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There is so much gloom in this world that New York undertakers have decided to disguise their hearse so that in future they will look like ordinary limousines. Last year they discarded black gloves at funerals. The undertakers apparently understand human nature. Few people like to be reminded of death. Yet it is inevitable. And there are plenty of human beings for whom death holds no terrors. Such people often combine with their courage to die a joy of living that is amazing. Others look at it philosophically and see in death only one event in a series of occurrences which must be experienced. To ignore thoughts of death is like the ostrich which hides its head in the sand when danger threatens.

What are your common errors in English? Every speaker and writer, except possibly the dyed-in-the-wool purist who spends his time making fine distinctions, has a number of habitual mistakes in grammar or the use of words to his credit. He goes on making these mistakes, sometimes consciously, more often unconsciously. If he were to take time to analyze his use of language he would find, in all probability, that the number of his errors is surprisingly small. He would find, too, that they result from a vagueness in mental distinction which he could easily grasp if he set his mind to it.

The past, imaginatively re-created belongs to art—today, imaginatively interpreted belongs to art. If one imaginatively conceives tomorrow, that also shall not art claim? Further more, an imaginative conception of tomorrow may not be of tomorrow alone but of today discerned—already ascertainable—to the creative artist, writes Zona Gale in the Yale Review. What is reality but the divination of the amoeba become the ascertainable by the mollusk? And shall the amoeba of today deny to art his own divination of either the amoeba of today or of the mollusk of tomorrow?

BILL BARBER SAYS
A DOLLAR IN THE BANK IS WORTH FIFTY IN THE BUCKET SHOP.

Public Ownership of Tax Exempt Utilities Increases Tax Burdens

The amount of tax exempt securities issued by the various branches of government and owned by persons interested in avoiding paying taxes has grown until it is a generally recognized evil. There is a lot of talk of cutting off the tax exempt feature and even some consideration of ways and means of reaching those securities already issued upon which the good faith of the issuing government is pledged. But this is only a part of the bad policy of tax exemption.

When money capital is diverted into tax exempt issues it escapes only the tax on intangible property which in this state is at a lower rate than the tax upon tangible property. When publicly owned utilities are established, tangible property is made free from taxes. The more untaxed utilities there are the fewer taxed utilities there can be. This is an only result from shifting a part of the burden of supporting the various forms of government to the remaining taxable property.

Public ownership, carried to its ultimate conclusion, would diminish the amount of taxable property while increasing the amount of taxes to be raised. The person owning the last piece of taxable property in a community dominated by communistic tendencies would be in a pitiful situation.

In theory, the publicly owned utilities should make a profit which would reduce the demand for money to be raised by taxes. In practice, however, a publicly owned and politically managed utility increases debt, increases taxes and reduces the amount of property from which the taxes can be drawn.

Million Ford Cars Sold at Retail Between January First and July

Sales reports from the 34 American branches of the Ford Motor company show that over a million Ford cars and trucks were sold at retail during the first six months of 1924. The actual figure is 1,036,978, which exceeds the total retail sales for the same period in 1923 by 133,096—an average gain of 22,182 sales per month.

A comparison between Ford sales in 1924 and 1923 not only indicate a remarkable increase in the country's buying power but also shows that this growth continues month by month. In every instance the monthly sales in 1924 have shown a substantial increase over the corresponding month in 1923. In June they reached 70,747 which was approximately 10,000 ahead of June sales in the preceding year.

These figures are far exceeding sales in the United States alone and do not take into consideration the sales made by foreign Ford branches and associated companies, the majority of which assemble cars from American made parts.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign of the times lies in the fact that these sales have been spread very evenly throughout the country and indicate a general prosperity that is not confined to any particular section.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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FIRE

THE boy dropped his head and covered his face with his hands to hide the tears which he could not keep back. He was trying to realize what it all meant.

"Can't I have another chance?" he asked.

"You've already had many chances," the older man answered, "and you've let them slip by."

