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EDITORIAL
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We have watched with extreme anxiety the development of extravagance and easy habits not only in the nation, state, county and city, but in our institutions of higher learning as well, during the past decade. Something MUST be done and that right quick to curb the growing evil or we shall face dire peril. That nation which views with complacency the growth of free spending and fast living on the part of the rising generation is headed for the rocks. The increase of laxity of thought and action amongst the pupils of our schools is marked by many and varied manifestations. The inflation brought about by war time conditions developed a road to easy money for nearly all classes, men, women and children. The possession of these easily acquired funds naturally led to easy spending. The boy must have his automobile; his old standby, the bicycle, is too slow. The girl must have fine raiment and silk stockings. Cigarettes are so common that they are now almost a necessity for boys and girls. We are advised that over fifty per cent of the boys and girls of one of our larger schools of learning enjoy cigarette smoking and wine bibbing. Petting and snuggle puppy parties (the words are of war time coinage) are not unknown in the larger cities of the land. Baseball and football have degenerated from health-giving and entertaining sports to struggles for professional honors, so that our universities feel that they must encourage these things for advertising purposes even more than the courses in curriculum for which the university is supposed to have been founded. Only recently, we are told, one of the big colleges sent east for a coach to whom they are to pay five thousand five hundred dollars as a first year's salary. Think of it, a sum which fifty years ago would have been considered a fortune, a sum which would even now save many a poor farmer from the loss of his ranch. What greater parody on our boasted civilization?

It is easy to see the evils, but what of the remedy? Not one individual, not one group of individuals, but all betterment organizations must work to the limit to overcome them. Our whole system of education must be revised. Not until our educators learn that athletics are not the main issue; not until we all perceive that learning is not the chief essential shall we make much headway toward improvement.

The thing of most importance to the nation and to the individual is

character building. The nation that is composed of people of high and noble character is safe. A nation is no stronger than its constituent parts, and a nation made up of spendthrifts, gamblers and law-breakers is riding for a fall. We do not mean to say that the mere follies of school children will swamp the nation. But folly inevitably leads to worse things and the time to act is now. Nip folly in the bud and save the tree.

Debate on High School Question

It has now been finally decided the debate will be given in Band Hall, Wednesday evening at 8 p. m., April 23rd. A number of changes in regard to the program have, however, been made. The entertainment is to be furnished absolutely by and under the auspices of the Luther League, and there is to be no general discussion of the school question after the debate. And that for very good reasons. If the question be thrown open to the general public, it is to be feared that the meeting might have an unpleasant ending; and this we do not desire. It is our intention to send everybody home with a smile on his face. For that reason we shall furnish the entertainment alone. We do not yet know what the entire program will be, but there are going to be a number of good selections by our choir, some selections by the zither club and the Barlow orchestra, and a debate that will be the talk of the town for a long time. So you will miss something if you fail to attend. In this connection I wish to explain, too, how it came about that our Luther League decided to debate the high school question. We are not out to make any special propaganda for a particular side to be chosen for the school; this debate must not be looked upon as propaganda at all. My own congregation is about evenly divided on the high school question, and so are our young people. For that reason we thought it would be a fine thing to debate the proposition, just as we have debated other matters. Originally we wanted to have this debate just for us, for our own enlightenment. But when the matter became known I was asked whether the public would be admitted to hear the debate. Seeing no reason why they should not hear it, I answered in the affirmative. Thereupon it was suggested that our basement might prove too small; would it not be better to take the Band Hall. I mentioned this to our young people and they agreed to debate in the Band Hall. That is the history of the debate.

Now as regards the judges. In order that nobody be unduly influenced one way or the other, we have decided that about eleven judges be selected from the audience, and that they vote April 23 by ballot. But the ballots are NOT TO BE COUNTED UNTIL THE SCHOOL ELECTION IS OVER. They are to be put into an envelope, and the envelope is to be duly sealed and turned over to one of the banks of Aurora. That method will secure perfect justice for the debaters, and it cannot be said that the judges, by their verdict, influenced the issue of the election one way or the other. It's the debate they will be voting on and not the school-site.

So much for today. In the next issue of the Aurora Observer we shall publish the full program.

