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MOTHER.

In an excellent and very able sermon last Sunday morning on the topic, "Five Sparrows for a Farthing," Rev. Mitchell made reference to an incident where John Jones, a wealthy and prosperous stockman, took a band of mules to market and sold them for \$15,000. It was a big transaction and the local paper gave it quite extended notice, speaking of Jones' enterprise, business energy and acumen. In fact Jones got a lot of free advertising and much commendation. In the meantime Mrs. Jones, a faithful and true mother and wife, was at home quietly performing the duties of mending, cooking, training and nursing the children, and diligently working to make that most blessed of places—a home. And the local paper never mentioned a word of praise or commendation in behalf of the faithful mother.

The Bulletin must confess that the above accusation against newspapers is true. All true, every word of it. During the week we have been pondering the question and perhaps in the future Bulletin readers will see notes appearing in our news columns as follows:

Mrs. John Brown has had a very busy and tiresome week. She began bright and early Monday morning to "can fruit" and so far has 40 quarts put away for next winter's enjoyment. The tiresome part of it has been that Mrs. Brown is not a very good "canner" and several quarts have "worked" and "come up."

or—
Mrs. Charley Smith was up the greater part of Wednesday night nursing little Johnnie. Johnnie, it seems, had fished too many green apples from the neighbor's orchard and suffered from a dreadful head(?)ache. Thanks to Mrs. Smith's good nursing Johnnie has entirely recovered.

or again—
Mrs. Frank Jones entertained a few friends at a 5 o'clock dinner last evening and a most delightful time was had. Everyone speaks in high praise of the "spread"—with one exception. Mrs. Jones had forgotten the baking powder in the pie crust and it was tougher than sole leather.

or possibly something like this—
Tuesday was a day of misfortune for Mr. John Blank. The first mishap occurred when the clothes line broke and let the clothes fall into the dirt. Then when she was rinsing these out, she forgot the cake in the oven and it was burned to a brown crisp. Likewise at dinner time the kettle boiled dry and the potatoes burned. In the afternoon the baby spilled a bottle of ink on the parlor carpet and about evening the neighbors carried home little Willie with a broken leg. He had fallen out of a hay mow. The doctor says that with a little more Mrs. Blank would have been abed with nervous prostration.

What terse and interesting reading it would make for everyone except the poor woman whom the note concerned. And she would be looking for the editor with vengeance in her eyes and with the intention of burying both hands deep in his hair and pulling with might and main. Consequently perhaps on second thought The Bulletin will handle with care such "news" items as the above. Nevertheless mother should receive more praise and commendation for her untiring labor and sacrifice. What a blessing she is and what an angel in disguise. How cool and comforting is her soft hand on the boy's fevered brow in the dead still quiet of the night when those frequent

headaches occur, and how sweet and satisfying her ministrations. Never too tired or sleepy to arise from her warm bed and nurse the sufferer when he calls. And he always wants mother. No one else will do. How earnestly and heartily she enters into the boyish plans and schemes. And with what prayerful carefulness she labors to bring her boys and girls up into true and honorable manhood and womanhood. Who can tell except mother just how tiresome were the weary hours and sleepless nights? Tiresome? Yes, indeed, but the service is always gladly given because of the great love that always fills a true mother's heart.

What then? Shall we drag all these little trials and perplexities into the light of publicity and make of them a matter of news? We think not. By all means let us give mother her full measure of praise. It repays only too poorly her labor of sacrifice and love. But let that praise come from the hearts and lips of her children, not in the columns of a newspaper. The trials, troubles, problems, joys and pleasures of motherhood are sacred. What true mother desires to see them proclaimed to the world as "news."

The Oregon Commission of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition desires very much to have an exhibit from this section of the state. By all means let Bend send a fine one. What could better advertise the resources of the Bend country? The commission wants samples of grains, grasses, etc. Now is the time to gather them. Everyone should co-operate in the matter. Let someone take the lead. Get busy.

Candidate Taft entered a telephone booth and got wedged in—so tightly that a carpenter had to take the booth apart in order to let him out. If Candidate Taft should be elected will it be necessary to remodel the White House?

COMMENT BY OTHER PAPERS

Plan Is Practicable.
Madras Pioneer.

A number of people were in town Saturday from the various districts in this end of the county, attending the railroad meeting. All of them appeared to be heartily in favor of some plan to get a railroad into Crook county, but the trouble seems to be to get them all to center on one plan, and attempt to put that through.

The plan which has been proposed, to raise \$500,000 in this county by subscription to the preferred stock of the company, and then bond the road for enough money to complete it, is unquestionably the most practical plan which has been suggested. It was adopted only after every possible plan for securing railroad transportation had been carefully considered, and it has the sanction and approval of men who are familiar with the promotion of large enterprises. The promoters of the plan have no stock jobbing scheme to get through, and

they are actuated by the same motive that prompts any other individual in this county to desire a railroad built in—only, their interest is greater because their investment in this county is greater. But, they cannot build the road alone, and the sooner the people of the county who want a road come to their assistance, the sooner will the success of the plan be assured. Without that assistance the plan is certain of failure, and the people of Crook county will go on waiting through another uncertain period of years for Harriman to build them a road.

Good Advice.
Sherman County Observer.

We quite agree with the writer who suggests more practical education for our boys and girls. He declares that every girl should be taught to make baby clothes and the boys some useful trade. He is quite right. The practice of the present day is all in opposition to that direction. The time is past when it is considered a social crime to work. In this age every boy and girl should be so educated that if it is ever necessary they can earn their own living, no matter whether their parents are wealthy or poor. The idea of industrial training in the public schools is one that should be promoted in every manner possible.

A Sensible Decision.
Silver Lake Leader.

From the Klamath Falls papers we learn that in the case of the saloonmen vs. Klamath county et al Circuit Judge H. J. Benson dismissed the writ of review. The saloon men thought they could win the case on the technical points in the law. Judge Benson should be commended for his decision in this case as he stands by the people. In his own words he says: "But above and beyond the technical language of the statute, it is to be remembered that if there has been a fair and free election, and the will of the people has been voiced fairly and without fraud or intimidation,

the courts should be very slow to set such a verdict aside."

A Danger to the Country.
The Dalles Optimist.

Now listen to the howl from The Appeal to Treason and other "newspapers" of like ilk, for they will more than likely be barred from the mails. Why they have been tolerated as long as they have is a mystery, for they are more dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the country than a fire brand in a powder-house. They have had their day and have got to go. There is no place for them in a civilized country.

Taft Wants No Tainted Money.
Eugene Register.

Taft is firm in his declaration that no tainted money from corporations will be used in his presidential campaign. It would be the greatest thing that ever happened this country if a president of the United States could be elected strictly upon his merits without expenditure of millions to influence voters. It would set a good example for minor elections and cleaner politics throughout the nation.

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