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## AFFINITIES, ETC.

BY ELBERT BEDE

Of all the iniquitous ideas conceived by the devil and foisted upon the world in the name of God, this tommyrot about affinities, twin souls, soul mates, etc., is certainly the end of the limit.

A lot of soft-brained married men and women have been deserting one another for the burning and sizzling love of the mates which they have deluded themselves into believing were conceived by the Creator expressly for them. It is wonderful what a chain of circumstances sometimes leads up to the discovery of these affinities, and it is appalling to think what a crime against society an all-wise Providence has committed by keeping affinities from being drawn together until it is so late that the social and moral laws have to be broken to get rid of a help-mate that is lacking in the sentimentalities and magnetism of a twin soul!

A man or woman who doesn't feel the obligations of his or her oath, given when they took one another for better or for worse, isn't fitted to make happy even the most pronounced affinity, granting that there is such a thing.

If God had intended that there should be an affinity for every man and woman in the world, he would have arranged to bring them together before they became united to a mate, cold-hearted and unresponsive to the gushing passions of an ardent soul beating out its life upon the battlements of unappreciated love and devotion.

The fact that affinities are suspicious of one another for fear that some other soul mate will come flitting around the heart of the twin soul is proof that this business is not all that it is cracked up to be.

The worst feature of this new-fangled and transient idea is that it causes to be lightly held the sacred vows of matrimony. No reform can long endure that has for its foundation the tearing down and disregarding of long-established social and moral laws, and it will not be long before the swagger easterners will get up another attractive fad to take the place of this one.

The whole business is an underdone mess of mush.

### INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Many of the great problems of the day are the result of improper training, or lack of training, of the boys and girls of the country.

Among these problems may be mentioned the high cost of living, the desire of the boy and girl to get away from the farm to the city, and youthful crime. Training children along industrial lines may do away with all these problems—and the parents and girls and boys of Oregon have a splendid opportunity to give the proposition a fair and honest trial.

The school system of the state is endeavoring to interest every pupil in some line of agricultural work, and many valuable prizes will be given away at the state fair for the best exhibits of farm products raised entirely by school children. It is also aimed to have local fairs wherever possible, with prizes given by business men.

The high cost of living is due mainly to the fact that there are not enough producers; the desire of boys and girls to get away from the farm is due largely to their dislike to, and ignorance of, agricultural pursuits; youthful crimes are usually committed by boys and girls who have too much time to get into mischief.

It is aimed by interesting pupils in this industrial work to have them produce something of value while they are studying it; to teach new ways of working and doing things that will make farming a more pleasant pursuit and to get at least some of the pupils so interested in the work that they will wish to follow it up in later life; to employ them in healthy and pleasant ways that will keep them out of mischief.

The work will prove of much benefit and a source of enjoyment to all who take it up, and will no doubt interest parents nearly as much as the pupils, which is also one of the objects of taking up the work.

Let every citizen of Cottage Grove join in for the best local fair in the state and with a determination to capture some of the state prizes.

### PATRON-TEACHERS

The Patron-Teachers association which has been dormant for a couple of months, has been rejuvenated and a meeting will be held on the afternoon of the 22d of this month.

The object of this association is to draw patrons and teachers closer together, and in cities where meetings have been more largely attended than they have been here, the work of the association has resulted in much good. It could do just as much good here if those who should would take an active interest in the work. Heretofore the work has devolved upon the shoulders of a few women, who have prepared good programs and made a supreme effort to get out an attendance. Their success in the latter, however, has been so moderate that it has been disheartening.

If there is one thing in which all should join hands, it is in something that will redound to the betterment of the schools, and it is to be hoped that a lively interest will be taken in the coming meeting, which will be especially interesting because of the fact that industrial education, as recently outlined by State Superintendent Alderman, will be taken up for consideration and plans laid for the part the Patron-Teachers association will take in the work.

### A LEADING PRODUCT

State Superintendent Alderman made a strong point in his recent address here when he suggested that each community unite in making a specialty of some certain product in which it could hope to surpass all other communities, the idea being that after a time when this certain product was spoken of everyone would think of the community which makes a specialty of raising it.

