

The Way of Life

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"A Form of Suicide"

A certain friend of mine prospered mightily in his business and investments. I used to see him often, and it distressed me to observe that his increase in wealth had apparently added nothing to his peace of mind. He had seemed to be always worried. His health was not too good. With each added million he developed a new complaint.

The other day I saw him again for the first time in nearly a year. His eyes shone. He was full of pep and plans—a wonderful transformation.

"You know, I used to talk about retiring," he said, "and I had just about made up my mind to do it when the stock market crashed. Then I discovered that I couldn't afford to retire."

"I've gone back to work, and it's the greatest tonic I ever had. I doubt now if I'll ever retire. When you come to think of it," he added, "idleness is just a form of suicide."

The phrase is striking, but the thought which it expresses is not new. Many men have made the same discovery, and usually at the price of unhappiness.

Charles Lamb, when released at last from his drudgery of desk work at the India office, cried out that he would not go back to his "prison for ten thousand pounds."

"I am free! Free as air!" he wrote

ecstatically to a friend. "I will live another fifty years. Positively the best thing a man can do is nothing."

"Two years passed. Idleness lost its charm. Time, which had seemed to pass slowly when he was chained to a job, now hung around his neck like a millstone. With his days free for writing he actually wrote less than in the years when, with all their dull routine, he had been stimulated by daily contact with the active world.

"I assure you no work at all is worse than overwork; the mind preys on itself—the most unwholesome of food." So he wrote to the same friend. "I have ceased to care for almost anything. Never did the waters of heaven pour down on a forlorn head. What I can do, and overdo, is to walk. I am a sanguinary murderer of time. But the oracle is silent."

Henry Thoreau, who saw many things clearly, looked forward to a time when every man's life would be reasonably divided between hard work and happy leisure.

"Why should the hen set all day?" he asked. "She can lay but one egg, and besides, she will not have picked up materials for a new one. Those who work much do not work hard."

Both idleness and unrelieved drudgery are forms of suicide. Somewhere between them is a happy medium which is really living.

the thrill of action attached to them. Youth cannot visualize the social and economic losses caused by war—if it could, it wouldn't be youth. As well try to talk girls out of loving as to talk boys out of fighting. And the more war pictures are shown on the screen, the more eager will the generation which was too young to fight in the last war be for a new war in which they, too, can share in the excitement of battle.

AUSTRALIA

Australia has made one more step, and a long one, toward complete independence of the British Empire. The King of England has appointed a native Australian, Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, as Governor General of the Commonwealth.

The theory of the British government of its colonies in the past has been that while the people might elect their own legislative bodies the head of the Government must be somebody sent out from "home."

No Canadian has ever been the Governor-General of Canada, no Indian Governor-General of India.

Great Britain is having plenty of trouble keeping what it has, and rather than risk a revolt which would set up Australia as a completely independent nation all precedents have been broken.

POSTAGE

The Postmaster General wants to increase the rate of postage on letters from two cents to 2½ cents each. Probably nobody would mind it very much. Nobody made a great fuss when we went to three-cent

postage during the war. The main difficulty would be in making change.

The Post Office cost the taxpayers of the United States nearly one hundred million dollars last year. That is what we paid over and above postage stamp payments. More than half of the loss comes from carrying free mail matter for members of Congress and Government departments.

The cost of postal service ought to be paid by the people who use it. The business house that has a stamp bill of thousands of dollars a week is getting something for nothing from the taxpayer who writes only one letter a month. Moreover, the business house is using the mail for purposes of business—that is, to make money.

AGE

There has been a great deal of talk spilled loosely about the incapacity of men over 40 to do their share of the day's work.

At the New York State Industrial Safety congress the other day one of the industrial leaders said: "It is the old, trained employee who makes us our money. They are the ones it is hard to replace. The time when a man begins to be worth something is around 45."

Anybody who will think the matter over will realize that this is true. If business consisted in playing tennis or golf, or prize-fighting, no doubt young men would easily crowd out the old ones. But the "leg-work" which most jobs require is no strain upon the heart and muscles of men of sixty, while the intelligence and fidelity which are acquired only through experience both on the job and in the art of getting along in the world, are qualities that youth seldom possess.

HUMORETTES

Windjammer—I graduated in playing the saxophone from a correspondence school.

Bamboozle—Well, you sure lost lots of your mail.

Cordelia—Engaged to two men at once? Does breach of promise mean nothing to you?

Cornelia—I'll say it does. I'm trying to figure out how I can sue them both for it.

