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Open Forum

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fications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—Knowing your
fairness and desire for the truth,
I thought I would write you a lit-
tle in regard to a matter I have
discussed in The Capital Journal
recently.

Some time ago some people
my acquaintance were greatly dis-
turbed over the conditions in
certain home where children were
being brought up under the wrong
influences, dangerous to them as
dangerous to the community, an
very reluctantly they complained
to Judge Bushey about the con-
ditions, and the children were
taken away from the home.

Judge Bushey, as a faithful of-
ficer, courageous in his desire to
do his duty, removed these chil-
dren from the home and placed
them where they would be under
Christian care and have an oppor-
tunity to earn a living and at the
same time to learn a business
which would make them self-suf-
ficient.

The case that I refer to is the
case of these girls now at the De-
coness hospital. I regret the criti-
cism of the authorities of the hos-
pital and of Judge Bushey and
wanted you to know that the good
people who are acquainted with
the facts thoroughly endorse the
action of Judge Bushey, for who
they have a profound respect, and
also the action of the hospital au-
thorities, who are entitled to ever
credit for the work that they are
doing not only for the general
public but for these girls who
needed their supervision and care.

There is a cheap sentimentality
which says that when parents dis-
sire to have their children in the
should always have them no mat-
ter whether the parents are cap-
able or worthy of caring for the
children or not. A proper regard
for the interests of the children
and a proper regard for the well-
fare of the community denies the
sentimentality and backs up the
efforts of such people as those
who complained and such officials
as Judge Bushey, who override
sentimentality in their effort to
provide in the largest and best
way for the children as well as for
the community.

I am sure you will be glad to
give the facts I have mentioned
publicly.

E. S. HAMMOND,
Kimball College, Salem, Or., Oct.
27, 1921.

FORUM

To the Editor:—I certainly
think Mr. Hoff is right in his
stand regarding the removal of
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gilbert, as
superintendent and matron of the
Boys' Training school, and im-
porting a superintendent from
Iowa, and I would also ask what
authority the board have to pay
three or four men's expenses back
east on a junketing trip; also by
what authority the governor has
to take the money the state pro-
vides for his traveling expenses, to
pay for bringing out easterners
out here at the expense of the tax-
payers. Now if the state board
don't know enough to select a lo-
cation for the new buildings they
had better send to Corvallis and
get a student from there to select
a location. The taxpayers are tired
of the grats. When our governor
took office he recommended econ-
omy in state expenses, and he was
one of the first to take a \$3500
rate in his salary. The grangers
are opposed to removing Mr. Gil-
bert for the sake of filling the
place with Mr. Kuser at nearly
twice the salary that Mr. Gilbert
is given, and Mr. Gilbert has pro-
ven himself very competent and is
well liked by the people and the
boys, and Mr. Hoff is right in op-
posing the change, and the gran-
gers will protest against the
change and raise of salary by im-
porting eastern people for posi-
tions that the already filled by
worthy and competent men.

R. R. RYAN,
Member of Salem Grange.

Aviator's Body Found

Ancos, Peru, Oct. 23.—Fisher-
men discovered near here yester-
day a skeleton, which from the
clothing still clinging to it, was
identified as that of Jose Romanet,
a French aviator, whose airplane
was lost at sea September 27. The
remains were taken to Lima,
where they will be buried with
military honors.

Public Inquiry Needed

Commenting upon that phase of child welfare work which
takes away from parents and farms them out as drudges, the
Eugene Guard says:

A ghostly Ku Klux tribesman appeared at a Salem hospital
Sunday night and left a note demanding release from slavery of
the little drudging there under orders of County Judge
Bushey, some dozen girls having been farmed out to the institu-
tion. This is one of the beautiful features of the social uplift
work that is going on all over the country. Someone complains
that the children in a certain family, generally poor people, are
not being properly raised, and the case is brought before one
of the several officials or agents having supervision over the
domestic affairs of the people of every sizeable community, all
are eating up the taxpayers' money; the family ties are broken
up and the children farmed out into virtual slavery. If they are
sent to the boys' and girls' aid society, they do the farming out
of the unfortunate children and the girls must become drudges
for parasitons families, who do not want to pay for having
their work done, until they are 18 years old. The Ku Klux
masquerader, for whom we have no use at all as a general rule,
was on the right track this time, but he will accomplish
nothing. He is up against the great social uplift graft.

