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#### WHO'S TO BLAME?

Many times within the past dozen years the editor of this paper, in the various pursuits of his calling, has come in contact with many pupils of a number of high schools in the State. In some instances he has employed them, and in other instances was placed in touch with their work through their connection with regular high school papers and annuals. In both cases he could not help but observe the evidences of glaring inefficiency, upon the part of someone, especially noticeable in the pupil's lack of applied knowledge of words in common usage—in pronunciation, spelling and definition.

We do not believe that the pupils of today are one whit more backward in this regard than they were when the editor last attended school, nearly twenty-five years ago. They are probably, as an average, a little better informed. It would be a severe arraignment of our public school system if some progress was not noticeable in this respect in a quarter of a century.

As an index we give below a number of words in common usage, some of which many high school graduates, though bright enough in other subjects, are unable to spell correctly, define, but most noticeable of all the deficiencies, are absolutely unable to pronounce them with accent upon proper syllables, and in a number of cases cannot even articulate them:

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| Lieu         | Appellant   |
| Substituted  | Alternative |
| Executive    | Inhibition  |
| Executory    | Applicable  |
| Alleged      | Equitable   |
| Controversy  | Allegation  |
| Incomparable | Symmetry    |

The word "invalid" they almost invariably accent improperly when used in the sense of making void anything. They will pronounce "invalidate" correctly in every instance, but "invalid," regardless in what sense it is used, is a "sick person" to them.

It would seem to the casual observer who watch and inwardly fairly tingle with pride when they do encounter efficiency in the young, that first in importance in the school curriculum would be the complete mastery of English before time was devoted to any great extent to a smattering of Latin, French, Spanish, German, or any other foreign lingo.

To anyone who has watched the school training of the young, it is readily apparent that the pupil is not at fault for this defect in the mastery of English. The blame must lie with the school system or the sponsors for it. If the defects are not there, we are forced to pass on to the teachers who permit this lack of thoroughness to go unnoticed or unchecked. If not with the teachers, then with the school board who can control the situation. The examination of the pupil in which this defectiveness should reveal itself also comes in here. Obviously the system permits the teacher to gloss over the defects revealed in the examination and the pupil is allowed to "pass" into the next higher grade where the work which the pupil has not mastered does not come again before him.

This slackness evidently occurs during the pupils progression through the higher grades. Why this lack of thoroughness is permitted at this point in the pupil's career and observed with much careful forethought in the primary and intermediate grades is something the layman finds difficult in comprehending.

It is painfully evident that even a moderate degree of thoroughness in some particulars is being disregarded in our public schools.

**The Fourth Liberty Loan.**  
The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan will begin September 28 and close October 19. The result of the loan will be watched with keen interest in Europe, not only by our associates in the war against the Teutonic powers, but by our enemies. It will be regarded by them as a measure of the American people's support of the war.

The Germans know full well the tremendous weight and significance of popular support of the war, of the

people at home backing up the army in the field. As the loan succeeds our enemies will sorrow; as it fails short they will rejoice. Every dollar subscribed will help and encourage the American soldiers and hurt and depress the enemies of America.

The loan will be a test of the loyalty and willingness of the people of the United States to make sacrifices compared with the willingness of our soldiers to do their part. There must be and will be no failure by the people to measure up to the courage and devotion of our men in Europe.

The allies have captured 130,000 prisoners since July 1st. It is stated that this bunch of Germans showed evidence of possessing more than average intelligence. We don't dispute it.

If there was any way we could provide the German troops with white handkerchiefs unbeknown to their officers, we would have most of our boys back home by Christmas.

It begins to look like the Fourth Liberty Loan will be our last chance to subscribe. With this in mind, we will turn to and make it a humdinger.

More frequent doses of leaden pills will have a tendency to allay the inflammation in the festering sore on our southern border.

The more we look at Mexico, the greater our respect for Russia grows.

