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Sins of Parents Visited on the Children

We have of old time read that the sins of parents would be visited upon their children. It was never truer than today. Sins of omission are quite as disastrous as those of commission.

Aside from transmitted constitutional diseases, whose toll is heavy, the ills which come from early-life ignorance—ignorance which it is the duty of parents to dispel—are among the greatest curses.

Don't be too prudish. When your little one comes to you asking about the origin of life don't abuse this trust in you by telling a silly lie about a stork or a bundle dropped from the sky. The asking of the question is proof that it is time the child should be correctly informed; and prevarication or evasion on your part will only lead to loss of confidence in your word and to the obtaining of distorted and demoralizing ideas from other sources.

Evil habits formed in this way, have changed bright and promising children into such morons as are filling the city newspapers with accounts of the outraging and strangling of women, the assaulting of girls and the murder of young boys.

Delinquent parents are the offenders in such cases.

Offenders against women ought never to be released from prison or asylum until sterilized in the interest of themselves and the community.

When a mistle-burst in upon Ass Keys in Los Angeles with: "Well, here I am!" he made that official gasp. Another deputy was about to start on a joy ride (at public expense) to Chicago to catch the radio man. It is more than an even bet that soon the prosecutors will be even more anxious to lose Orniston than they have been to find him.

A basket of big white Leghorn eggs presents a picture hard to beat, but Prof. Dryden, probably the best informed man on the subject of hens on this coast, in another column quotes a report from O. A. C. to show that the big Massachusetts breed makes the stronger appeal to the pocketbook.

Having returned Ormiston to Los Angeles the news diggers can return to their stunt of finding the D'Autrepont boys once or twice a week.

On the last column of this paper are some comments on the potato market, received this morning from O. A. C., which are worth consideration. The college people know what they are talking about. The Portland hogs who keep fat on the farmer's potatoes now, and on other crops at other times, have no funds in sight when the assessor comes, and they jolly well defeated the income tax, which might have caught them.

\$1,242,829 Profit in a Year

H. M. Bylesby & Co. and Blyth, Witter & Co. recently offered an additional \$750,000 of Mountain States Power company 5 per cent gold bonds, series B, dated Jan. 1, 1918, and maturing Jan. 1, 1938. The price was 102½ and interest, yielding the investor 5.7 per cent.

The company owns and operates six groups of utilities, in Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and South Dakota. Its system furnishes, without competition, public utility service in 86 communities, having a combined population in excess of 300,000. More than 77 per cent of the present net earnings is derived from the sale of electric power and light, approximately 17 per cent from gas and 7 per cent from telephone, steam and water service.

For the twelve months ended Sept. 30 last earnings of all properties in the system were \$8,298,352; operating expenses, maintenance and taxes, excluding depreciation, \$2,055,523; net earnings, \$1,242,829.

The net earnings are in excess of twice the annual interest; require ments on all first mortgage gold bonds and dividend bonds outstanding, including those of this issue. During the five years ended Dec. 1, 1925, gross earnings of the properties at present in the system increased over 25 per cent and net earnings more than 75 per cent.

The proceeds from the sale of this issue of \$750,000 first mortgage bonds will be used, in part, to reimburse the company for extensions and additions heretofore and now being made to its properties.

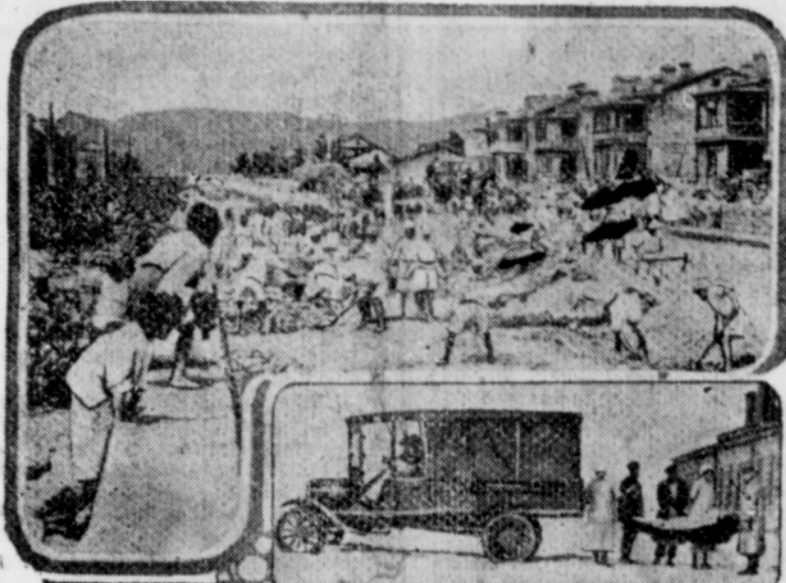
The company sells light and power in Halsey and regularly pays interest in Halsey on some of its securities which are held here.

