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## BE KIND TO THY FATHER.

Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young  
Who loved you so fondly as he?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in your innocent glee.  
Be kind to thy father, for now he is old,  
His locks intermingled with gray;  
His footsteps are feeble, once fearless and bold,  
Thy father is passing away.

Be kind to thy mother, for lo! on her brow,  
May traces of sorrow be seen.  
Oh! well mayst thou cherish and comfort her now,  
For loving and kind has she been.  
Be kind to thy mother, for shee she will pray,  
As long as God giveth her breath;  
In accents of kindness then cheer her lone way,  
Into the dark valley of death.

Be kind to thy brother, not many may know  
The depths of true brotherly love.  
The wealth of the ocean lies fathoms below  
The surface that sparkles above.

Be kind to thy sister, wherever thou art,  
The love of a sister should be  
An ornament richer and dearer by far  
Than pearls from the depths of the sea.

## REPRESENTING THE SAVIOR WITH A CROSS.

EUGENE bank has taken up something in which The Sentinel has long been interested. That is to do away with the abbreviation of "Christmas" to "Xmas."

The word Christmas is too beautiful to be mangled by abbreviating to Xmas. Pronounce the two words and note the difference in their sound.

As far as we know there is no reason for such an abbreviation. It is not a real abbreviation. As a matter of fact what is done is to take away "Christ" and put a cross in its place.

In our opinion this amounts almost to sacrilege, yet the abbreviation is as common with church people as with any other.

Perhaps they will cease to represent the Christ with a cross, now that their attention has been called to the significance of the act.

During the joyous holiday season, let us put Christ back into Christmas. We need him there.

The government bureau of mines has succeeded in producing radium at a cost of a little less than \$40,000 a gram. Now we know what print paper is being made of.

## THE POWER OF SPEECH.

BY A coincidence one of The Sentinel's editorials last week was devoted to the evils of tale bearing, while a sermon the following Sunday by Rev. MacLeod, of the Presbyterian church, was upon the power of the tongue.

Neither was suggested by the other, but both hit upon some of the same points, although the divine's talk was much more elaborate.

While the editorial was devoted to tale bearing exclusively, that was but a minor point of the sermon, although the logic of the sermon made stronger the points of the editorial.

The pastor recited many incidents from real life in which a word ill spoken had brought about the downfall of the speaker and said, among other good things, that most of the trouble of this old world is the result of foolish words or sharp words ill spoken.

There are none but who could have taken the sermon to heart. There are none who have not spoken words which they would too late have given much to recall. There are none who have not through words unguardedly spoken brought pain to someone or condemnation upon themselves.

But the tongues that can do so much harm can do equally as much good. The word aptly spoken may bring cheer to many, may lighten the load for some overburdened traveler. None are so admired as those brilliant of speech. None are so handicapped as those who lack

the power to express themselves in written or spoken language.

Let the tale bearer carry only good tidings, let the tongue be guarded except in speaking kind things, and a large part of sorrow and misery will be banished from this old world.

## EDITOR BROWN IS OFF COLOR.

OF COURSE, no one would expect Editor Brown, of the Benton County Courier, to be reasonable, or to be able to follow out a sane method of reasoning laid out for him.

He criticizes the editor of The Sentinel for not volunteering to go to the front in Mexico and in the same story says we want the blood of the Mexicans.

Far be it from us to want the blood of any man. We worked for the abolishment of capital punishment, not because we thought there were none who deserved hanging, but because we did not believe we were delegated any authority to take human life when other means for dealing with murderers were at hand.

But because we did not believe in capital punishment, we did not criticize the officer of the law who takes the life of one who would otherwise take his. In that case no other course would be left to follow.

If a mob of bandits were attempting to take the lives of the citizens of Corvallis, Editor Brown would consider residents of other parts of the state craven cowards if they did not come to the rescue. We cringe to think what the next issue of the Benton County Courier would say of us if we said, "Let the people of Corvallis get out of the city and help themselves the best they can. To go to help them would mean the shedding of blood."

