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If the modern girl is freer than her predecessor, she is, like her brother, more self-possession. Her range of experience and of information is wider and her desire to know greater. She has seen more of the world and heard more of it, if not directly, then by the vicarious efforts of scores of agencies. She has no doubt broken through many irrational taboos, but she is trying hard to replace them with standards more suitable to the complexities of life in this generation. And if it is put to a male vote whether she is to return to the dress, manners, temperament and mental outlook of her eighteenth or even nineteenth century ancestors there will only be an insignificant minority to vote against her as she is.

A waitress in a railroad lunchroom at Council Bluffs, Ia., a few months ago was pleasant and courteous to a gruff, old, roughly dressed stranger. He learned that she never accepted a tip. The gruff stranger turned out to be a rich cattleman. The waitress is no longer a waitress, for he sent her a check for \$10,000 and a deed to 1,000 acres of land in Nebraska. It pays to be decent and kindly to everyone. You never know to whom you are talking in meeting strangers.

One of the great absurdities of civilization is the fact that on every hand men and women are slowly dying of the cancer of the soul known as loneliness, says the London Daily Express. There is something awesome but magnificent about the loneliness of mid-west. There is something terrible but inspiring in the loneliness of a mountain top. But loneliness in the midst of a crowd is one of the most dreadful tragedies to which humanity is heir.

Political planks always need a little surfacing before using.

CONSISTENCY IN LIVING AND THINKING IS WORLD'S NEED

"Sweep First in Front of Your Own Door" is Basis of Essay

"Sweep first in front of your own door" is a saying that most of us have heard from time to time, and its literal interpretation is universally understood, though not always practiced. If brought down to date in Moro it would now read "Sweep first your own walk" or, if you insist on an ecclesiastical setting, "Practice what you preach." In our Master's day it read, "Physician, heal thyself." Any one of these brings out the real lesson, the value of consistency in speech and action.

I have just now in mind a man in another state, a jovial healthy fellow of talkative disposition, who could entertain by the hour by telling of ways of earning money, getting rich, making a success of life the people who dropped into his office. Although a man in the later fifties, who had spent his years in single blessedness, had a fair education, and some gifts in his line, the printer's trade, he was still living from hand to mouth, and when out of a job, he was helped by an older sister, who worked hard for her daily bread. His advice was considerably discounted as a result. I call to mind a woman of education, refinement, unusual gift of language, whose name is familiar at the head of magazine articles, and on the programs of "Rights of Women" conferences. She can write eloquently on the secret of a happy married life, but when we know that she could not make a success of her own, but is a divorcee, we hesitate to take her advice at a hundred percent. When a farmer preaches the state and waxes eloquent on successful methods in his line, but we know his cattle roam at large, his buildings are in a tumbledown condition, while a heavy mortgage is past due, we feel like saying, "Sweep first in front of your own door."

What is true in social and economic activities is doubly so in the realm of character. "What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say." "Train a child in the way he should go, and go that way yourself." The latter was a conspicuous and very wholesome motto at a recent Sunday School convention. This is sweeping one's doorsteps in the moral realm. Here, as in business, there is nothing that succeeds like success. Many a man's well intended advice is nullified by the fact that his own life does

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

The Dorcas society bazaar which was held in the Presbyterian church last Saturday afternoon met with splendid success. Every article but one was sold. About \$86 was taken in. This amount may be increased when the country people are heard from, who, because of bad road conditions, were unable to attend.

At the Union meeting in the Presbyterian church next Sunday Rev. H. G. Hanson will speak on "A Religion for Youth." All people young in years or in spirit are especially invited.

The subject for the Christian Science society meeting Sunday morning will be "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

The Christian Endeavor meeting next Sunday evening will be led by Miss Frances Hennagin on the subject, "The Value of Being Faithful."

The midweek service next Wednesday evening will be led by Dr. C. L. Foley on "The Relation of Wealth and Christian Efficiency."