WM. SCHOEELER.

Hobo Loyal to His Dog

A homeless hobo who was apprehended the other day refused an offer of \$500 for his mongrel dog which accompanied him. The police sergeant said that the dog's loyalty was already proved, but he wanted to prove the hobo's. But the hobo knew that he could easily lose the \$500, but the dog was worth more than that to him.

Their Own Fault

Keen, but Nervous Amateur—I say, old chap, what shall I do if they ask me to sing?
Candid Friend—Do? Why, sing, of course. It'll be their own fault!—London Humorist.

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Black War Bonnet Gets Farm His Father Owned

Title to a tract of land, composed of 100 acres, homesteaded by his father, Black War Bonnet, in 1878, has been given to Joseph War Bonnet, a Sioux Indian of the Ogalalla band, through a decision of the Department of the Interior. Originally, it was unsurveyed land, and Black War Bonnet settled on the 100 acres, making improvements costing over \$200, and also occupied the tract continuously for three years, thus entitling him to ownership. In 1879 he received a certificate giving him complete possession of the piece of land, upon which he continued to reside with his family until dispossessed in 1882. In the same year he died, leaving his wife and two children. The wife and the other child have since died, leaving Joseph War Bonnet the only surviving heir.

For many years Joseph War Bonnet has been making efforts to obtain possession of the 100 acres of land homesteaded by his father, but because it was withdrawn from the public domain by an executive order and for other reasons his petitions have been denied by officials of the general land office.

Joseph War Bonnet in 1921 made an appeal from all these adverse decisions to the secretary of the Interior, and final action was postponed pending the examination of witnesses and the securing of accurate description of the land. Several hearings have been held in the case during the past two years, with the result that a final decision was issued, giving the heir full ownership and possession of the land homesteaded by his father many years ago.

The case is referred to as one where "long-delayed justice to a red man" has been effected.—Department of the Interior Bulletin.

Pin in Candle Meant Right to Have Hearing

There was an old French peasant custom which held the wisdom of Solomon. This law was called "The Pin in the Candle," interpreted by the English as "The Right to Be Heard."

In the old days if a man and his wife disagreed, the official to whom an appeal was made put two pins in a lighted tallow candle, equal spaces apart. The husband was allowed to talk until the flame burned down to his pin, and then he had to listen while his wife talked, until the flame reached her pin.

This law passed into oblivion long since, but its influence became a part of the family life of France. It is a tradition—particularly among the peasants—when a family dispute arises and one member prolongs a scolding or complaint for the rest of the family to say: "It is now mother's pin in the candle," or, "It is now father's pin in the candle."

So simple a legend as this has brought peace to a multitude of people. How many of us might apply to our daily living and hear both sides of the story!—Delineator.

Says Many Are Buried Alive

On the theory that electrocution does not permanently kill all victims, Professor Jellinek, head of the Vienna Electro Pathological Institute, has recently startled the medical and electrical world by announcing that, in his opinion, many victims of electrocutions have been buried alive. He maintains that electric shock only drives the victim into a trance and that hope of saving them should not be abandoned until physical decay starts. He believes that hundreds have been buried alive, whereas if they had been worked over for a day or more they would have been revived.

Human Hair Cloth

Tons of human hair are being used now in making a strong cloth. A Southern factory is supplying the demand of cottonseed oil mills for a fabric that will resist for a time at least a pressure of 4,000 to 4,500 pounds a square inch. Only that made from hair is strong enough. When the price of camel's hair became prohibitive experiments were begun with human hair, with the result that special hair-weaving machines were devised and a source of supply of human hair was located in China.

Going America One Better

China's newest department store in Hankow is to have a theater, a concert hall and other entertainments alongside the bargain counters for the amusement of its shoppers. The Wing On company, conductor of department stores in Shanghai and Hongkong, has acquired about two acres of land on the main street of Hankow for the erection of the several buildings.

Salesmanship

Hesitant Flapper—Aren't these hose a bit flashy?
Salesman—Yes, miss; indeed they are, and the papers forecast strong winds for the next few days.
Hesitant Flapper—I'll take them.—Boll Weevil.