#### To All Federal, State and County Officials in the State of Oregon.

The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign will open formally throughout the country on September 28th, but a preliminary educational campaign will be undertaken in Oregon commencing on September 15th, for which purpose organization is now being perfected.

The country will be called upon to subscribe six billion dollars, of which Oregon's allotment will be approximately forty million dollars.

In order that Oregon may meet this huge demand upon its resources, every citizen of the State must be enlisted in the united and undivided support of the loan, and be thoroughly aroused to the necessity of responding promptly to the demands which loyalty and patriotism place upon him.

The citizens of Oregon have resolutely met every duty and obligation incident to the war, and have placed their State among those who rank foremost in duty well performed. We expect that this standard will be maintained in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

You are, therefore, urged to give to this cause your earnest attention and to assist in every possible way the movement to put Oregon first over the top.

Our boys on the western front have their faces toward Berlin—there can be no backward step. We are determined that the struggle for democracy and universal peace throughout the world shall not be in vain.

Let us at home do our full duty.

Yours for world democracy,  
EDGAR B. PIPER,  
General Chairman.  
MILTON A. MILLER,  
Chairman Sub-committee.

#### West Side Items.

Mrs. W. Hill of Springfield was at a board meeting at the West Side last Tuesday evening.

Miss Thelma Ellison, daughter of Mrs. Frank Ellison of West Springfield, was very badly injured a few days ago when the motorcycle on which she was riding threw her into a ditch. She was very ill Monday evening and is yet unable to be up.

E. M. Crawford and wife and G. H. Crawford were at West Springfield last Thursday and returned Saturday, taking their household goods to Donna, where they will live this winter.

Mrs. Frank Crawford was visiting at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. E. M. Crawford last Thursday. She had just arrived from San Francisco, where her husband has been in training.

Harold Oliver left last Monday for Albany, where he will attend school this winter. He has been visiting at the home of his brother, Avery Oliver, who will also leave soon for Albany.

#### Make Old Grain Bags Serviceable.

Unusually heavy demands on the jute supply is going to necessitate the use of all the old bags which can be possibly made serviceable. Big demands for sand bags have come for use in lining trenches. One English order is for 150 million bags. The demand for these bags is needed and the old ones should be patched and good ones stored where they cannot be damaged until needed.

#### Sour Stomach

This is a mild form of indigestion. It is usually brought on by eating too rapidly or too much, or of food not suited to your digestive organs. If you will eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, eat but little meat and none at all for supper you will more than likely avoid the sour stomach without taking any medicine whatever. When you have sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid digestion. adv.

### The Grandoldope

Every day we are obliged to make at least one round trip via the Springfield-Eugene line. Some days the trip has its compensations—other days it don't. Tuesday was one of the days that had them. It was our good fortune to sit behind two women and listen to some of the most delicious gossip we have heard in a long time. We drank in every word—rather we gulped them—for one woman had a trick of squeezing several into one. We don't know at this writing how it will look in print, but its euphony was great. The other was interested but her replies to the first were somewhat inaudible.

"Oh Stella, didya readin the paper about the fat soldier at Camp Lewis that was crabbin altha the time cuz althagirls passedimup and took up with the slim fellers, for no other reason then that he wuz fat?"

"No the paper didentell his name, but Idelike to meetim just the same just a showin that it wouldnt cutenay ice with ME how fatty muz."

"Didya see Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne last week? We went and they were simply grand, and they seem to love each other just as much, since they got married as when they were only soulmates."

"No, justabout as often only they seemed to hangon longer. This was just a play we sawmin you know. You can't tell how they act at home. They might fight like catsanddogs at this time. You never can tell bout these 'finity matches. Still they might getalong alright."

"Oh Harold—oh he's workin the shipyards at Vancouver. Gettin \$12 a day and she's cookin fer 18 of the men there, too."

"I dunno what she gets, but I guess she g'ivesit althaim."

They just live somethin swell and have everything—a player-piano and a victrola with six records and she has a beautiful set of Rogers Bros. silverware that he boughter Christmas."

