

**THE PARSON'S CORNER**

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**BE A MELIORIST**

There is a word in the English language that has practically passed out of existence, or certainly out of use—the word meliorist—ameliorate. The study of this word ought to be of interest in this day and age. Its meaning is wonderful, and its lesson very badly needed in this day of mixture of pessimism and irrational optimism. Meliorism is neither pessimism or optimism, it includes the element of both.

Meliorism is that which believes that the world is neither so bad that it cannot be made better nor so good that it needs no improvement. Meliorism believes that the world can be made better; that it needs to be made better. Meliorism is that which recognizes a need and proceeds to meet that need. Meliorism does not believe the world beyond recovery, nor that the millennium has been achieved. It forgets the blunders of the past and proceeds to make conditions better without blowing a horn. Meliorism in business learns by the mistakes of the past and silently proceeds to improve them without bragging.

Meliorism is neither pessimism or optimism, but it includes in a measure both of these. Pessimism can see nothing but destruction ahead, optimism thinks everything perfect; neither of these is right. Meliorism recognizes the faults of this world but does not dwell upon them any longer than it is necessary to study them so as to fit itself for their removal, and then proceeds to remove the faults.

Meliorism sums up the good points of this world and then proceeds to make things so that these will be multiplied. Meliorism is that spirit that conserves the good and destroys the bad. Whether known or not, it is the spirit of meliorism that has brought about progress in the history of mankind. Meliorism knows no knocking or wild visions. It follows no fantastic mirage, neither will it worship at the shrine of failure. It sees the good and removes the bad.

Meliorism is death to the slanderer and backbiter. Meliorism would not cover up the one that slandered our high school but would publish his name that the public may know who to shun. Meliorism would not magnify an ant hill into a mountain as he did. Meliorism, had it found the ant hill, would have quietly proceeded to re-

move it, and not blowed the horn of pessimism and built an imaginary mountain as he did.

Meliorism in the form of mothers and fathers is trying to discover the scandal monger and woe unto him when he is finally revealed.

Meliorism is absolutely unbending in its effort to eradicate the evils but as faithful to replace them with the good. Meliorism is the supreme need in the commercial, political, social and religious world. The confirmed pessimist cannot be a meliorist; the optimist become more rational by becoming a meliorist.

Meliorism will make this world sing with praises and ring with gladness. You may not be able to join the different lodges because of the want of money; you may not feel fit to mix with certain society folks, but one thing you can do—you can become a meliorist—you can join this booster band in whatever walk of life you live.

Meliorism seeks the improvement of the community and loses no time to listen to the knockers. Meliorism has no use for the hammer save to construct; it has no use for the horn save to arouse people to action. It will inspire all to co-operation, and whole-hearted action. It will pass by the do nothing and puts its shoulders to the wheel of progress and push.

Meliorism will not remind a person he is sick without proceeding to relieve him if possible. It believes it is wicked to call attention to an ailment or defect without also providing the remedy or seeking to bring about better condition.

Let us all get into the band wagon of meliorism and soon we will have a better town, a happier people, a brighter future and a more attractive world. Will you join? Cost—nothing. Just stop your knocking; begin your boosting. Use the hammer only to construct and not for destruction. Hit evil only if you are willing to replace it with good. Give us lots of constructive criticism, but never destructive. Be a meliorist.

B. J. MINORT.

**NOTICE**

Regular teachers' examination will be held at the courthouse, May 27th and 28th.

OPAL RUSSELL, County Superintendent.

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Census figures show population density has increased nearly five to the square mile in ten years, and at that some of our densest people live in the most sparsely settled areas.

**Lost Package Drive Brings Results on Burlington System**

Packages which, because of improper labeling, misrouting or any one of many other reasons, fail to reach their proper destinations are a source of great annoyance and expense to shippers and carriers alike. The total payments made by all roads for lost packages, last year, aggregated an enormous sum, exclusive of payments made for known robbery cases.

The "no lost package" drive idea was enthusiastically received by the army of employees of the Burlington route. Circulars of information were distributed, cartoons "burlesquing" the wrong way of doing things were scattered broadcast. The sentimental side of the freight handlers found expression in poetic efforts which also were given wide distribution. Many shippers, appreciating the efforts being put forth to insure safe transportation, came forward in a spirit of co-operation, with a "perfect package week."

At the close of the drive, the records showed the astonishing decrease of 70 per cent in the number of lost packages, compared with the same period last year.

Two weeks later, 60 per cent of the "shorts" reported had been located, the goods forwarded to destination and delivered. From present indications, an unbelievably small number of claims, as the result of lost or strayed business, will result from business moved during the period of the drive.

**WHO---**

Indeed would want to wear a last year's garment before having it thoroughly cleaned and pressed?

Remember those disease germs that live in clothes—they live right through the winter.

**KEEP-U-NEAT CLEANERS**

D. C. BRADBURY, Prop. Phone 133 207 Box Butte

"Ordinarily women endure the pains of common afflictions with more patience than men, but men endure the supreme agonies with greater fortitude," says a medical writer. Fustian, guff and piffle! What man could endure the agony and martyrdom of the fashionable feminine shoe like women do?

People are in the habit of thinking of China as a back number, but there is a permanent air mail service between Peking and Tientsin, and the Chinese national music is of the jazz variety.

The Paris opera house is falling back on movies to keep going. And the "highbrows" are convinced civilization is crashing.

Herald Want Ads 1¢ a word.

An Englishman who heard Professor Einstein lecture in Vienna says that it is actually possible to understand his exposition of the theory of relativity. If this is true, the theory will soon lose its vogue.



**Foresight vs Hindsight**

While it is not possible for all of us to have the foresight with which Thomas Jefferson was gifted when he made the purchase of that vast tract of land known as the Louisiana Purchase, nevertheless we can in our own way look into the future with much greater confidence if we are prepared to meet whatever conditions may arise.

And one of the best ways to prepare is to lay aside regularly a certain amount of your income, and then when opportunity does come you will thank your foresight for making it possible for you to take advantage of it.

We assist you in saving by paying 5% interest on Time Deposits.

**The First National Bank**

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Hand made Under Garments, beautiful design of a superior quality—now  
**ONE-HALF PRICE**  
**BOUDOIR CAPS**  
You will have to see them to appreciate the value—  
**ONE-HALF PRICE**  
**CORSETS**  
White and pink—Warners and Nemos—all sizes, at—  
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White and pink—all sizes—\$1.25 and \$1.00 value—  
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In the cotton, loose and tight knee. Buy now—for they are going fast at this price—  
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**Ladies' Suits**  
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