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### Editorial

(Stafford Hansell)

The only thing that justifies the existence of a school is the knowledge that it imparts to the students. Athletics and other enterprises are added to school life. In themselves they are not necessary for the school existence, but athletics give an outlet for school spirits and give a chance for exercise. They also take the place of the fist fights of old. Athletic competition has taken a place in some schools that is not proportional to the benefits derived. Plays and other social enterprises are justifiable because they give practical experience and help gain poise. An education can go for naught if practical experience is entirely lacking because the education gained is not used to the proper advantage, but the fundamentals of school life are the first steps to success. It is only too often that high schools are remembered as "they had a very good football team," "they had a bad play cast," or "they had a six foot four inch center," and other varieties of recognition, but few like "their scholastic standing is one of the finest in the state," "they had only five on the honor roll," etc.

While athletics and other forms of school life are beneficial and necessary for a school's success, they are not primarily the reason for the schools existence. In their places they are excellent but they should not be compared with scholastic standing.

### Athletics

The first game of basketball will be a practice game with the Mac High alumni December 6.

The boys have been clamoring for action and they will soon see it, as the saying goes, "it won't be long now."

### Faculty

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hansell entertained the high school faculty and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton at a dinner party Saturday evening. Those present were Miss Beulah Smith, Miss Dorothy Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Blatchford, Mr. and Mrs. "Pike" Miller, Mrs. Areta Gurney, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton.

"Pike" Miller motored to Walla Walla Saturday. "Pike" and his wife and family visited friends in Pendleton Sunday.

### Entertainment

The Latin club that was recently formed under the instruction of Miss Dorothy Brodie met last Thursday for the first time. Two papers were read, one by Betty Eager on "Food and Drink in Roman Times." The other was given by George Pittman on "Banks, Shops and Inns." The members of the club have chosen as a name, Atheniense, the Latin for Athenians. The group is practicing on several Latin songs.

### Personals

The following students spent Saturday in Walla Walla: Doris Street, Theima Schimpf, Carolyn Kidder, Harold Kirk, Mary Tompkins, Walter Huffman and James Wilson.

Ralph Moore spent Sunday afternoon in Pendleton.

Leland Jenkins was a Milton visitor Sunday.

Elizabeth Walter was the guest of her sister in Walla Walla over the week-end.

Roland Richards spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Velma Ross spent Sunday at the Cannon home, where she was the dinner guest of Frances Cannon.

### 5th and 6th Grades

Melba Montague of the fifth grade was the only individual on the honor roll for this month.

A display will be given by the fifth and sixth grades of their work, which they have been doing this year on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The students will gladly welcome visitors.

Clara Belle McCullough of the fifth grade has moved to Montana where she will continue her school work.

### 7th and 8th Grade

Ralph Bruce of Gibbon has entered the seventh grade.

Inez McCullough of the eighth grade has moved to Montana.

### Classes

The election of officers for the Latin club took place in a meeting last Tuesday. Those elected were: Arleen Myrick, president; Marjorie Douglas, vice-president; Betty Eager, treasurer-scribe.

The club under the direction of Miss Dorothy Brodie, meets every two weeks on Tuesday night. The members read papers upon Roman customs and literature.

The rings for the senior class have arrived.

## Roosting High These Nights



Photo of one family of turkeys in the largest flock in Vermont. For Thanksgiving, people in the East usually eat Vermont turkeys, but by Christmas the supply is so depleted that most of the birds are brought from the West.

## Goodly Heritage That Is America's

Thanksgiving day is different from other holidays. It has its own meaning. It meets a definite human need. That is why it has survived through the centuries since the Pilgrims landed on the stern and rockbound coast of New England.

It is pre-eminently a day of home life, of family gatherings and reunions. Naturally it becomes a day when people look backward and forward; when they take stock of what has been accomplished and consider what the future holds out to them; when parents consider with thankfulness the happiness they have in their children and when they consider what their children have in store in opportunities in the years to come.

A stimulating book that has a bearing on Thanksgiving day reflections has the title "Whither Mankind; a Panorama of Modern Civilization." The editor, Charles A. Beard, a specialist on American history, has obtained the co-operation of scholars who have contributed chapters on all the great fields of human activity.

The opening chapter we would stress today. It is by a Chinese, Hu Shih, who discusses the civilization of the East and West.

### Contrasting Civilizations.

We invite attention to the views of this cultivated oriental because he is in a position to take a detached and fairly impartial view of western civilization in contrasting it with the civilization of Asia. Often such a view helps us to a better understanding and appreciation of things whose outlines are blurred because we are so familiar with them.

Many good people are disturbed over the present outlook. They see about them a world full of selfishness; a world in which smart unscrupulousness too often is rewarded with success; a world in which modern science and invention are at the service of devastating wars, or cater to triviality and crudeness.