"No, no, not that old set—that was the one her mother got her from Sears-Roebuck for a weddin present. The silver is worn offenthat already. I told her mother that I didnt think she could get enything that would last for three-sixty-nine."

"Her mother told me they expected to get a car next month if he had steady work. Nearly althia men in the plant have them now and never think of walkin to their work enymore. So the warsa quite a blessin after all."

"Oh his brother was caught in the second draft and izzat Camp Fremont. He was only there a week and they made him a corporal—that next to a kernel I THINK, but I am not quite sure about that."

"Oh do ya get ofthere, Stell?"

"Well s'long—seeyahgen!"

#### Cholera Morbus.

This is a very painful and dangerous disease. In almost every neighborhood someone has died from it before medicine could be obtained or a physician summoned. The right way is to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house so as to be prepared for it. Mrs. Charles Enyeart, Huntington, Ind., writes: "During the summer of 1911 two of my children were taken sick with cholera morbus. I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it gave them immediate relief." adv.

Last Sunday at Salem, by invitation of Governor Withycombe, the Marion County Council of Defense and the Commercial Club of Salem, "Billy" Sunday spoke at the armory in behalf of this fund, and the citizens of Salem, nearly four thousand strong, who had the privilege of hearing and seeing "Billy" in action, never before in their lives heard such a speech, brimming with patriotism and urging folks to give the Salvation Army a chance to help the doughboys in the trenches of France. Mr. Sunday fired the opening gun of the Oregon Salvation Army War Fund and its boom was heard around the State.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send circulars and testimonials to F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### FAREWELL PARTY IS ENJOYED.

A farewell party was given last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Gorrie at Douglas Gardens in honor of their son, James Gorrie, who left Tuesday morning for Camp Lewis. The guests of the evening were delightfully entertained during the time by a number of card games. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed the evening were Alice McBee, Nellie Copenhaver, Maud Gorrie, Thora Bossen, Ann Gorrie, Farmer Franklin, Vernon Harper, James Gorrie, Lora McBee, Ted Harper and Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, Jr.

#### Bill Hill Promoted.

Word has been received that Bill Hill, more popular as "Bill Hicks" among his many high school friends here, has been promoted as cadet corporal in the radio school, artillery detachment at Austin, Texas. He is well known here, having been one of the members of the graduation class this last June and president of the student body of the local high school for the past two years. He was very active in all of the student body activities, being on both the football and basketball teams, and proved himself to be a very valuable person on both of the teams. He was one of the most popular boys in high school and the ideal and most looked-up-to fellow among all of the freshmen class, the envy of all of the soph boys and the hope of all of the juniors.

#### Born.

MCCRACKEN—At the Mercy hospital in Eugene, August 24, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCracken, a daughter, who has been named Leota McCracken.

DAY—At Alivador, August 17, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Day, a 12-pound daughter, named Phyllis Muriel.

JOHNSON—At their home at Third and B streets, August 26, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson, a daughter.

#### Died.

WILHELM—At the Dr. Radabaugh hospital in Pleasant Hill, August 22, 1918, David Wilhelm, aged 63 years, after an illness of several weeks.

COREY—At the home of her parents, August 22, 1918, Pearl Hazel Corey, aged 12 years, 10 months and 24 days, typhoid fever, pneumonia and appendicitis being the cause.

#### Advertised Letters.

Springfield, Or., Aug. 25, 1918. The following letters remain uncalled for in the Springfield postoffice: J. A. Crawford, Miss Lillian Pratt, M. C. A. Reese, Mrs. Eula Armstrong, Mr. G. W. Donnel, Mrs. Robt. M. McDonald, Mr. Fred Myers, V. L. Sullivan, Mrs. Lena Dormelle, W. A. Adkins, F. M. Connable, Mrs. Janie Wright, Mrs. Fony Koch, Mrs. J. W. Lrodgrass. A charge of 1 cent will be made on all advertised letters.  
HARRY M. STEWART, P. M.

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FOUND—Cuff button. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

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