England's greatest cook dead.
Peace to his ashes.

Delos Wesley is quite ill.

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Relief Work in Wake of Earthquake At America's Orphan City in Armenia



Near East Relief Orphans Repairing Damaged Streets—American Ambulance Bringing in Casualties.

Just Suppose

(Portland Telegram)

Just suppose you were in far-off Armenia. Just suppose that you waked this morning to find no fuel for your furnace, no furnace to put it in, since your house was a heap of ruins, shaken down by an earthquake, and your bed a mere pretense of a bed in a makeshift shelter. Suppose you had no breakfast, and no place to get one. Suppose you saw about you hungry children, blue and pinched with cold, dressed in a few thin rags, whimpering or silent with that despair that realizes the uselessness of tears.

Suppose it was Christmas time and you knew that all over the world people were making ready for the happy children in their comfortable homes.

Now suppose yourself back

again in Oregon, with nothing but the chill in the air, the stinging pain in your cold fingers and the slippery ice under your cold feet, to remind you what suffering cold can bring, and the larger need of food for fuel when wood and coal are scant. Just suppose all this, and it will be easy for you to feel that no Christmas gift could be quite so appropriate or so effective as a gift to the funds of the Near East Relief, which makes it possible for you to reach out and help these helpless children with the greatest gift of all, the gift most nearly duplicating that of the Christ—the gift of life and hope.

Every dollar received for a NEW yearly subscription to the Rural Enterprise before 6 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 24 will be turned over to the Near East Relief. Make the paper a Christmas gift to a friend and help the homeless little ones.

HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

Good by, shortest day.

Where is Grant Reynolds?

Price of mint oil is due to fall. Mint is being heavily overplanted.

The Albany creamery association has put out a beautiful calendar.

An Oregon green Christmas seems probable here, though near hills are white.

Ernest Adams, who was shot and killed by his father while they were hunting in Benton county, was buried at Pine Grove. The family formerly lived in Peoria.

Secretaries of rural telephone companies in this county and Lane, Benton and Lincoln are asked to collect 75 cents from each subscriber for the fund to pay the cost of the proceedings which forced the Pacific T. and T. to reduce its charges on joint business.

B. M. Miller escaped a deluge of calls for pigs last week because the Enterprise accidentally gave

his name as "R. M." The paper was hardly in the postoffice in the morning before J. J. Corcoran was at the editor's residence asking where to find the advertised pigs, but before he reached Mr. Miller the grunters were all sold. Such pigs as Miller raises are in demand.

The realization farmers hereabout have of the feed value of skimmed milk for calves, chickens and pigs is a handicap to solicitors for a condensary. The factory can, in half a minute, convert eight pounds of milk into a pound of powder that will keep indefinitely, but it adds nothing to its food value.

W. H. Beene arrived from Long Beach, Cal., at the end of the week and the whole family returned there Sunday.

There is very little change from week to week in the condition of Wid Allen.

Among the cards received by the editor these holiday times was one

from his great-grandson, Edward Alfred Steinbauer, which says the young man weighed six pounds Dec. 19. That is more than the editor weighed 76 years ago last month, when he sent his first squall out over the snows of northern Vermont. Young Steinbauer's home is at Greenleaf.

Halsey's tax levy is 8.9, the lowest among Linn county cities. It was 9 last year.

The Albany milk condensary is to be 23x80 feet, between Jefferson and Thurston streets and Water street and the river, and part of it two stories. Construction began Saturday.

