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### IGNORANCE AND WANT

In his beautiful Christmas carol Charles Dickens makes the spirit that is guiding Old Scrooge reveal to him two children—a boy and a girl—"yellow, meagre, ragged, scowling and wolfish; but prostrate, too, in their humility."

"Spirit," cried the miser in terror, "are they yours?" "They are man's," said the Spirit, "and they cling to me, appealing from their fathers. This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware of them both, but most of all beware of this boy, for on his brow I see that written which is Doom, unless the writing be erased."

In our day, as in that of Dickens, Ignorance and Want are the twins of Despair. In our day too Ignorance is the more to be dreaded, for through all the ages there has been written on the brow of Ignorance that which is Doom unless the writing be erased.

There are only two reasons for failure today—natural incapacity and wilful self-destruction. A thousand—yes, a thousand thousand—living examples emphasize the truth that every normal man can be prosperous if he will. But the rule of progress is preparation.

In this age and on this continent who has the right to hold himself blameless if he fail through ignorance?

Has he whose time is squandered while his possibilities sicken and die?

Or he whose youth was but a succession of broken resolutions and whose mature manhood is a period of supine resignation?

Or he to whom Opportunity appeals in vain because he will not open his eyes nor heed the myriad voices that thunder through the ages?

We have done much to erase the writing from the brow of Ignorance not wilful. The American Public School has created an atmosphere in which the brand of ignorance dissolves; and the endless variety of cheap books has provided a medium through which young men may insure themselves against want.

Perhaps the time is near when man no longer will have need to shrink in terror from those most terrible of his children—Ignorance and Want.

### HOW THE PEOPLE ARE BEING WORKED

The state highway board still persists of using the road fund as a premium to induce counties to go into debt. Columbia, Clatsop, Jackson and one or two more which have voted themselves hopelessly into debt will get most of the fund again next year while the counties which pay for their road work as they go along are given no assistance. The policy is unfair and unjust and seems to have been adopted at the dictation of road bond buyers and paving trust, since nobody else could be interested in encouraging such issues.

To show how the scheme works, an incident which occurred at the meeting of the highway board this week might be cited. The judge of Columbia county in pleading for more money, as an argument stated the people of his county had voted a special five mill tax for roads this year (in addition to a big bond issue) and if \$30,000 were appropriated by the state for next year, it would make them feel so good that they could probably be induced to vote a seven or eight mill tax next year. And the state highway board came through with the \$30,000.

Poor Columbia, in the grip of county officials interested only in schemes to "jolly" the people into voting more taxes to be distributed between the road contractors and the paving trust!

The Pendleton Tribune is evidently trying to reform. It prints an editorial in which the slump in the price of wheat is discussed without once referring to the tariff. Naturally it should jump to the conclusion that free trade has caused a lot of cheap wheat from India to be dumped upon our shore—which is about as sensible as the average high-tariff argument—but strangely enough it does not in this instance. On the other hand it notes that Canadian farmers are getting a better price than our own growers

because they are taking English bonds in payment, while our farmers want the gold. There is no doubt some truth in this statement and it is a relief to see it in the Tribune, a paper which in the past has charged all low prices of produce to free trade and all high prices to the influence of the European war.

Now the price of lumber is said to be getting better and the demand stronger. If this is true then prosperity is, indeed, close at hand, for it is our largest industry. Fruit, wool and general farm produce is in bringing good prices and everybody has faith that the wheat market will come back strong within a few weeks. The outlook, to put it mildly, is very encouraging.

There was bloody fighting yesterday around Schratmaennele and Hartmannswvelderpopf on the western front. Those names would make almost anybody mad enough to run amuck.

Frank P. Walsh sees a "dawn of industrial democracy." Frank P. can see things as the salaried member of a federal commission much better than the real worker who is out of a job.

The Newport Review, published by Sheely & Griswold, has suspended, leaving that town with only one paper, the News, which no doubt fills the field fully.

Now that the Christmas toys are coming out of Germany one of the worst calamities of war has been averted.



### THE MORTGAGE

You'd need white paper by the ton, the pen of Oppenheim or Dante, if you'd describe the grief of one who has a mortgage on his shanty. The mortgage is a grievous weight for workingman to stagger under; it bends the back that once was straight, and makes the hair as gray as thunder. The toiler says, "To blithely roam the landscape o'er, I've long been wanting; I'll put a mortgage on my home, and buy a car, and do some jaunting." He puts the mortgage on his shack, and buys a motor with the money. "In fourteen months I'll pay it back," he says, "or it will be blamed funny." Alas, an Old Man of the Sea he's placed upon his back and shoulder, and from the weight he won't be free till he's asleep beneath a boulder. The home that once he viewed with pride—a pride that all the world indorses—will soon from his possession slide, while he is paying for dead horses. Debt is the worst and fiercest hell that e'er inspired a smoking sonnet; 'twere better 'neath a bridge to dwell than in a hall with mortgage on it.

