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That "a boy will be a boy" goes without saying, but there are instances wherein natural manly instinct is expected to assert itself by virtue of respect for elders, if not through accepted standards of home raising. A case in point where neither of these influences were exercised in the least, transpired Friday evening, during the banquet hour at the educational rally. "Young America" disported itself in unrestrained, boisterous conduct, to the shame and humiliation of people who had gathered there for the purpose of enjoying the educational rally, participating in the social features of the occasion and listening to speeches, but the clamorous din coming from the youngsters effectually interrupted that portion of the program. Such conditions are intolerable. They are rank infringements on the rights of society, and should be controlled; if not through parental restraint, then by other methods.

That was a good, sensible, heart-to-heart talk the people heard Prof. L. R. Alderman of the State University make at the educational rally, last Friday evening. As an educator, Prof. Alderman ranks high, and his discourse here carried his interested listeners through the different phases of school life as it appeals to a man seasoned with experience in every department of the work. He is the probable candidate of the republican party for the office of State Superintendent of schools, and should he receive the nomination, he is just the sort of a fellow to be remembered by Athena voters.

In the last five years, the number of farms in the northwest has doubled, until today there are 211,000, which yielded products in 1909 having a total value of \$404,000,000. The various states stand as follows: Oregon 75,000 farms; Washington 66,000; Idaho 40,000; Montana 30,000. There are millions of acres of land idle now that could be put under cultivation on a revenue basis. With the back-to-the-land tendencies of the present day, it is certain that the number of farms in the Northwest will continue to increase, for many years to come.

The fight on undesirable employment agencies has been renewed in Spokane. On New Year's day half a dozen of them were put out of business by the refusal of Mayor Pratt to renew their licenses. All of the larger cities of the Northwest, where

labor markets have developed, have had trouble with employment agents, because of their tendency to prey on unfortunate men and women searching for work. Seattle, Tacoma and Portland face the same trouble, while there are some agents whose dealings are honest, the Mayor of Spokane fears they are too few to trifle with and he has announced his intention to close all out as rapidly as their permits to operate, expire.

Oregon ranks seventh among all the states in railroad building during 1909. These figures are compiled by the leading railroad publications of the country and show that the Beaver state added 134 miles to its railroads during the year just closed. The Pacific Northwest is declared to be the great goal of competitive railroad building in the United States. The struggle of the railroads to enter Central Oregon is detailed and development in the Willamette Valley and in the Oregon coast country is recorded. This is a far better showing for the past year than was made in 1908, when 79 miles of new railway was built in this state.

That man is not necessarily a "knocker" who finds fault with certain conditions existing in the town in which he lives. So far from being one of that class he may be doing the place good service. This is assuredly the fact if he wisely and persistently strikes at evils which lower the moral tone and make the town a less desirable place in which to live. It requires no argument to prove that the best interests of a community can never be advanced by anything that breeds disrespect for law and order, and that weakens the moral and social fibre of the citizens.

To check the growing cigarette habit among the schoolboys of Seattle, the board of education has detailed a special officer for the sole purpose of detecting the smokers and prosecuting dealers caught selling cigarettes and "de makins" to the youngsters. In many instances where boys have been found backward in their studies, the trouble has been traced to cigarettes. In fact, it is now being urged that a special school be established, where victims of the cigarette habit can obtain instructions and freedom from their enslavement.

That it is not the retailer who alone is to blame for the increased cost of living is made clear by the published statements of the profits made by some of the great wholesale houses. Some light is thrown upon the higher price meant by the huge profit of thirty-three per cent which Armour & Co. have made during the past year on capital invested. This fact does not lead the consumer to pay the price with any better grace.

It is said that the dregs of Walla Walla feel that they were not given a square deal by the local newspapers and are taking steps to back a daily newspaper, which will espouse their

side of the question. The dregs of North Yakima have taken an option on one of the daily papers of that city.

The crying need of the times is the invention of an appliance which will cause an automobile to stop automatically before it hits a telegraph pole.

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## ON THE FLAT SHELL.

Oysters Opened That Way With a Purpose, the Waiter Said.

The waiter had taken a long time in getting the oysters, but as he was well known to his guests and his guests to him that occasioned no comment. When the oysters were brought the waiter set them down before his customer and asked:

"Do you like them better that way?" The diner looked, but he didn't notice any difference, so he asked, "What way?"

"Why, on the flat shell," replied the waiter. "Don't you see they aren't on the curved part of the shell, as usual?" "I see it now that you tell me about it," said the diner, "but I don't exactly get the significance."

"Well, you see," said the waiter, "they always keep them upstairs on the round shell, and when any one calls for oysters if they do come on the round shell it isn't a certainty that they have been opened fresh. Sometimes they aren't good, just because they have been standing. When I call for them on the flat shell, as I do for some of my customers, then they have to open them specially for that order. In that way you get them fresh."

"Ah, I see!" remarked the diner. But when he told the professional cynic about it the cynic said something about betting that they kept them standing opened in both ways.

"Besides, any one knows they look fatter on the flat shell, which is all the more reason they'd be likely to serve them to some folks that way. If they asked for extra large oysters they'd get them on the flat shell. The same oysters on the curved shell would go as ordinary sized oysters," remarked the cynic gloomily.—New York Sun.

### The Humble Librettist.

In the history of opera there are many curious anomalies, but perhaps the strangest is the role played by the librettist. For the most part obscure and unimportant and generally unremembered, his ranks have nevertheless been recruited from the ablest and most brilliant men of letters. Among those who have undertaken the part are such unlikely names as Voltaire, Goethe, Wieland, Addison and Fielding, while others of considerable poetic talent, as, for example, Metastasio, Calzabigi, Rinuccini, Boito and Coppé, have tried their hand at libretto writing with assurance, giving to it their best efforts. And yet the successful librettists are few—the merest handful out of a harvest of three centuries.—Forum.

### How Sunshine Beats Down.

It is a common thing on hot days to hear people say that "the sun beats down." But few suspect that the rays of light actually do beat down upon the surface they strike. Light is a wave motion in the ether, and waves, whether of sound or water, press on bodies in their way. Clerk Maxwell calculated the pressure of light, and experiments of Herr Lebedew have shown that he was right. The pressure is very slight, as may be supposed, but it really exists.

### Worse Yet.

Mamma—Johnny, you bad boy, you've been fighting again! Your clothes are so badly torn that I'll probably have to get you a new suit. Johnny—That's nothing, mamma. You just ought to see Tommy Jones. I'll bet his mamma will have to get a new boy.—Chico go News.

### Corrected.

Mr. Struckoil—That there sculptor feller says he's goin' to make a bust of me. Mrs. Struckoil—Henry, it's dreadf'ul the way you talk. Say "burst," not "bust."—Philadelphia Record.

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Return Limit, April 17, 1910

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