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## WHO DARE?

Who dare to own the upward trend of lives that seek the spirits glow? "Seek and ye shall find." Find and ye shall know. Who dare to say that life is without end, and inconsistent hearts to environment bend? Then through the silence deep of midnight night, From earth and starts that sweep by occult law, Through clouds of doubt and superstitious awe, The countless souls send forth the answer, "I."

D. WM. HATCH.

## RIGHT THINKING LEADS TO RIGHT LIVING

An important work has been undertaken in Oregon by the Oregon Social Hygiene society, and that is the teaching of the value of right thinking and of right living. A meeting for the purpose of advancing these ideals will be held in Springfield next Tuesday.

Fundamentally, actions are but thoughts put into execution, and if the thoughts have been wrong, the actions are likely to be wrong. We recall an old school teacher's story of her girlhood days in boarding school. For some reason the girls got to pronouncing the word "picturesque" as if it were "pictureskew." One day, while reading before visitors in the class room this teacher came to the word, and was much chagrined at herself when "pictureskew" slipped from her lips.

In just the same way, evil thoughts lead the way to evil acts, and evil acts bring disease and woe. In fact, the New Testament interpretation of the seventh commandment very clearly recognizes the thought for the deed.

That the work is important for the state can be seen by the figures from the state institutions. According to recent figures from the state blind school, fully forty per cent of those unfortunates are in that condition because of venereal disease of one or both parents, and 15 per cent of the inmates of the Oregon insane asylum are suffering from one type of such diseases. The cost of upkeep of these institutions is large, and if by going back to the source and raising a group of young people whose minds are turned to right things instead of evil, this expense can be cut down, the result will have been worth while

to the taxpayers of the state. The real value, however, lies not in a saving of dollars and cents, but in the increased health and happiness of its people.

## WHAT'S IN A KISS?

The Grip is still in the air, which reminds us of an interesting article by Woods Hutchinson, M. D., who writes very interestingly from personal experience.

The perils of osculation, like the Perils of Ealine, are over-head-lined in the press, says this popular medical writer. Like any other form of direct personal contact, it is quite capable of spreading the grip, but the actual per cent played by the kiss in spreading the infection is little more than trivial.

Then the doctor goes on to say that there is very little of it, except within the family, where it creates about as much havoc as the bayonet does in modern warfare. But continues the learned doctor, it would be well to abolish the foolish and frivolous pecking that girls engage in when they meet each other.

The article goes on with—and we will end this with—a very salient statement; to-wit,

"With the sneeze killing at twenty feet and everybody doing it and the kiss only an occasional luxury, it seems a pity to denounce one of the few pleasures of life on account of the infinitesimal part which it may play in spreading infection."—University of Oregon Emerald.

Now that the new fire signal cards are being distributed it is in order for householders to study how to send in an alarm. The main thing is to give a definite location so the department can get at the fire with the least possible delay. The best time to put out a fire is while it is still confined within the building. To compel the firemen to search for a big smoke or a glare on the sky is akin to the Chinese system of burning the barn down to get roast pig. Be sure to give your street and house number at least, and the ward number, too, in order to aid the man at the whistle. If you can't give the house number, give the nearest street intersection, and then go out to direct the firemen when they arrive.

Another load of Eugene was received this morning for filling in under the log track. Just wait, we'll have the city yet.

Sounds good to hear the old mill whistle again.

Wonder if summer is EVER going to come.

In the work of compiling the 1915 lumber cut, the Forest Service has sent out requests to 627 sawmills in Washington and 595 sawmills in Oregon. Additional requests have been sent to 111 shingle mills in Oregon and to 337 shingle mills in Washington.

The commercial sales from the Alaska national forests during the past fiscal year amounted to 62,498,000 board feet, valued at 68,6712. The Alaska forests are much more than self-supporting.

## High School Notes

The Juniors have picked the cast and have started rehearsing their play "The Prince of Tears" which is to be produced about February 11. This is a comedy drama lasting two hours.

Springfield won a great victory last Saturday night. The game was so easy that the Springfield team simply played with their opponents. Both girls' and boys' teams go to Pleasant Hill Friday night. The girls expect to put up a better game than they did with Junction City as their best players are now back again.

The boys are going with the determination to win, and you know what that means. Although we didn't make a name in football our name goes before us in basket ball. So look out Union High!

**Sayings of the S. H. S. Age**  
To hurry through with a job does more harm than good.

A dollar in your hand is better than two dollars coming.

Get your hay in today, it might rain tomorrow.

## The Israelites.

The Israelites were a tribe of people living in Palestine and who had recently migrated from Mesopotamia. After staying in Palestine a short time the tribe migrated to Egypt. While here they were treated as barbarians and subjected to cruel oppression. A small number of the men were killed in battles with the natives. They wandered around over Egypt for twenty years and finally went back into Palestine. While here they wandered around in the wilderness for nearly a century, during the course of which time they became allied with other tribes and did much fighting.

The young people of the tribe became restless and decided to start out in search of adventure. They traveled in an easterly direction across Asia. After traveling many months and suffering untold hardships and fighting numerous battles they arrived in a country, the natives of which had dark brown skin.

In this country they were not bothered so much by the natives and so settled down to a more quiet life. But they still gradually drifted toward the north.

Five hundred years later the tribe is found in a country, the natives of which have slanting eyes and yellow skin. Here they are repeatedly attacked by the natives and the little band grows fewer and fewer in number.

