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Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

SELF-RESPECT

The man whose word was never broken,
Whose lips a lie have never spoken,
Whose hand has truly earned its pay
And dealt in kindness day by day,
May not be rich or known to fame,
But all men must respect his name.

The man who hears no evil tales
Nor whispers when another fails,
Small gossip of the reason why,
May never rise so very high,
He may stay poor unto the end,
But he shall never lack a friend.

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THE WESTERN WAY

THERE are forces at work against the collegiate end of the free public school system of Oregon. Some of those who talk are inspired by a desire for economy and without knowing what the true facts are or what the results would be, are ready to scuttle the colleges. Others are merely anti-public school men who believe that colleges should be supported privately, not by the public.

The private college policy prevails largely in England and on our Atlantic coast—a heritage of past generations when only the rich were supposed to have the benefits of collegiate education.

The west and middle west regions, however, are strongly committed to the policy of state colleges and universities. Virtually every mid west or western state has a state university or an agricultural college or both. They are maintained by the public and tuition is free save to students who come from outside the state.

This is the policy that Oregon follows and it is the logical plan, in accord with ideals. It is good Americanism to regard educational work as the function of the state. For many years Oregon has provided free instruction at the university, the state agricultural college and the normal school. Many thousands have attended these schools and thousands have graduated. The records show that the majority of such students were self-supporting in their college days and that the majority of students now attending school are self-supporting, in part if not entirely.

To close the doors of these institutions to free instruction would mean to deny educational advantages to a host of young people who seek it and need it. To a self-supporting student a dollar is as big as ten dollars to an adult who is engaged in the active work of life. They cannot afford tuition charges. charge toll would mean denial of education to many or else students would be driven to take up temporary residence in Washington, California or Idaho in order to attend institutions. Those who advise such a course are composed of men who are either personally inimical to the public school system or else have formed opinions without getting both sides of the question and without realizing the principle involved.

PORK BARREL JUDGES

THEY tell us that the 24 new federal judges were created to insure "speedier justice," and not for pork-barrel purposes.

Every new job added to the public payroll is created on some such pretext as "speedier justice." We have gone on increasing the number of public officials and employees until there is now one federal employee to every 242 of population, against one to every 1300 of population in 1816.

It is not the creation of more courts, but simplification of procedure in courts, that would insure speedier justice. "Our courts trifle with justice by permitting delay after delay upon mere technicalities," said the late David J. Brewer, a justice of the United States supreme court, who should be accounted high authority. He added:

"I advocate that the state shall enact laws that shall permit of but one appeal after the trial judge. There is no duty more imperative upon the bar and the bench than to do what they can to simplify matters and put technicalities out of the way, and see to it that substantial justice is administered."

The late Mayor Gaynor of New York, a jurist of conspicuous distinction, said:

"The judicial department of our government is the least efficient of all departments. The technicalities and delays would not be tolerated in any other department of the government."

An investigation some 30 years ago disclosed that the average length of a civil suit in the United States varied from a year and a half to six years, and the committee reported "complex procedure" and "unreasonable appeals" as among the chief causes of delays.

It is not more judges but less procedure and fewer technicalities in the courts that are needed to make speedier justice. "In my judgment, a change in the judicial procedure in both civil and criminal cases constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions," said the then president Taft, December 7, 1909, who is now chief justice of the supreme court of the United States. He added:

"I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings is directly due to the uncertainties and injustice growing out of the delays in trial judgments and the executions thereof in our courts."—Oregon Journal.

12 SOUTHERN STATES TO FIGHT ILLITERACY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12.—Twelve southern states will be represented at the regional conference which meets here today and tomorrow for the eradication of illiteracy.

Formal invitations to all persons interested in the movement to attend have been issued by Governor Thomas E. Kilby, who has also designated

Prominent Alabama citizens and educators to represent the state. Campaign for the removal of illiteracy is receiving the best thought of educators throughout the nation, and the purpose of the conference for the twelve states is to make further plans for co-operation in the campaign.