The load limit for trucks this winter between here and Brownsville is 4000 pounds, including truck.

The prettiest calendar we have seen came from Thompson's mills, Shedd.

From Toronto we have this week on another page the story of a sailor on the Titanic who has inherited a fortune as a reward for his care of a baby intrusted to him on the occasion of the awful wreck of that ship. It is well worth reading.

Springfield's two-hundred-and-fifty-acre free industrial tract has as its first tenant a big tannery and meat plant, with woolen and paper mills in prospect.

Douglas county ships ten cars of Christmas turkeys.

A lumber company has installed at Dallas a chipper to prepare material for a Salem pulp and paper mill.

Reported from this county to the state board of health last week were 1 case of chickenpox, 14 of influenza, 2 of mumps, 1 of pneumonia, 1 of scarlet fever and 1 of tuberculosis.

Church Notices

Methodist—Next Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday school 11, Public services, subject, "The Divinity of Christ."

3, Junior League 6:30, Epworth League 7:30, public service. Rev. Rodney D. Snyder will give an illustrated sermon with eighty colored lantern slides of the world's masterpieces. All are cordially invited. J. S. Miller, pastor.

Alford Arrows

(Enterprise Correspondent)

Guests at Chester Curtis' Sunday were Landis Philpott and wife and little son of Harrisburg and Berg, Clark and wife of Halsey.

John Rolfe and wife called at A. E. Whitbeck's one afternoon last week.

E. D. Isom and family went to Albany Saturday.

Velda and Alice Curtis spent Saturday night with Wilma and Lois Falk.

A. M. Smith of Portland spent several days the first of the week at his ranch.

Glenn and Jack Curtis of Peoria (Continued on last page)

Plymouth Rocks Versus Leghorns

Big Birds More Profitable at O. A. C.

(We take the following from a copyrighted article in the Reliable Poultry Journal written by Dr. Dryden, formerly head of the poultry department at O. A. C., and hope the Journal will not penalize the Enterprise too heavily for the infringement. The facts may be worth money to some of our readers.)

White Leghorns have more world records in egg production than any other breed. There are two reasons for this: First, more of them have been trap-nested and more have been entered in egg-laying contests than of any other variety.

Second, breeders have bred them for many years for high production, using trap nests for the selection of breeders. Comparatively few of other varieties have been trap nested and bred up the same way.

If as many Plymouth rocks had been trap nested and as many entered there would have been more Plymouth rock records to claim attention.

I have just received from Prof. A. G. Lunn, head of the poultry department (O. A. C.), a complete report on a flock of 200 barred rocks.

Starting with Oct. 1, 1925, with 200 barred rock pullets in one pen, the record for the year was an average of 183.9 eggs a hen. Some of the hens did not start to lay on the 1st of the month and did not finish their year's laying Sept. 30. Others no doubt started before Oct. 1 and finished before Oct. 1 this year. If a twelve-month record for each hen had been kept and all the complete year's records of all the hens added together the hen average would have been considerably higher.

A total of 88 pounds of grain and mash per hen was eaten in the twelve months. The consumption of feed varied considerably in the different months. When the production was heavy the feed consumption was heavy.

In the cold months of November and December there was as high a production as in the spring months—in fact, higher.

In November after paying for the feed there was left \$132—a nice little month's income from 200 hens.

The total value of eggs sold in the year was \$1126.66, which was \$678.52 above the cost of feed. The green feed has not been counted in the food cost.

Another startling thing is that in this flock of 200 rocks nine finished with records of above 300. These records were 325, 321, 316, 315, 311, 307, 305, 304 and 303.

The record for the high hen is believed to be a record for the United States for the breed.

The mortality in the flock was 14. Side by side with the barred rock flock was a flock of 280 Leghorns. Its record was kept for but 11 months. Extended for the full year at the rate for these 11 months it would have been 220 eggs per hen for the calendar year.

Deducting the cost of feed from receipts for eggs the profit was \$2.91 per hen, against \$3.21 for the rocks for the same 11 months, although the rocks ate more and their eggs sold for 8 cents a dozen less than the Leghorn eggs.

In 1908 I purchased the foundation stock of each of these flocks, (Continued on last page)



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