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The High School boys who circulated a subscription paper to secure funds with which to purchase apparatus necessary for the equipment of a gymnasium for the school, experienced no difficulty in obtaining the amount desired. They encountered the prevalent "help-along" spirit that early in the season actuated a general movement for the organization of a creditable school in Athena. Backed by the taxpayers of the district, the patrons of the school and the citizens generally, a splendid corps of instructors has been secured; every appliance for up-to-date work will be provided generously, and it has come to that point where it devolves upon the pupil to make the most of his opportunity to acquire an education by diligent and persistent effort. It is well to bear in mind that the success of the school by no means hinges altogether on intelligent faculty labor. Without co-operation on the part of pupil and parental support, the goal of success such as has been marked out for the Athena High school would be impossible of attainment. It will require of every pupil class loyalty, which means collectively, a set purpose that the class to which you are assigned excels throughout all the grades, and to excel there must be no stinting of the individual effort which is required of you. On you alone may at some time or other depend class laurels, and failing, the stigma of defeat would rest entirely with you. This spirit, self-inculcated, will master any obstacle to be confronted in school work. Without it, the faculty faces a handicap and success is reduced to a minimum.

The sanitary conditions of small towns are at best bad. This as always emphasized when sickness is prevalent and the attention of the people is drawn to conditions. Particularly at this time of the year should caution be exercised. After the period of summer sunshine when the water is low the conditions which breed disease are on every hand. It is incumbent upon all not alone for their welfare but the general and public health that all reasonable precautions be exercised which tend to improve the sanitary conditions of their surroundings. In this connection may also be mentioned the weed nuisance, which is noticeable along the sidewalks, particularly on the inner side of the walks. A new, bushy weed has made its appearance of late years and has proved to be a dust collector of no mean degree. Passing along the street one's clothing becomes liberally smeared with dirt and in wet weather thoroughly soaked with water. A little attention with a hoe on the part of the property owner and this nuisance could be done away with. Then there is the low-hanging shade tree limb, that brushes your hat from your head and peels the skin off your nose. A saw or sharp ax dexterously applied would improve the appearance of the trees and leave a spruced-up tone to the surrounding premises. Why not do it?

The pessimists who have loudly proclaimed that this is a godless and churchless nation get no comfort from the United States religious census for 1906 just issued. Nearly 33,000,000 church members, being 39.1 per cent of the population, as against a little over 22,000,000 members representing 32.7 percent of the population in 1890 does not look as if the American people have lost faith in God or are living unrighteous lives. Of course some of this membership is "not working much at it," as the boy said of his father whose practice did not square with his profession, but that has always been the case. It is also true that much of this membership is regularly attendant at church services. Yet allowing for all this the fact remains that the religious sentiment of the people is strong and steadily increasing.

So long as class distinctions based upon wealth and accident of birth continue, the ideal relations between man and man will never be realized. For a man because he is wealthy to look down upon the poor man who

toils with his hands, or for the poor man to harbor resentment against the man who by honest effort and ability has amassed a fortune, is all wrong. The ideal social relation will come when false class distinctions are obliterated and the one difference between man and man be personal worth. This condition today is more nearly approached in rural districts and small cities than in great populous centers where artificial distinctions are so numerous.

What an exchange describes as a "satisfactory definition" of the motor car is quoted thus: The automobile is a large iron and rubber contrivance for transforming gasoline to speedy luxury, excitement and obituaries. It consists of a handsome leather upholstered carriage body, mounted on flat rubber wheels and containing a gizzard full of machinery suffering from various ailments. It is the speediest and most stylish form of transportation known. It has run 100 miles an hour and \$1000 a minute. It can transport seven people from the porch to the police court, the tank-rupture court or the golden gates in less time than by any other method.

According to a statement issued by the secretary of the interior, almost 65,000,000 acres of land have been designated subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act, providing under specified conditions for claims of 320 acres instead of 160. Included in the lands designated are 1,300,000 acres in Oregon and 3,500,000 in Washington. The lands are non-mineral, non-tilled, not susceptible to irrigation and because of insufficient rainfall will not produce remunerative crops unless cultivated by some method such as "dry farming."