STEEL HATS AT TEN CENTS
WHEELING, W. Va., April 12.—(L. N. S.)—During the recent World War a Doughboy who lost his trench helmet was docked \$3.50 from his pay. Today the helmets are on sale in a local "five-and-ten" for ten cents. Youngsters are the principal wearers.

Mayor Oles on the "Highball Flyer"



George L. Oles, independent mayor of Youngstown, O., who recently announced that he would appoint a "public sniffer" to sniff the breaths of policemen, takes his first airplane ride—on the "Highball Flyer" at Miami, Fla. His family went with him.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST WAS HELD AT UMATILLA

(East Oregonian Special)

ECHO, April 12.—Little Miss Lucille George is being congratulated this week for having won first place in her division at the declamatory contest held in Umatilla Friday evening, among the schools of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla. The title of Lucille's reading was "Who's Afraid?" Miss Marian George won second place in the 7th and 8th grade division of the declamatory contest that same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wattenburger, J. C. Wattenburger and H. T. Willis motored to Heppner, Wednesday on a business mission. They returned home that same evening.

Mrs. Ralph Singer and small sons are here from their home in Chehalis, Washington, visiting with Mrs. Singer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Malcolm.

F. A. Heiser was here from Pendleton Wednesday transacting business. Among those from Echo who attended the dedication services of the new Methodist church at Hermiston Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gohbell and family, Mrs. Ingo O. Bell and children and Stephen Spike, Miss Gladys Wold, Miss Gladys Denney, Rev. F. R. Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sommer, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wattenburger and Miss Veda Wattenburger.

Otis McCarthy of Butler creek, was an Echo visitor Tuesday. Mrs. F. R. Spaulding left Sunday night for Portland to be at the bedside of her sister, who is very seriously ill.

Trees are being set out on several of the different streets this week by the local Civic Club.

Earl Williams was here from Pendleton on business for Smyth-Loung Co. Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Sepanek and daughter were here from Sand Hollow on bus.

J. K. Shotwell, contractor of Hermiston, was here on business Wednesday.

George Cohn of Portland, was in Echo Tuesday visiting the local business houses in the behalf of the Pacific Coast Busnet Co.

H. R. Willis is now the owner of a new Ford sedan, which he purchased Monday.

W. H. Cray, B. B. Stanfield, C. A. Gilbert, Charles Thornton, Ed Loezgang and A. C. Mudge, motored to Umatilla Monday evening to attend a Masonic lodge meeting.

Mrs. P. Haskell and small child

moved to Echo last week to be with Mr. Haskell, who is now employed as manager of the Thomas Ross Store. The Haskell family have apartments above the furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. George and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Drew and Miss Veda Wattenburger motored to Umatilla Friday evening to attend the declamatory and oratorical contest there.

Erza Hazen is now on duty at the local depot after having recently returned from Baker.

F. Graybeal was here from Pendleton Tuesday in the interest of Gillanders & Burroughs.

Mrs. N. C. Pearson of Portland, is in the city visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McCormick. An interesting program as well as a basket dinner is being planned for Easter Sunday at the Methodist church.

MONTE CARLO.—Paris may set the fashion for smart clothes, but the Riviera decrees the "style" in pets. With fashionable folk who wish to be different, parrots and monkeys are easily the favorites this year. The monkeys vary from tiny marmosets to small grinning apes who take a chair and a meal for themselves in local restaurants.

With a censor on the beach, bathers think they are between the devil and the deep blue sea.

How would you like to have the pianist, who played 44 hours and 39 minutes, for a neighbor?

A movie star sends her hubby a weekly check for a million kisses. Wonder who cashes it for him?

Faldheaded men claim all their wisdom is on the surface.

It's easy to tell when summer comes. Look for the funny names of the new soft drinks.

Boys leave the lawn because they can't take it with them.

Sometimes we think the only thing Europe is out of is her head.

Any school boy can decline 'bonus' and the Senate often acts like a school boy.

The way of the trespasser is fine. Professor who says all red-headed girls are bow-legged may be right.

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