The idea was not new with Mr. Alderman, but the suggestion was very appropriate. If the Cottage Grove country is to unite on some certain product, this is the psychological moment, for she is really just beginning to spread herself agriculturally.

This is a means of advertising

that costs little, and that it has proved good advertising is easily seen if you stop to think a moment. Think of certain brands of apples and you think of Hood River, Yakima, Wenatchee; think of oranges and you think of California; think of Royal Ann cherries and you think of the Willamette; of chickens and you think of Petaluma; etc., etc.

If Cottage Grove wants some of this advertising, it's time to get in the game. It might be well for the commercial bodies to cooperate with the farmers and grangers in picking out such a product.

### THE SENTIMENTALIST'S VIEW.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel has seen fit to characterize the Register as a bloodthirsty newspaper. Presumably the reason for this is the Register's often expressed conviction that criminals should be punished for the crimes that they commit. There is a certain class of people whose conception of the dignity of society is so misinformed and so mixed with weak sentiment that punishment of crime appeals to it as bloodthirsty.

In nine cases out of ten, these same maudlin sentimentalists who shed tears over the tragic fate of a poor murderer who has done nothing but beat or shoot or stab to death a fellow human being are the ones who are loudest in defense of the unwritten law. They are the very people who will tell you that the man whose home has been broken up has a perfect and inalienable right to go out and deprive of life in the manner that best suits his convenience the man who is responsible for the destruction. They are the fellows who will tell you that if they ever catch a man trying to enter their house, they will shoot him without compunction.

Their opposition to stern punishment of crime does not spring from well founded conviction, but from weak sentimentality. The criminal who is to be punished has never offended them personally, and the tragedy that always attaches to death, obscures all else from their unpenetrating view.

The Register would like to believe that the likelihood of punishment is not necessary as a deterrent of crime. It would like to believe that a man's conscience is all that is necessary to deter him from breaking the law. It would like to believe that the millennium is that near. But it cannot. It is compelled to believe that the likelihood of punishment is the greatest deterrent of crime.

No one denies that the fate of the condemned criminal is a sad one. But so is the fate of his victim. The existence of a criminal class is a great human tragedy in itself. The perversion of so many lives that might have been useful is cause for pity. But life is not all sunshine and roses. Certain situations must be met with firm measures, and it appears to the Register that the prevention of crime is such a situation.—Eugene Register.

The Sentinel has never taken the position that murderers and home destroyers do not deserve punishment, but it still maintains that the state has no more moral right to commit murder as a punishment for a crime than has the victim of the home destroyer so touchingly referred to by the Register.

If it is merely punishment that the Register is contending for, why not return to times when real punishment was meted out. Our forefathers of ages past had punishment down to a much finer point than we have. Hanging is much more merciful than were some of the forms of torture of olden times and not yet forgotten. In the manner of punishment, even Russia might give us some civilized points.

Further, the writer on the Register who wrote the above editorial is not willing to take the lever in hand and spring the trap that will break the neck of the criminal, the Register's position is inconsistent, untenable and indefensible.

The Socialist Local is now publishing a newspaper. Vol. I, No. 1 of The Goat appeared Saturday, and in the introductory the editor, whose name, by the way, does not appear, gives evidence that The Goat will butt into most everything that he thinks needs butting and will feed on the brush and rubbish of Capitalism. The sheet gives promise of being something spicy.

The Eugene Guard has a new headletter dress that adds 100 per cent to the looks of an already good paper.

## Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

If food prices keep rising, the bone of contention may be used as an article of diet.

The assessor knows of many men who have untold wealth.

Some sausage has been held up by the customs officials because of inability to classify it.

What would some people do if others weren't making mistakes that need criticizing.

People who predict calamity seem to get considerable comfort out of seeing it come true.

Take away hope and everyone would be a pessimist.

Good roads are the highways to prosperity.

There was no such thing as day and night in Adam's time. It was always Eve.

If the man who tells a lot of things he doesn't know and the man who knows a lot of things he doesn't tell, could strike a happy medium, it might help some.

This is the golden age of the go-getter.

One way to manufacture prosperity is to start up a lot of new factories.

Hell seems to have the most terrors to the person who pretends to believe that he is going to heaven.

Work is the greatest cure there is for sin.

For two imaginary beings, Cupid and the stork make an awful bunch of trouble.