The LeMars Sentinel notices that the catalogue houses are flooding Iowa with their price lists and says: They are using the best advertising medium open to them. The home merchant can through his local paper every week quote prices and prove to his trade the advantage of trading at home. If he fails to improve his opportunity, the catalogue house which invites the business will get an ever increasing share.

It is easy to get an exaggerated idea of business corruption and moral wrong doing. If a man defaults in business, accepts a bribe or is involved in a scandal the news is published throughout the land and everybody reads it and talks about it. But the quiet, honest, upright, minding-one's-business life of the great majority of people is not recorded. Yet it exists all the same and is the very bedrock of the nation.

Parents can do much to make or mar the school life of their children. Nothing will spoil a child's future career so readily as unfair criticism of a teacher, and nothing will do more to help make the teacher's work a success than the knowledge that he has the good will and co-operation of the parents. Every sensible father and mother knows this and acts accordingly.

The Umatilla-Morrow County Fair will be held at Pendleton next week, beginning Monday. The general program gives evidence of a larger and better fair than last year, and this is saying a great deal. The exhibits and program of entertainment are on a large scale. The attendance from this vicinity will be large and all who visit the fair are insured a pleasant and profitable time.

Why bother about the canals on Mars and other theories. A North Carolina preacher has won a debate with the argument that if the earth were round and maintained a rotating motion a toment couldn't stick to the backyard fence.

A Chicago pastor told his health class that it is foolish to be tired. So much talk about all these subjects makes people tired. If you are tired, go to work and forget it.

When even Mr. Archbold dies, it may leak out that he has given away a lot of money with his right hand without letting his left hand know anything about it.

Jerome calls the stealing of \$60,000 from a bank a merely "vulgar steal." Wonder what it would take to make a nice, aristocratic, high toned, society steal?

Have you filed on a homestead at the north pole? Never falling crops of icicles and snowballs warranted.

Secretary Ballinger says, "Let the war continue." It isn't war but litigation that the public wants.

The north pole controversy is becoming interesting. Ordinary people consider that Peary is bluffing this time. Looks as though he was not a good loser.

There is no telling how many independence days Cuba may have to celebrate at the end of the next fifty years.

The United States will not permit midshipmen to marry, even if they find wives who can support them.

The mailed hand of the law is having a lot of trouble in making connection with the Black Hand.

There doesn't seem to be any rush of politicians for government positions at the north pole.

DANGER FROM ICE.

No Article of Food is So Carelessly Handled.

A writer in the Atlantic Monthly emphasizes one cause of the danger of infection from ice.

Scarcely another article of human consumption receives so much direct handling just before its use as does this food. Milk and water, tea and coffee are poured. Bread, meat and butter are cut. Bread, probably handled more than any other food on the list, has a hard crust which offers a rather unfavorable lodging place for germ life. Ice, on the contrary, washes the hands of every person who handles it and affords an ever ready liquid medium for the immediate absorption of the hosts of bacteria which hands may carry. The carelessness of the handlers of ice, their utter disregard of the resting places where it may receive infection, may be partly due to their lack of realization that ice is a food, as real a food as meat. Whatever the cause, few substances which pass through the digestive processes of man receive such treatment. Its surface contaminated by the passage of men and horses in the cutting, its sides and base fouled by muddled platforms and smirched straw, covered with the filth of black ice cars and dust swept freight stations, your cake of ice commonly receives its only cleaning just before it enters the ice chest. So far as the iceman is concerned, this is generally a hasty brush with a time worn whisk broom well filled with the dust of the street and blackened with constant use. According to the personal testimony of various icemen, not even the precaution of a momentary washing beneath the faucet is ordinarily taken.

"Marriage is a lottery," quoted the wise guy.

"Oh, that's an antiquated idea," observed the simple mug. "Nowadays, it's a game of skill."—Philadelphia Record.

The fellow who doesn't allow an alarm clock to interfere with his morning nap illustrates the triumph of mind over matter.—Philadelphia Record.

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1:05 p. m.	Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Lewiston, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, the Coeur d'Alene district, Spokane and all points north.	1:05 p. m.
7:58 a. m.	Walla Walla - Pendleton Special	7:58 a. m.
4:15 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Haysmer, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Points, California, Tacoma, Seattle, and Tacoma Points.	4:15 p. m.
5:50 p. m.	Pendleton - Walla Walla Special	5:50 p. m.

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