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the high school should be such as to fit them in as far as possible for the work they are to do later. The theory is now discarded that schools should seek only to impart culture to students. That theory is a relic of the age when schools were intended only for the leisure class—the upper crust. The theory of the new school of educators is that an education should fit a young man for his essential duty in the world—which is to work. It is recognized that useful subjects develop the brain just as much as do subjects that are no longer of use. True culture may be derived from the study of useful subjects just as well as from a study of the dead languages. If one only knows it there is more science involved in the study of soils and plant life than in questions relating to the solar system.

SPEAKER RUSK.

Of the eastern Oregon men in the legislature the most interesting figure this year is John P. Rusk, speaker of the house. Rusk is a big fellow with an attractive personality and he is aggressive. In politics he is a progressive republican. He was reelected as joint representative from Union and Wallowa counties over Dr. Hockett, who had the assembly endorsement. In the race for speaker he relied mainly upon his anti-assembly record and on the fact that he was a statement man. His chief support came from the anti-assembly forces in the legislature.

Thus far Rusk has followed a very fair and straightforward course as speaker and the indications are that he will "make good." He has a splendid opportunity and if he measures up to it there will be further and higher honors for him. Eastern Oregon has need of men of his type. So has the entire state. Oregon is throwing out of doors and is backing upon the men of the new school. Of these one of the most distinguished at present is Speaker Jerry Rusk.

Certainly Governor West and State Treasurer Kay are showing prudence in buying at this time all the land that will be needed by the branch insane hospital. It seems that some land that is necessary to the site was overlooked by the former board. It can be purchased cheaper now than at some time in the future.

While all the rest of the west is suffering from blizzards all Umatilla county can do is to boast of merely enough snow to cover the ground. All the bad weather we have had thus far has been in the weather forecaster's eye.

Members of the legislature should always bear in mind that they are no longer the whole show. The people may now revise the work of the legislature and also initiate bills when they see fit to do so.

The news of the fight down on the Rio Grande is the first Mexican war news in some time. But from the report it seems that the revolutionists are still in the job.

Pendleton people can well afford to do their part towards aiding the branch asylum. Besides we need a gravity water system anyway.

Governor West should bring that span of mules and enter them in the Roundup.

Maybe we could get better forecasts if we had a weather station in Pendleton.

DIDN'T LIKE IT.

Caruso told M. A. P., the noted Irish writer, an amusing story of himself the other day. A man had called in him to sell him a phonograph. It was some years ago, when phonographs were novelties, and in those days Caruso used to play a flute.

"Test the instrument," said the salesman. "Play into it and you will see what a wonderful thing it is."

Caruso stepped up to it and played something on his flute. Then the phonograph reproduced Caruso's flute playing. Caruso stared at him.

"Is that what I did?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"The piece I played exactly as I played it?"

"Exactly, sir. Isn't it wonderful? You'll buy the phonograph?"

"No," said Caruso, shuddering; "but I'll sell you the flute."

SURE OF HIMSELF.

"I'll give you a position as clerk to start with," said the merchant, "and pay you what you are worth. Is that satisfactory?"

"Oh, perfectly," replied the college graduate, "but—er—do you think the firm can afford it?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

THE CRUCIBLE.

Hard ye may be in the tumult,
Red to your battle hilts,
Blow given for blow in the foray,
Cunningly ride in the tilts,
But when the roaring has ended,
Tenderly, unbuggled,
Turn to a woman and a woman's heart,
And a child's to a child.
Test of the man, if his worth be
In accord with the ultimate plan,
That he be not, to his marrying,
Always and utterly man;
That he bring out of the tumult,
Bitter and undelled,
To woman the heart of a woman,
To children the heart of a child.
Good when the bugles are ringing
It is to be iron and fire;
Good to be oak in the foray,
Ice to a guilty desire,
But when the battle is over
(Marvel and wonder the while)
Give to a woman a woman's heart,
And a child's to a child.
—O. Henry.

THE NEW YORK SENATORSHIP.

It is interesting to note some features of the New York senatorial election. The people of New York do not elect the senators as do the people of Oregon and as do the people of most western states these days. It seems up to Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall to pick out a man. Just whom he will select is not yet known, but it will not be Edward M. Shepard. Shepard is a good and able man and is therefore ineligible.

Shepard has been warmly endorsed for the senatorship by Mayor Gaynor and by other reform democrats of New York. In a letter published a few days ago Gaynor declared that for a generation New York has been represented in the senate by "mere lobbyists from the north or by corruptionists in politics." He wants a change but plainly doubts that it will be forthcoming.

Speaking for Tammany Hall, Boss Murphy announced that the organization is against Shepard. Therefore he is against him. So it appears that Shepard has little show of election and that the democratic party of New York will throw away its opportunity of placing a big man in the senate. It is natural it should do so for while New York is boss ruled strong senators are not wanted. Unless perhaps it be some man like Root who is predisposed to favor the interests.

But if New York had direct election of senators as has Oregon the people might be able to send some good men to Washington. They frequently elect a good man as mayor or as governor. Witness the cases of Gaynor and of Hughes. But then New York will likely be the last state in the union to adopt direct election of senators. New York is the seat of big business interests that do not favor having public officials subservient only to the people.

MAKE THIS COURSE STRONG.

The East Oregonian is interested in the selection of a teacher to have charge of the agricultural course at the Pendleton high school. This paper hopes the board has chosen the right man for the place. That a good man has been elected is indicated by the fact that Mr. Brethaupt comes recommended by President Kerr of O. A. C.