Our position toward Mexico is much the same as this hypothetical case. We have appointed ourselves the guardians of life and property in Mexico, yet we fail to perform the duty we have set ourselves.

No one wants war, no one of sane mind wants to shed the blood of another, but to us it seems as had to sit by and see innocent blood shed without protest as to shed that blood ourselves.

And let us say to the editor of The Courier that much as we detest bloodshed, as much as we sicken at the thought of war, there are thousands like the editor of The Sentinel who would not hesitate to go to Mexico when service in the army is made such that it does not mean business suicide and privations for loved ones left behind.

We presume Editor Brown would see the wife and children of his next door neighbor murdered in cold blood and make no attempt to save them that would endanger his own carcass. That is about the position Editor Brown takes toward Mexico.

Money that has wings is probably the kind that is used by the "high flyers."

The Maryland board of health says it is necessary to keep your mouth shut if you would be healthy. Still, the American woman seems to be in pretty fair physical condition.

## EASY MEAT FOR LEGISLATORS.

THE VOTERS of Oregon have conferred a boon upon members of the legislature.

That boon is in the form of the six per cent tax limitation amendment.

At first thought that might not seem a boon, for members will be limited to spending very little on anything but necessities.

But when a good friend comes and wants a few thousand for some pet scheme or for the establishment of some new commission, all the legislator has to say is, "Sorry, old man, I certainly would have voted for your appropriation, you ought to have it, but that tax limitation amendment you enacted makes it absolutely impossible for me to do so."

Thus the legislator will get out of voting for something he didn't want to vote for and will retain the friendship he would have lost had he had to say he didn't think the purpose worthy.

When someone interested in one of our institutions of learning wants a new course entailing an expense of a few thousand dollars, he can again pull the same stunt, and when he gets home he can tell his constituents who wanted some new-fangled form of education that it wasn't his fault that they didn't

get it and he can tell those who think higher education is costing too much already that he didn't vote to add to the cost.

It's simply duck soup for the legislator. He can be for both sides without doing anything for either.

Incidentally, of course, the tax limitation amendment is a mighty good thing for the taxpayers.

## REPLIES TO DE LONG.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Dec. 8, 1916.—(Editor Sentinel.)—I see a mawkish letter in the Sentinel of December 7, advocating peace with Mexico at any price. The writer seems to think that there will be no war with Mexico as long as Wilson is president. I think he is right. Wilson will send the de facto government a bundle of notes. I suppose Mr. DeLong would have made peace with Spain after the Spaniards blew up the Maine on the 14th of February, 1898, killing hundreds of our sailors while on duty in a peaceful harbor. I suppose he would have made peace with Aguinaldo on the 4th of February, 1899, when he set fire to Manila and gave orders to kill all Americans and English but spare the Germans. I suppose he would have been loving and peaceful with the empire of China in 1900, when they were killing and torturing our missionaries and had our minister, Conger, shut up in Peking. I suppose he would have been friendly with the Moros on Mindanao when our martyred president offered them amnesty. I would have been very much pleased to have the gentleman and others of his kind at the battle of Passag on the 6th of January, 1901. I would have liked to see him take the Pintos into his loving arms in 1878 when they were killing and burning and ravishing women and children. Then Mr. DeLong sheds barrels of tears about the killing of women and children in Colorado. I wonder if the gentleman is aware of the fact that the foreign horde were trained soldiers from Greece and Bulgaria and had been storing arms and ammunition for months, that they put their women and children in front and used them as a shield when they fired on the sheriff and his deputies. Does he know that after the governor called out the state troops, and before a shot was fired by them, this horde killed a surgeon who was binding up the wounds of a guardsman.

Mr. DeLong wants to know who are responsible for these monstrous atrocities. I can tell him. Just such people who have no backbone, just a cartilage, no American blood in their veins, just water, and thin at that.

Quoting Mr. DeLong:  
"Helping Mexico by making friends with her is surely a more excellent way than making war with her. Give Wilson the credit for seeking this more excellent way."