He was not a bad boy with vicious habits. He had simply wasted his time foolishly, thoughtlessly, with silly girls and purposeless, lazy boys. He had meant to work, to do the job assigned to him, to change his methods. There was still plenty of time, he was sure, in which to fix it all up; and then he awakened suddenly to the fact that he was badly in debt, that his work had not been done; temptation came, and he was not quite honest, not quite square; he had stolen to make good his obligations.

"I had to pay up," he explained, "and I didn't stop to think."

Now he had lost his job, and he was facing his future and his disgrace. He had done more hard thinking in 24 hours than in all the previous years of his careless thoughtless life.

"I do not mind the punishment or the humiliation for myself," he said, "I deserve it all and more. (If it can be so fixed that I can bear it alone I shall be satisfied. I want to keep it from the folks, and especially I want to keep it from mother. Somehow, I don't believe she could bear to feel that I had been dishonest."

It is a fallacy of youth that the individual alone suffers for his own sins and delinquencies. What happens to you happens in equal measure to all those related to you. Your family, your associates, your friends, your neighbors, all suffer with you.

"Your penalty falls more heavily upon me and upon my boy's mother," a father wrote only this week, "than upon him." This doesn't seem fair, but it's true and it is the way of the world. "No man lives unto himself alone."

It is a fallacy of youth, also, to deceive himself into believing that one can evade paying the price of obligation and laziness, and neglect of obligation. One always pays heavily. If there is delay in the rendering of the account, if one seems to have escaped the penalty one may be sure that when he is finally called upon to pay, as he ultimately will be, generous interest will be added. There is no escape.

Highway Engineers Claim Speed Maniacs Ruin Macadam Roads

Orders to "clamp the lid down" on speed maniacs, especially along the macadam highways of this district, have been received from the motor vehicle department at Salem.

The policy of jailing speeders will be made more stringent than ever with the instructions to "arrest all speed law violators and prosecute them to the full extent of the law."

Special reference has been made in the order to The Dalles-California highway and the Columbia river highway east of The Dalles. Traffic officers claim that a heavy automobile traveling over a macadam road at a speed of 40 to 50 miles an hour for a distance of 100 miles, will throw from the highway more of the fine top binder than could be replaced by a crew of ten men working eight hours each day for a week. If such conditions are allowed to continue the life of the macadam roads in this state will not be in excess of a few years.

Supplied in All Things.
He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counselor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter.—Isaac Barrow.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas VanLandingham, aged 94 years, passed away Sunday evening at his home in Grass Valley. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, a sister, and three brothers. Mr. VanLandingham is one of the pioneers of Sherman county, coming here in the '80s. For a number of years he owned land east of Grass Valley in the Rutledge district, later moving to Grass Valley where he has resided for some time. Funeral services were held at Grass Valley, under direction of the Zell Funeral home on Thursday afternoon, from the Methodist church, Rev. U. C. Smothers, of this city, conducting the service.

Following an illness of two and a half months, Isaac Thompson passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nell McDonald in Hay canyon, Tuesday morning, aged 89 years, 10 months and 2 days. At the time of his death Mr. Thompson was one of three surviving veterans of the civil war residing in Sherman county. He was a member and, at the time of his death, commander of W. T. Sherman post G. A. R. of Sherman county, Oregon. Funeral services were held at the family home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. U. C. Smothers, of this city, conducting the service under direction of the Zell Funeral home. Interment was in Rose cemetery in Hay canyon.

Deceased was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on September 20th, 1834. He was united in marriage to Mary A. Early May 22d, 1856, who departed this life at Trout Lake, Washington, on March 4th, 1909. Eight children were born to this union, four of whom have passed to the great beyond as follows: Sarah E., Florence E., Richard E., and Vincent G. Surviving children are Elwood, residing at Oregon City; Jess E., residing at Milwaukie, Oregon; Burtha A. McDonald, residing at Moro; Aaron, present address unknown, and 31 grand children and four great grand children.

