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LEARNING A TRADE.

Much is said about the necessity of our youth learning trades, and too much cannot be said on the subject. Every person should be capable of turning their attention to some profitable employment, for no one knows what future necessity may call for the entire resources of the individual.

The discipline of the acquirement of a skilled understanding of some useful trade would reduce the recruits for the army of hoodlums to a mere minimum. Not only that but it would drive out the chance of temptations from the pathway of the youth that naturally pave the way to vicious and criminal lives. It would give firmness and stamina to their character, and elevate and ennoble society and the political and moral welfare of the country.

There are, however, many obstacles thrown in the way of American youth in obtaining a skilled knowledge of trades. So many indeed that it is only the exceptionally diligent and plucky ones that push their way through to a full acquirement of the prize, for prize it certainly is. Those whose circumstances or easy going nature do not force them into a necessary acquirement of trades as a livelihood, naturally drift with the tide of humanity that usually develops the hoodlum, to say the least, and often the villain.

Irish says: "In the matter of learning a trade, the American boy is worse situated than the youth of any other civilized country, though in other respects his possibilities are boundless. The ranks of American artisans are recruited continually by vast and increasing importations from Europe, who not only compete in the demand for skilled labor, but by controlling the unions virtually relegate the sons of American workmen to the lowest grade of unskilled labor. To do the foreign-born mechanics justice, however, they make no discrimination in the matter of learning a trade between their own sons and the sons of others. They enforce their Draconian trades law on all alike with the one fixed idea of not allowing too many to learn trades. Like a wall they stand against the extension of mechanical knowledge, clinging to the old idea of the Dutch burghers, whose trades gave them certain civic privileges which in our time and country are the property of every man. Historically enough this is done under the claim that they are acting in the interest of labor, which very much resembles the famous prayer: 'Oh, Lord! bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife; us four and no more.' The devil may take the great army of laborers who do not belong to the unions."

While this may be an extreme view of the case there is certainly a great deal of truth in what is said. Of a truth the people should investigate this matter and widen the field for our youth. Future prosperity and growth depend upon it as well as present personal welfare.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of the enterprises that should receive the patronage of every Pacific coast lover of good literature, is that excellent magazine, the Overland Monthly. It grows in excellence and ranks now among the foremost of the land.

Irving M. Scott, who secured for the Pacific coast the contracts for building the iron cruisers, "Charleston" and "San Francisco," will contribute an article to the Overland Monthly for March, describing the difficulties encountered in raising the sunken British four-master Earl of Dalhousie from the bottom of San Francisco bay, in 1885.

The Chronicle sarcastically remarks: "The pleasing information is given in a Washington dispatch that the roof of the Ordinance building has fallen in because of the weight of snow on it and that it will take \$30,000 to repair the damage. If this amount had been asked for any public work on this coast or for expediting the crippled mail service, it would have been promptly refused; but the money will be spent for repairs with a good conscience, where a

dollar or two expended for shoveling snow would have prevented any damage.

Some peculiar beliefs that have gained a secure footing in human minds, no one knows how, have really some foundation in scientific fact. For instance the belief that human beings should sleep with their heads to the north is said to have its foundation in a scientific fact. The French academy of sciences has made experiments upon the body of a guillotined man which go to prove that each human system is in itself an electric battery, one electrode being represented by the head, the other by the feet. The body was taken immediately after death and placed on a pivot, to move as it might. After some vacillation the head portion turned toward the north, the body then remaining stationary. One of the professors turned it half way around, but it soon regained its original position, and the same result was repeatedly obtained until organic movement finally ceased.

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Drugs is hot and goes right to the spot, for rheumatism, neuralgia, toothache, chills, fever and colds. Sold by Foshy & Mason.

BOARDING AND LODGING ON REAS-

nable terms at Mrs. C. Ball's restaurant, corner of Baker and First street, opposite the Star brewery. No Chinese cooks.

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FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE

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We mean just what we say.

SHANE & LONSWAY.

W. F. READ,

(Successor to N. H. ALLEN)

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Of Albany, and shall at all times study the wants of our patrons—both in style and prices.

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Boots and Shoes.

Groceries, Etc

Call and see me.

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Cranberries, Fine Pickles, Dried Beef Chipped to Order, Anchovy Mustard, Candies and Nuts, Eastern Buckwheat Flour, Canned Goods of All Kinds, Bohemian Glassware, Etc.

These goods were all bought when prices were low, and the benefit of the margin will be given to his customers. Remember the place, at the old corner on First and Broadway streets.

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Lincoln county.

Mrs. L. Gough, Plaintiff, vs. C. J. Gough, defendant.

To C. J. Gough, the above named defendant.

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to answer and show the complaint of the above plaintiff in the above entitled court, now on file with the clerk of said court on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court, which said court begins on the 12th day of March, 1888, at the court house in Albany, Lincoln county, Oregon. And if you fail to answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which is that the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that plaintiff have the care and custody of the minor child Clement G. Gough, mentioned in the complaint, and her costs and disbursements in this suit, and such other relief as is in need of equity.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. R. P. Boise, judge of said court, made at chambers in the city of Salem on the 28th day of January, 1888.

W. R. BLYTHE, Attorney for Plaintiff

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