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Old Fashioned and Sensible

When George Putman of the Salem Journal uses a pen he uses an old fashioned pen and when he dips into the ink of common sense always something worth reading is produced. Listen to this:

Some 500 students are being graduated from the University of Oregon this week. Approximately the same number were graduated at the Oregon Agricultural college last week. A few less than a hundred are receiving diplomas at the Willamette university, half that number from Reed college, and a proportional number from all the minor colleges—all testifying to the modern craze for higher education and the popular fallacy that a college education spells success.

The sudden rush of youth to the universities is producing an oversupply in the market and making it increasingly difficult for college boys to gain their proper place in the economic order. Many therefore have to turn their minds and especially their muscles, to other things. Much of the time spent at college in special training is therefore wasted—except culturally, and even then it is detrimental because of false premises that create discontent and dissatisfaction.

Years ago the son of a man of moderate means was sent to college and established in law, medicine, clergy or some other profession that would earn him a good living, even if he was not overburdened with brains. But it cannot be done nowadays—competition is too keen. And college degrees no longer confer a distinction.

Everybody cannot be president, nor can we all be doctors, lawyers, preachers, professors or office-holders. Most people must earn their living in productive work which requires more physical labor than education, yet our colleges go right on training all the young men for professions which are

already over-crowded, which accounts for the high costs of useless education.

All of which raises the suspicion that our educational system is top-heavy and doing more harm than good in spoiling good laborers and mechanics for poor hangers-on of the professions. Education never was a substitute for brains, but frequently is utilized as a substitute for hard-work.

Why Do Birds Migrate?

This question is one that has often been asked in the Klamath Basin where the bird life is extensive and is therefore often studied.

Why do birds migrate? It is a mystery even to biologists who have devoted years of study to the phenomenon. Scientists have been seeking the answer for a century and are as much in the dark today as before they undertook the search.

While these studies, which have been fads with many men of science, have cleared up many misunderstandings concerning bird life, not one of the students can more than guess the meaning of the arrival of the first robbin in the spring or the southward flight of the geese in the late fall.

One conclusion is that while "the entire act of migration is so utterly complex that not a single factor may be described as absolute cause, migration has arisen from movements by seasonal and climatic changes in certain species until it has become hereditary instinct and a part of the life cycle of the individual."

However, this research has not been wholly fruitless. Man's knowledge of bird life has been augmented greatly by it. It has been found that large birds, such as loons, cranes, ducks and hawks migrate by day, while the majority of the small birds, such as warblers, flycatchers and sparrows, fly by night during the migratory period. The chief reason is that the larger do not suffer from a day of fasting while the smaller winged creatures must spend some of the daylight hours foraging.

It has been learned that the arctic tern flies from the arctic circle to the antarctic circle and back in every twelve-month, and that the migratory speed of flying of ducks and wild geese ranges from 42 to 59 miles an hour and of smaller birds from 20 to 37 miles an hour.

Another thing this study of migration has taught man is that he has not yet conquered the air.

Oregon Masons have a perfect right to be happy over the dedication of their new million dollar home in Portland. It is a fine structure.

Longview lost her long fight for a bridge across the Columbia—the government evidently thought a ferry boat is still quite a conveyance.

Here's hoping they find the French aviators. If that should happen, all aviation news would be perfect, for the present, at least.

It is all right to tell your wife everything that happens if you don't tell her even more than that.

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Isn't it funny what a woman will show to hide her age?

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Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson
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knows it he is engaged to a girl whose mother comes to plead that she cannot stand poverty.

The engineer's brother goes to the dogs, and for the girl's sake Foster gives her up. When she marries the rich man, Foster is the engineer on the express that carries her private coach and bridal party. Handits hold up the train. One of them proves to be Foster's

brother. Terrific are the adventures he goes through to keep his honor clean.

In the cast in support of Monte Blue are, Edna Murphy, Myrtle Stedman, Claire McDowell, Carol Nye, William Demarest and J. W. Johnson. Howard Bretherton directed "The Black Diamond Express" which is at the Liberty Theatre tonight.

AT THE LIBERTY

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