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GRADUATING DRESSES.

It is said that the tendency of the graduating classes of many schools this year is toward inexpensive dresses. The girls of the Lincoln high will appear in plain muslin, costing not more than two or three dollars. Reports from other places tell us that the quotations this year will range below the five dollar mark. And thereby appears the opportunity for a dissertation on an important subject:

Why should they all wear cheap dresses? If a girl or her parents can afford a better dress than two-dollar stuff, why shouldn't she wear it, even if there are poorer girls who cannot afford so much luxury. The rich girl is not retaining her self-esteem by appearing in gingham. She is not retaining her station in life, and it is not commendable of the richer girls to graduate in simple cotton frocks.

It is not commendable for them or their relatives to say that they are thus cheapening the graduation garments in the bosoms of the poorer girls of the class. To be poor is not rare, but to be accused of being poor and envious probably is as aggravating as it is untrue and unnecessary.

Yet the howl that goes up over the question of cheap graduation dresses, made every year, is a direct and inexcusable thrust at self-respecting poverty. To assume that a poorer girl is envious of a richer girl is to deny to the former the spiritual dignity to which she is entitled.

At the same time for a richer girl to assume that a poorer girl is envying her is to provide the former with a false conception of her importance, and to assign her a fictitious estimate of personal and social values. That is the one best way to make snobs out of otherwise admirable young women.

There is no more reason why a girl at graduation should wear a cheap dress in order to cater to the supposed preferences of the other girls than that her mother should wear a cheap dress in order to cater to the supposed preferences of her poorer acquaintances. Why the outcry against class distinction in school unless it shall also be heard in society?

The school is but a smaller world, and what the student learns there is supposed to fit her for the larger world. Then if an assumption is sound in school, isn't it sound out of school? What do you privately think of the frounced and furbelowed matron who tells it that her daughter is to wear a cheap dress at graduation "because, you know, I don't want Mary Ann to make poor girls envious?"

Let every girl wear just the best she can afford. Everybody knows all the girls and they all know each other and each others' station in life.

BUY GROCERIES AT HOME.

It should hardly be necessary to comment on the poor taste displayed in sending to Portland for a supply of groceries, but the fact remains that a good many Gresham dollars are spent in this manner every year.

The only way to get wholesome, fresh groceries is to buy them at home. Make your purchases from your fellow citizens of Gresham or near where you live, who are ready to serve you and merit your substantial patronage. Buy them from strangers and you get whatever they can shove on to you, a stranger whom they have never seen before and may never see again.

"Daily news reports show that death is making unusual inroads among the Oregon pioneers of the '40s and '50s. Truly, the pioneer is passing."—Oregonian. And yet the Pioneer association refuses to open its membership roll to any who came here later than February 14, 1859.

It begins to look as if the war must be decided finally on points. Neither side appears to be able to deliver a knockout.

Bananas are so cheap now-a-days that it is doubly exasperating to slip up on a peeling. Moral somewhere.

NATIONAL RESERVES.

It is not generally known that the United States has taken a hand in the pastime of teaching the young idea how to shoot. This function has heretofore been the sole prerogative of the school teachers—mostly school mams now-a-days—but with Uncle Sam ready to lend a helping hand a part of their avocations will be gone unless the aforesaid teachers are able to show a proficiency in the art of marksmanship of a different kind.

Congress has passed a law under which any group of ten or more persons who so desire will be given guns.

There are few schools which could not easily comply with the regulations and obtain for their pupils the superiority and discipline to be had from taking advantage of the offer. Members of the national guard are somewhat divided on the scheme of a national reserve which is being formed outside the regular army.

Naturally they prefer to have the young men enlist in the organized militia, but they seem to forget that from this reserve they could easily secure recruits to fill the ranks should necessity arise. The organization of school battalions ought to be encouraged, but can the teachers—mostly school mams—qualify as instructors?

A WOMAN'S PLAN.

A woman up the valley has discovered a plan to mend her husband's ragged cuffs. She cuts a strip of the same material from the shirt tail and makes a band, and the cuffs are as good as new.

The plan evolved by the woman up the valley is on a par with that of the Irishman whose blanket was too short to cover his toes and come up to his chin. He cut a piece from one end and sewed it on the other. But the plan of the woman up the valley reminds us of something—

Like a man without a wife,

Like a ship without a sail;

But the oddest thing in life,

Is a shirt without a tail.

TWO-DOLLAR DRESSES.

How many of the young men of the country do you know who are looking the country over for girls in two-dollar dresses? The young man who consults his purse rather than his heart in matters of courtship is a doubtful proposition. A too conservative lover will make a tightwad husband, and the girl who appeals to him because she wears a two-dollar gingham, will, if she takes him for her husband, find herself dressed in about four bits worth of calico a few years later.

