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The best rules to form a young man are, to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinion and value others that deserve it.—Sir William Temple.

### ROOSEVELT'S PERIL.

President Roosevelt, so far, has proved the wisdom of his adventurous moves. His mistakes are few, in comparison with his many bold acts. His impetuous rushes into untrodden diplomatic fields have thus far ended happily.

He asked Booker T. Washington to dine in the White House, and yet retained the firm support of Southern republicans.

He dared to remove Southern federal office-holders, in the face of the rings and machines, and won their respect by his honesty.

He has ordered a Mississippi post-office closed because the proud whites, democrats and republicans, disliked to ask a negro woman for their mail, and worried her with foolish threats until she resigned.

Can Mr. Roosevelt force the South to bend to the negro? Can he ride rough shod over all the social sentiment that has rooted imperishably into Southern life, or will he fall in this venture?

He may gain the negro vote, but he will certainly not hold the white vote by this policy. The people of that section may be reasoned with, but they cannot be forced.

As long as there are white men in the South, they will demand that they remain in authority. They may be taught by the gradual process of fraternity to love all human beings, but they will never learn to serve a negro master.

### NO POMP OR SHOW.

Governor-elect Chamberlain is quoted as saying when the matter of an inaugural ball was mentioned to him:

"While I appreciate the good will of those persons who would honor me in this manner, I do not care for a ball. I prefer, after my inauguration, to go at once into the executive, office and enter upon my duties. It is my wish that all ceremonies be as simple as possible. No red tape or fringe on them, if you please. No, I don't wish to go to a ball. I wish to go to work."

That's the kind of governor that the people of Oregon want. An executive that comprehends the responsibilities of his office and is not too lazy to get down to work. Pyrotechnics are all right in their place, but Oregon's governor-elect wants no ostentatious display in his. He is a plain man of the people.—Baker Democrat.

### DON'T HUNT BAD NEWS.

If you are listening for bad news about your neighbor, you can always hear it. No matter how clean a man's life be, gossip or insinuation at some unguarded point, taints it.

The eyes of the envious are never closed. They see things with the naked eye that could not be found by a just man, with a Lick telescope. Walks distance, reputation, nothing is proof against the searching glances.

Let one footstep of an honest man be found outside of the path of virtue

and the man who is listening for bad news at once imagines the darkest possibilities. Let one word be whispered among bosom friends and it swells like the threatening fury of a gathering storm.

Don't listen for bad news. Don't repeat the dark side of any story.

Don't encourage the peddler of gossip to linger at your ear. Shut the door.

Say to the vendor of slander and bad news that life is too short and friends too scarce to warrant the loss of a moment in vicious thoughts.

Do you know why wickedness, selfishness, suicide and sorrow are growing in the world, as fast or faster than happiness and joyful agencies? It is because you listen to bad news and repeat it.

You hear some vile slander on the character of a peerless young man or woman.

You whisper it to the next neighbor.

It spreads like a contagion, and finally it fastens itself upon the object of its curse. Sensitive, proud, high strung, the victim cringes under the fire. It stings to the quick. Friends hear it, and wonder. The old smile of friendship you have always shown the accused, is changed to an ironical, quizzical, skeptical disbelieving stare that turns the wins of friendship into gall.

Association ceases. Friendship melts away.

A cynic, a dodging, self-accused, unspeakable nothing, in human shape, take the place of the once trusting brother.

The next step is suicide or crime. Don't hunt for bad news. Stay in the sunshine and let others do likewise.

When the gossip drives up to the front door of your heart and starts to unload her venomous rubbish go in, and shut the door in her face.

Words were not created to send men to damnation with.

"Jackson Day" is being celebrated in every large city in the country. Lovers of American liberty remember the battle of New Orleans and join with pride in commemorating the event. The century just closed contained no more pivotal day than that on which the riflemen of America made secure the doctrine of the rights of man.

THE DRAMA AND THE PUBLIC.

There is a living interest in the drama in any country that is entirely apart from the moral question, whether we approve of the stage or

not. The drama, in some form or other, is part of any true national life.

So it seems idle for us to say we do not care for the theater, or that we believe it is moral or an immoral influence. The drama would exist if all organized society were arrayed against it, and the laws made it a crime.

If all presentations of plays on the stage were forbidden by law, the drama would still exist in written and printed plays, and they would probably be more widely read than any other form of literature. The plays of Shakespeare are read and studied by millions, who effect to consider the actor drama demoralizing.

A living drama is always the result of a close partnership between the people of any country and the actors—the profession of the stage. This leads to the production of the popular play, not always literary.

The literary play always follows after generations of the acted drama. Just as it takes generations of horses trained for the race track to produce the fine, high-bred roadster, which is enjoyed and appreciated by people who never patronize the race track.

A community that has a good play-house, where the drama of its own country and the best plays of all countries are produced is to be congratulated on such a possession. In time the community will produce a play. It must first produce the professional actor. Play writing will follow.—Salem Journal

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How long will it take the man to fill the sack if he does not stop the leak? To attempt to nourish the body when the stomach is diseased is like trying to fill the sack with the hole in it. When the stomach and other digestive and nutritive organs are diseased, there is a constant loss of nutrition. Enough is eaten but the body loses flesh—plain proof that the food eaten is largely wasted because it is not digested and assimilated.

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