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CRANKS.

By H. E. Pierce.

Has it ever occurred to you that the world owes a great deal to that class of people called cranks? Did you ever stop to think that the inventors who have made the most useful inventions were called fools and cranks by their neighbors? And that most of the great reform movements were started by this class of people? Perhaps you have thought only of the evil done by this class of people for it is true they have done a great deal but in looking at the evil let us not lose sight of the good. One of the peculiar things about this class of people is that the good they do, as a rule is not recognized until they are dead and gone and following generations are reaping the benefits.

There was once a cranky old fellow named Noah who benefitted the human race and the rest of the animal kingdom a great deal but the great majority of people of his time did not appreciate what he was doing. They thought he was a little too selective. There is one thing commendable about most cranks and that is that they don't worry about what people say or think of them. So Noah in the face of adverse criticism told the critics to go soak their heads, and the rest of their anatomy. Even the people of the present day while they recognize that they owe a great deal to Noah, are just a little inclined to criticize him because he didn't swat those two flies.

There was once a harmless old fellow who lived in Genoa. He said he had a notion in his head that the earth turned around. The people told him his notion of circular motion was due to wheels in his head. There were no asylums in those

days so they let this man run loose and go where he pleased. Now this old fellow, like all other cranks, was eternally and persistently trying to get other people to accept his crazy notions and advance him money to prove their soundness. So one day in the course of his wanderings he chanced to call upon Queen Isabella of Spain. Queen Isabella, for some reason fell in with his plan, we don't know just why she did it, perhaps King Ferdinand had growled so much at breakfast that morning, because the biscuits were too heavy and the steak over done, that she was almost distracted and just had to do something desperate. However this may be, she backed Columbus for all she was worth, and what did he do but prove his crazy ideas and start a new period in the world's history. Was Columbus a crank? Nearly everyone of his time thought so—until he proved that he wasn't. We now consider him one of the most learned men of his time. In honoring Columbus let us not forget Queen Isabella, the greatest women of her time.

Do you know that our principles of education are mostly the ideas developed by such cranks as Rousseau, Basedow, Pestalozzi, and Froebel? They were despised and ridiculed by their neighbors and called failures and they were failures judged from a practical business point. Not until many years after their death did people begin to see what they had done and begin to appreciate their work. Morse, Field and McCormick were thought to be crazy by those who knew them, but succeeding generation could hardly get along without their inventions.

Let us now consider some of the present day cranks. There is Luth-

The Y. W. Conference at Cascade.

By Iona Garner

Every summer a Y. W. Conference is held at Cascade, in which the state schools and high schools, of the various states take part through their delegates. Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arizona, Nebraska, S. Dakota, Colorado, and Wyoming were all represented this year. The Conference is a ten days session with morning and evening services, leaving the afternoons for recreation and pleasure trips.

Cascade is a beautiful place situated among the mountains and is surrounded by much fine natural scenery. At the latest meeting most of the delegates met in Colorado Springs and were taken to Cascade on a special train. They arrived in time for a two o'clock dinner which all enjoyed most heartily. After dinner our rooms were assigned to us. The Kansas girls met on the east porch and made the state flower. At the first meeting a talk was made by Miss Lillian Picken in regard to the program, various trips and athletics which she had charge of.

The following Monday after our arrival, was "College Day," which proved to be the best day of all. The Kansas girls went up in the mountain and planned their stunt. After our return we all assembled at the Auditorium and marched from there to the hotel. Kansas was in the lead with the largest delegation. On Tuesday afternoon about fifty went on a mountain climb, we went over places we would not think of crossing here, not half so bad. In returning there was a path, we were to follow, but part of us missed it and failed to get back in time for supper. We finally arrived with a very tired feeling as well as with worn out shoes. Thurs-

day afternoon we had the pleasure of going to the "Cave of the Winds" and to "The Garden of the Gods." The trip through the Williams Canyon to "The Cave of the Winds" is one every one should take if they have the opportunity. The Cave is divided into several rooms, with something different in each room. It is well lighted by electricity. The first thing in the morning program of the next day was Bible study, followed by Mission Study. After the evening service each of the state delegates met in various rooms for a short meeting. In parlor B was quite an exhibit in the way of pictures posters, etc., from the various schools. The number of delegates was three hundred in which Kansas stood first with the largest number. In leaving Cascade everyone felt as though the time had been too short and left singing "Old Cascade" in hopes that they might have the opportunity of returning at some future time. At Colorado Springs the crowd broke up, some going to Cripple Creek, while others took various roads for home. We had to wait quite a while in Denver so we spent the time visiting the important places as the Capitol, Court House, Parks, etc. The inspiration each girl received while there, made her feel as though she could do Christ's work far better after the Conference than ever before. I hope there will be several girls from this school interested enough to go take in the next summer's conference.

Roy Dazey, a former student, who is now farming at Ramah, Col., was a Normal visitor several days of last week.

The work on the tall chimney is finished and it stands like a monument towering above all the surrounding buildings.

Lyceum Notes.

Sept. 23d.

