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THE HOURS AFTER SUPPER.

Most careers are made or marred in the hours after supper.

It may seem to some that the few hours between supper and bed-time afford small opportunity for education. But they were sufficient for Lincoln and for Franklin and for millions of men who, by turning these hours to advantage through special studies, advanced themselves above their fellows.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Benjamin Franklin, who said this, not only understood the value of time, but he put a price on it that made others appreciate its worth.

Bradstreet's in a summary of business conditions ascribes most business failures to what may be called "the size of their scrap-heaps." Nothing is at once more inexcusable and disastrous than waste, and the most disastrous waste of all with the average man is waste of time. The unused hours form the "scrap-heap" that has wrecked many a man's career.

That heap of waste which so many young men dump at the end of every day and consider useless would, if rightly used, give priceless results in increased efficiency, higher service and better play. Ambition, resolve, effort, purpose, persistency, confidence, courage, mental equipment and success may be manufactured out of this heap of waste time. Millions are doing it. Any man can who will.

The most important item in the equipment of any establishment is men. It avails a manufacturer but little to have perfection itself in machinery if he finds it impossible to get trained minds to control and drive it. Several big concerns have organized schools in connection with their plants; others have arranged with school boards to allow students of suitable age to spend a part of the time in the shops; many are calling upon correspondence schools to prepare employes for advancement.

The strikingly impressive thing about the situation is the opportunity it offers to young men willing to devote spare time to special studies that fit them for particular work. A great employer of skilled labor, of office managers and salesmen says: "There are plenty of \$10,000 jobs. The trouble is to find \$10,000 men."

Many highly educated people are inefficient, and many efficient people are not highly educated. The world calls for educated people who are efficient and efficient people who are educated. Most of all is needed education for efficiency, for service.

Real education is not so much the learning of what we do not now know as the doing of what we do not now do.

THE KANSAS COERCION DECISION.

A recent judicial decision of real interest was that of the United States supreme court on the Kansas coercion law. The state statute was held void and declared unconstitutional.

The Kansas law made it a crime for any individual or corporation to coerce or influence any person to agree not to join a labor organization as a condition of securing employment. The case arose from the conviction of a railroad superintendent who had threatened to discharge an employe if he did not withdraw from the switchmen's union.

If such a statute were held to be constitutional it would weaken one of the pillars of labor unionism itself, for every labor organization not only claims the right to influence men to join its ranks as a condition of employment, but also insists that the employer shall not employ any but union men—and there is considerable "influence" associated with all negotiations to that end as well as with maintenance of that union principle and, as has been frequently charged, more or less coercion.

The supreme court recognized the constitutional right of the labor organizations to deny membership to any man who will not agree to refuse to work in non-union shops and also the right of a union man to decline employment unless the employer shall agree to hire only union labor.

The constitutional right of the employer, therefore, to insist that his employe shall not be affiliated with a labor union could hardly be denied without also overturning the

union principle; and it is marveled that any union should have attempted to secure a ruling establishing a precedent that might have knocked down one of its main props.

The Daily Capital Journal gave the advertisers during the month of January an average daily net circulation of 3,614, which means that its readers averaged 18,070, a real good-sized family circle. This circulation is genuine, not the product of special subscription campaigns, and is many hundreds greater than that of any other newspaper in the Central Willamette Valley field.

One paper over in the fighting lands of Europe finds that the war is having a salutary effect in renewing the principles of piety, for everywhere it sees signs of growing simplicity, and it is becoming clearer that it is leading to the love of one's neighbors and to God. Still, it does not appear that any of them are yet deeply struck with the 44th verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew.

An Albany, Oregon, newspaperman has been started on the road to greatness, via the minister to Siam route. John Barrett, general manager of the Central and South American republics, was an Oregon newspaper reporter when he received an appointment as minister to Siam, and—well, John is Fame and Greatness and Distinction all rolled into one and personified.

Down in Arizona they have a fathers' pension law. That would seem the state for the fathers who find it hard work to get along in bringing up their families. Not everywhere does the father get what's coming to him in the way of recognition.

The best news in the paper yesterday was the dispatch telling of eight thousand workers being put to work at Homestead, Pennsylvania. It is pleasing to note that news of this character is coming along quite frequently of late.

They are still introducing bills in the legislature although the time limit for new bills expired several days ago. Funny way those legislators have of making rules just for the sake of suspending them.

When you read of a masculine senator talking twelve hours at a stretch, why look forward with apprehension to the time when women legislators may take their places in the national congress.

The chief complaint in Mexico against Diaz was that he remained president too long. There is now just as much reason for complaining that his successors have not held on long enough.

Over 1,000 German lawyers have already been killed in the war. This ought to mean that Germany will be real peaceful after the war is over.

The proposition to give Eastern Oregon one member of the railroad commission is just and proper. It should be done.

Only three weeks of the legislature left and there promises to be something doing every minute from this time on.

Finley and his commission seem to be more thoroughly protected than the fish and game are.