Refusal by the county commissioners, backed by the grange, to accede to the demands of the Labor council for a minimum of \$3 for eight hours' work on the county roads as their price for supporting the bond issue, is commendable and shows an independent spirit. Even those others who oppose the bonds for other reasons can see that the proper attitude was taken by the county.

It is reported that corn meal is higher in Berlin than wheat flour. The Germans want something nice to go with their greens, but it is doubtful if they know the internal arrangements of a Yankee hoeecake.

Reports show that so far the peach crop has not been injured. Miss Elberta will appear with her usual damask cheek and Mr. Crawford will show the bloom of health on his.

In the race of life when one person gets far enough ahead to throw dust in the other's eyes, the hindmost gets even by throwing mud.

The luckiest rascal in the English army was an aviator who fell to the ground in Holland, a neutral nation, and was interned.

That kid in "Smatter Pop" has had a felicitous advantage over many grown-ups who have never tasted an all-day sucker.

Puzzle for jurists: which is the greater handicap to a lawyer, to be tongue-tied or to have a conscience?

The highest praise that any may give to an actor is to say that he doesn't act like an actor.

Conscience makes cowards of us all. Politeness is even worse. It makes actors of us.

Legend for the portrait of a Puritan: How proud of him the Master would be!

Girls seldom marry the men they flirt with. But it is not the fault of the girls.

Think big things, strive for big things and you will accomplish big things.

A dollar in your pocket is worth more to you than a million Rockefeller's pockets.

HOFER'S APHORISMS.

Col. E. Hofer, whom everybody knows as a writer and public speaker, is responsible for the following paragraphic expressions which many of our readers will endorse:

Closing stores and places of business at night gives a town a dead deserted look.

In a chickenyard nothing is moving after dark, except the rats—and other vermin.

Closing theaters and other places on Sunday makes a town seem like a cemetery.

Empty streets and no one moving about—all in the country or at home asleep—kills all values.

Stopping people spending money and making fools of themselves, is a sure way to put a community on the bum.

Laws and ordinances to that effect deprive about half the people of the incentive to live—a strange fact.

It has not yet been determined whether folly, luxury, extravagance produce civilization or vice versa.

One thing is certain—if we only bought necessities of life to eat and wear about half the business of the world would stop.

Millinery stores, tobacco shops, ice cream parlors, high-heeled shoes, high-priced hotels, parlor cars and X-ray gowns would go.

The arc-light, fast trains, show-windows, movies and living beauty dry goods displays would go.

Those who preach and write against these manifestations of civilization are harking back to barbarism.

We could all wear overalls, eat beans and graham bread, saw our own wood and drink rain water, but we would kill arts, industries and civilization.

An exchange says: When you talk too loud for government ownership it is well to stop and look at the warring European nations where practically every line of private enterprise is under government supervision and can be appropriated for government use at any time. There is a government official controlling the activities of practically every man, woman and child in the country. In other words, everybody's private enterprise and liberty is subservient to the government and an army of office holders. Let's keep this a free country where every man can do business on his own hook under fair laws.

After a thorough investigation of the various fruit growing sections of the Pacific Northwest, the big Chicago packing firm of Libby, McNeil & Libby has decided to erect a cannery at The Dalles. The announcement has been officially made by a representative of the company and construction will be rushed in order to be ready for the cherry crop in June.

A new magazine to be devoted exclusively to taxation, good roads, crop marketing, rural credits and other live topics, is being launched by C. C. Chapman, who has just retired from the secretaryship of the Oregon Development League. The new publication is to be called The Oregon Voter and the first number will go to press late in April.

The state will spend half a million dollars on new buildings this year. Another half million public money will be spent on office fixtures, school furniture, etc. The Pacific Coast Manufacturer is leading a fight in the state press to have all this money spent on Oregon building materials and Oregon manufacturers.

M. C. King's clean-up program on Saturday last was a success and the King property near the O. W. P. depot shows a decided improvement. So far as observed the example was not contagious, but a disease hardly ever shows itself until after nine days have elapsed.

It cost \$4,054,646 to govern the city of Portland during 1914. Based on a population of 275,000, the above sum represents an average of \$14.75 for each individual, which is probably more than some of them are worth.

The man who thinks he can whip Willard is a Portland production, now in Australia. For the glory of Oregon here's hoping he gets licked.

St. Johns voted yesterday to consolidate with Portland. Only a question of time when Eastern Multnomah towns will do likewise.

Jack Johnson's "golden smile" came from the office of a Portland dentist. That smile is now a melancholy grin in Cuba.

The constitution of the United States: the last refuge of scoundrels.

The curfew bell of Time awaits for no procrastination.

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