Seeing Society

"This bootlegging must be a good business. You're probably making a fortune."
"Aw, it ain't de coin what counts so much wit' me, lady. It's de people you meet."—Life.

New Meteorological Device

Simpler than the usual meteorological instrument is a combined thermometer and clock which records the temperature and tells the time on a card for a week without attention.

Department Increases Veterinary Force to Suppress Foot and Mouth Disease

March 31, 1924.—Progress in suppressing the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in California shows the effectiveness of the stringent measures used in combating this highly contagious foreign plague. The United States Department of Agriculture announced on March 29 that no new infection had appeared since March 22 in the three counties—Solano, Contra Costa, and Alameda—where the outbreak first occurred. In those counties all infected livestock has been killed and buried.

Efforts to eradicate the infection which later appeared in Merced, San Joaquin, Los Angeles and San Francisco Counties, are resulting in satisfactory progress. At the request of G. H. Hecke, director of the state board of agriculture of California, who has advised the Federal authorities that the number of state veterinary inspectors is insufficient, the department has increased its corps of men for combating the disease. The Federal force was increased from 77 to 105 men who on March 29, were either on duty or were en route to the "battle zone."

Among the men who are now proceeding to California is Dr. U. G. Houck, an official of the bureau of animal industry, who will act as a personal representative of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry, in advising the state officials. He will also consult with Dr. Rudolph Snyder, the Federal veterinarian who has charge of the field force.

The Federal inspectors have employed range riders to prevent contact of the healthy range herds in Merced County, which is a ranch region, with herds which are infected or exposed. As a result of this step to prevent healthy cattle from drifting or straying into the infected areas, current reports show but slight additional infection since the disease was first discovered in Merced County. Federal veterinarians say that this situation is gratifying in view of the difficulties of combating foot-and-mouth disease on the open range.

Aurora: 50 minutes from Salem; 60 minutes from Portland; 30 minutes from Oregon City.

Notice of Sale of Real Property by Executor

No. 5677: In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County. In Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Lucy A. Johnson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the order and decree of the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record on March 5, 1924, in the above entitled cause and Court, the undersigned, Edgar B. Perrine, executor of the last Will and Testament of Lucy A. Johnson, deceased, will, from and after April 14, 1924, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., of said day, receive bids for and sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder therefor, for cash in hand or one-half in cash and one-half in approved bankable securities, all the hereinafter described real premises belonging to the estate of the above named decedent.

All bids for the purchase of the hereinafter described real premises shall be submitted in writing and addressed to the undersigned in care of Carey F. Martin, 413 Masonic Temple Building, Salem, Oregon.

The real premises to be sold pursuant to said order of the Court consist of a house and lot described as follows:

Lot No. Five (5) in Block No. Nine (9) in J. Myers Addition to the City of Salem, Marion County, Oregon, together with such miscellaneous household furniture and furnishings as are now contained in said dwelling and in use therein in renting the same partly furished. Dated at Salem, Oregon, March 5, 1924.

Edgar B. Perrine,
Executor of the Estate of Lucy A. Johnson, Deceased.
Carey F. Martin, Attorney for Estate, 413 Masonic Temple Building, Salem, Oregon. 11-5t

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No. 24 (Stop).....6:59 p. m.

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the estate of Randolph Woolworth, deceased, has filed her final report in the County Court of the County of Marion, State of Oregon, and that the Judge thereof has named Tuesday, April 22nd, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., in the court house in Salem, said County and State as the time and place for hearing said final report and considering objections, if any there be, to the approval of said report by the Court.

Published by order of Honorable W. H. Downing, judge of said County Court.

Ellen Woolworth,
Executrix of said estate.

Napoleon Davis,
Attorney for executrix.

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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of George M. Fry, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, her final report in said estate, and the Court has set Monday, the 21st day of April, 1924, at the County Court Room in the County Court House at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time and place for the hearing of any and all objections to said final report, and the discharge of said executrix.

Dated March 10th, 1924.

Sarah A. Hinkle,
Executrix of the last will and testament of George M. Fry, deceased.

G. B. Dimick & W. L. Mulvey,
Attorneys for executrix.