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ARE READ IF WORTH READING.

An eastern paper says that the editorial column has come into its own. We doubt if it was ever deprived of its own. In our opinion no editorial column worth reading ever went unread. The public does not expect editors to agree with them on every question; it does, however, expect newspapers to have opinions and to present them in an interesting manner. Too many newspapers have their editorial work done in a perfunctory manner, and there are some that contain no editorial matter at all. These hardly deserve being called newspapers. —Oregon Journal.

PARAGRAPHS ON EUGENICS.

Eugenics is a somewhat misunderstood and abused word.

Having only recently come into general use, some residents of Cottage Grove have thought eugenics a word originated to express the recent spirit of harmony which has been engendered between this city and Eugene—and that the short sound of the second "e" was given by putting on the soft pedal.

That would be a notable accomplishment for the science of eugenics, but such is not the meaning of the word.

In the way the word is generally used is refers to the science of improving the human species.

The word does, however, include the improving of the animal species. In no other way could it reach some of the brutes masquerading in the habilaments of man and possessing his physical characteristics.

It being generally conceded that the improvement of the human race can be more readily accomplished by starting with the babe, both before and after birth, eugenics is quite generally understood to refer in large part to the bringing into the world and rearing of better babies physically.

The originators of the science were wise in speaking in the comparative sense only. To have spoken of the science of raising best babies would have been a serious error and would have estranged every mother who knows that the best baby has already been born.

But every mother is willing to help her neighbor raise better babies.

Certainly that is a most desirable thing.

For isn't her best baby corrupted by the horrible language of the neighbor's baby?

Doesn't her best baby learn to stick up its nose and make faces and to talk sassy, from association with the good baby across the way?

Certainly any mother will lend her heart to the movement for the birthing and rearing of better babies and will even go so far as to lend her baby as an example to be patterned after in so worthy, so commendable, an undertaking.

But the eugenics professors do not consider their science in the vein in which we have discussed it.

To them the science means bringing into the world more physically perfect babies, and their rearing thereafter with proper care.

But what mother has a baby that is not physically perfect? Every male child is an Adonis and every female child an improvement on Venus. It is a shame to conceal such physical perfection in swaddling clothes. The girls soon grow out of them, however, and present styles allow them to put little on where they grow out.

But that is beside the question.

With every child perfectly born, as already conclusively shown, why waste time trying to improve physical imperfections that do not exist?

Why not expend the energy where it may do the most good?

Throw the full force of the eugenics movement into rearing babies that do not do naughty things, that do not remember naughty words, that always say "please" and "thank you," that do not play with naughty boys and girls, that are always considerate of their elders, that are anxious for Saturday to come because the next day is Sunday, that never play hookey from school.

No, that wouldn't do, either! Where would we get material for newspeper men, lawyers, politicians, and eugenics professors?

STOPPING PETITION HAWKING.

Jonathan Bourne thinks he will stop petition hawking by prohibiting payment for circulation of petitions. It will do no such thing. It would be as easy to evade such a law as it is for a senatorial candidate to evade the corrupt practices act by having his friends spend his money for him or by spending it himself before he announces his candidacy. Has Jonathan the temerity to intimate that the corrupt practices act has been obeyed in spirit in any senatorial campaign since that act has been a law?

The only way to make petition signing voluntary is to put the petitions where signers must hunt them up. No measure should go on the ballot that has not sufficient merit to get 8 per cent of the voters of the state to sign a petition by that method.

Old John D. Rockefeller gave $10 apiece to a few of his employes and got $20 worth of notoriety for every $10 given away. Cottage Grove has employers who did equally well or better by employes but refuse to give the news for publication.

It is customary to speak of a political job as a berth, but Lane County wants a Booth for its senatorial candidate.

Things We Think

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

We are not satisfied without education—and education only causes more dissatisfaction.

A woman who is a nag doesn't like to be driven.