Mrs. Watt—Has Mrs. Bjones forgiven her daughter for eloping with that actor?

Mrs. Howe—I don't think so—she's gone to live with them.

U.B. Drifty

Merry Christmas

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Let's forget our cares and sorrows—
It's Christmas!

CHRISTMAS awakens fond memories and proves that there is lasting joy in providing pleasure for our loved ones, friends and fellow men.

PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

May that sentiment ever grow stronger, and may Christmas bring to you, one and all, much happiness.

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Records Eight Heppner Students at U. O. Cited

University of Oregon, Eugene—(Special)—There are eight students from Heppner registered in the University of Oregon fall term. They are:

Merle Becket, a sophomore in the school of business administration, graduated from the Heppner high, and this year a member of the university band.

Katherine Bisbee, a freshman in physical education. She played freshman hockey and volleyball.

Glen Wedell Casteel, a freshman in the English department, graduated from the Oregon State school for the blind.

Marjorie Barton Clark, a junior in the English department. She is a member of Chi Omega, and general chairman of the women's rally committee this year.

Claud C. Conder, a sophomore in political science. He was a member

of the rifle team last year, and is one of the university band.

Jon Conder, a junior in the school of music, graduated from the Heppner high school. He received the Phi Mu Alpha piano scholarship for 1928.

Patricia Eileen Mahoney, a sophomore in the school of music, a member of Chi Omega, and a graduate of Heppner high in 1929.

John G. Parker, a freshman in the school of business administration, graduated from Heppner high school.

"Why do you go out on the front porch whenever I sing? Don't you like to hear me?"

"It isn't that. I want the neighbors to see that I'm not beating my wife."

Slowboy—If I knew you better I'd kiss you.

Miss Pepp—If you'd kiss me you'd know me better.

We cannot say the words we would
Of deep appreciation;
We take this way of wishing you
A happy celebration!

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HEPPNER, OREGON

1930 1931

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Happy greetings!
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New Year bring you,
All the joys your heart can tell!

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Inhabitant—It is the healthiest spot on earth.

Visitor—And yet your cemetery is pretty full.

Inhabitant—Yes, but they are the graves of doctors and undertakers who have died with broken hearts.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given that the under-

signed has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Millard F. Parker, deceased, and that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County has appointed Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1931, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time, and the county court room in the court house at Heppner, Oregon, as the place of hearing and settlement of said final account. Objections to said final account must be filed on or before said date.

TRANNIE B. PARKER,
Administratrix.

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A gay old combination,
And so this card of greeting, friends,
Sincere congratulation!

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MILK Darigold brand A real western product. 11 TALL TINS 99c	HONEY Pure Strained 5-LB. TINS 64c 10-LB. TINS \$1.24	PRUNES Medium Size and Juicy 10 LBS. 73c 25 LBS. \$1.73
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KRAUT, Libby's best, sold in bulk, 2 QUARTS 25c	COCOANUT, sweet and moist, sold in bulk, LB. 29c	
CORN FLAKES Jersey Brand, large flakes and crisp. 6 LG. PKGS 49c	Spaghetti New shipment, coll. fine quality, sold in bulk. 3 LBS. 29c	COD FISH Rofco Brand Boneless 2 LBS. 45c

Happy New Year to One and All

MACMARR STORES

TODAY
TOMORROW
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

BLASPHEMY

The Lord Chamberlain of England, who has the final say whether any play may be shown in English theaters, has banned "The Green Pastures," the play which received the Pulitzer Prize when it was produced in New York, where it is still running.

The ground of the objection is that in the play one character represents God, and that is forbidden on the English stage. True, the character is merely an ignorant Negro's conception of God as "somebody that looks like the Reverend Mr. Dubois," and the whole play reflects the simple literal interpretation of the Bible story in terms of their own race and experience, by the primitive Negroes of the lower Mississippi Valley. But that makes no difference in England; "The Green Pastures" can't be shown there.

The reasoning back of that seems as wrong-headed as most of the reasoning, or lack of it, back of some efforts in America to keep religion from being taken lightly. Any religion which can't stand up under caricature or parody must be pretty weak stuff.

WAR

The movie magnates are falling over themselves to produce films showing war scenes. That is quite all right—war is mankind's greatest adventure—always has been and always will be. But when they talk, as some of them do, about such films as "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Hell's Angels" as being calculated to turn the minds of youth away from war and toward peace, they are speaking in the vernacular, all wet.

Youth doesn't mind dirt and blood and danger and horrors, if there is

1930 1931

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