When a man shoots himself because he can't have the girl he wants, he acknowledges that he has gone daffy over her.

A man never can see how in the name of common sense a woman keeps busy all day long.

Women like the good-looking man—but they settle down with the other kind. That's how some of us come to be settled down.

A woman can get more satisfaction out of earning a dollar than a man can out of earning ten.

Men talk a whole lot about the way women talk.

When you hear that something's going on you can expect something to be pulled off.

We all know what we ought to do, but few know what they are going to do.

A woman's complexion is the skin game she works on gullible man.

Very few people know any news until after the paper is printed, and then they remember that they had heard all about it before.

It's funny how hard it is to make someone else see what is so very plain to you.

There isn't so much difference between the suffragette movement in England and ordinary politics here. The women throw stones instead of mud.

The greatest trouble experienced in starting new republics off right seems to be that there aren't jobs enough to go around.

A Chicago funeral recently cost over \$8,000—which is another demonstration that it is worth while to live.

Roosevelt says he will accept the nomination if tendered him—and then proceeds to take whatever precautions he thinks necessary in order to have it tendered to him.

If women get their way when they vote as easily as they have in other things, why the men might as well be disfranchised.

At St. Joseph, Mo., the value of a man's love has been fixed at \$2.00. Living is not very high for girls in that state.

You can't tell the neighbors anything about how hard a girl works to become an accomplished pianiste.

If there's one thing that a boy feels that he can't forgive his parents for, it's for being chastised before some young lady guest.

When a girl begins doctoring up her given name, you can bet your sweet life that she is just dying to change her last one, too.

### W. C. HAWLEY FILES

Asserting that he has "no interests to serve but the public interests," Congressman Hawley has filed with Secretary of State Olcott his declaration to become a candidate for re-election on the republican ticket.

In his platform he states he is in favor of river, harbor and public buildings appropriations, the extension of the postal facilities, the promotion of agriculture and horticulture by federal assistance, the assistance of veterans, opening of agricultural lands, tariff revisions and direct election of United States senators.

Makes Digestible  
Pie Crusts

H. & H.  
HARD WHEAT FLOUR

A Home  
Made Flour



## BACK TO THE FARM is now the slogan, and the low COLONIST FARES

From the Middle and Eastern portions of the United States  
To OREGON AND THE NORTHWEST  
prevailing daily

March 1st to April 15th, 1912

Over the		is the best means of carrying it out
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Fares from		
CHICAGO	.....	\$33.00
ST. LOUIS	.....	32.00
OMAHA	.....	25.00
KANSAS CITY	.....	25.00
ST. PAUL	.....	25.00

FROM OTHER CITIES CORRESPONDINGLY LOW  
Colonist Fares are WEST-BOUND only, but they can be prepaid from any point. If you have friends or relatives in the East who desire to "GET BACK TO THE FARM," you can deposit the value of the fare with your nearest local agent and a ticket will be telegraphed to any address desired. Call on the undersigned for good instructive literature to send East.  
JOHN M. SCOTT, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT PORTLAND, OREGON

## What's the Reason Why?

There Must be Some Reason

If you do not buy your merchandise of us we would like to know why. There must be a reason. If we knew what it was, maybe we could rectify it, to our mutual profit. Give us an opportunity. That's all we ask and all we need to get your business.

## JOHNSON & CO.

### Clothes Do Not Always Make the Man

But the kind I sell will help a whole lot. They will give him front, give him confidence in himself.

Suits, Fit, Style and Workmanship **\$15**  
Guaranteed, up from . . . . .

SOME TASTY SPRING PATTERNS JUST RECEIVED

GEO. BOHLMAN :: West Side

### SEE US ABOUT FARM LOANS

BANK OF COTTAGE GROVE  
"A GOOD BANK IN A GOOD TOWN"

CAPITAL \$25,000.00

INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS

### YOU'LL NEVER REGRET STAYING AT THE

## HOTEL ALDER

For you get more real comfort for your money than is usually given. City Hall, Court House, City Library, Art Museum, Post Office, Theatres, Department Stores, Commission Houses and Business District surround this home-like hotel. Special rates to parties of two or more.

ROOMS \$1.00 AND UP.

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