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INEFFICIENCY.

In spite of all the many millions we are spending on education each year, the country is paying a larger price today for inefficiency than ever before in our history.

The labor unions are each year making it increasingly harder for boys to enter the trades through the regular apprenticeship as heretofore, and our best mechanics today are coming from abroad.

A few thorough workmen are being graduated each year from government institutions and a few industrial schools, but many men, failing of an opportunity to learn trades in the good old way, are taking them up and trying them out without competent instruction, and the public is paying the bill.

The correspondence schools are turning out thousands of "graduates" every season, the range being from corn doctors to "trained nurses," and these go out into the world to practice on an unsuspecting public.

If there was ever a time in the history of the American people when the call was loud and insistent for more industrial training in our public schools, that time is the present.

Let the schools make up to the youth of the land what present industrial conditions practically deny him—an opportunity to prepare himself for efficiency in life's struggle.

With illiteracy rapidly decreasing, in spite of the tremendous influx of ignorant foreigners each year, there should be no such thing as industrial or professional inefficiency known to the American public.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION.

Never say to your neighbor "Times are hard," or "Money is scarce." He may not have found it so in his business, and the mere suggestion from you may start his mind to working in a new channel.

Do you know that is just what starts panics and runs on banks. It's a doubt in the minds of the people as to the solidity of the business of the country and the solvency of a certain bank in particular that plays the mischief.

A man with a chronic case of the blues can scatter more gloom over a given neighborhood than a London fog, and blues are more catching than chicken pox any day in the week.

Every man and woman owes it to himself and herself and to the neighbors and the children of the family and the neighborhood, to keep in a cheerful frame of mind.

Why, even a well trained dog will cross a street any time to avoid meeting a man with a frown, and if you wish to retain any standing in the community, don't let it be said that even the dogs avoid you.

Above all things do not set in motion a current of pessimism that may wander on and on until the whole surrounding atmosphere becomes surcharged with mental miasma and bitterness. Let your suggestions be of a cheerful nature, and smile until smiling and cheerfulness becomes a habit as fixed as that of going to your meals three times a day.

Coyotes are destroying many sheep and young pigs in the neighborhood of Blodgett, and the ranchers are raising a fund to hire men to exterminate them.

Notice to the Public

All notices of entertainments where admission is charged or where there is a money consideration; all cards of thanks and resolutions of condolence will be charged for at the regular advertising rate—5 cents per line.

If you do not honestly believe this is the best town in the world for a home for yourself and family, you owe it to yourself and them to move on. If you do think it is the best, then get in and boost to make it still better.

The Leader is more anxious to publish all the local happenings than you are to read them, but no finite being can get the news without the help of the people of the community. Remember the office phone is 158—understand? (158). Call that number next week when you know of a local happening that be of interest to Leader readers, and report the event. By so doing you will help make the Leader a better and more interesting paper, and win the lasting gratitude of the editor.

Probably five hundred readers of the Leader will petulantly ask this week why this item, that or the other, did not appear in the Leader. Listen, gentle reader, and I will tell you why, although you will not need telling if you will take the time to remember that among all the thousands of people of this community, I can scarcely call two dozen by name. And then remember that you could and should have called up the office by telephone and told us of that interesting little happening in your part of the town and country. If there is anything omitted that you could have supplied; you are responsible.

A FEW LITTLE THINGS YOU MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED

Beef imports are greatly on the increase, but the price of porterhouse doesn't seem to respond to the popular call to cease aviating.

Dr. W. R. Horton, of Cleveland, Ohio, is 60 years old, looks 40, and feels like 30. He says it is all due to rational living, and that over-eating is worse than overdrinking.

Chocolate is to be barred from the army ration, although one of the most prized of the soldier's luxuries. And all because some fussy crank of a surgeon has "discovered" that it is "defective as to digestibility."

In France they are making an artificial wood out of straw, that is said to be stronger than oak.

The Oregon Journal recently contained an editorial under the heading "Saving the Drunkard." Some one asks how many of the drunkards have asked the Journal or any one else to save them.

Seattle is assessed for taxation on \$215,362,151; while Portland is assessed on \$314,105,777. It must be true that Portland is the home of millionaires.

The socialists of Eugene are outspoken in their demand that the unemployed of that city shall be given work by the city authorities.

1586 aliens were refused citizens papers in this country last year on account of ignorance.

All reports on the financial and business situation agree that business all over the country is improving.

The old veterans at the Roseburg Home are passing away so fast that the commander of the home has decided that the additional room provided for by the

last legislature will not be needed.

The discovery of gold at Canyonville is creating considerable excitement among the settlers.

But \$254 was spent fighting fires in Oregon last year, according to the report of State Forester Elliott.

The people of Japan are fighting the tax policy of the government, which looks to the building of six new war ships.

There are 3182 convicts in the California penitentiaries, at San Quentin and Folsom.

Klamath Falls has let the contract for a new \$30,000 school building.

Yakima Washington has a cow that has just set a new high record for milk and butter.

Jasper Hills, of Oakridge, delivered 16 wildcat and two cougar pelts at Eugene last week, results of late hunting and trapping expedition.

Out of 236 accidents in the various industrial plants of Oregon in January, only three proved fatal.

The Toledo Lumber Company will supply the Southern Pacific Railroad Company with over 500,000 feet of lumber.

