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HOW PRIMITIVE ARE WE

The world regards former generations as primitive which were characterized by a style, simplicity and rudeness of living common to those times.

Likewise we are inclined to think of the peoples of other lands as primitive, with the exception of Europe's more advanced nations.

Unwittingly we look back upon our historic predecessors as savage and primitive because their chief occupation was war; but future generations in our own country will learn in school histories that we of the present time are so primitive that although having laws against murder, encourage age murder by the indiscriminate selling of firearms; that although we are "against" war we are easily inflamed, easy victims of propaganda, easily drawn into conflict on the say-so of doubtful emergencies, and able to kill more human creatures with a few machine guns and airplane bombs in a day than whole armies of "primitives" could exterminate with slingshots and bludgeons in a week.

How will future school teachers reconcile the "richest country on earth" with the country of more bandits per capita than any other in the circle of those called civilized?

How will they explain away the country with the most laws and the greatest number of enforcement officials with the highest degree of disobedience?

"Smug complacency is the answer! The failure to keep initiative, industry and morality on a level with affluence and luxury—the transformation of prosperity into unbridled indulgence—killed Rome and Persia and Spain, and if not checked will be the downfall of America.

There is no danger so long as the common people hold the balance of power to rise above the kind of extravagance that does nobody any real good, to lead the world out of a state of wrong thinking.

To chuckle heedlessly at pointed shots—to ignore a present condition of headlong recklessness and indifference—is but man's unsuccessful attempt against honest confession of truth.

The call to law and order, to higher conceptions than self gratification to greater achievements than amassing wealth, to broader views than national prejudice, is to step out of the primitive state into higher ideals of man's destiny.

CHANGES FOR THE BETTER.

When the former resident comes back on a visit to the old home town what impressions do you want him to have? What will he tell when he goes away? Will he see changes for the better, or just the same old things, the existence of which may have contributed to his desire to leave in the first place?

The outsider can sometimes make a better comparison of improvements than the one who remains here from year to year. His perspective is greater. There may have been considerable growth and expansion and yet the local resident not realize the change so much as the one who looks on at occasional intervals.

The contrast between the old and the new is sharp. The changes in buildings, streets and general appearance bewilder one for the moment. New faces stare at one on every corner. Yet there is that something by which one keeps pride for the old home town, and is glad of the changes that have come about.

From year to year our town should take a mental inventory of itself and find out what is going on, whether it is going forward or backward. In the very nature of community life and community competition it can hardly stand still, for to stand still in this day and age is to go behind.

Taking all things into consideration we should be proud of its accomplishments. More things could and should have been done in the line of public projects. Greater interest could have been taken by some in certain proposals that would have benefitted the entire community. The puritanism of the publishers receives its gain by the pandering to the lovers of human traits. Vice, immorality and cynicism run their courses in alternate fitness to joyful themes.

community. Higher conceptions could have been formed of our positive and conservative factors of education, man-power, boy and girl assets, citizenship, industry, commerce and mental and spiritual values. All these we have besides our other material and personal community and private gains. But our town has kept pace, though it must not stop. The fiscal year of community business is always closing and always beginning. Every day is the day to start a new page on the ledger and make changes for the better.

LURID LITERATURE

Notwithstanding scandal sheets, or the comparison between the most news, the best features and market reports, people are not severely judged by the newspapers they read. But what about the magazines?

Some and in fact the majority of magazines are clean, interesting and elevating. Others are read in private by some people, and on trains and street cars by others less jealous of their reputations. Then there is a class of publications in between the good and the bad. This middle class effects respectability by the use of good paper, excellent typography and general high class appearance. The price, too, is raised, since it has been found that the "dime" novel is too cheap to attract the seekers of the morbid. They may have one or two sound articles in each issue. But the fiction of filth is appalling. The Are you willing to be judged by the magazines you read? If not, change magazines!

WHEN CAL MAKES UP HIS MIND.

Many were disappointed, of course. But in the minds of many others Calvin Coolidge's stock went up with his announcement that he did not choose to be a candidate for president in 1928.