The other view of the subject is presented in a letter
published today in the Open Forum from the Rev. E. S.
Hammond of Kimball college, in which he declares that the
children were taken by the court because they were "being
brought up under the wrong influences, dangerous to them
and dangerous to the community," and were removed by
Judge Bushey "as a faithful officer, courageous in his desire
to do his duty" and "placed where they would be under
Christian care and have an opportunity to earn a living and
at the same time learn a business which would make them
self-supporting." Continuing Dr. Hammond says:

There is a cheap sentimentality which says that when par-
ents desire to have their children they should always have them, no
matter whether the parents are capable or worthy of caring for the
children or not. A proper regard for the interests of the children
and a proper regard for the welfare of the community denies this
sentimentality and backs up the efforts of such people as those who
complained and such officials as Judge Bushey, who override senti-
mentality in their effort to provide the largest and best way for the
children as well as the community.

The press has become the eyes and ears of the world. It is the
pokesman of the weak and the appeal of the suffering. It holds up
or review the acts of our officials and of those men in high places
who have it in their power to advance peace or endanger it. It is the
voice which unifies public sentiment. But for it, the acts of public
men would go unnoticed, impostors would continue undis-
covered and public offices would be the rich reward of the unscrupu-
lous demagogue.

The Capital Journal understood that the girl in question
was removed because the parents were at the time unable to
properly provide for them on account of poverty, but having
since established a home they are now in position to properly
provide for her, but Judge Bushey refuses to permit it.
"Parental love may be "cheap sentimentality" but we are old
fashioned enough to believe in it and think that parents still
have rights that should be considered, although this is an
age of regulating other people.

There are two issues involved—the moral right of keeping
children away from parents able to provide for them—there
is no question of the legal right under the law—and the
exploitation of children for profit. A public investigation
of the case, of the ability of the parents to care for their
offspring and the treatment accorded county wards should
be welcomed by those concerned and put an end to rumors
of abuse of authority by court and ill-treatment of county
wards by those to whom they are entrusted.

In dismissing the \$10,000,000 libel suit brought by Mayor
Thompson of Chicago against the Chicago Tribune for ex-
posing the inefficiency and corruption of the Chicago city
government, the court judicially defined the place of the
newspaper:

Starlight

BY THE WORLD AUTHOR
Idah McClure Gibson

The Thrilling and Dramatic Story of Virginia Fairfax's Ambition!

A Revelation.
Mrs. Watkins (I had learned
her name through our conversa-
tion and that she came from Phil-
adelphia) looked at me specula-
tively, as though she were almost
wondering if I were telling the
truth.

At last she said: "I was sure
that you belonged to Theodore
Stratton's company and were go-
ing to Los Angeles with him for
his next picture."

"Theodore Stratton, the moving
picture star? How could you have
imagined that? I would die of
fright and bashfulness if I ever
met him face to face."

"My dear child, surely you
know that you breakfasted with
Theodore Stratton this morning!"
"Was that man Theodore Strat-
ton?" I exclaimed in astonishment.
"Why, the man I breakfasted with
this morning is not nearly as
young as Theodore Stratton, the
movie star! You must be mis-
taken."

"Nevertheless, my child, he is
Theodore Stratton."
Even then I wouldn't be con-
vinced. "He doesn't look at all
like he does in his pictures," I
protested. "Why, this man is only
fairly good looking, while Theo-
dore Stratton in pictures is one of
the handsomest men I ever saw."
"When you get to Hollywood,
my dear, you will find that very
thing to your table to sit and the

few of the successful movie actors
look as well in private life as they
do on the screen. One of the rea-
sons why moving picture actors
are, is because they photograph
well.

"You are a very lucky little girl
if you are not a very clever one
because you have made yourself
interesting to the most important
moving picture actor of the day."
"Oh, Mrs. Watkins, surely you
believe me. I know you would
if I could tell you what I told him
I think, please, that I will go back
to my own section now," and I
handed her the baby. I had lost
all inclination to play with it longer.

I grew hot and cold. What
must Mr. Stratton have thought of
me! He, too, might think that I
had taken this way to make his
acquaintance. I have put myself
in a bad light with him anyway,
was my thought, for he must have
only one of two opinions of me.
Either that I am far too clever, or
else that I am a perfect fool. No
wonder that he thinks my people
are crazy to have allowed me to
go to California.

"I wouldn't worry about it,
my dear," said Mrs. Watkins, detain-
ing me. "You didn't ask his name
or act in any way as if you cared
to have it, did you?"
"I certainly did not. I was com-
ing to your table to sit and the

waiter put me at the one with
this man."

