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Kipping Rhymes.

AN EXAMPLE

Let us set a good example in these wild excited days, when men mill around and trample on our corns in fifty ways. Let's not join them in their mulling, but fixing up our sneakers, demonstrate that we are willing to get down once more to tasks.

Odds and Ends

For Kickers Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only different. When a man goes into a hotel and finds something on the tub that does not suit him, he does not raise his hand with the landlord and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well hardly. He sets that tub to one side and wades into the many dishes that suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly, and without stopping to think, please hundreds of other readers, they make a grand stand play and tell the editor how the paper should be run and what should be put into it.

Talks On Use Of Home Papers By Farmers Will Be Heard

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 11.—Talks on using the home newspaper to open quick and profitable sales of farm produce will be made to Oregon farmers at Farmer's Week, December 29-January 3, by C. J. McIntosh, assistant professor of industrial journalism. Farm produce ads that have pulled well will be exhibited and their subject matter, content, arrangement and type display explained. Many of these exhibits will be accompanied by statements of results. The class of products to advertise, how much money to put into ads, how to figure space requirements for reading matter and cuts and how to "follow-up" to get best returns, will be discussed. Editors having materials suited to this exhibit are invited to send them to Mr. McIntosh.

PRISONER ARRIVES

Cedric Sharff, sentenced in Grant county to seven years in the penitentiary on a charge of manslaughter, was brought to the prison today by Sheriff W. W. Howell of Grant county. Sharff was charged with having shot a boy who was invading a melon patch belonging to Sharff. The boy died of his wounds.

Abe Martin



Miss Fawn Lippincott has won the 15-annual prize of the Columbia Club—a handsome pair of eyebrow tweezers. Lots of things sound purty that are a awful—"Emma Goldman" for instance.

THE LEAGUE PROBABLY DEAD.

CO-OPERATING with the League to Enforce Peace, to secure an expression of public opinion throughout the nation that will force action of some kind for the acceptance of the peace treaty, the Capital Journal is printing a ballot upon which readers of the paper are asked to mark their opinions and send the ballot to the office.

It is becoming increasingly evident that without some such nation-wide expression that the politicians of the senate will indefinitely delay action. The longer peace is delayed, the more difficult becomes the problem of reconstruction and the slower the return to normal conditions. America, the country that fathered the league of nations and forced it on the peace conference, is the only nation refusing to accept it. It is the only country in which foreign relations has become a football of politics and the welfare of humanity subordinated to partisanship.

It is extremely probable that whatever action may be taken now that the senate has already killed the league of nations. Only American insistence made it a possibility. It was opposed initially by France, Italy and Japan. Only the British supported it loyally—and the American politicians capitalized this British support to arouse sentiment against it in the United States. With American support withdrawn or so qualified as to be equivalent to withdrawal, the French, Italians and Japanese, who have always had little faith in the league, and supported it mainly to secure American co-operation, will quickly drop it.

Europe will return to the old system of balance of power—the old game of greed and grab. Standing armies and militarism will continue, secret diplomacy again enmesh and embroil nations and war hang like a thundercloud over the horizon of the future. Ratification will cause the various commissions to meet and formally function for the time being—but the league is probably dead and never will get a real trial.

The policy of abstract justice laid down by the league will be supplanted by mutual association for profit and protection—a reaction to the old principles and old ideas. And Europe is not to blame—it has no alternative—the blame rests on the inability of the small minds in the senate to grasp a big idea, a lack of faith in others which has destroyed the faith of others in us.

OUR "UNSTABLE" CONSTITUTION.

THAT little organ of big business, the Oregon Voter, is much concerned over the alleged destruction of the Oregon constitution by the initiative and asserts that stable government is impossible as long as a majority vote of ballots cast, no matter how small a proportion of voters vote, can pass an amendment to the constitution, proposed by initiative vote.

There may be some merit in the contention that it ought to be harder to pass an amendment than a statute, but as a rule only those who have given the subject thought, do vote upon either amendments or statutes, and as only a comparative minority either study or vote upon them, the result is an intelligent verdict by thinking people, by those best qualified to pass upon the issues—as has been amply proven in the past.

If two-thirds majority or even a majority of the registered voters or of the number of votes cast for candidates was required, few amendments would be passed, because the rank and file have neither inclination nor time to study the subject and pass it up. The result would be a constitution as rigid as the present is elastic—a result that would be highly pleasing to reactionaries of all classes and most satisfactory to big business.