Even party expediency does not, in fact should not, always win over one's private wishes; and if Mr. Coolidge wishes to retire from the political ring that is Mr. Coolidge's business.

Calvin Coolidge has not made a poor president solely because he is not a Democrat, nor has he made a good president simply because he is a Republican. The people are the judges of his qualifications, but Mr. Coolidge has decided and will continue to decide about his candidacy. It is not likely that even the strongest party leaders can persuade him to make the race. There has developed since that memorable day in August, 1923, a sort of Coolidgean unchangeableness, and the President's decision was no overnight notion.

The dark horses had better start to train if they expect to make the race. Everybody is a dark horse now. Cal has made up his mind.

Recent developments around Detroit have proved that after all there is no sap in Sapiro.

Few men see their faults and a darn sight fewer care a rap about their glaring headlights.

A few years after hitting the long, long trail many couples are seen sitting through a long, long trial.

Mussolini is fighting the Russian principle of bossism by commanding his own people not to accept any principle but his own.

By the time a man breaks a law, his lawyer argues it, a judge construes it, and a supreme court knocks its teeth out, is it any wonder that few obey it.

Stop signs were put up last week at all crossings where roads enter the highway along the West Side Highway. So far so good, but, if there were signs on the highway marking where the side roads were, there would be less accidents. A large number of collisions occur where cars are following one another too closely and one attempts to turn into a side road, sometimes not signalling until at the intersection. Also there are always people who, if they do not see an officer around, never bring their car to a full stop and oncoming cars, not knowing there was a road there, oftentimes are wrecked.

BEAVERTON LOCALS.

Dr. Theodore Hetu and family left Saturday for a two weeks' vacation at Cannon Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gorham attended the Union Pacific picnic at Bonneville Sunday.

Little Phillip Johnson of Metzger had his tonsils removed at Dr. Masons office Sunday morning.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hamel at St Vincent hospital Friday, August 5th.

Mrs. Lottie Boring returned Sunday from a two weeks' vacation at Rockaway Beach. Her son, Milton, remained for a longer vacation with the S. Mapes family who went over Saturday for a week's vacation.

Miss Leona Murray will enter

the training School for Nurses at the Emmanuel Hospital Sept. 1st.

Mrs. Collis Moore of Moro, Ore., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntley.

Mrs. Guy Carr and her mother Mrs. Anderson, returned to Seattle last week where they are visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Elmer Payne and small son, Bobby, left for their home in Seattle Sunday after spending a week at the home of Mrs. Payne's aunt Mrs. J. C. Huntley.

Miss Winifred Flower of Portland is the guest of her cousin, Miss Barbara Cady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peterson and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnes and children and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Metcalfe are vacationing at Seaside.

Mrs. Walter Cutting and small son of Nebraska are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell and her sister, Mrs. George Anderson of near Tigard.

Mrs. J. R. Metzler is at St. Vincents Hospital suffering from serious ear trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jonas and children of Prineville were guests of V. A. Wood and family over the week end. Mr. Jonas was editor of the Beaverton Times for a number of years.

Elmer Stipe is vacationing for two weeks at the beaches.

Mrs. M. C. McKercher and son, George, left for San Francisco this week to visit with Mr. McKercher who has been transferred from the S. P. Co. office here. Mr. McKercher expects to return with them for a few days.

Mr. A. H. Desinger was injured by a fall while shingling a roof at the County Hospital on May 31st returned to his home Wednesday from the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland, where he has been confined since that date. He is improving slowly.

Members of the Afternoon Bridge Club met Friday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Boyd where they enjoyed the afternoon and evening in the new park which Mr. Boyd has just completed.

Mrs. Daisy Hocken, her son and daughter of Corvallis are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hocken's father, Alfred Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Dobbins and family enjoyed a picnic at Big Bend Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Engelke and son are taking a vacation at the beaches.

The Southern Pacific picnic at Rockaway Sunday was attended by a large number of people from Beaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson and daughter of Miles City, Mont., visited with V. A. Wood and family this week.

Mrs. Nelse Dyrness and son, Milton of Boise, Idaho, are visiting friends here. Mrs. Dyrness was a former resident of this city.

