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Y. M. C. A. EXPANDS.

New Booklet Just Out Can Be Had for the Asking.

The Portland Young Men's Christian Association is about to enter upon a new era in its work, in extending the advantage of its educational department to the entire state.

While a great majority of the 1400 students enrolled in night and day classes are residents of Portland, yet a large and increasing number are now enrolling from towns and cities outside of Portland.

The different courses offered include a full Commercial course, comprising Shorthand, Bookkeeping and related subjects; a college preparatory course, a graded course in elementary subjects for boys and vocational courses such as plumbing, carpentry, sheet metal, bricklaying, electrical work, automobile repair and driving. Many students trained in these classes are now occupying important positions in the business houses of Portland.

An attractive booklet entitled "Activities" has just been issued by the association and contains a statement of all Educational Courses. The Educational Director will mail this booklet to all persons who desire it.

Classes for day school open September 5th, night classes September 25th. From present indications an unusually large registration is anticipated.

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WHAT YOU RECKON A DAY

Depends on Whether You Are an Astronomer or Something Else.

What is a day? In the sense in which the word is commonly used "day" includes the period of light as distinguished from that of darkness. The period of light to people in the middle states means merely a certain number of hours out of the 24, but it may mean any length of time under six months, according to the latitude of the observer and the season of the year.

Another popular meaning is the space of 24 hours, including a period of light and a period of darkness. This, again, is not the same all the world over, as the time of the commencement and termination vary in different countries. Some reckon from sunset to sunset, some from dawn to dawn, while modern civilized nations count from midnight to midnight.

Astronomers also have their various days; the absolute solar day, ranging from about half a minute under to the same amount over 24 hours at different times of the year; the mean solar day being our common day of 24 hours; the lunar day of nearly 25 hours, and the sidereal day of about four seconds short of 24 hours.

The succession of day and night depends on the rotation of the earth on its axis, and since the earth is of a globular shape, it is evident that the whole of its surface can not be turned toward the sun at one and the same moment. In other words, it can not be noon all over the earth at precisely the same time. A little thought will show that whenever it is noon at any one place it is midnight on the opposite side of the earth, and at the different points between all the times of day are at one and the same moment to be found.

The True Equality.

"The late Senator Dolliver," said a Washington editor, "owed a great part of his success to his thorough understanding of the American character."

"He understood the American people and he admired and sympathized with them. I'll never forget an after-dinner speech of his on equality."

"He said that in America we understood by equality not that we were all equals in learning, in intellect and so forth, but that we were all equals in the power to be good and honorable and generous."

"And he told, by way of illustration, how a Port Dodge church once gave a charity concert where the best talent volunteered—the city's leading singers, elocutionists and actors."

"At the end of the concert the chairman went up to the organ loft and said to the little boy in patched clothes who had blown the organ: 'Well, Freddie, what do we owe you for your work this evening?'"

"The little boy looked at the chairman in genuine astonishment."

"'Why, sir,' he said, 'didn't the rest of the talent give their services?'"

How Women Buy Cigars.

"When women buy cigars they often show more common sense and a finer discrimination than the average man," writes Carl Werner in Harper's Weekly. "Woman is, by nature, a better shopper than man. In buying neckties or shirts or slippers or suits of clothes for her boys, for instance, she has a man beaten forty ways. And those articles are not in women's sphere by any means. It all comes down to the fact that woman, first by instinct, and second by constant practice and experience, is a better all-round shopper than her mate. She has learned how to ask intelligent questions of the salespeople—has learned, in short, all the little tricks and turns that enable one to get the best value for the least money with the least possible waste of time or words."

Rummaging in a Royal Attic.

How treasures of bygone kings and queens were discovered in Castle Frohsdorf, the seat of the Carlist leader, Don Jaime de Bourbon, is told by James F. J. Archibald in Harper's Weekly. The author was invited to visit Don Jaime, and the two explored the treasures of the castle. Among relics found were: the last of the French Bourbon flags; a chair embroidered by Marie Antoinette; treasures from the head of Marie Antoinette and a little note written by her in prison and rolled into a pellet; the skirt and suspenders worn by the Duke of Palma on the night of his assassination. Thousands of miniatures and portraits and countless other treasures are being brought to light.

She Knew.

One day, when Molly was about four years old, she was sent to feed the pigs. When she came back she said: "That stuff isn't fit to give to pigs."

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