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach in Moro next Sunday at 11 a.m. and at Grass Valley at 7:30 p.m.

not bear out what he has been preaching. In every community there are men whose lives are wobbly. They can count time by their ups and downs. Because of inconsistent acts in the past all the good acts of the present are discounted. But the man who lives year after year a consistent whole, even tho he never scorns, will in the long run count for more than the man who makes emotional acrobatic feats in the moral or spiritual realm, and then soon afterwards wallows in the slough of despond.

The world calls for consistent living and consistent thinking. It may need at times men in the moral and spiritual realm who can mount up with wings as eagles, but more than these it needs men who have learned to live without getting weary, and to walk without fainting. Consistency in act and speech is one of the greatest needs in educational advancement, in moral reform and in spiritual endeavor.

The homeless, leaderless, famine-stricken smaller races of Europe are prayerfully looking to America for help in these days, because America is the only large nation in existence that has shown any consistency in national selfishness. The Friends church was about the only church whose pacifism was understood and respected during the recent war, and since, because all thru her history she has consistently stood for that and today this church counts her friends and admirers by the millions wherever suffering has taken place, because of the large work she has done in Europe. Dominic and St. Francis could preach the gospel of poverty with success, because they renounced their earthly possessions before they started on their mission which transformed the church.

John of Patmos in old age was carried to church and preached one of his strongest sermons when with a feeble voice he uttered those five words: "My children, love one another." The people knew he had conquered his tempers, and he lived the gospel of love.

These men swept first in front of their own doors, and so they could speak with consistency.

[BY REV. H. G. HANSON, MORO, ORE.]

When the Boys and Girls' library was opened in Toronto the other day something was done which could well be duplicated in many cities of the world. The great need for just such an institution is apparent when it is recalled that whereas in 1909 the boys and girls of Toronto borrowed fewer than 50,000 books from the public libraries; in 1921 they borrowed more than 500,000, and doubtless such figures could be reproduced elsewhere. This Toronto library has a young people's room and a high school section. Little by little the children of the world are coming into their own.

The United States forest service says that 9.8 per cent of forest fires are caused by lightning, 14.9 per cent by sparks from locomotives, 12.7 per cent by campers, and 12.5 per cent are incendiary. Of these four chief causes, only one is beyond human control; yet nearly \$18,000,000 worth of timber and other property is destroyed in forest fires in America each year. Which seems a rather high price to pay for the questionable luxury of heedlessness and indifference.

The War department plans to eliminate much of the saluting between officers and privates except on military reservations, a movement that will meet with general disapproval from the second lieutenants.

A tramp arrested in Detroit told the police that he never had a home and never went to school. Many a kid has run away on the theory that such an existence is ideal.

As the ex-kaiser is preparing to take a wife and establish a home, it may be assumed that he is not one of those who have been speculating ruthlessly in German marks.

There is no marriage in heaven, and its advantages are still further increased by the fact that there is no politics either.

BOY SCOUTS OF MORO MOVE TO NEW MEETING QUARTERS

C. J. Thompson Talks on "Physical Preparedness" to Troop

The boy scouts, troop one of Moro, have made arrangements by which the Baptist church building has been obtained for their meeting place. On the day after Thanksgiving a group of scouts under the direction of Committeeman U. C. Smothers cleaned up the church lot and building, chopped wood and repaired windows. The scouts held their first meeting in their new quarters Thursday night, when they enjoyed a talk by C. J. Thompson on "Physical Preparedness." C. L. Foley spoke to the scouts on a previous occasion on "First Aid."

Previous to moving into their new quarters the scouts met at the home of Rev. Henry G. Hanson, scoutmaster. Owing to increased membership, the residence became too small to conveniently accommodate the scouts. There are now in Moro two full boy scout patrols of eight members each. Four are Tenderfoot scouts. Meetings are held regularly each Thursday evening under the direction of Scoutmaster Hanson and J. R. Morgan, assistant scoutmaster. C. J. Thompson was recently added to the force as second assistant scoutmaster.

The scouts are on the look-out for ways in which to serve the community and will be glad to be informed of such opportunities. The latest activity in public service undertaken by the scouts was the sale of the anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals.