A man who can eat limburger cheese and not feel lonesome is an optimist for fair.

It seems as if it takes a streak of hard luck to make some people believe in religion.

Don't ry to curtail your love for your fellow man. He may not appreciate it, but it will keep your disposition sweeter and more mellow.

Be as quick to praise on circumstantial evidence as you are to condemn, and things will be pretty well equalled up.

Good nature is its own reward.

Laughing makes a man grow fat because the man who is always ready with a smile is not wasting himself away with worry.

It can not be denied that the temperance workers are fighting with a spirit.

The man who minds his P's and Q's and knows the three R's will get along fairly well in this old world.

There is not love enough in two hearts to fill a palace with sunshine and love. The cold marble slabs chill and dampen it and cause it to wither and die.

A Baltimore woman says her husband has thrashed her once every other week for seven years. There is nothing that a woman appreciates in a husband like regularity.

At least learn not to get out of patience with yourself.

If a man succeeds in doing everything that his wife thinks he is capable of, he will be a mighty big man in the community.

A woman with a big family is usually an optimist—she needs to be.

When a man does a thing as a matter of principle it's pretty certain that it could have been done better.

DEAD WILD CAT COMES TO LIFE WHILE BEING TOTED HOME

To have an apparently dead wildcat suddenly come to life while on his shoulder was the hunting experience of Jap Hills, a well-known resident of the upper Willamette river country.

Taking George H. Kelly's hunting dogs from Kelly's hunting quarters, "The Dear's Den," on the trail a few days ago, Hills flushed a wildcat, which tackled Casey Jones, one of the pups, and chewed it up. The dog fought so hard that it was practically dead. Hills, thinking the wildcast had lost all nine lives, threw the animal over his shoulder and started back to camp. After covering half a mile, the jolting resuscitated the beast, and suddenly it became very much alive. Hills was holding the supposedly defunct animal by the hind legs, the rest of the body dangling over his back.

When the cat began taking interest it started clawing Hills, making a rear attack which caused the hunter to leap into the air with astonishment and pain. The cat kept right on with the flank movement and clawed and bit through the overalls of Hills, and just kept on clawing, spitting and biting.

Hills was in an awkward predicament. The wildcat was taking an unfair advantage of him. The hunter struggled with the hind legs, but had no control whatever over the forepart of the wounded beast. Releasing his hold, Hills tried to drop the animal, but by this time the wildcat was making good progress in the shirt and overall business, and had no intention of dropping to the ground. Jap managed to unsheath his long knife and jab behind him into the soft flesh of his assailant. Finally he pried loose the cat, and then came a hand-to-hand battle between hunter and cat, one using the knife and the other teeth and claws. Mr. Wildcat was finished, but Hills has not had an inclination to sit down since.—Eugene Guard.

Jap Hills is a hunter, trapper and guide well known to many here.

Little Tots Win Prizes.

With a doll clad in the latest fashion, little Dolly Pritchard won the piano offered by the Fair Store as first prize for the best dressed doll exhibited in its contest which closed Christmas Eve. Avanell Thompson won second prize, a doll's trunk, Helen Ostrander won third prize, a tea set, and Genevieve Johnson won fourth prize, a doll's water set. The owner of each of the ten dolls exhibited was given a pound of candy. The judges were Mrs. H. N. Aldrich, Mrs. H. A. Miller and Mrs. C. H. VanDenburg.

This was the second prize won by little Miss Thompson in Christmas contests.

Replevin Edger in Court.

In justice court Saturday the Albany Iron Works was awarded the decision in a suit to replevin a gang edger which was in the possession of the Miller Bros. of Divide. The Miller brothers had sued Nickerson to recover the edger, which they claimed had been taken away from their mill without reimbursement, but the Albany Iron Works entered the suit and showed that the edger had never been paid for by the original purchaser, who had transferred it to the Miller Bros. Miller Bros. were assessed the costs.

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