## Mr. Schindler Is Home From Visit to Switzerland

Emmanuel Schindler, brother of the Schindlers who operate the Fairmount dairy, is home from an extended visit in Switzerland and travels in the war zone. He left his former home in the northern part of Switzerland on August 1, 1914, travelled through Germany, into Holland and by steamer to New York city, and experienced all the thrills of having most of his letters and papers held by the Germans and passing through an examination from the officers of three different English patrol boats. When the war was first declared, August 1, 1914, Mr. Schindler was visiting at his former home in Switzerland, 20 miles from the German frontier and 16 miles from the Austrian. All factories in Switzerland at once closed down upon the declaration of war, but resumed operation a few weeks later, when it was found that goods from a neutral country would be permitted to pass through Germany for shipment to the United States from Holland. The loss in business from the watch-making factories, which were obliged to shut down, and the sudden leaving of all tourists, caused the greatest financial loss. In passing through central Germany, Mr. Schindler said there was but little evidence of war, as the crops were good, all the factories appeared to be working, and only the appearance of so many soldiers at the depots and the soldier trains was suggestive of war. With a Swiss pass, he had no trouble in travelling in Germany. The meals there were about the same as usual, costing about 40 cents for the same fare that would be given in New York or San Francisco, in Switzerland, living is cheaper. In passing through Germany a few weeks ago, he noted that the crops were usually heavy and was told that the crops in general were better this year than for the past 25 years. The wheat crop in Switzerland also is much above the average. Throughout Germany, the prisoners are made to work in the fields and factories, but the Germans have found it advisable to separate the English, French and Russian prisoners in their work. Holland too has good crops, the country looks fine and travellers are well treated. But in passing from Germany into Holland, Mr. Schindler was separated from his letters, books and papers, although upon his leaving postage, he was informed that if they passed the censor, he would receive them in due time. In Holland everything appears to be in a normal condition, very few Belgians are seen, crops are good and the meals do not cost so much as in Germany. The real thrills of his homeward journey began on the ship Rotterdam, that left the city of Rotterdam and headed for the English channel. Before the ship had been three hours out, it was stopped by an English patrol for three hours, while the boarding officers looked over the passenger list and also took a look at the passengers. As Mr. Schindler had left this country several months before the beginning of the war, he had an American passport, and was now returning on one given him by the Swiss government. This passport was satisfactory and he was allowed to proceed. The next morning, his boat was again stopped by an English patrol, and the passengers again examined. Here one unfortunate youth 17 years old of Austrian birth, was taken off and sent to an English prison. Before being made prisoner, he was compelled to sign a statement agreeing not to make complaint against the steamer Rotterdam, or ever to bring any action against the company owning the steamer. This time the boat was delayed nine hours while the Englishmen were making the search for Austrians or Germans. The following day, while still in the English channel, the officers of the Rotterdam were taken to an English port to further undergo examinations and to convince the officers that they should be permitted to continue their voyage. Finally those officers were returned to their boat, and given permission to make for the ocean. Mr. Schindler was taking to New York a boy about 11 years of age whose parents were living in Switzerland, but who wanted the boy taken to relatives in New York. By the English officers, he was obliged to sign an agreement to take care of the boy and to safely deliver him to his New York relatives. The women in Switzerland have organized themselves into Ladies' Aid societies and during the last winter have taken care of fully 20,000 women and children from the war zone, and especially from Belgium. In fact, Switzerland is doing all it can to alleviate the suffering caused by the war, and is especially generous to the per-

### LIVESLEY NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
Livesley, Ore., Sept. 11.—A Sunday school social was held in the new church. Over 100 were present and a good sociable time spent, rounded off with peaches and cream.

Miss Leola Burns has returned to her home in Leuts, Ore., after spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. H. B. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jayes, of Portland, are visiting Mrs. Jayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bressler. They expect to remain several weeks.

Mrs. A. Semlar and Mrs. M. Semlar have returned to their homes in Portland after spending an enjoyable week with Mr. and Mrs. S. Davenport and family.

Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Jasper, of Salem, motored out to visit the Carpenter family last week.

Jack Edwards spent last week in Portland with his son, John Edwards.

The district Sunday school convention was held at Pringle on Sunday. The following delegates went from Livesley: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Query, Mrs. Query Sen, Mrs. D. Mather, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Mr. N. N. Carpenter. The singing and speaking were much enjoyed. Gov. Withycombe was the principal speaker in the forenoon and Mr. Phipps, of Portland, in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hazelton and family, of Salem, spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter.

### WELLMAN-BROWN WEDDING.

A wedding which came as a surprise to the many friends in Silverton occurred last Thursday when Miss Myra Wellman and Mr. Carl Brown were united in marriage at Vancouver, Wash. The wedding occurred at high noon. Mrs. S. K. Willet, who formerly lived in Silverton, was present at the ceremony, having accompanied them from Portland.

The bride is a daughter of A. O. Wellman of Topeka, Kansas, assistant treasurer of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. She has conducted the millinery store known as the Bon Ton Hat Shop for the past several years. She is a young woman of unquestioned business ability and has made good in her line of work. The groom is a contract painter and decorator and has lived in Silverton for the past seven years. They both have many friends both in business and private life who extend congratulations. About twenty ladies assembled at the home Saturday evening by way of a surprise and showered the bride with many beautiful pieces of china.—Silverton Appeal.

### WE SHOULD SMILE.

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while  
That costs the least and does the most,  
is just a pleasant smile—  
The smile that bubbles from the heart  
that loves its fellow men  
Will drive away the cloud of gloom and  
conquer the sun again.  
It's full of worth and goodness, too,  
with unguessed kindness blest;  
It's worth a million dollars and it  
doesn't cost a cent.  
There is no room for sadness when we  
see a cheery smile.  
There is no room for sadness when we  
see a cheery smile.  
It always has the same good look—it's  
never out of style.  
It nerves us on to try again when failure  
makes us blue—  
Such glimpses of encouragement are good  
for me and you.  
So smile away, folks understand what  
by a smile is meant—  
It's worth a million dollars and it  
doesn't cost a cent.  
—La Junta (Colo.) Republican.

mentally disabled soldiers that pass through their country to their homes in France and Germany.

"It isn't very healthy to get in a row over the war," said Mr. Schindler, "as the Swiss government has passed a law that anyone getting into a fight over a discussion of the war, will be fined \$100 or given three months in jail."



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