STATE NEWS

Albany Herald: Stealing a march on their money friends, Mrs. Daisy E. Allen, of Portland, formerly of this city, and Colonel August A. Miller, also of Portland, president of the Jackson club, prominent attorney and a democratic leader, were quietly married in that city yesterday, according to word received by Albany relatives of Mrs. Allen.

Medford Mail-Tribune: A tarantula of large size was found in a bunch of bananas Friday that was being opened in the Midway store on West Main. The tubular insects are harmless, but frightened the proprietor and customers. The banana shipment was from southern California.

Coquille Sentinel: Last Sunday, with its million sunshine and vernal airs, was a day that was of the winter and yet not winter. The writer had expected cold rainy January days before, when it felt like spring, but never in any other time was which cheered the eye as well and looked like spring coming this summer. And of this mid-winter day we are impelled to say that of all the joys of thousands of our joyful pilgrimages it was the most beautiful.

London Recorder: J. R. Smith and son, Owen W. Smith, arrived in London last night from the head of Lobster creek in the extreme southern end of Vancouver, telling of one of the biggest gold strikes ever found in this country. The Smiths went into that section of the country by trail, along the little part of November and came out this week with nearly \$3000 in gold. They have one nugget valued at over \$90 and many others of smaller value, besides a big buckskin bag of smaller gold. All this and nearly as much more, which was sold or traded for provisions and supplies, has been taken out since about December 1.

Albany Herald: Declining that he is going to announce his candidacy for president of the United States on the

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LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

By William F. Kirk.

"There was a young lady poet came up to the house last night to see Ma. Her Ma knew my Ma out West, her name is Inez Casey, but she told Pa & Ma that when she wrote a poem & had it printed in a magazine she always signed her name Dolores Edgerton. I am glad your husband is home tonight, she said to Ma. I have some verses here that I did so want him to hear. I am glad I am here, then, said Pa, he said it the same as I have often heard him tell the barber All right, I will wait. The first poem which I am going to read to you, said Inez Casey, is called Drifting.

That is a good title, said Pa. Let her drift, & this is the poem which she recited:

DRIFTING.

Drifting forever from the world are we, floating thru space, no matter how we try To stay our course; we cannot do that thing More than a fly paper can lose a fly. & yet, while we are drifting on our way If we should meet with sun and grand love & know The perfect blissfulness of ideal bliss We would most gladly & sublimely drift. Isent that beautiful? said Ma. That is certainly drifting sun, said Pa. It must be grand to be able to express yourself so fine that nobody can understand the beauty of your lines except yourself. I guess the trouble with all the poems I ever read, said Pa, is that I made them too plain & easy to understand.

Here is just one more that I want you to hear, said Inez Casey. The name of this one is MEMORIES.

Oh memories, sweet memories, Upon you I do love to dwell & see the sunset in the skies Above them hills I loved so well. The face of my brave sweetheart Which went away to war Is one of them sweet memories That I am longing for. But oh my other memories Can hold me in their clutch & when they linger in my mind They distress me very much. I am very fond of that spiritual poem, said Inez Casey. It has something haunting about it. It is a kind of a haunting thing, I admit, said Pa. Tell me, he said, how did you happen to discover that you were a poet?

It was a mere accident, said Inez. I was a prize at school for reciting the best verse about a treasured, & ever since then I have been reciting verses. It was a lucky day for me, she said.

Yes, said Pa, and it was a tuff day for the general public.

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Gossips

Trough great be your virtue, the gossip will hurt you, or struggle like bit son to do it, alas! Your neighbor is talking, they whisper together, whenever you pass! Though you may endeavor to slun them and never give gossip a chance to indulge in their game, yet, waking or sleeping, they still will be keeping their jab on your doings, to injure your fame. But heed not the neighbors, and sniffe at ten labors of insolent gossips whose tongues never rest; they still would be talking and hearing an amusing, if you had descended from realms of the blest. I'm earnestly striving, while yet I'm surviving, to do the right thing when the right thing I know; each day I am trying to convert the sighing, to keep a clean slate and to pay what I owe. So little I'm caring how gossips are faring, or what they may say as I gambol along, a stranger to worry, I jangle in my merry, I'm chipper and cheerful, my soul's full of joy. The wretches who handle their job lots of scandal, are wretched people, a ghastly sight, and they might be smiling and find life beggling, if they would just copy the fellows they rust.

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DER KAISER LEBE HOCH!

(Translated by J. R. Bain.)

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He is my Kaiser, hero, too, From glorious descent, And tho he noisy praise disdain, I'll proper praise present. He is my Kaiser and my Man, Therefore I'll sing—"is all I can— Long live the Kaiser!

Just as my heart for brother beats, It beats for Kaiser true, For tho he wears a mighty crown, He is my brother, too. A brother may a brother shun, The Kaiser this has never done; Long live the Kaiser!

Like father I will love my Man, Until my last breath go; What matter! if he Kaiser be, He's father mine, also. He looks down from his hero-throne And calls each German son his own; Long live the Kaiser!

Whether the foe may fear or hate, His people trust him sure, Since he himself so fearless true, Trusts God and man, secure. Tho Kaiser, he is but God's slave, And rules and serves his folk to save. Long live the Kaiser!

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