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### WORDS FROM THE LIPS OF GREAT MEN

"Don't Be 'Consistent,' but Be Simply True."  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### ANOTHER HALF-COCKED PETITION

A petition is being circulated in our city asking that Eugene furnish Springfield with electricity and water. It has obtained many signatures chiefly because petitions usually do get many signatures—They are easy to sign and take no great amount of thinking. The circulators of this petition do not tell people they haven't a ghost of a show to get what they are asking for. Chiefly we suppose because they don't know it themselves.

Eugene has no Electricity to light Springfield with without she buys it from the Mountain States. In fact she has not sufficient to light her own city if it were not for the standby contract with the Springfield plant. This contract provides that for the privilege of being allowed to hook on to Springfield every day in the year, if she pleases, Eugene will not furnish service to any town or community the Mountain States Power company lights. This contract runs until 1935. How many of the signers knew of these conditions.

As for water Eugene will have capacity to furnish Springfield water once the new McKenzie line is in. But Springfield has no water system without she buys the one from the Mountain States now serving the city or builds a new one. Everybody knows that Springfield is in no financial condition to do either one.

The complaint is heard that the water mains have not been extended as far as they might be in the city. We don't believe that the Mountain States Power company would refuse to extend mains anywhere there would be adequate return on investment. In fact we have known of extensions being made without connections justifying returns. If the city owned the system and made extensions where there were no house connections we would soon find ourselves as taxpayers paying out of our pockets for these dead ends.

The service the Mountain States is giving is as good as any city this size enjoys. If there is a quarrel it must be on rates. But we are paying rates the same as Albany, Corvallis, Independence and other cities. If there is a genuine demand for lower rates surely representatives of all these towns could get justice through the public service commission.

We hold no brief for the Mountain States Power company. But we do realize that any industry established in a community is entitled to the support and patronage of that community. Springfield has made much to do about herself and is out trying to locate new industries here. If we are going to be heard to the world that we do not support the existing industries in our town then the world is going to know that we are not entitled to any more and we just as well shut up and remain a little country town.

As it is there isn't a chance of the petition circulated doing us any good. And it will surely give us a black eye.

Marshal Foch's salary has been raised to \$3000 a year. After winning the war a man ought to be nettled to a raise in wages, so France has recognized it.

Springfield is now a main line town on the new Natron cutoff. Furthermore she is the first town in Western Oregon on the cutoff. The lowered freight rates and better service to Eastern Oregon because of the cutoff should mean much to trade between the two sections of the state. Springfield being the first town should benefit by its position.

French courts are slow too. Title has been quieted on a tract of land on which suit was filed in 1372. Lawyers fees amount to 21 times the value of the land.

Taxes in the United States today are \$15 a year for each person while in Great Britain they are \$75; France \$35 and Germany \$26.



## DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

### A WORD ABOUT PLAY

The difference between work and play is that work is activity for future reward and play is activity for its own sake.

We lay bricks for the money we obtain; we play tennis for the fun we get out of it.

Professionalism is decried in the realm of athletics, not because individuals capitalize their skill, but because as soon as money is paid for playing games the money becomes the reward instead of the joy of playing.

Playing is no longer play; it has become work.

An interesting book on "Games and Recreational Methods for Clubs and Scouts," by Charles F. Smith, is a valuable contribution to the subject of play because it shows how to organize inherent desire for play in children and gives practical information.

The best education and development has always come from play. When we are at work at what interests us our faculties grow best.

Food eaten with relish nourishes more than the same food taken under compulsion. The same principle holds true for tasks and responsibilities. If taken with distaste they never benefit as they do when taken with joy.

A game entered into with delight always is better for the health than a "daily dozen" if approached with distaste. Physical culture is most effective when taken as play.

The best education and development also come as play.

The game of authors or a cross-word puzzle contributes more lasting information than a history of literature read under compulsion or a certain number of prescribed hours of reading the dictionary.

Education in the past has largely ignored the play element.

Children have been made to study history and geography with the promise of rewards in grades when they have finished, not by the inducement of the fun of learning them. If they know how to play at history and geography there would be no need for rewards.

In childhood organized play does three very important things. It teaches leadership, co-operation, and the need of obeying rules.

If you don't keep up the rules you are out. You can't "make up the rules as you go." There are certain regulations that have to be obeyed or there is no game.

In life there are always rules that can't be ignored. If a person fails to get an appreciation of the importance of rules in youth the way of life will be hard for him.

All in all, play holds an important place in life. As well as "Lord teach us to pray," there is need for the supplication, "Lord, teach us to play."

### Here Comes Suzanne



The temperamental Suzanne Lenglen, world's woman tennis champion has listened to the call of American dollars, turned professional, and has signed for a tour of the U. S. starting Oct. 1. Who her opponents will be is unknown.

### Fair With Her

Bold He:—"Will you marry me?"  
Shy She:—"Yes—but at this time I think I should tell you that I am a somnambulist."

Bold He:—"Oh that's alright—you can go to any church you want to—and I'll go to mine."

### No Doubt True.

"Do you know of a man who whistles at his work and is not happy and contented?"  
"Yes—our letter-carrier."

### Specific.

Father:—"So your heart is broken?"  
Daughter:—" (home from vacation) "Yes, in two places—at Mountain Top and Lakeview."

### Consistent.

Gushing She:—"I understand he is very fond of children."  
Cynical He:—"Yes—quite right—and like Edison—I understand—"

## What Your Tailor?

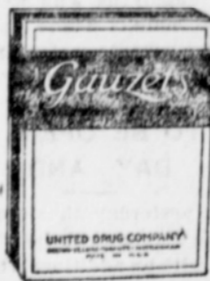
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### BLOND BEE OPINES

"Red Grange is the only athlete I know of that train on hard drink and gets fit. He's carrying ice again, I hear."

I wonder if "Babe" Ruth ever heard of that old song—"After the Ball is Over."

If there is anything in this theory that people take on the nature of the food they eat we suggest clams be put on the menu of some Congressmen.

### A Vacation Romance

"Now that we're engaged let's jump in my roadster and dash over to the preacher's."

"Don't you think we better be introduced first?"

### Reduced Rates

"How much is a ticket to St. Louis?"

"Six dollars and six cents."

"Gosh! I can go over to the next town and get one for less than that!"

Prize fighters should be strong believers in the saying, "Tis better to

give than to receive!"

### Now I'll Tell One

Dotor:—"That's a very bad eye you have sir. How did you hurt it?"  
"I came home late last night and struck it on a kitchen utensil."

Zeb Spink has never been the same since he was fired out of the Lazy Man's Club because he held the lantern while his wife chopped wood. He reformed after that—but they haven't readmitted him into the club.

When a woman is in love she acts like a fool, but a man in love isn't acting.

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### WONDER IF CAL ENJOYS HIS FISHIN'?

By A. B. CHAPIN

