

## The Newspaper in the Home

A paper read at the June meeting of the Parent-Teacher association.

I suspect the reason for taking up the subject of various matters connected with the home by the Parent-Teacher association at this time is that we are now safely started in the month of June.

June is the month of commencements and roses and orange blossoms and brides and these all make one think of home. The graduates are going home, the roses bloom around the familiar domicile and the brides are leaving the homes of someone else for homes of their own.

The latter, especially, is a subject of solicitude for all. We are all interested in seeing that the young bride and groom get a right start. The real estate man wants to supply them with a home, the furniture man wants to furnish it, the hardware-man would equip the kitchen and pantry; the meat man, the grocer, the dry goods man are all interested. Likewise the newspaper man stands up to assert that one of the first things a young couple, about to set up housekeeping, should do is to subscribe for the newspaper.

The newspaper is an important adjunct in the home. It is one of the things that distinguish the abiding place of man from the residential palaces of live stock and poultry. All of these must have ministry to the physical body but their lack of ability to assimilate that which feeds the mind and character is what puts the animal on the lower plane of existence.

The newspaper brings you in touch with your neighbor, whether on the next block or on the other side of the world. It brings the people of the earth to your hearthstone. Through its medium you become acquainted with the record of the activities of mankind, the progress of civilization, the achievements and horrors of humanity, its glories and its miseries.

You may sit in your easy chair and read of the happenings of a few hours before on the battlefields of Europe, within the halls of Congress, the laboratories of science, the courts of law.

Or you may read of your neighbors in the more intimate rela-

tions you hold with your fellows, the welfare of personal friends and acquaintances, their successes and disappointments; all those activities of fraternal intercourse which mark the difference between a modern home and a hermit's habitation.

When you have finished reading the newspaper it is still useful. It can serve a hundred household purposes from kindling for fires to covering for cupboard shelves.

It is reasonable in price also. Perhaps a thousand men have worked on it from pulp to the time it is delivered to the newsboy; yet sells for the price of an egg that one old hen has manufactured, or a bunch of radishes or a fraction of a pound of sugar. Of all the food you buy for mind and body the newspaper is the one that returns the most for the money.

The modern newspaper is co-operation worked down to a science. If a similar efficiency and team work obtained in the production of bread and butter you would hear no more of the high cost of living.

The public necessity of the newspaper is recognized and because of this it has obtained important concessions. The newspaper can be sent from here to Chicago for one cent a pound while on ordinary merchandise the rate is three cents a pound and on human beings from twenty to fifty cents a pound.

I believe the development and evolution of the newspaper has still a long way to go. Some day the newspapers will be published by the people collectively, by the government, national, state, county and municipal, and the freeholder will pay his subscription when he pays his taxes. This because accurate information concerning the world's work and play is essential to the development of citizenship.

The newspaper in the home has crowded the political orator off of the stump. A few years ago the political spellbinder was an institution. Now he speaks to empty benches and his former audience reads its politics in the newspaper at home.

Every one of the political reforms that have enabled the

home man to dominate politics have been adopted through the influence of the newspaper.

It is the newspaper that helps in community interest, that relation that connects you with your brothers and neighbors and makes for your convenience. Team work, that faculty of merging the individual for the benefit of the masses finds a ready vehicle in the newspaper.

This is a wonderful world with a wealth of resources put here for the benefit of ordinary mortals. Civilization is slowly pushing it into the dense human intellect how these advantages can be distributed and put within the reach of all. As an educating factor, the newspaper stands supreme. It penetrates where no other educating influence can go.

Its importance in the home, goes without saying. Most of our newspapers are so cleanly edited that children can safely read them. But like everything else he does, the child should be taught to read them in the right way, taught to understand there is something else in the newspaper but the comic picture. The pictures are the pickles and spice of the newspapers and as these are handled at the dining table the pictures should be handled in the newspaper.

Some of the boys will read the base ball reports first and possibly the society doings will interest the girls. These may be the starters but as the mind develops the taste for other columns will expand and grow. Books and magazines should accompany the newspaper and they are all good. Some how or other I cannot conceive of home life which is indifferent to the outside world and in which the newspaper does not enter.

### Building Notes

McCoy farmers are preparing for the harvest as is evidenced by the shipment by the Willamette Valley Lumber Co. of a carload of silos to that point last week. The Lumber company is loading another carload of silos

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A. Vernon of Greenwood was in town last week and purchased lumber, windows and doors for one of the largest model dairy barns in the valley.

R. P. Mathew of Airlie was in Monmouth last week buying lumber for a house and barn on his farm.

R. Shepherd of Zeno has closed the deal for lumber at the local yard for a new farm home.

Mr. Boyer of Bethel is building a model dairy barn.

Seth Faulk of Greenwood also will build a house and barn.

E. Young of McNary was in town Saturday and purchased lumber for three new hop houses on his ranch a half mile from McNary.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Dallas and Monmouth, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 28, 1916, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, July 1, 1916, at

4:00 o'clock p. m.

**Wednesday Forenoon**  
Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

**Thursday Forenoon**  
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate, Education—Science of.

**Friday Forenoon**  
Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Education—History of, Physical Culture.

**Friday Afternoon**  
School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government, Education—Childhood and Adolescence.

**Saturday Forenoon**  
Geometry, Botany, Education—School Administration.

**Saturday Afternoon**  
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