"Well, I expect our porter must
have chattered to the waiter. I
presume that every person on the
train but you, my dear, knew and
recognized Theodore Stratton. I
noticed him speaking to you this
morning and when you came in to
the diner and sat at his table I
concluded that you were one of
his company or some one who was
to have a part in his next picture.
Don't worry about it. Mr. Strat-
ton will soon set you at rest on
the conclusions that he has come
to about you.

At this moment I saw him com-
ing through the door and I made a
quick move to get to my seat. He
came on behind me and stopped
down beside me. Before he could
say a word impulsively I began
apologizing: "Oh, Mr. Stratton, I am
sure you understand that I did not
know who you were or I would
not have said to you all the things
that I did."

"Yes," he acquiesced. "It is
rather hard for a man who still
thinks he is able to play juveniles
and young lovers to be told he is
in the grandfather class." The lit-
tle bunches of wrinkles came
about his eyes which sparkled
through the lowering lids. I was
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SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

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People who say little can be
counted upon to say a lot.

The less you have,
the less you
have to worry
about.

Many people who have the reputation of
being shrewd are only lucky.

A smart man lets everybody advise him,
and then does as he pleases.

The two most talked of
things in the world
are love and the weather.

Nothing ever happened in this world that
I was altogether bad.

HEZ HECK
SAYS:

"A woman who pays
too much
attention to her
complexion is apt
to neglect
her reputation."



Tabloid Sermons

For Busy People by
Parson Abiel Haile

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings." (Philippians 2:14)

This text from Paul's epistle would work wonders if nailed over
every factory, shop and office door, as a constructive effort to
establish rational ways. The apostle was instructing the Ephesians
generally, and was giving a broad admonition. To the clerics, he
would have them do the work of the Lord "without murmurings and
disputings." But the rule is excellent for any one on earth. When
a task is given one, or assumed voluntarily—but omit grumblings
and whining and word bouts over nothing. Ben Farnkilo said that
a poor workman finds fault with his tools. He put Paul's idea in a
homely way, but made it clear that a good workman goes ahead with
the tools provided him and does his best despite the handicap. A
remonous lot of time is wasted by almost every one in murmurings
and disputings at work, whether it be in school or at employment.
Tasks are given us for a definite purpose. When we have started our
own way in the world, and undertake an engagement for hire, one
of the first temptations we encounter is the tendency to grumble.
Rarely is the emotion justified. We must face conditions in an im-
perfect world, and if our work is unpleasant or holds phases with
which we find fault, we have two courses open. We may either drop
the work and seek other, or if unable to shift to another position,
we must make the best of the one we have. If we stay, there is only
one course to follow. It is to tackle the work with our best intelli-
gence and spirit, and abstain from grumbling. When we do this, we
are apt to be surprised how much easier the task becomes. Fault-
finding, whining, snarling, grumbling—whether in the home or at
work, does not ease the burden. So in our religious life, if we find
our natures unfit for spiritual elevation, and if we are without
an inclination to obey, get out of the church and stay out.

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rather sorry for you."
"Why should you be?" I de-
manded, bristling. "Surely hun-
dreds of other girls have gone into
the movies quite as innocent, if
you call it that, as I am."
"There may have, my dear, but
I have never met them."
"I do not understand you."
"You would not."
"Will you explain?"
"Well, my child, the average
girl who elects to go into moving
pictures is quite sophisticated.
Many of them have been on the
stage since they were mere child-
ren. They come from musical
comedy choruses, from department
store counters, even from counters
and tables at restaurants and hair-
dressing establishments and beauty
parlors. But I must say that
you are the first girl I have ever
met of quite your type. Your com-
ing "makes it unanimous." Every
girl has either hidden or proclaimed
aspirations for the screen."
"Then why should you feel
sorry for me?"
"Because..."
"Mr. Stratton—telegram for
Mrs. F. A. Moore; and also a list
of the present board members who
are: Irwin Griffith, president; H.
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Cornerstone Ceremonies Tomorrow

Fifty organizations will have
representatives present at the cor-
nerstone ceremonies of the new
Salem hospital on Center street,
according to August Huckestein
chairman of the committee in
charge of the event, who has re-
ceived numbers of letters of ac-
ceptance from the organizations
themselves and who has his plans
for the program complete.

The cornerstone will contain
the names of the original board of
the hospital organized in 1896
which are: Mrs. J. J. Murphy,
president; George P. Litchfield,
vice-president; Frank E. Hodge-
kin, secretary; A. N. Bush, treas-
urer; William Gray, Frank Davey,
Gideon Steiner, Thomas Bruce and
Mrs. F. A. Moore; and also a list
of the present board members who
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