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HONG KONG KOLUM

Sir: My son worked this out in school. Take two letters from "money" and you have "one" left. Now, here's the point—take money from two letters and you go to jail!

POW! (From the Waynetown, Ind., Dispatch.)

The operetta, "Singbird the Sailor," was presented by members of the high school last Friday evening.

J. H. L. says the London clock punching clerks oughta make good soldiers because they are used to "marking time."

Sir: Did it ever occur to you that the average vaudeville dancing lady is sadly in need of another joint, midway between the knee and the ankle?

Friends get along better than relations do—look at King George and the Kaiser!

If An Author Tried to Do This, He Couldn't Do It. "I have a matchless line, sir," (The speaker is a breezy salesman in a current magazine serial. And his line is automatic cigar lighters.)

Today's Bellringer. Chauncey Dewey tells of a life saver who heard a shrill cry from the waves at Palm Beach late one night. He saw a figure flopping about in the water.

In Which Somber Justice Pulls a Whose. Sir: Judge—got this one off your afternoon in police court. Your name? "Smith." "Occupation?" "Locksmith." "Officer, lock Smith up."

Sir: Bobbie, age 10, asked today: If the end of the world was to come and the earth was destroyed while a man was high up in an airplane in the clouds, where would the man land when he came down? T. L. J.

Thump, Thump! (From the Carthage, Ill., Republican.) John Miller had the misfortune to fall on the ice Friday and break his wooden limb. This will lay Mr. Miller up for some time as the limb will have to be sent away for repairs or perhaps necessitates buying an entirely new leg.

We see by the Eaton, O., Herd that Miss Minnie Dull entertained a gentleman friend over Sunday. Wonder what sort of a time he had?

Sir: When Joe's mama told him the other day not to be so bolsterous, little sister Ethel piped up "And I shan't be so glistorous any more, ma." PETER H.

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A COMMUNITY LOSS

THE untimely death of William Ira Vawter comes as a blow to the community and robs Medford and southern Oregon of one of their best assets at a time the country can ill afford to lose such a man.

Coming to Medford as a young man in village days, Mr. Vawter saw its opportunities and possibilities and became one of its leading citizens and principal community builders. In the intervening years he has been active in all lines of human endeavor. Progressive, enterprising, far-sighted, he has perhaps contributed more to development than any of our citizens.

Though cut off in the prime of life, with wide fields of opportunity opening before him, with statewide appreciation of his efforts and recognition of his service and ability, with the future holding much for him, Mr. Vawter has left an enviable record that should be an inspiration to youth. That he was successful in all he undertook is a tribute not only to his talents, but to his ceaseless energy—for he was probably the hardest worker in the community.

The sympathy of all southern Oregon goes out to his bereaved family, for their loss is also the state's loss.

DEFECTS IN EDUCATION

SERIOUS defects in American educational methods exist. The grammar and high school graduates are not as well grounded in essentials as in former generations, despite the increased cost of education. There is a tendency to scatter over many subjects instead of complete mastery of few. Many of our high school graduates are deficient in ground work and have failed to learn concentration. These defects are thus summarized by James J. Hill, the railroad builder:

"The greatest difficulty this company experiences in securing competent employees is the radical deficiency in thorough education in the elementary branches. High school graduates who come to us with a good record and recommendations are unable frequently to write a letter in fair English, to spell correctly or to make simple arithmetical computations, either quickly or accurately. From this experience two conclusions as to the efficiency of current educational methods may be drawn: First, pupils know a little of many things, but no one thing thoroughly. Second, too much thought appears to be given to the best subjects for study and not enough to the training of the mind in accuracy. It is upon the correction of these defects, especially in elementary education, that attention should be concentrated."

This is the experience of most business men. The time of the pupils seems to be dissipated over the frills and furbelows of education to the neglect of the fundamentals. The system of credits, whereby pupils are passed to higher grades on daily averages, instead of by final examinations, does not make for thoroughness, for many children master a subject superficially enough for a good recital when it is fresh in their minds, and have forgotten all about it by the term's end—and examination reveals the deficiency.

A test has just been given the graduates of one of Portland's large grammar schools by Dr. Edmund Myers and the board of education. The questions were upon spelling, grammar, history, geography and arithmetic. There were thirty-one boys and girls and they averaged 46.72 per cent of correct answers out of a possible 100. The questions were all simple and concerned primary work. Some of the results are thus stated in the Portland Telegram:

No child spelled "diphtheria" or "embarrass," and but four spelled correctly "barbaric" and "cemetery." One-half of the class missed "sings" and "steaks." The highest mark for any child was 75, average 53.7 per cent. Seven out of 31 did not know in what state the Hudson river lies. None knew all the answers to the questions concerning the capitals of five states. The highest percentage obtained by any pupil in geography was 26. One child obtained 40. The class average was 24.7 per cent. In the arithmetic test only six out of 31 were correct in both questions in percentage. There were three or four who did not know how many feet there were in a mile or how many rods in an acre. About one-third fell down on answers to the question concerning the finding of the circumference to a circle. Only two got all the answers correct and of these one was the pupil who led the class in nearly all the subjects. Class average 48.61 in history; the class averaged 49.42 per cent. One pupil said the Fred Scott decision had something to do with the liquor question. There were only one of the thirty-one pupils who obtained a grand average of 75 per cent in all the questions in all subjects. In grammar the class average was 51.90 per cent.

The examiner concludes that paper cutting and other frills of the lower grades should be left to the kindergarten, and dressmaking, designing, canning fruit, cooking and other furbelows of the upper grades left to the technical high schools or homes, so that the pupils will have more time for essential fundamentals—and, judging by results, most people agree with him.

Tales of the Town

I saw them first. Some months ago. In window high. From which they watched. The street below. And laughed and chattered. As crowds went by. In street outside. And later on. At movie shows. I sat behind. And heard them laugh. When Chaplin played. And heard their sigh. At Mary's wars. And many times I met them there. For in their joy. More joy I had. But came a time. When to the show. They did not come. And somehow things. Seemed not the same. When these two boys. Came out again. They've passed the age. Of three-score years. And though their hair. Has turned to gray. Their hearts are young. Their smiles are bright. And the other day. At movie show. Just one of them. Came down the aisle. And sat alone.

And watched the screen. But he looked sad. Since Dad Garrett. Went on the farm. And I want to say. To Sherry now. To bring Dad in. And let him see. With Papa Butler. To movie shows. And if he will. I'll buy the seats. For these two kids.

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MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION. If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach sour, clean liver and bowels. Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once — a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once — a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow. If your little one is out-of-sorts, half sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if the tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again. Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all

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