The farmers of Gervais will raise 200 acres of pumpkins and sweet corn for the Oregon Packing company this season.

The divorce record for Lane county for 1913 is one for each ten weddings. The ladies asked for two-thirds of these.

Just one more day to comply with the law regarding reporting incomes.

Huerta has been offered \$1,500,000 to quit.

Springfield, Drain and Cottage Grove are all working for the establishment of canneries.

Hoboes stole \$45 worth of hens from Assessor B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, and were captured by a deputy sheriff while engaged in roasting and eating them.

Hogs sold at Union Stock Yards at Portland last Saturday, for \$8.85 per hundred—10 cents higher than any other market in the nation.

Grants Pass has recently voted \$200,000 bonds to build a railroad ten miles long from that city to Wilderville.

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BARE FACED ENGLISH KINGS.

A Record of Three Centuries That Was Broken by Edward VII.

It was often remarked at the accession of Edward VII. that he was the first bearded king for nearly 300 years. The ill fated Charles I. was his immediate predecessor in this respect, and he came to the throne in 1625. Charles was the last of the kings for a very long time to represent the Elizabethan or Shakespearean fashion of the pointed beard and to wear his own hair on his head.

Charles II. wore a tremendous wig curled in a hundred ringlets, but the only hair on his face was a slight mustache.

None of his successors until Edward VII. boasted even that. Both beards and mustaches went clean out of fashion, and James II., William III., all of the Georges and William IV. were just as clean shaven as all the rest of their masculine subjects. There was a time when a beard had not been seen in England within living memory.

In wearing a beard Charles I. followed the example of his father, James, and, as James was a Scottish before he was an English king, he probably followed the fashion of his predecessors in the northern kingdom.

Henry VIII., nearly a hundred years before James I.'s time had been as much an innovator in respect to whiskers as Edward VII. was, for this much married monarch could look back upon several bare-faced predecessors without a break, for none of the kings from Henry V. to Henry VII. wore the least hair upon their faces.

Prior to Henry V.'s time, however, beards might be said to be almost the rule, and indeed, from William I. in 1066 to the death of Henry IV. in 1413, no king sat on the English throne who was clean shaven.

The conqueror and his two sons and successors were content with a mustache only, as were Henry II. and Richard II., but Richard the Lion Hearted would seem to have made the beard fashionable, for his brother John, Henry III. and the first three Edwards entirely gave the razor the go-by.

Thus out of the thirty-three kings who have ruled in England the beard wearers and the clean shaven almost provide a tie, for there are thirteen of the former and fourteen of the latter. Six kings wore mustaches.—London Stray Stories.

About Shaving.
Early records state that the practice of shaving originated in the fact that the beard afforded too good a hold for an enemy in battle. This is the cause assigned for the origin of shaving among the Greeks about the time of Alexander. In other countries the practice was first adopted by military men. Historians mention the alarm in which some Roman emperors lived because of the fear that their barbers might cut their throats. For the sake of concealing a scar on his throat Emperor Hadrian wore a beard. This fact brought the custom again into fashion.

Incapacitated.
"Well, sir," said the corpulent tramp, "I just stopped to see if you would help an unfortunate mortal along his way."
"I would be most happy to do so," replied the man who had opened the door, speaking in courteous tones, "but I have an ingrowing nail on the toe of my right foot which makes it extremely sensitive."

Perceiving that he had called at the wrong address, the self styled unfortunate moved on.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Willing to Help.
"But, darling," murmured the lovelorn youth, "every night for two weeks I have been on my bended knees before you. Have you no pity?"

"I certainly have, Horace," spoke up the pretty flirt as she reached for her hand bag. "Here's a whole quarter. Go and have your trousers pressed. After so much bending they must be baggy at the knees."
—Exchange.

The First Postcards.
The postcard is not an English invention. The honor of having been the first country to use it belongs to Austria, where it was introduced in 1869 as the result of the suggestions of Dr. Hermann. Its price was less than a halfpenny, and at first its users were allowed to write only twenty words upon it. The card appeared in England exactly one year later to the very day.

Incorrigible Grouch.
Gabe—Smith is an unsociable cuss, isn't he?
Steve—Should say so. Why, that guy wouldn't even talk in his sleep.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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ROADS AND LIVING COST.

Cost of Hauling Big Factor In Expense of Farm Products to Consumer.

Until very recently the vast majority of people failed to understand that the good road is not a mere country dweller's convenience or the means to motorists' pleasure, but that it is an actual economic necessity. That it costs the farmers of this country more for a ten mile haul of produce from farm to town than it does to ship that produce from New York to London is a fact. That it costs farmers abroad from one-half to one-tenth as much to haul a ton a mile on a road as it does the farmers of this country is another fact.

That practically every pound of flesh and bushel of wheat we consume must travel over a road at least once and sometimes twice before we eat it is a third fact. The three are the answer to one part of the question, "Why does it cost so much to live?" Some one has to pay for the expensive hauling. Some one has to pay for the depreciation in the value of the horses and vehicles caused by poor roads. Some one has to pay for the extra time it takes to haul cotton to market when two mules are required to haul two bales ten miles in one day, when on a good road the same two mules could haul twenty-four bales in the same time with the same effort.—Suburban Life Magazine.

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