O, piffle!  
If Mr. DeLong will read something more interesting than the Appeal to Reason, or Whip Saw, or Mr. Collier, he will learn that more innocent people have been killed and mutilated in our own land of the United States than were killed in the whole Spanish-American war, without saying anything about our soldiers, sailors and marines. Can you be friendly with a rabid dog or a den of rattlesnakes? God forbid! There is only one way. Go for them like Wayne did at the battle of Falling Timbers. John Randolph hit the nail on the head when he said Mexico is a blanketed nation of thieves and harlots. Such men as Mr. DeLong, his dear friend Wilson, Bryan and Daniels and the like will go on shedding their tears until an outraged people rise in their might and go into Mexico, clean it up and teach Mr. DeLong's dear friends, the greasers, to respect life and property.

Go to Mexico, as I have, and see for yourself, and you will sing a different tune—and it won't be "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," but "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys."

Yours for right and justice,  
F. B. SHORTBRIDGE.

## STUDENTS AT PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to know the meaning—or rather the purpose—of the parent-teacher association.

My understanding was, or is, that the association is for the purpose of parents and teachers to meet and discuss ways and means for better schools and that parents may get a better knowledge of what is being done in the schools, and that teachers may get acquainted with the parents and thereby cooperate with them in making the school a school of quality.

In other words, the association is a private meeting between parents and teachers where they can discuss freely the problems that must and will come up for discussion between teachers and parents of the students, and it is not a place for students, and for the association to be a success and be a parent-teacher association the students should not be invited to hear the discussions that come before the association.

Being very much interested in the association, I am opposed to students attending the meetings.

A PARENT.

The above letter comes to The Sentinel unaccompanied by the name of the writer. The rule of The Sentinel is that no communication be published unless the name of the author is given the paper as an indication of good faith. In this instance we will overstep the rule and again warn correspondents that we pay little attention to unsigned communications, although the name of the author may be withheld upon request.

The correspondent in this case, who

ever he or she may be, seems to have a pretty correct idea of the purpose of the parent-teacher association. Whether or not these purposes can better be carried out without the attendance of pupils is a debatable question. That is a question for the association itself to decide and several of the patrons have decided to bring the question up at the next meeting. As there seems to be a probability that discussion will not be as free on the subject up for discussion at the next meeting with the students present as it would be without them, the president of the association will request pupils not to attend until their attendance is decided by the association itself.

## THINGS WE THINK

At 96 a Kansas man has taken unto himself a wife. We refrain from wishing him a long life of wedded bliss.

The Ohio clergyman who says kisses are intoxicating must have been mixing his.

The man who knows can demand a good salary, but some men who know but little get well paid for not telling it.

An instrument to foretell earthquakes is being perfected by scientists. That ought to be an invaluable first aid to the married man who stays out a little late with the boys.

Many men are right and still get left.

Knockers should be Oslerized at any age.

There is no man so color blind that he can't recognize the long green.

He who takes things too easy sometimes get arrested for a pickpocket.

There is only a difference of three or four—usually—between being married or single.

One of the women's unions has appropriately declared against the employing of "rats" to improve the looks of the coffee.

When your wife comes home and tells you what a dream of a gown she saw for only 300 simoleons, just remind her that dreams never come true.

A keyhole isn't nearly as hard to find at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning as it will be to find in the pearly gate by some of those fellows who spend so much time hunting for keyholes at that unearthly hour.

Don't get to traveling so fast that you can't see your creditors as you pass by.

A girl's figure doesn't make so much difference if there are enough ciphers after it.

Because if there are enough ciphers after her figure there are always plenty of "ciphers" after both of 'em.

The man who can hand out taffy and make it stick usually lands his victim much quicker than the logical persuader.

Telling the truth is a good trait, but the cheerful liar has more friends than the person who goes out of his way unnecessarily to tell truths that leave a sting.

Cheese is now being made from the soy bean. The hitherto respectable and unassuming bean is forming associations that may bring it into ill repute.

Eating some angel cake makes a man feel like the devil.

Hard luck never gets on very intimate terms with a hustler.

Success has a noticeable way of court-ing the man who never says quit.

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