The little tribe of people is driven farther and farther northward into a country where there is snow and ice the larger part of the year. The people unable to endure the extreme cold, keep dying more and more, every year until finally the whole tribe is blotted out of existence.

## A Pioneer Room.

Let us go back in imagination to a pioneer living room in a remote mountain home in the Willamette valley. It is the evening of Thanksgiving and the family are gathered about the spacious rock fireplace. The father is bending over a well worn Bible. He is dressed in blue jeans and wears a long beard. The mother a kind and sympathetic woman is busily knitting a pair of socks. The daughter is making the old clothes look almost as good as new. Both mother and daughter are dressed in homespun plaid woolen dresses. The son sits near reading a Franklin Almanac, while the little folks play on a large braided mat before the fire.

Pine knots make a cheerful blaze almost rivaling the light of the "tallow-dip" sitting on the mantel. The ceiling is low and darkened with smoke stain. The concrete walls are unpainted. The floor of puncheon is freshly scoured with sand. The puncheon table has a bright-hued worsted cover upon it. Some chromos framed in straw or shells, a huge bright colored feather flower wreath, attempt to adorn the walls.

In one corner of the room stands the spinning wheel with "hanks" of blue yarn, and from the ceiling swings the quilting frame where the mother and daughter have been working during the day. An towards the back of the room is the huge "four-poster" bed with its "fearfully and wonderfully" made patch work quilt.

On the side of the wall hangs the faithful flint lock with its powder horn and bullet molds on the huge deer horns. The chairs have raw hide bottoms and are gorgeous in bright green

paint and some have rosette titles on the back. A home made trunk covered with hairy horse hide and with many brass tacks in it sits near.

The mantel above the fire is draped with lambrequin and in the center sits the old-fashioned clock and above all this hang strings of drying apples.

The atmosphere of the room is cheerful and the family are busy and contented—thankful for their home.

**A Roman's Description of the Assassination of Julius Caesar.**

m Roma, Italia.  
Cicero, to his beloved friend, Publius,

Greetings:

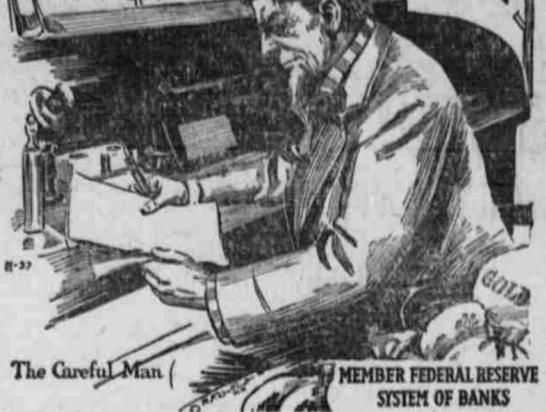
Such a terrible thing occurred here yesterday. Our dear Julius Caesar was assassinated and one of the chief conspirators in the plan was his friend Marcus Brutus. Ardenodorus had tried to warn Caesar but Caesar would not listen to him and when he reached the Capitol, where he had been called, the assassins tricked him into thinking that they were all his friends. Casca and Cassius, the leaders of this evil mob, were the first to strike him and Caesar of course tried to fight them off but when Brutus struck him he lost all power and with the pitiful cry "Et tu, Brutus!" he sank, down at the foot of Pompey's statue. Immediately people were dispatched throughout the town to tell the citizens of the deed. School-boys were hired by the villains to cry, "Liberty! Freedom! Tryanny is dead!" and oh, Publius, when I heard them I wept with pity for the brave man who was the victim of the crime.

Brutus delivered a speech and in it he said that they had killed Caesar for the good of the people because he was ambitious. He told many things which I would like to have contradicted but I could not. Next, Anthony delivered the funeral rite and in it he stirred the people's feelings to such a degree that they are resolved to punish the evil-doers. In reply to the statement which Brutus made about the ambition of Caesar, Anthony told them that Caesar had refused the crown three times. This was proof that he was not ambitious. And once during his speech Anthony broke down and cried like a child but who could blame him for he is a just and honest man. After this wonderful oration, for it was the most eloquent one I ever heard, he read Caesar's will in which that noble man left seventy-five drachmas to every citizen of Rome and gave his arbors and walks as a pleasure resort for the Roman citizens. Ah, my lover, you must hurry home for Octavius Caesar, the only heir, will be here soon to be crowned and we will need you to help decide how we are to punish the murderers if we capture them.

Your lover,  
CICERO.

The training provided by football is in many ways desirable. There is enough but not too much exercise, in it to keep the body in a healthy condition. The training is especially good for students who spend most of their time indoors. While I was practicing football, I gained over ten pounds, but have gained very little since then. I also had more life, so to speak, and could keep my attention on the lesson much better while at class. The exercise also greatly aids endurance. When I commenced training I found that I lost my breath very easily, but in a few weeks it bothered me very little except in hard and continuous exercise. During this time I took a couple of walks, about twenty miles each, which I am sure would have been much harder for me had it not been for football practice. The training is also an educator in many ways. It cultivates attention. While on the field, if a player does not pay good attention to signals and the actions of his opponents he will often find himself left. Once in a punt formation I was watching the men take their places, and before I thought, the ball was called for and I was not ready to pass it; this caused a delay and let the opposing team get well into place. The practice trains the mind to act quickly, as well. When listening to signals there is very little time to "figure them out," you must read them immediately. Also when your opponents make a play you must see where you can do the most good and be there, you cannot ponder for a while on the merits and demerits of

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