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### THE CYNIC.

Of all men the cynic is the most intolerable. The chief reason for this is because he is self-made and a devout worshiper of his maker. He sees no sort nor element of good in any person or thing. Men are hypocrites, liars, thieves, selfish, sensual and immoral.

Old Jack Falstaff, moved by his own vanity and his desire to flatter Prince Hal, could say: "There's but two honest men in all England and one of them grows old." Your cynic knows but one and that is himself.

He may have begun the practice of his peculiar philosophy by wagging his head and shrugging his shoulders. Next you will hear him interlarding his speech with "buts" and "ifs', and "possiblys" until presently he may properly be described as "an animated sneer." Sense, reason, logic, charity, justice, he will none of these. He is mentally and morally jaundiced. To his vision everything is distorted and dressed in false colors. Virtue is a hidden vice; honesty is cloaked roguery; religion is a frenzy; faith is folly and trust is the acme of unwisdom.

Of what use are such men? They are miserable themselves and cause others much discomfort. Who has not had his spirits depressed and his clear sky clouded over with the murky haze created by some confirmed cynic? It is of no use to induce them to seek the bright side of things because nothing presents a bright side to them. When your patience is quite gone and you kindly intimate they should go hang themselves, they will accuse you of insincerity, although you have given them the best possible advice since it suggests the only remedy for their malady.

But no one need become a cynic even though he have as great provocation as had Timon of Athens. We may easily retain our faith in our fellowmen if we will. Suppose we have met scores of men who we are sure should be branded on the forehead with such warning as "cave canem," we should not regard all men as dogs. If we cannot avoid this conclusion we may at least remember that there are at least good honest dogs and keep on the lookout for them. We may find a wolf masquerading in sheep's clothing. What then? Shall we assume that all sheep are but wolves? Hardly! But in the interest of the innocent and useful sheep we should make sure of the wolf and put him out of business.

We should not take ourselves too seriously. A little honest self-examination will probably convince us that we are no better nor wiser than the mass of our fellows and that they would not be out much should we fail to respond to "check roll call."

Refuse to indulge in fault-finding. An old English poet, who would be a bad misfit today, wrote:

"What are other's faults to me?
I have not a vulture's bill
To pick at every fault I see
And make it wider still.

It is enough for me to know
That I have faults of my own
And on myself my care bestow
And let my friends alone."

Do not carp and whine. If you must fight come out into the open manfully and courageously even though you must stand alone; but if you cannot give and endure stout blows better keep out of the fight for it fares ill with cynics and weaklings.

### WHERE IS THE BLAME?

That the avenues to the acquisition of an industrial trade should be unbarred is apparent on all sides.

Multitudes of young men crowd our high schools, colleges and universities and from thence press into some of the so-called learned professions there to meet life-long, miserable failure. Who has not seen some young man whom Nature intended for a successful butcher, baker or barber scoring a palpable failure in the pulpit? The legal, medical and other professions number scores of men who would have been infinitely more happy and useful to themselves and society had they become blacksmiths, carpenters, masons or machinists. There is no failure so utterly miserable and irreparable as professional failure; yet multitudes of young men annually invite it.

Not all these young men are to blame. Possibly the greater part of them are the victims of foolish parental pride and ambition. Some of them are the product of a false and pernicious system of education that teaches to shun work instead of preparing for work and teaching there can be no success without work, —constant, earnest, intelligent work.

A few of these young men would have learned trades but they found themselves debarred from doing so. For this the labor unions are largely responsible. They fix the number of apprentices that shall be instructed by each employer and require that preference shall be given to sons of labor unionists. By this arbitrary and un-American course it has become well nigh impossible for many boys to acquire desirable trades. That these conditions will be improved in the near future is not probable; that ultimately they will be admits of little doubt.

In the meantime what shall be done? We confess that we see little of real merit that may be done, at present. That our public schools may give "manual training" will not help matters, for a desultory manual training can never supply the need for thorough, specific training given in view of a definite end. Besides this such training is not properly within the sphere of the public school, and no attempt to place it there should receive favorable consideration.

The state might establish polytechnical schools, but present knowledge and experience along the lines of polytechnic training are not greatly encouraging, so that should not be attempted.

It is probable that the remedy may be found in bringing the public schools back to their original function, and re-establishing the American system of apprenticeships which formerly produced not only skilled mechanics but intelligent, law-abiding and patriotic citizens.

The application of this remedy may lie in a distant future, but sooner or later it will be applied, for the present regime is hatefully arbitrary, utterly un-American, and productive of conditions well-nigh intolerable.

### Bellfountain Items.

Last Saturday afternoon the Kyle boys and Howard boys were enjoying a holiday hunt near their homes near Bellfountain. Rev. E. H. Belknap's son, Gilbert, from Salem, Ben Howard and Bob Kyle were passing the rainy hours, kicking the new Xmas football while the others were hunting. When Orr Kyle arrived at the shore he got in a boat and rowed across Muddy at Jim Bailey's place for the three boys. The boys with their football pads were too heavy for the boat and at the center of the swift stream the boat upset. Ben and Gilbert immediately swam to shore, but the others were chilled by the icy water. Orr grabbed his little brother and the boat and called for help. Arthur Kyle and Merle Howard heard the screams from where they were hunting and Merle dashed into the icy water and swam to where the chilled boys were. They grabbed him as soon as they arrived, but with perseverence he swam to shore with the two boys.

Ray Starr has just arrived home from Eastern Oregon where he has been employed. He says everything is frozen up, up there.

Fult Wooldridge spent Xmas at his home near Bellfountain. He returned Sunday to Alsea, where he is teaching school.