As yet the new scout quarters are not fully furnished, a few chairs and a couple of good sized rugs being needed. Any person donating a large rug will be the everlasting friend of the scout, as the first sizable rug received is to be promoted to the position of serving as a boxing and wrestling mat.

Odd jobs by which the scouts may earn money will always be gladly taken. Applications should be made to Harold Bryant or Wallace Cochran, patrol leaders.

Paragraphs of State News

The population of the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem has increased in the past year from 621 to 707.

Thirty-four persons were killed and 1802 injured in 14,496 traffic accidents in Portland during the year ending November 30.

A course in horticulture will be included in the winter short courses given by the Oregon Agricultural college January 2 to March 17, 1923.

The North Bend Chamber of Commerce has opened a drive for an increase in membership and for a budget of \$5000 to be expended in 1923.

More than 150 telephones were put out of commission in The Dalles as a result of the heavy snow which broke down the drops leading to homes.

Shades and curtains should be chosen to regulate but not shut out the light and air. Simple, durable, softly hanging materials, such as white or cream voile, scrim, swiss or cheesecloth, hemmed or hemstitched, make good washable curtains, which may have overcurtains of colored or figured material.

The increase in license fees received by the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office up to and including November 30, as compared with the same period in 1921, amounted to nearly \$1,000,000, according to Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

The motor vehicle registration department of the secretary of state's office faces a serious congestion of work at the first of the year because of the tardiness with which motor vehicle owners are sending in their applications for new licenses.

Chief Justice George H. Burnett of the Oregon supreme court wrote a letter recommending Judge Charles H. Carey of Portland for appointment to the United States supreme court to fill a vacancy, which, it is said, will be made soon by resignation. Other justices of the court said they were going to write similar letters.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during October amounted to 5,408,464.2 gallons, according to reports filed with Secretary of State Koser. The state tax on gasoline and distillate sales for the month amounted to \$112,254.68. While gasoline sales decreased 15 per cent as compared to the previous month, sales of distillate show a gain of more than 20 per cent.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Sherman County Ore., will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the superintendent's office at the court house in Moro, Oregon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 20, 1922, at 9 o'clock a.m., and continuing until Saturday, December 23, 1922, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

Wednesday afternoon—Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday afternoon—School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday afternoon—General History, Book-keeping.

Grace May Zevely, County School Superintendent

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"Her Husband's Trademark" is Play of Romance Leading to Mexico

An entire troop of United States cavalry waited on Gloria Swanson to escort her to a "hop" at Fort Bliss, Texas, while the company making her picture, "Her Husband's Trademark," which comes to the Moro theatre Saturday, was on location along the Rio Grande.

Miss Swanson, after having traveled three hours by auto from location to camp, hastened to dress for the dance to be given in her honor and when she was ready, the maid rushed in to tell her that about "fifty sojers" were waiting to take her to the Fort.

At a loss to know just what to do, Miss Swanson decided to go with Richard Wayne, her leading man, rather than take a chance of offending some one of the militant escorts, and as she walked down the roadway, the soldiers fell in behind in dress parade order. At the dance she was the belle of the ball and was so obliging in her efforts to dance with everyone that she was almost exhausted when she finally left for home, but happy because the others were happy.

Liberty and Authority.
While we believe liberty is essential, we must also believe that authority is necessary. But there must be co-ordination between them so that both may proceed together in a compelling force to maintain our social, civic and political order.—Grit.

Church Folk to Present Pantomime

A sacred program will be rendered at the Moro opera house on the evening of December 24th. "The Holy Story in Pantomime" is the presentation which will take up the larger part of the evening. This pantomime involves about a dozen characters. The primary folks of the Sunday School will take a minor part. Various musical numbers will be given.

The plan is to make this "Giving Christmas." The offering of the evening in money will be taken for the famine sufferers in the Near East, who are just now in a desperate plight. No presents of any kind, nor candies, should be taken to the hall.

It is a well established belief among those who invest in Observer advertising that their money does in that way realize a double value.

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