

The Way of Life

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CHEATING

Once upon a time I hired a man to do a certain piece of work. He was well along in middle life, and I wondered why he had not made more progress, since he seemed honest and industrious.

I said to him: "I cannot be here to watch this work and so I shall have to trust you to do it as if you were working for yourself."

He was profuse in his assurances. He seemed to want the job.

At the end of six months I visited him. He had done fairly well, but was rather glib with alibis. Other people were always holding him up. The weather was always very bad. He would have done so-and-so if he had been sure just what I had wanted, but I had failed to let him know.

I put this down as the grumbling habit of an old man.

"At least he is honest and means well," I said.

But one day after about a year, I happened to appear unexpectedly. He was not in evidence. Upon inquiry I discovered that he was using my time and some of my materials on a little private job of his own. We had a solemn conference and decided to part.

When you put a man on his honor and then have him take advantage of your trust it is a blow to your faith in human nature. So I was depressed and a little sore.

But only for a few minutes. Then I said to myself: "How foolish I

am to let this thing worry me. This man has cheated me out of a few hundred dollars, but what a petty thing that is compared with the way he has cheated himself! All his life he has held a nickel so close to his eyes that he couldn't see a dollar. All his life he has lived on alibis, watching the clock, stealing a little here and there from his employers, and imagining that he was doing well for himself.

"And where is he at sixty? Poor and jobless, and a failure. Reaping what he has sown."

The old idea of Heaven and Hell was very bad because it made us think that our reward or punishment is coming to us in some far-off place hereafter.

In the same way most people misinterpret the verse in the Bible which reads: "Be sure your sin will find you out."

They say: "Lots of people sin and are never found out. Therefore the verse is untrue."

But the verse does not say that your sin will be found out. It says, "Be sure your sin will find you out"—be sure that it will settle down in your heart and mold you in its own image.

That is a terrifying thought, or a very encouraging one, according to the way you live. Everything you do has its influence on what you are.

When you cheat you cheat yourself. And whatever you do that's decent automatically and inevitably builds you up.

short time, something like that will become a great industry.

AIRPLANES

For the first time since flying was invented, anybody can now buy a serviceable, up-to-date plane, complete with engine and all necessary equipment, for less than \$1,000.

That does not mean, however, that flying is about to become as popular as motoring. For one thing, an airplane still needs a lot of room to take off and land in; it is not adapted to the use of the city dweller. Parking space for airplanes is not easily found.

Nevertheless, young folks are practicing flying in increasing numbers and planes are being steadily improved as to stability and durability in the air. Thousands more lives will be sacrificed before the safe airplane is perfected, but it is safe to say that in another fifty years the air will have lost most of its danger.

REST

A ten-minute rest every two or three hours is a better stimulus to continued efficiency than lopping off an entire hour from the work-day, the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor reports.

Tests of the recuperative power of the human machine have proved that it takes four times as long for the muscles to rest when they have been worked to the endurance limit, as it does for them to regain their tone after working half as long.

In one large New York publishing house there is a ten-minute rest period at 10:30 in the morning and another at 3 in the afternoon.

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ber. Its record of production is higher than in any office with which work has been compared.

Mental workers as well as physical workers benefit by complete relaxation at frequent intervals.

PLANS FOR YEAR MADE BY GRANGES

Cooperative Marketing Stressed in Joint Conference at O.S.C. Last Week.

The advancement of cooperative marketing throughout Oregon was decided upon as a major grange activity for the coming year during a joint conference of prominent grangers and members of the state college extension service recently.

Plans outlined for furthering this project call for meetings of each subordinate grange agricultural committee in the near future for the purpose of considering local conditions and forming definite recommendations as to what should be attempted or approved in the way of marketing machinery. These meetings will be followed by county and district conferences in an attempt to put the program on a statewide basis.

Three deputy organizers were appointed by C. C. Hulet of Albany, master of the state grange, to supervise the district meetings. They are Charles Wicklander of Boardman for eastern Oregon, Arthur Brown of Roseburg for southwestern Oregon, and S. H. Edwards of Corvallis for the northwestern part of the state.

The fact that considerable progress in marketing had been made

this year by the granges in cooperation with county agents was mentioned by Fred A. Goff, chairman of the state agricultural committee of the grange, who pointed out particularly the cooperative lamb pools in Douglas county which returned the farmers \$1.70 per 100 pounds more colived. The lamb shipping activities of the granges in Wallawa, Union and Baker counties were also mentioned as examples.

