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THE MOULDERS OF MEN

Wednesday morning the editor rode from the depot to town in the Palace bus in which there were also several small boys. They were on their way to school and the all-absorbing topic of discussion was the departure that morning of their teacher. They were recalling the pleasant times they had enjoyed this year and were speculating on the length of time that she would be away. It never seemed to dawn on them that there was great probability that she would not return and some of them must have thought that North Dakota was located a short distance over the hills above the town.

The conversation of the little fellows was the best recommendation of the ability of that teacher. More and more we are coming to believe that the business of the teacher is not to hammer facts into their brains but to lead and direct their thoughts and acts. Well has it been said that the greatest teacher is not the one which imparts the most facts, but the one under whose guidance and influence we become different men and women. A certain man in this town expressing himself to a teacher a few days ago said, "I want you to teach my boy to think; I do not care if he does not learn as much as other children, but I do want him taught to use his head." Another man said, "I want the teacher to make my children obey their wishes and I want everyone who sees them do anything that is not right and proper to tell me about it or correct them on the spot themselves."

A preacher in Heppner recently made this remark, "I have seen a great many Sunday School teachers utterly fail because they knew nothing but what was found between the covers of the text book which was furnished them." And then he went on and told about a certain woman who gathered together a number of children who were not in the habit of attending any Sunday School. They were called the "Willing Workers" and met at her home on Wednesday of every week. The good people of the community said, "What a fine woman, she will teach them a great deal about the Bible and the Church." In this they were badly mistaken, she never said anything for a long time about the Bible. But she did say a great deal about keeping their hands and faces clean, their shoes shined and their hair parted. It was not long until they were saying, yer sir, and no sir, instead of merely making a noise to that effect. Some of them had been smoking cigarettes, some of them never helped their mothers wash the dishes or bring in the wood, but their parents began to notice the daughters staying home to help their mother with the dishes and when baking came, the woodbox was found filled with chips. Then she told them a few stories about the Bible what the good people of the community thought that they were being taught from the first.

If the schools will graduate students who have an appreciation of other people's rights; who respect the dignity of labor; who honor their parents and who look upon every man as their brother, the world will be vastly better off than to turn out an educated monstrosity of which, than heaven, we have too often been blessed with in the past.

Not long ago a professor in an Eastern college prepared a list of questions for his Senior students in which were some of the following, "Will a lonely dog follow you down the street?; What do you see in the face of a child?; Can you be at home with yourself? Can you look into a mud puddle and see anything but mud? Of course that brought down a storm from the authorities, the idea of asking Seniors in college such foolish questions. Colleges in this country started out right, there are hundreds of men who are leaders in the country today who swept rooms, shoveled snow and mowed the grass on the college green for their education and were glad to do it. Lately, however, the institutions have been running largely on momentum. Any professor who steps outside the text runs a terrible risk.

And so we think that in the few short months which this teacher had for her privilege the guiding and directing and influencing the hopes, ambitions and all those things which determine to a great extent their characters and lives she exerted a lasting influence and one which they will look back to her in grateful remembrance in the days and years that are to come.

A "WET" TALK.

Water is commonly known as a compound and in chemistry they never refer to it as such, but as H₂O. Just what would happen to a student who called it by its ordinary name is hard to say, as the custom varies in different localities. Everything has a certain amount of water in its composition and it is often found that articles which apparently are free from it are largely composed of that substance. Dehydration is a great work now being carried on. All

the governments under which we live are out in force and the field has been pretty thoroughly gone over. Now there are many private businesses going into the work.

Not long ago the Boston Opera Company disbanded. Upon investigation it was learned that salaries were too high. It was impossible to get enough people into the theatres at high prices for the seats to enable the Company to pay expenses. In Chicago the same difficulty has been experienced and private parties have had to go down into their Postal Savings accounts and meet the deficits. To us this is another subject for the study of water. Salaries all out of proportion to the service rendered consist of a large part water. Closing the theatres for a time will allow some of this to escape and get the amount down where it does not enter into the price of a seat.

The Federal League's activities have strained the water supply in the Eastern States. Baseball players who formerly graced the bench are now out before the fans, and to their credit we must say that some of them have been picking out the hot ones as they never did before and have earned for themselves the honor of being called the true sons of swat by the way they meet those rubber-centered balls. High salaries have been paid and this not for the actual services but a false valuation which competition made. There will be another evaporating process before long and there will probably be a procession in its wake back to the brush.

One of the great works of the day is to get everything in its proper place. Things which are good and needed in one place are sources of great trouble in other places. Water being so mobile and easy to associate itself with other things has strayed into nearly every locker in which the world's goods are kept. The Lord pity the man who works with too much water in his cosmic thinkbox as well as in the ledger account. We are getting to know more about water and its many effects.

Last week the Freshmen class of the High School had a class party. Some one entered the building and left with some of the clothes of the children in their possession. Just a careless trick of some boys—perhaps—and with no bad intent. Some of the children went home in the cold bareheaded, some without their coats, and it was cold that night, if you will remember. We might say that interfering with public entertainments, forcing an opening into people's property is rated as extremely hazardous. Boys who become proficient in this drift on into the more lucrative fields and soon become professionals in the craft. Any young man is taking a desperate chance when he first enters such practices and the only way to eliminate these chances is to keep away from those who design such tricks and think such thots.

During the next year we should like to have as many ranchers as can keep an accurate account of the products which they raise and at the end of the year we are going to call around and get these and use them in the next Annual Edition. Put down in your book when you planted your crops, about how much time you spent in caring for these and what they brought you in the market, so that we can tell a man exactly what is possible to accomplish here. We will offer prizes for the best results gained in different departments of farm work and will be glad to give full particulars about the results and the methods by which these were attained in the Annual Edition. The Annual Edition next year will be better than ever, because we know of a large number of farmers who are getting the farm on a business basis.

The Herald office has been filled with people during the past few days who have been ordering the Annual Edition sent to their friends all over the world. Many were in while the last run was being made and got copies fresh from the press. Several parties have purchased them in 25 to 50 lots and will send them to people interested in this country. All you need to do to have this paper reach the hands of your friends is to send us their names and we will mail them all for the regular price of 15c each. We still have several hundred on hand which we can send out at your notice.

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