An enjoyable time was spent at Simpson Chapel Xmas day. A nice program was rendered and a big dinner was enjoyed by all, in the basement.

A 3-mill road tax was levied in Alpine district. We expect to have better roads soon.

The Epworth League young people enjoyed a social evening at Simpson Chapel Friday evening. Hunting occupations was a feature of the evening.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Persinger home by the Epworth League on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Howard entertained her Sunday School class at her home Thursday evening. Everyone reported a splendid time.

Miss Golda Howard begins a five-months term of school at Alpine Monday, January 6.

### ESTABLISHING AN ORCHARD

**An Excellent Article by C. I. Lewis, Professor of Horticulture, O. A. C.**

(Continued from last issue.)

There are several systems of setting of an orchard. The first is the rectangular or square method, in which the trees are set in squares. The chief advantage of this system is that it enables easy cultivation to be done. Its disadvantage is that the trees are not all equally distant, the diagonals being greater than the sides. The second system is the hexagonal. It is set out on the basis of the circle, the distance between the trees being equal to the radius of the circle. Thus we have six trees in a hexagon, with one tree in the center. The advantage of this method is that the trees are all equally distant, but its disadvantage is that if the trees are set too closely they cannot be easily removed to advantage; for, if you take out any trees, it will still leave some trees crowded, while other parts of the orchard will have large spaces. The third method is the quincunx—one rarely used but probably the best of all. By this system four trees constitute a square and a fifth is set in the center of each square. The orchard can be set out with the idea that the square will be the permanent planting and that the fifth tree in the center will be removed when crowding occurs. This center tree can be some early maturing tree, like Wagner. The following table shows the number of trees per acre by each system:

| Distance Apart | Rectangular | Hexagonal | Quincunx |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12x12 | 303 | 348 | 523 |
| 15x10 | 290 | | |
| 15x15 | 193 | 217 | 347 |
| 20x15 | 145 | | |
| 18x18 | 134 | 142 | 247 |
| 20x20 | 108 | 124 | 199 |
| 25x20 | 87 | | |
| 25x25 | 70 | 81 | 126 |
| 30x30 | 48 | 55 | 83 |
| 35x25 | 36 | 41 | 65 |

In conclusion, I would state that before setting out your trees you should cut off all injured roots with a sharp knife, cut back dried or weak roots, set your trees in a hole ample enough to accommodate the roots and about three inches deeper than it was in the nursery. Be sure to have your trees well lined and head them low, so that the first branches come from eighteen to twenty-four inches from the ground, and you have laid the foundation for an orchard that will give you tremendous returns with good care.

### Jersey Bull For Sale.

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Sweeping reductions are in effect in the following lines: Combination Cases, Writing Desks, China Closets, Reed Rockers and Art Squares.

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### Eckhardts' Ideals—Coming.

An opportunity will soon be given local playgoers to witness the best popular price organization in the West, Oliver J. Eckhart's Eastern company, "Eckhardts' Ideals," the only repetoire company with an established reputation playing the Northwest. This is the fourth season for this popular company, and judging from reports, they have a stronger cast and a better line of plays than ever. Something new in the line of specialties is also offered.

The "Ideals" are booked for the Opera House for two nights, commencing next Friday, January 10, opening with the pastoral comedy, "The Village Schoolmaster." Seat sale opens Wednesday. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

### Additional Locals.

John Swick and family moved yesterday into their recently purchased property near the S. P. depot.

The Steamer Leona left Portland yesterday morning in charge of Captain George Raabe and is chartered by the Corvallis Flouring Mills to carry out the wheat from the up-river points to the Corvallis Mills.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the State Agricultural College, who is in Portland on business connected with the resumption of classes at the institution next week, says important questions affecting the policy of the college will be considered at the mid-year meeting of the board of regents at Corvallis Wednesday. The school year is said to have been an unusually prosperous one, the total registration when the semester closed, previous to the holidays, being 973, as compared with a little more than 600 at the same time last year. The second semester will begin Monday with several additions to the enrollment. Special short courses in various branches of agriculture will begin next Tuesday.—Friday's Telegram.

The recent financial panic has given Cupid a solar plexus blow in Linn county, says the Salem Journal. The swains of Albany, Lebanon and Twin Butte still love. Their intentions, they fondly assert, are still honorable—but not immediately. They are issuing clearing house certificates on honest affection, and they are slated "redeemable upon the revival of good times." This is the conclusions arrived at by the county clerk, after he cast up the balance for the last year, and compared it with the records of previous years. The matrimonial market was strong, with an upward tendency, until October. Then a decided slump set in. The demand for licenses was loggy, and the trading was all within the market. Widowers, seven-year-old engagements and the shorts caught with contracts due for delivery on or about Christmas time, comprised the sole demand. The public was not trading, and as a result, the record of 1907 will fall behind that of 1906 in Linn.

Miss Ella Johnson has sold her millinery establishment to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Eugene, who are already in possession. They will put in a stock of ladies' furnishings and up-to-date millinery goods. Miss Johnson's plans for the future are not known.


## Christmas Goods.

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### Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office.
Portland, Oregon, October, 22, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892. Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 7603, for the purchase of the Northwest quarter of Section No. 32, in township No. 10 South, Range No. 5 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1908.

She names as witnesses: Mrs. Minnie Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. Will Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon; Mrs. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of January, 1908.

98ft ALBERSON S. DRESSER, Register.


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### Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator with the clerk of the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton County, and the said court has fixed Monday, the 20th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account and for settlement thereof.

Dated this December 16th, 1907.

E. E. WILSON,
Administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Slagle, deceased. 104tf


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