One hundred thirty-one of the subordinate agricultural committees of the state grange, of which there are 275 in Oregon, are carrying out some definite program of agricultural improvement in their communities, as compared with only 86 last year, according to F. L. Ballard, county agent leader.

Other grangers present at the conference were Bertha J. Beck, Albany, secretary; Ray W. Gill, Portland; Dr. C. H. Bailey, Roseburg; Edward Shearer, Estacada, and Walter M. Pierce, La Grande.

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WITH FARMERS ABOUT THE STATE

The Dalles—Eight specially selected strains of Los Angeles lettuce have been planted in a lettuce variety trial to be conducted cooperatively by County Agent W. Wray Lawrence and William Byers of Fifteen Mile and Fred Tooley of Rowena, in an attempt to find a strain of lettuce better suited to local con-

ditions than those grown at the present time.

Dallas—A pre-harvest inspection of the anthracnose resistant clover being grown on the M. Van Groos and A. R. Cadle farms of Polk county showed an excellent stand of heavily seeded clover with almost 100 per cent hairy stemmed plants on the Van Groos place. The stand on the Cadle farm was rather thin and weedy, but the hairy characteristic was strong. County Agent J. R. Beck reports.



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Not a matter of great national importance, perhaps, but an illustration of the way in which scientific research by the Government aids manufacturers and incidentally helps to provide the public with better goods.

CONCRETE

In writing the history of human progress a thousand years from now one of the important milestones which will have to be recorded will be the invention of Portland cement, in the early 1800's. The use of concrete consisting of Portland cement and sand, gravel or crushed stone is one of the great advances made practically in our own time. It is still so new that all of its possible applications have not been realized.

An improvement in concrete, making it at once lighter and more nearly fireproof, has just been developed. Tests by Columbia University experts proved that it resists a temperature of 1,800 degrees, and weighs less than a third of ordinary concrete, bulk for bulk. It is made by adding aluminum powder and soda to the aggregate. The aluminum generates hydrogen gas and makes the concrete rise like

bread, so that it takes only a third as much to fill a given space. Two inches of the liquid mass poured for a floor, for example, will rise to nearly six inches thick, drying as it expands.

Fireproof and heatproof homes will be regarded as necessities a hundred years hence.

INDUSTRIES

Economists, statesmen and capitalists are hunting for new industries to take up the slack in permanent employment resulting from the extensions of labor-saving devices in established industries.

One thing that is being seriously considered by one of the great concerns which manufactures mechanical devices, is a machine which can be installed in the home, like a radio or a refrigerator, which will cool the house, or at least the room it is in, in Summer. In the laboratory it is possible to do this now. What is needed is the development of this on a commercial scale, to sell at a price within the reach of the average family.

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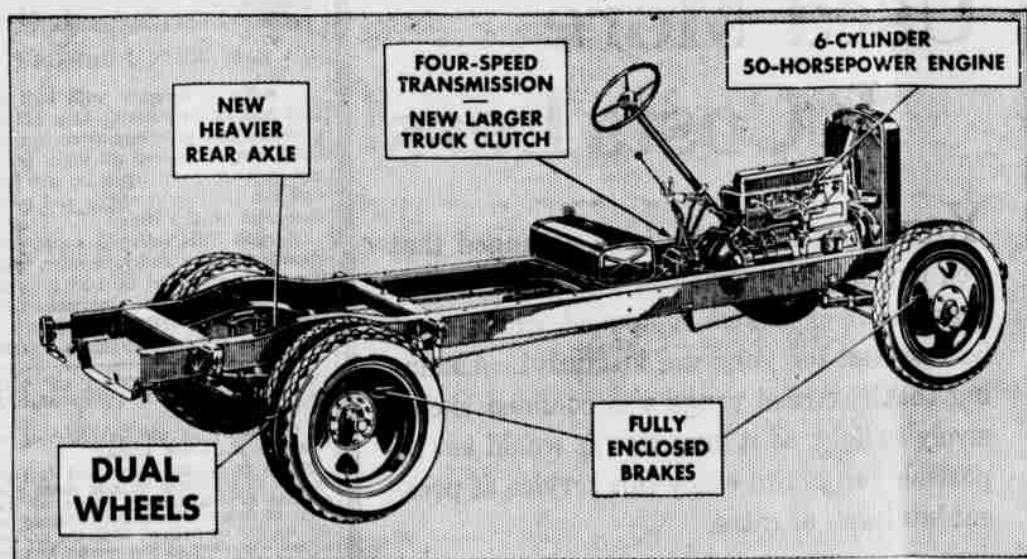
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