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ACTIVITY NECESSARY

Of necessity where there is life there must be action to preserve and stimulate that life and keep it healthy, otherwise it becomes stagnant, droops and dies. This is true of both physical and business life, and if we look into the spiritual realm, we find the same law applies there.

Nothing thrives on inactivity. That which becomes inactive degenerates, whether it is mind body, or business. For instance, consider some gigantic business proposition for a moment, and determine what the consequences would be provided a cessation of activity obtained and continued.

In this country there is such institution known as the Standard Oil Company; it has reached out and controls the Petroleum business in all its ramifications, until its influence is world-wide, and its power is felt among every civilized people, and not only that, but its surplus cash has sought out and entered into other fields of business, where it is making the weight of its influence felt in no uncertain way. But, suppose inactivity was to become a settled condition with this company, how long would it retain its present formidable condition.

There are other things to be considered, and soon new oil fields would be discovered; these would quickly place their products upon the market, and after awhile these new industries would rise in importance and power to the extent of superceding that which had been reared before. It is activity that starts ventures; it is attendant activity which prolongs their existence, and causes them to grow and develop, and necessity steps in as a nursing mother, in many instances, to whom credit must be given for the increased development, because of the fact that in the struggle to overcome impediments which blocked the way, or threatened disaster, new conditions obtained, new ideas presented further advancement, progress resulted and victory crowned the effort, because of the struggle which necessity forced upon the mover.

In the physical structure organs that are not used degenerate and become useless; in the animal kingdom there are parasites that become entirely dependent, which once led active, independent existence. When we consider the mental faculties, we find that the brightest minds will degenerate and become useless by continued inactivity. So we find that activity is necessary to advancement, and as we pry more and more into the secrets of creation we begin to see the wisdom in the decree that necessitated the human family to live by the sweat of

the brow.

Young man, young woman, take courage. You are reaching out, perhaps, for an education, but let your motto be, "Onward and Upward," the summit of perfection lies beyond; there is no place where you can stop and say, "It is enough, I will rest here." If you do the retrograde movement sets in and the talents you are in possession of become useless, and you lose that you have achieved. Older persons who have begun mental or physical retrogression can by launching out into the fields of activity, by well directed efforts regain that which they have lost and push on to fill out the measure of their creation.

This week we published an article from the Valley Record which rather indicates that the Oregon Agricultural College is reaching out to supply training such as is found in a State Normal school, apparently for the purpose of getting hold on conditions which will place her in line to secure the State Normal patronage when the present tangle is straightened out. In other words she appears to be setting her net to catch the State Normal school. The state should have one such school, and as Monmouth has the oldest and best claim to such institution, it should be kept at its old location, and citizens of this locality should be alive to their immediate interests and not let this institution slip away without an effort to retain it.

Patrons of the HERALD can do much to smooth our way just now by handing us a year's subscription. Our expenses have been very heavy during the last ten weeks and they still keep piling up. There is a large number of subscribers whose subscription expired since September 3rd, and we will esteem it a great favor if each will hand us a dollar for another subscription. We can get up a much better paper when we are not crowded to meet expenses, than we can when conditions are otherwise.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, Executor of the estate of Mary Jane Wolverton, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his residence in the City of Monmouth, in said Polk County, within six months from the date of this notice.

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