James Lewis is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Tacoma, Wash., and their daughter, Mrs. Gill, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis.

A. B. Clement and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation at the beach.

Miss Fern Haines who has been spending a few weeks with her sister at Lake Grove was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Weidner of Sublimity was visiting old friends here last week. Mrs. Weidner's little daughter was brought to the Doernbacher hospital in Portland for an operation on the palate.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hughson and family and Mrs. Hughson's sister and family from Tacoma are at the beach this week.

Mrs. F. W. Gorham was a guest at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Smith at Jennings Lodge last week. Among other guests were Mrs. H. S. Wiley, wife of a former pastor of the Bethel Congregational Church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hughson have returned from their vacation at Neskowin.

Gordon Halsten and James Whitworth left Saturday evening for a fishing trip on the Trask river.

Mr. H. Quinn and family moved to Huber this week.

The Lady Slipper Club enjoyed a picnic at Lost Park, Tuesday afternoon. Those attending were

Mrs. J. W. Borge Mrs. Leslie Spencer, Mrs. Frank Lassiter, Mrs. Keeling, Mrs. W. O. Roberts, Mrs. F. W. Livermore, Jr., Mrs. J. R. Fisher, Mrs. V. A. Wood and son, Billie and Mrs. N. W. Gorham.

MAPLEWOOD.

Four of our Maplewood 4-H club girls won prizes for their sewing at the county fair at Gresham last week. They were Alice Ingram first prize in second division, Adelaide Skare first prize in first division, Martha Arneson third prize first division and Ranfrid Skare fifth prize second division.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowers had as their guests for two days, Mr. Bowers brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bowers of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. V. Day and two children, Georgia and Clark, left Wednesday for Newport, Ore. where they will spend ten days visiting Mrs. Day's sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Avery have been entertaining Mrs. Avery's sister Mrs. A. Avery and nephew Gordon, of Sutherland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton of Portland have bought the Knapp place across from the school house.

Mrs. F. Olsen had as her week-end guests her daughter-in-law and month old grand-daughter of Seattle Wash.

THE CHEAPNESS OF GAS

Some housekeeping bills for the entire year of 1926:

E. 62nd St. N.	\$119.52
	123.05
	89.51
	116.89
	94.39
	117.92
	81.05

E. 61st St. N.	\$132.36
	109.88

E. 63rd St. N.	\$ 74.44
	99.33
	105.03
	152.57
	68.47

E. 64th St. N.	\$104.39
	47.04
	70.46

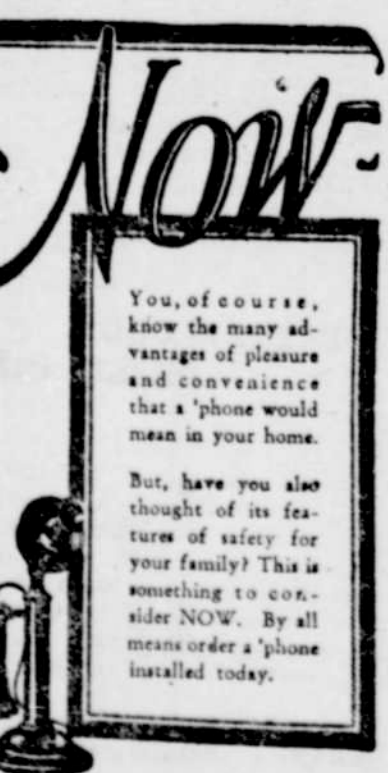
And here are a few more in Laurelhurst:

Royal Court	\$ 64.02
	118.84
	62.41
	121.72
	51.18
	101.95
	98.45
	72.29
	95.43
	100.00
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Feminine logic was demonstrated in a phone call received by a startled gentleman who picked up the instrument the other evening to hear a frenzied female voice demanding: "Is this you Jim?"

"No," he returned politely. "You have the wrong number."

"Well, you big sap," came the voice at the other end, in snappy accents "why the dickens don't you hang up so I can get my party? Of all the nit wits I ever saw—why, you poor prun—" and so on, while the amused young man listened patiently to her colorful tirade.—Cleveland Plain Dealer

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