At the time of the civil war he ceased enlisted in company D, 151st regiment Illinois infantry, leaving the service at the close of the war. He was converted and joined the Presbyterian church in Illinois and later, when he moved to Oregon in 1896, transferred his membership to Moro Presbyterian church, of which he lived a consistent member until his death. During his last illness of about two and a half months he bore his suffering with christian, fortitude.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended to us during the last illness at the time and following the death of our beloved father, Isaac Thompson. The Family.

Who has the greater income after college years—the scholar or the mixer? How rates the student of chemistry, say, with the student of campus? One answer is given by an instructor in the University of Michigan. He has prepared a sort of alumni who's who and for how much. The scope of his inquiry is not known to us, but his compilation points to the conclusion that in the ten-year period since graduation, high scholarship men have reached an average annual income of \$3,000, with men prominent in extra-curriculum activities placed at an average of \$10,000 a year, says the Nation's Business. A word of explanation goes along with the figures. Says the instructor: "The statistics do not prove that the men of the highest grades are incapable of earning big money—they merely show these men do not prefer lines of work which are most lucrative." So we conclude that those who wooed the lamp in college are rewarded in the measure set by their choice of career, and that those who wooed other flames have come to a more golden fortune. Scholars or mixers—young gentlemen in college all have their oil cans. Some there be who burn their oil, and some there be who merely spread it, but oil's well that ends well.

A British scientist seriously discusses the possibility of discovery of a process for transmutation of base metals into gold and the consequent embitterment of America that might result from paying off Great Britain's debt to this country with such product. So transmutation still has its place in the dreams of imaginative votaries of science. Manifestly belief in the possibility of its attainment dies hard. For many, many centuries quest for the secret of transmutation has been on and for so many centuries effort has proved futile and time spent in experiment and research has been wasted. As a possibility transmutation is not close enough to worry over. It is still as far away as it was when the alchemist first started on its trail. In view of this the British scientist's serious discussion of it does not call for serious consideration.

The "National Society for the Study of Education has recently been appealed to by eminent leaders in education to foster a movement to give more attention to the specially gifted pupil. Of recent years greater attention in proportion has been given to backward or subnormal children.

Monoliths and pyramids have been found in British Honduras, marking the site of an ancient Mayan city. The American hemisphere is referred to as the new world, but it can, on demand, produce traces of ancient civilizations worthy the attention of any scientist.

Visitor From Moro Crosses Willamette River on Unique Ferry

Mrs. A. S. Johnson returned on Tuesday from a vacation trip that included Portland, Salem, Silverton, and other Willamette valley points of interest and also at Hood River. During her absence, while on a motor trip between Salem and Independence in company with Dr. Lloyd D. Idleman and Mrs. Idleman, Mrs. Johnson's sister, they crossed the Willamette river by means of one of the most unusual applications of electric power to the work of the world, the electric ferry on the Willamette River at Independence, Oregon. It operates from an overhead trolley, 1,200 feet in length, spanning the river, and displaced an old gasoline engine drive.

The installation consists of a two horsepower motor, direct-connected to the gear parts of a Fordson tractor, which operates side wheels by means of a chain drive.

With the old style drive the ferry required 20 minutes for the round trip, and the operating cost was \$150 a month. Under the electric operation, the round trip time has been reduced to two minutes, and operating cost to \$30 a month. Current for the ferry is furnished by the Mountain States Power Company.

Cunning Egyptians are turning out tons of fake antiques, selling them to tourists attracted to the Nile country by King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings. A favorite counterfeit is the scarab, representing ancient beetles. Wherever you find the real thing, you find imitations nearby. Wherever producers toil, parasites hover close at hand. In life are two classes—producers and fakers. It seems to be part of nature's system of checks and balances.

In far-off Tibet, Chinese dependency, Explorer McGovern finds a paradise for women. In this paradise, high up in the mountain passes, there are 50 men to every woman. No woman is too homely to have less than a dozen suitors, and a woman usually has seven husbands. Nature strives to balance the population. One generation of children will restore the sex balance in Tibet, unless the situation is due to the old Chinese custom of eliminating most of the girl babies.

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