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With the vacation season upon us and with the completion of a new high school building in Gresham a train of thought has been suggested that has to do with the future of high school graduates.

There are, we believe, scores of young people here and elsewhere who are eager to receive a few words which will assist them in deciding their course for the future, and while we may not be competent to give advice we feel that there is something to say that will benefit the young man or young woman who is going forth seeking a career.

During the life span of the present generation business has passed from a "trade" to one of the learned professions. It is true that there is danger of overcrowding the professions, but at this time when so many of our high school graduates are looking ahead and endeavoring to decide upon some plan which will serve to equip them for a successful business career, we are glad to take the opportunity to make a brief survey of the possibilities for the future.

Most of us are acquainted with successful lawyers and doctors who got their training for their callings by studying in local offices. They were studious, they made good. But how many of the high school graduates of today would consider such a training sufficient to enable them to cope as practitioners with their fellow professionals? In a like manner the young person who was going into business learned the routine of his or her calling by starting as a clerk in some counting room or business house.

Not so today for the young man or young woman who aspires to advance in the commercial field under present conditions must be equipped with a much broader education. The fundamental principles which underlie business practice should be studied and mastered. We all realize that the days of haphazard business have passed; that the days of work by skilled men have arrived. If one hopes to develop into a person capable of wide action, one must not try to do it on the weak foundation of a narrow and restricted education.

High schools and commercial schools have for some years offered excellent courses in the line of direct preparation for certain of the branches of business, but their field is necessarily limited. For the man or woman who intends to take up stenography and typewriting or a similar vocation, these courses are admirably suited, but for those whose ambition points to a managerial or superintending position the educational process should be carried further.

For the latter there are our fully equipped colleges where the high school education may be supplemented by a graduate course of varying length, suitable to the exigencies of the career that is to be followed.

THE PAROLE POWER

The course taken by Judge Gatens in paroling Mrs. Fowle to her husband and refusing to sentence her daughter, is to be highly commended. A long term in the penitentiary would have served no adequate purpose in these cases and the punishment of the two women will be just as severe until their chastened spirits have shown that the mercy shown them was not misplaced.

There are extreme cases in which the application of mercy is warranted and it is to meet such circumstances that the parole power is given by law to discriminating judges. It is true that the security of society has sometimes been impaired by ill-advised paroles as well as pardons for imprisoned criminals, and this applies to murderers as well as others. The individual criminal is not the only one to be considered; the moral effect upon others of criminal tendencies is an important factor.

Some young men we know would get married right away if they were sure the young lady's earnings would continue to provide a steady income.

A VOCATIONAL MACHINE

If you want to know what trade or profession your boy or girl should adopt you should get one of the new machines just invented in Boston. Yes, it is in Boston where the machine, if that is the proper word, was invented that determines without a moment's hesitation what course of employment, endeavor or occupation in life child should adopt. And it—the machine—cannot by any possibility make a mistake, its inventor says, because it is machine and determines the vocational tendencies of a child with the utmost disregard for preference or sentiment.

The subject simply plunges his hands into cups of some sort of mercurial solution, answers a few questions and goes away with his future career all marked out on a piece of paper in his pocket. The map was unconsciously made and marked by his hands while in the cups. It is all perfectly simple, and what a lot of trouble that machine is destined to make as well as save. For some reasons it will be handier to have in the house than a kitchen cabinet or a cobbler's outfit.

There won't be any more mothers wanting Johnnie to be a preacher, while father insists he is better qualified to be a horse doctor; there will be no more disputes as to whether Willie shall go to college and prepare himself to head a revolution in the world of letters, or shall go behind the counter in his uncle's grocery store at 17 and learn the profitable dispensing of potatoes and coal oil. No more of these trials and responsibilities for harassed and overworked parents. Just wheel out the machine and put the hands of Johnnie or Bertie or Willie into it, and there you are! The thing is settled. Chance is eliminated and there can be no more misfits in the professional or commercial world.

To be sure there may be some genuine surprises, for this machine, bear in mind, eliminates all preference and sentiment. It goes right to the center of things, provided, of course, Johnnie's and Willie's hands are free from foreign matter at the time.

The fond parent may be astonished to find out beyond all peradventure that his eight-year-old hopeful, who has always given indications that he would be either a prize-fighter or a policeman, has all the potential tendencies of a clerk at the ribbon counter. It may give Johnnie himself some pangs when it is determined that all his practice on those baseball curves, which he fully intended to develop later in life as a professional, are wasted and that he is cut out for a Fiji missionary. It may cause Mary Ellen to squirm some when she knows that instead of being a grand opera queen, as she had fully intended she is to be the mother of a family of twelve.

But it must be a great machine; and of course it will knock the fortune telling cards, the divining rod and dream book into a cocked hat.

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A great revival of the fruit canning and fruit preserving industry so far as the practice in the home is concerned has followed the O. W. R. & N. Company's series of demonstrations now being conducted in Oregon, Washington and Idaho by Mrs. King-Stocker of Gresham.

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EXPENSIVE ECONOMY

When the Panama Canal commission decided to install two of the largest floating cranes in the world it advertised for bids without restriction to the United States and received a foreign bid of eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars against one of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars from an American company. Despite the fact that the commission's own estimate of the cost was above the foreign figures the contract was awarded to the foreign firm.

The foreign design called for a machine weighing less than six million pounds, while the American company bid on one weighing eight million three hundred pounds. This difference would have accounted for the difference in bidding and should have led to closer inquiry. The result was that when the first of the cranes was tested it collapsed in a wreck. Estimates of the cost of repairing it vary from one hundred and twenty thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The canal was an American enterprise, built with American money and in the main with American material and equipment, and this ill-advised experiment in foreign competition with its disastrous results is the more reprehensible because at the time there was a period of depression in American mills to which whatever preference was to be given should have been given. The fact that the foreign competitor properly stated that his bid was below the specified minimum and that the commissioners' own estimate of the cost was higher than the bid accepted argues an inexcusable dereliction.

This lesson, while costly, may be a needed warning. In future, "Made in U. S. A." should be insisted on in all public contracts. —Providence Tribune.

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CHERRYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Mayhorn were Sunday visitors at the home of their brother, Jas. Cox, and mother Mrs. Banta.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Watkins on Saturday evening in honor of their daughter Miss Mae Moore.

Miss Grace Shank and cousin Miss Baty of Portland returned to Portland last Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth and Mildred were Sandy visitors last Tuesday.

George Cooper and family are entertaining friends from the East who arrived Sunday.

F. Gunn of Sandy was a caller at Cherry Acres Sunday.

Pendleton will have a \$25,000 Carnegie library.

**A Pointer**

"A word in time saves nine."

Think what it will be worth to you to have the right information at the right time. It only costs a little to keep track of events, local and world-wide, and then you are prepared when the time comes. The money spent in any of these combinations is well spent.

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