It is quite as much the fashion among seekers of special privilege to sneer at the people as it is among self-seekers to be noisily solicitous in their behalf, but the people somehow or other estimate both factions at their true value. Neither is able to fool them all the time—and the recorded judgments of the people compare most favorably with those of the legislature. The people pass fewer "freak" bills than our wise-acre solons.

No one has any cause to fear the verdict of the people, even though expressed by a minority, unless he is seeking something or doing something that will not stand the glare of publicity—much less reason than to fear the legislature, for the people inherently believe in the square deal, and the legislature in log-rolling. The people make honest mistakes—those of legislatures are not always honest. And if the people commit a blunder, is it not easy for them to remedy it under the present system? And somehow or other, we manage to progress despite our "unstable" constitution.

The greatest value, however, of the Oregon system is the fact that it leads the people to study government, to think upon public issues, to form judgments, and developments in American citizenship. If it did nothing more than secure these beneficial results, it has proved itself well worth while.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGlone Gibson

A PROBLEM IN CONDUCT. After leaving my mother's room the fact again confronted me that it would be most cruel to desert her just now and go home with Alice and Bess. I have a very vivid imagination and I sometimes think it is as great a curse as a joy. As I thought of my departure I could see in fancy my little mother standing forlornly on the steps of the piazza and waving a trembling goodbye to three more or less young and buoyant women, who were turning their backs upon sorrow and tears, going straight into a world of joy and forgetfulness. I called Alice on the telephone and said impulsively: "I can't go home with you today, Alice."

an beginning to think he is an absolute stranger to me. I am quite sure that I never thought there was a man who would be so calloused to the feelings of one he loved as John has been to me during this terrible time!" "Well, you see, Kate," said Alice, "John and I never had a father. Perhaps we cannot understand exactly what your feelings are. Anyway, I am coming over to talk with you."

"Don't bring Miss Moreland with you, Alice!" I heard Alice chuckle at the other end of the wire. "Wild horses wouldn't pull her away from here," she answered; "she has that nice Mr. Goodwin with her and they are preparing for a game of golf."

"So she's trying, hee! charms on Charlie!" I said to myself and then I remembered that the game was nothing with which to intrigue the affections of a golf enthusiast like Charles. "There will be at least one man in the world," thought I, "who will be willing to concede that there is something that I can do better than Bess Moreland can. And that won't make her very happy. I am afraid" for I was quite sure that Charles would probably tell her this and I maliciously hoped he would.

I met Alice down at the porch and we strolled over to the hammock in which my mother had so often sat beside my father's wheel-chair. Again my imagination drew the picture and my heart was heavy with the thought that I should never see those two white heads close together again.

I was in no mood for Alice's first exclamation: "Now, Kate, I don't want you to be silly girl! This way to get along with John is to let him have his own way. The thing to do is to go home with us and arrange with Mr. Goodwin—he's your cousin, isn't he?—to send you a telegram with your mother's name, asking you to come back tomorrow."

"For a moment I was too nonplussed to speak. I, whose whole education had been a reverence for the truth of speech and action, could not conceive of living a life of petty duplicities and deceptions. "That the way you solve your marriage problem, Alice?" I asked. She looked at me rather mischievously, as she answered: "Well, I've solved some of the biggest ones that way, and I have found that in marriage as in bed, a little finesse goes a long way."

"Alice," I said earnestly, "I have never with one exception been anything less than absolutely truthful with a person I loved. I don't believe that I could tell the tiniest white lie to John. I told one for him to mother the other morning—and I have been conscience-stricken ever since."

"Good Lord!" said Alice, laughing outright. "You'll find before you have lived with a man very long that you will have to tell white lies and black lies, and lots of splotchy gray lies to every one including yourself and him."

"I suppose that it what the little Japanese girl meant when she said: 'It is better to lie a little than to be unhappy much.'"

"I change that a little," said Alice, still smiling. "I say, 'It's better to lie much than to be unhappy a little!'" (Continued Tomorrow)

NORTHERN OREGON IS HARDEST HIT BY STORM

Two feet of snow. Trains from the south managing to get through several hours late. The employees of the various factories in the city have been shoveling snow from the roofs of the plants to prevent their giving way under the enormous weight. The roof of the big Irvin automobile warehouse gave way smashing several cars. One barn roof caved in early Wednesday and killed one cow and a goat. Street traffic was at a standstill. Caterpillar tractor and grader were obtained from the county and set to work opening up roads through the streets. None of the rural carriers was able to get over their routes.

