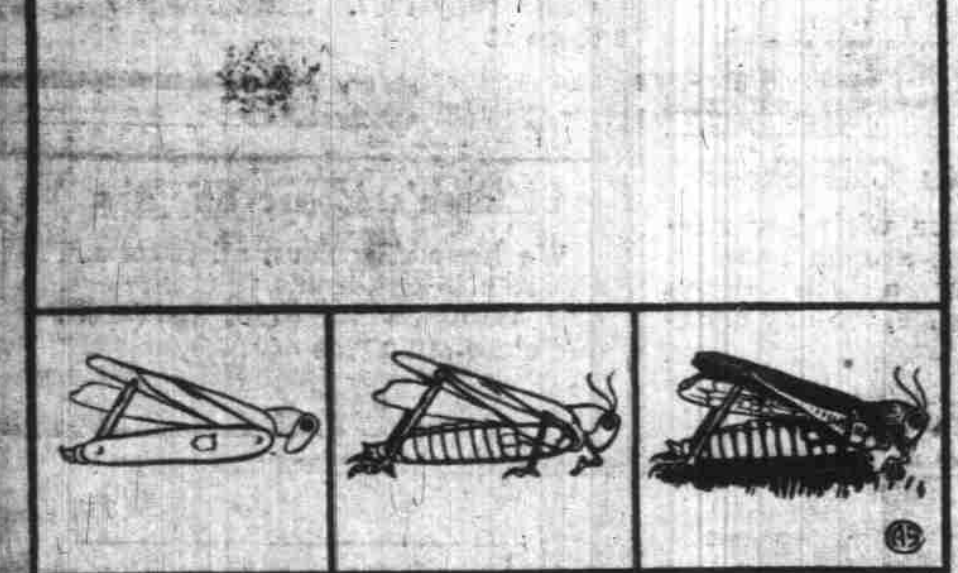
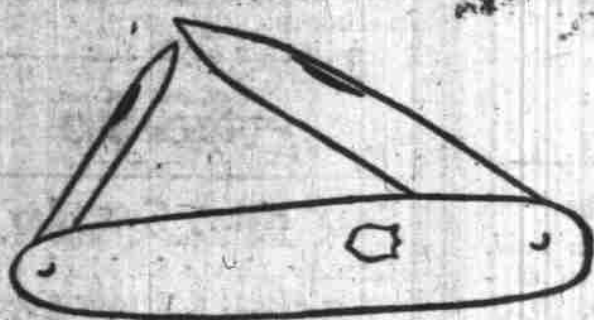
"Yes, indeed—didn't take long, did it?"
"I should say not. And it feels so comfortable. The last time I had a tooth crowned I visited the dentist seven times, and he didn't make the crown right before my eyes, as you did, either."
"Good dentistry should never require the time that people have been led to believe necessary. Nor does it need to be painful. When the patient doesn't suffer we can do the work in half or quarter the usual time. By the way, let me show you something interesting about crowns. See this chart?
"Tooth number one shows the cause for most of the trouble with crowns. The dentist didn't prepare the tooth properly, and used a ready-made crown, which could not be shaped to fit accurately near the gum line. The result is bleeding gums, pyorrhea, and sometimes loosening of the tooth.
"Tooth number two, here, has been prepared properly. When the crown is applied, it fits accurately and is trouble-proof. When it is hand-made it is shaped to represent your natural tooth."
There are 25 busy Parker System offices in 25 Pacific Coast cities treating more than 100,000 patients each year. You are invited to visit any Parker System office, investigate Parker methods, and have your teeth examined free of charge.

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For Boys and Girls



Lessons in Trick Cartooning

From Knife to Grasshopper
(Complete the big drawing by adding, one by one, the various lines shown in the series of small key pictures below.)

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

The Sacrifice of Caroline
Cockroach
Caroline was one of those sweet, unassuming little cock-

soup dish with nothing to eat but crackers and water.

One day as Caroline was just finishing her meager luncheon of dry crackers the cupboard door opened and Cook looked in. "Those awful, awful cockroaches," she stormed. "How can I ever get rid of them? They have been in my crackers again."

Poor Caroline! Those were the first harsh words she had ever heard in her life, and her little heart was broken to discover that Cook did not like her. Caroline had always loved every one, and oh, how she wanted every one to love her! "But it's only because I ate her crackers," she tried to comfort herself with the thought. "I won't eat any more, and then maybe she will like me."
For two days Caroline ate nothing. She became pale and thin, but the sweet little cockroach was happy in thinking that she was making others happy. She was crawling weakly over to the sink to fill up on water when Cook caught sight of her. "What shall I do?" Cook cried. "They are getting worse and worse. Even in the sink!"

Caroline crawled back to her cupboard without a drink. She would have to deny herself even water if she were going to please Cook. She sat down on the edge of her soup dish and shod a few tears to think how hard it was to be sweet and good. Cook opened the cupboard door. "Why, there's another of those awful pests," she cried, making a grab for Caroline, but the little cockroach hid behind a teacup.

"Oh, dear," she thought, sobbing into her pocket handkerchief. "she doesn't even want me to live!"
Cook was spreading some poison in the corners of the cupboard. "I'll get the horrid things," she muttered. "This poison will fix them."
Caroline looked sadly at the little pile of poison. "She wants

me to die," she thought "and of course, I want to do what she wants me to do."
For a while Caroline sat there and sobbed softly to herself. Then slowly and sadly she took a handful of the poison and climbed bravely up on the edge of her soup dish. "When she sees me dead, maybe her hard heart will be softened," she thought, as she swallowed the cockroach poison and fell back into the soup dish quite dead.

PICTURE PUZZLE

MAKE A WORD-SQUARE OF THE OBJECTS PICTURED HERE



Answer to yesterday's: Plane, file, hammer.