Of what use is it, they inquire, to be able to talk over the telephone to some one a thousand miles away, if we have nothing to say? Of what advantage is the possibility of hurrying around in motor cars if we have nothing to do when we arrive?

Are not the luxuries we are producing wholesale simply demoralizing our young people? Has the present generation the moral fiber of the forefathers? Have we not, as Disraeli said, discovered comfort and thought it was civilization?

A German savant remarked to Hu Shih that western civilization had failed. In contrast the civilization of the West was based on "spiritual principles."

Is this gloomy view, evidently the product of the war and of post-war happenings, the view of things as they really are? Is our Thanksgiving joy simply the superficial joy of a comfortable holiday?

### Spirituality and Poverty.

To such gloomy forebodings the words of this Chinese writer are a refreshing antidote. He knows the civilization of the Orient and he knows from observation and experience the effect on spiritual values of the abject poverty that results from the failure to master the forces of nature.

The civilization of a race, he says, is simply the sum total of its achievements.

### What Are Vermin?

Just what is meant by the term "vermin" is usually a matter of considerable doubt in most peoples' minds. According to Forest and Stream Magazine the word applies to any wild animal that preys on other game. Vermin, it says, may be undesirable in some parts of the country and beneficial in others. In Connecticut, for instance, the following animals and birds are vermin to the authorities: Cooper hawks, sharp-shinned Hawks, goshawks, great horned owls, barred owls, starlings, crows, red squirrels, house cats, bobcats, lynx, weasels, foxes, mink, European hares, raccoon, and skunk.

ments in adjusting itself to its environment. Our ancestors of the Stone age who were constantly fighting their environment in order to hold soul and body together had no chance to make progress. It was only after they had discovered how to deal with their surroundings that they began to forge ahead.

Hu Shih finds that the difference between the eastern and western civilization is primarily a difference in the tools used. In the dawn of history Asia and Europe both had the same primitive tools and the same sort of civilization. In the last few hundred years the West has been able to devise new tools for the mastery of nature and so has built a new civilization, while the East, still using the ancient tools, has stood still.

### Held Back by Poverty.

It is only when men have reached a stage of material advancement that they can paint Sistine Madonnas or compose heroic symphonies.

Twenty-six centuries ago a Chinese statesman said: "When food and clothing are sufficiently provided for, honor and disgrace can be distinguished; and when granaries are full people will know good manners."

Benjamin Franklin had the same idea when he remarked: "It is hard for an empty sack to stand upright."

Asia reached a certain stage in the invention of tools to help master nature, and then gave up baffled. The West fortunately learned from the Greeks the restless curiosity that constantly pushes forward its inquiries. One rested satisfied with the wheelbarrow, the other went on to the steam engine, the motor car and the airplane.

Where millions of people are only a short jump ahead of the wolf of starvation, where it is inevitable that other millions die every year from insufficient food, there is no chance for an enlightened democratic government to develop. Ninety per cent of the Chinese are illiterate.

### Greek Goal in Sight.

It requires an accumulation of property that permits general education for a government to exist that makes human welfare its aim.

Imagine a Chinese mandarin or an Indian prince talking to his people about governmental policies that will liberate the energies of men and result in happier homes—as our statesmen talk to American audiences!

So what is the conclusion of the whole matter at this time of thanks giving? Certainly not that we have reached our goal; not that we have done away with the evils of our social order, and abolished the great terrors of unemployment and poverty; not that we have attained the fullness of life that is open to us.

But we may reasonably feel that we are in sight of the abolition of acute misery and are on the threshold of a great advance.—Kansas City Star.

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.—Heb. 13:15.



### The Professor's Precaution

The rather absent-minded professor had called on a friend, and on leaving was horrified to discover that his car had disappeared.

A policeman listened to his tale of woe and made copious notes in a little black book.

"Did you take any precautions against the car being stolen?" he asked presently.

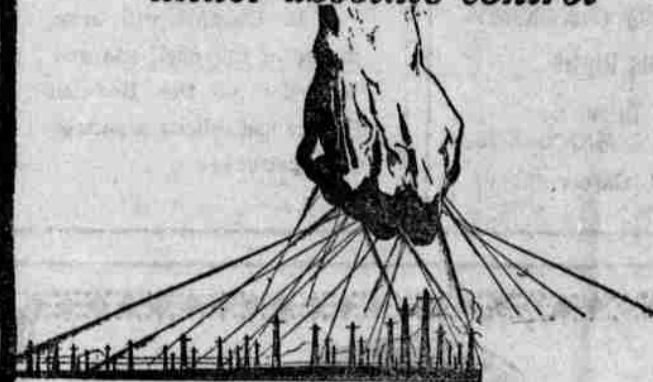
"Well," returned the scholarly one, "I padlocked the wheel."

"Ah," said the officer, "but which wheel?"

Light dawned on the professor.

"My stars!" he gasped. "It was the spare wheel!"

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