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Editorial

It isn't any trouble to name the next Governor. But what a guess at this time to talk of the next Senator.

"Winter." Some one mentioned the word, without explaining the meaning. We in Vernonia know it is December, but "Winter." Don't know any such animal here

Burglars are getting their share of Portland's prosperity—more than their share. They are making the best of the Holiday Spirit.

Florida was storm swept this week. Real estate dealers all ran to the high places with their rubber boots on. California never said a word.

Prosperity reigns over the Northwest. November business topped all previous records. Nothing in sight to change the situation. Yes, it will be a good Christmas.

Texas and its Lady Governor are having their first round. "Ma" tells them to do their worst, she's governor. But Texas people are wondering whether she or her husband is the Governor. Oh well, what did they elect her for in the first place. These freak or sensational elections always result in discontent or dissatisfaction.

The days of candidates and prospective candidates are now with us. New ones are bobbing up and being mentioned frequently. The latest entry is that made by the Forest Grove News-Times in mentioning Loyal M. Graham of Forest Grove, as a candidate for Governor. It is energy wasted, however, notwithstanding that Graham is a good citizen and good legislator. But for Governor—Oh, let's change the subject.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

FREDERICK D. UNDERWOOD, President of the Erie Railroad company, says: that there is a maxim to the effect that everyone should "pull his weight in the boat." Whoever fails puts greater burden on the other for, "willy-nilly," everyone is pulling and being pulled. The question is: Are we pulling a fair share? If not, why not? Are we willing to pull or are we expecting others to labor harder at the oar that we may labor less? Is the axiom that everyone should pull his weight possible in the operations of the world?

That the remedy for our troubles is within reach, but so far has not been reached. They would be over were the so-called Golden Rule in universal operation. It is so simple and so obviously would bring relief that its general acceptance is well worth pulling for.

My opinion is that the point of beginning is in kindergartens, schools and all institutions of learning. Some children are taught nothing at home. Some little more than that. When the Golden Rule is introduced as a fundamental feature into all educational institutions, it will be helpful. Family discipline and churches cannot be depended upon. Other needs in the home supplant the fundamentals. The churches work one short day in seven and many people are not church goers; but, in our universal school law, which enforces the attendance of every child, is the logical starting point for the plan. Catch them young. Drill them all alike. When one thinks what could be accomplished in this respect in a comparatively few years, it is impressive. Impress the children the wisdom of logical thinking, the unwisdom of emotional surmises, the difference between impulses and facts, and that eloquence is not always correct.—Copyright 1925 by Edson R. Waite.

TOO MUCH UP-TO-DATENESS.

A GREAT many young folks, as well as some older ones seem to have the idea that politeness is the sign of a mollycoddle, that it is effeminate, or something of that sort—at least, that it need have no prominent part in modern life.

This question having been settled by the young people themselves, who should know more about it than anyone else, it is rather odd to note that it is the back number who gets through life with the best jobs and gets through life with the least trouble. Old fashioned employers, for no known reason, certainly for no good one, prefer the young man who is courteous, even when being so means being scoffed at by others.

Old fashioned employers, again with no known or good reason, prefer the young person who seems to have little time to spend on the streets and who seems to have some useful way of employing his time.

Even the lad who has learned to a nicety to exact angle at which to poise a cigarette seems not to be as popular with the man who keeps up the payroll as the lad who is

less polished in that particular and is way behind the Railroad company, says: that there is a maxim to it is hard sometimes not to yield to the taunts of friends and companions, but this inconvenience is overcome by the greater ease with which the boy who resists the tendency towards rudeness and indolence "Arrives" in his battle with the world.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

The following was taken from one of the bulletins issued by State Market Master Spence:

Eleven hundred acres of full-grown apple trees have been grubbed out in Wasco county to make room for wheat next year. And what if the price of wheat should go down to where it was two years ago? Would the land then be set out to prune trees, if prune prices should be high? And later on would these trees be pulled out if prune prices were low? Agriculture is a hazardous industry, but there is hope in time that powerful producer-consumer organizations will force out the many needless costs and profits between the farm and home for mutual benefits. Then farming will not be the present big risk.

Mr. Spence, by inference at least, would have one believe that it was not so much the hazard of adverse elements as that of bucking an adverse marketing combination that caused the grubbing up of the big orchard it would be more correct to state that the Dufur orchard should never have been planted on land suitable only for wheat. We will all agree with Mr. Spence that there is need for reforms in our agriculture and horticulture marketing, but as yet we have been unable to discover any help in the bulletins which he is issuing at state expense. He is forever citing obvious ills inspiring unfortunate farmers with self pity, but where and when has he ever offered any real constructive remedies.—Hood River Glacier.

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"FOR three years," writes a newspaper friend of mine, "the football star is important; after that he is spoken of as a man who was a football star once. And the fact that he was a football star once helps him not in the least to get along in any business that he takes up."

"After the hero days are passed, which they do quickly, there is nothing left but 'sorrow's crown of sorrow.'"

I have found it so, and I have seen a good many heroes in my time of one sort or another. Heroism is seldom attained except through struggle, through sacrifice, through contest with something or somebody, and the results of these things are not negligible or useless no matter what sort of work mental or physical into which the hero, even though he be a youthful amateur, may go later.

The physical hero does not climb to his pedestal by physical effort only. He must fight in the face of defeat, he must develop poise and self-control and alertness of mind and quickness of judgment, and these are qualities of mind which will serve him not only in sports, but in the game of life which he must take up after he leaves college.

As I have followed these youthful heroes after they have left the scenes of their physical triumphs, I have not been surprised to find that in a large majority of cases the qualities which helped them in college to become physical heroes were pretty largely responsible in later years in helping them to business and professional success. That they do in a majority of cases attain this success I believe statistics will easily demonstrate.

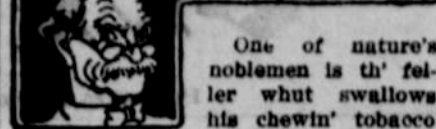
I knew Morton, though this isn't his real name, before he entered high school, and I knew him intimately throughout his high school and college course. He did not have a quick mind, but he had a good body and a determined will. He wanted to have a trained mind and a trained body, and in the training of his body he wanted to be a good runner.

He went at it systematically, willing to give up everything necessary to attain his ends. He was mediocre at first, but he kept on. He practiced regularly and intelligently. Defeat never discouraged him, and ultimately he became the best amateur runner in the Middle West.

He was a great hero and he has carried this hero business into the work which he took up when he left college. He did not get on rapidly at first, but he stuck to it. The same spirit, the same courage, the same persistency which had made him an outstanding athlete, has made him a power in the organization of which for a good many years he has been a part. The fact that he was a hero in college is helping him every day in his life to be a hero in business.

If a man has been a hero once he will always have in him something of the qualities which make for heroism, no matter where he goes or what he does.

Father Sage Says:



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