Umatilla county is above everything else an agricultural empire. We do some manufacturing here but we rely mainly upon the soil. Our wealth comes chiefly from wheat raising, from horticulture and from our livestock industry. Most of the young men of this county engage in these callings after they are through school. So it is but right that their work in

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YOUR OWN ANCESTOR.

"My child, in the day of resurrection they will ask you what you have done in the world, and not from whom you are descended," runs an old Persian proverb.

And that's just it. We must amount to something on our own account if we receive the rewards of merit.

There are a lot of us who are exceedingly proud of our ancestry. We either trace it back through centuries of proud record in the old world, or to descent from some of the hardy first settlers in this. But what does it benefit us if our ancestors came over in the Mayflower, if they were among the early Dutch of New Amsterdam, the English cavaliers of Virginia and other southern states, the early makers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, if we do not do something on our own account, if we do not make our own personal standing of real worth?

It is a fine thing to have the blood of the intrepid adventurers—for that was just what most of those early comers were— coursing through our veins. It is a fine thing to know that the blood bounding through our arteries is mixed with that of men and women who did the heroic thing in colonization, of men who fought and bled in the great war for independence, and of those later heroes who placed their lives in sacrifice in the great internecine strife of 50 years ago, but it is a far greater thing to be creating both a character and a reputation to which others coming after us will be able to point with pride.

It is great to do the ordinary things of life well in the ordinary environment. The parable of the vineyard tells us the rewards for just such labor. If you remember, not a single person among the laborers was asked to do the extraordinary thing, but he was expected to do the ordinary things in the right way and to the best of his ability, so that the steward, when the Lord and Master of the harvest should come for his accounting would be able to give a satisfactory report.

Therefore, not a worker in the vineyard could fall back for justification on the record of one of his fellows or on that of some forebear who had labored there. There was only one record that could be considered—his own.

Now every one of us is in the exact position of the men in the vineyard of the parable. We must stand absolutely alone in the matter of achievement, and the only real encouragement and reward we shall ever receive will be in the knowledge of having done our best. No man or woman who acts in that light has reason to fear the powers of this world or the powers of death, because in the spirit in which their work is done they not only rise superior but immortal.

SLOW ENOUGH.

Old Bill Titcomb had taken a sack of grain to an old fashioned mill to have it ground into meal. He watched the ponderous wheels revolving slowly while a tiny stream of meal trickled feebly out. Finally his patience became exhausted.

"Do yer know," he said, "I cud eat that there meal faster than yer durned mill can grind it!"

"Yes?" remarked the miller. "But how long could you keep on eating it, Mr. Titcomb?"

"Wal," replied Old Bill, conclusively, "I reckon I cud keep on at that rate till I starved."—Metropolitan Magazine.

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EXAGGERATION.

On her arrival in New York, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, replying to a compliment on her youthful appearance, said:

"The secret of my youth? It is the good God—and then, you know, I work all the time. But I am a great-grandmother," she continued, thoughtfully, "so how can these many compliments be true? I am afraid my friends are exaggerating."

Mme. Bernhardt's laugh, spontaneous as a girl's, prompted a chorus of—"No, no!"

"Yes," said he actress, "unconscious exaggeration, like the French nurse on the boulevard. Our boulevards are much more crowded than your streets, you know, and, although we have numerous accidents, things aren't quite as bad as the nurse suggested."

"Her little charge, a boy of 6, begged her to stop a while in a crowd surrounding an automobile accident. 'Please wait,' the little boy said, 'I want to see the man who was run over?'"

A DIFFERENCE.

President Taft tells the following story at his own expense, connected with his recent visit to Richmond: "I always enjoy going to Richmond," said the president. They have

a way of making you feel perfectly at home. And it is simply because they have the greatest respect for the presidency, and the man who happens for the time being to fill the office. There is not a bit of politics in the reception they give you. I know this absolutely."

Mr. Taft then related a story told him by Major J. C. Hemphill, formerly editor of the Charleston News and Courier, but now editor of the Richmond Times-Democrat. A democratic guest at the Taft luncheon, sitting next to the major, became enthusiastic about the president.

"Taft is simply a bully fellow," declared the guest. "He is the kind of a man you love."

"You bet he is," remarked the major. "But, by the way, are you going to vote for him next time?"

"Vote for him! Vote for him!" exclaimed the astonished luncheon guest. "I'd see him in h— first." —Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer.

Lack of petty jealousy is one of the distinguishing marks of the great. To be entirely frank in the appreciation of a rival is better than to win a battle. Lee and Jackson, the two great generals of the south during the civil war, were absolutely free from even a trace of rivalry. Theodore A. Dodge quotes a remark from each in his article on Chancellorsville.

"He is the only man I would follow blindly," said Jackson of Lee.

"He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right!"—Youth's Companion.

Woman's Nature
It is the nature of women to suffer uncomplainingly, the discomforts and fears that accompany the bearing of children. Motherhood is their crowning glory, and they brave its sufferings for the joy that children bring. An expectant mother need suffer. However, during the period of waiting for the baby to come, if Mother's Friend is used in preparation of the event. Mother's Friend relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the different ligaments, exercises means to prevent action, prevents backache and weakness of limbs and soothes the irritations of breast glands. Its regular use also prepares every portion of the mother's system for a proper and natural ending of the term, and it assures for her a quick and complete recovery. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for free book for expectant mothers.
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