According to Postmaster C. H. Stev are, Lin county's historian, this is the worst snow storm here since 1881 when 29 inches of snow fell. With the barometer exceptionally low and snow still falling, it is feared the record of 1881 will be surpassed.

BUILDINGS AT DALLAS CRUSHED BY WEIGHT OF THE SNOW

Dallas, Dec. 11.—The snow fall is the heaviest ever known here, surpassing easily that of 1884. Twenty-six inches of snow lies on the level. All schools in Polk county, including those of Dallas, were closed on account of the storm. The weight of the snow has wrecked all buildings at the county fair grounds and crushed the large exhibit pavilion. There has been no train service into Dallas since Thursday afternoon.

Pendleton Plants Close Pendleton, Dec. 11.—Snow fell continuously here for 26 hours, but warmer temperature was experienced this

afternoon. Fifteen inches are on the ground here. The minimum Wednesday was 6° above, as contrasted with zero Tuesday morning. All flour mills, the woolen mills and lumber yards using electricity for power, suspended owing to the power company's having to use coal since its water power froze.

Rains at Baker

Baker, Dec. 11.—From frigid winter to spring like warmth the weather in Baker changed suddenly early Wednesday morning when a warm chinook tempered the icy cold of day before and brought rain. The change came shortly after midnight when the wind shifting to the south increased in velocity until it reached at 4 o'clock a maximum of 34 miles an hour, the greatest during any December since 1909. The snow blanket which covered Baker to the depth of eight inches Tuesday night was but five inches deep last evening. When snow again began falling at 7:30 o'clock, trains through Baker were as much as 17 hours behind schedule.

Tillamook Is Buried

Tillamook, Dec. 11.—The snow is more than two feet deep here. A high east wind was blowing until about noon yesterday, developing into a real blizzard. The temperature has been only as low as 26 degrees. The regular train did not leave for Portland, and automobiles cannot travel. Everything is at a standstill. The wires are not working or this city would be cut off entirely.

Astoria Cars Snowbound

Astoria, Dec. 11.—The fall of snow ceased here today, with an average blizzard throughout the section of 10 inches. Street car service was entirely suspended, while all other traffic was badly hampered. The thermometer has dropped to 29 degrees above zero, the lowest point reached this winter.

Storm Reaches Newport

Newport, Dec. 11.—This section was visited with a snowstorm Tuesday night, about an inch falling. Further inland the fall was reported as heavier. Railroad tracks were blocked and no trains went east from Yaquina.

Two Feet at Prineville

Prineville, Dec. 11.—More than two feet of snow has fallen here since Saturday. Farmers are feeling good over the crop prospect. No serious loss of stock has been reported as yet. The city of Prineville railway has been seriously hampered in keeping schedule.

Rain in Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Dec. 11.—A heavy rain fell here during Tuesday night. Temperatures reached 41 during the night.

Track Washed Out at Isadore

Roseburg, Dec. 11.—Two hundred feet of track has been washed out at Isadore. All trains are delayed. The damage probably will be repaired today.

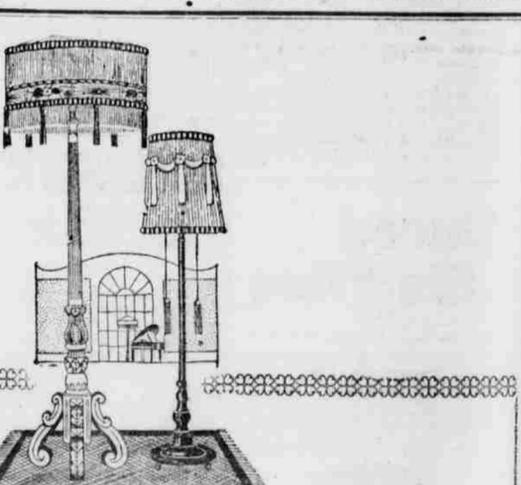


The Choice Prizes of Life Are Won By the Healthy and Strong

The weak, soft, flabby-muscled—those who are deficient in vigor and vital force—have ever had to suffer the humiliation of being ruthlessly shoved aside by their stronger rivals. A clear, ruddy complexion; bright eyes; hardened muscles; and a well knit-together body of elastic step and sway, constitute a trump card in any game—whether of love or business.

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