The orders from the president that each number on the program be en-cored were obeyed.

Miss Etta Gabe's solo accompanied by Mrs. Shively was the first number on the program and was well rendered. Anthony Unrein's recitations were enjoyed by all. Don Frankenberger has proven himself an able violinist as well as president of the Society.

The speech, "The Southern Mountaineers," by Lillian Picken was instructive as well as entertaining and gave us more of an idea how the moonshiners live way back in the mountains. The male quartette composed of Messrs. Stock, Kerns, Westbrook and Johansen gave a couple of selections accompanied by Miss Gabe. We hope the boys will continue in the good work and come again soon.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our meetings every Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. At the business meeting before recess it was decided, that we should have a new display of colons. Watch for them at our next meeting.

Several persons were voted into the society.

The debate, "Resolved that the Japanese immigration should be restricted," was fully discussed by E. A. Beeby and Albert Whisnant on the affirmative and by James Winchester and Jacob Wiesner on the negative. After hearing it both pro and con the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Stephen Schmidt a former student, was married at Catherine, Kansas, Sept. 26, 1910.

Mr. Carl Knoll of Ransom, Kansas, enrolled recently.

Literati Jottings

Sept. 23d

Friday eve we welcomed a crowd such as we never used to be without, and each one seemed to be well pleased with every feature of our long program. Some told us they met to come next week and bring their friends. We like that, for a large audience is a great support to those who entertain, and furnish the program, and it is due the society, that each member should attend and make himself a participant in the work of the society. The quartette composed of Messrs. Stock, Johansen, Kerns and Westbrook furnished us with several good selections. We hope these young men will favor us often in the future. The Barnes sisters gave us two songs in their usual pleasing manner.

The Literati society is having most excellent success in securing fine musical numbers, not to mention the speeches, recitations and readings, which are quite as good.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flanders of Hackberry, Kansas, were among the visitors present and expressed themselves as well entertained. We don't see why, when Fate was arranging matters, that it should have so bewildered the minds of some of our society members, as to lead them to the wrong door, time after time, do you?. After the program was rendered the election of officers was held, they are as follows:

President, Miss Mollie Morton.

V. Presdient, Miss Freda Knoche.

Secretary, James Johansen.

Treasurer, A. H. Kerns.

Sarg. at Arms, G. C. Moore.

After a closing speech full of appreciation and encouragement by the retiring president, the meeting adjourned.

FIGURES IN CLOTHING

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Monday, Sept. 26th, the students enjoyed a holiday, as a result of the building being too cold for school work. By vigilant action on the part of our principal, school was begun the next day, as the big Reeves engine was brought over from the station, and with C. F. Bice, Robert Terrill and Ed Sturm as engineers soon all was going well again.

Should the students desire a picnic again soon, they will undoubtedly make an effort to secure the services of the member, or members of our faculty, who ordered the weather for the faculty picnic.

Some facts were disclosed quite recently, concerning the identity of that

gruesome property of the institution—the Normal skeleton. Numerous rumors have been afloat at different times, concerning its identity but it was not positively known until recently (the facts having been inadvertently disclosed by Prof. Beach himself that it is actually the remains of a student who entered the institution several years ago and who heroically but unwisely undertook to complete a full course in ancient history. It is hoped that none of Prof. Beach's History students will hear of this.

One of the Literati's young men has become so interested in the Lyceum Society, that he has even permitted his name to be connected with the debate work in that society. Now we are sorry to lose him yet we feel that the Literati is about even after all, as one of its young ladies has persuaded a certain young man, who has heretofore been a full-fledged Lyceum, to attend the Literati meetings. "Fair exchange is no robbery you know."

T H E
Misses Virmond
MILLINERY

Holy Roman Empire.

The Holy Roman empire, or German Roman empire, began with Charles the Great, king of the Franks, who was crowned emperor of the west in 800. He proclaimed himself the representative of the ancient Roman emperors and asserted theoretical authority over the nations of west and central Europe. This empire was called holy because of the interdependence of the empire and the church. In general it comprised the German-speaking nations of central Europe and had for a long time a close relationship with Italy.

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At best this empire of history was ideal rather than real. It never actually existed in the form of a genuine central government, fully recognized by those within its boundaries.

Points for Church-Goers.

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"My congregation coughed this morning," he said, "I could hardly make myself heard. It was most annoying."

"Well," said the physician, "the next time they cough, tell them to press the upper lip just beneath the nose. Pressing the nerves in that quarter will stop the most obstinate cough, and, by the same token, it will stop a sneeze too."

"I'll tell you how to stop the hiccoughs. You press hard on the cheek, right in front of the ear. Those nerves there control the hiccoughs as money controls politics. You need only press—the nerves will do the rest."

Avoiding Extremes.

"I don't care to employ a young man who swears."

"I never use profanity, sir."

"On the other hand, I don't want a clerk who says, 'Oh, fudge.'"

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The editor spent several hours the past week, both to his pleasure and profit in conversation with Prof. Beach. Mr. Beach has a fine collection of natural and manufactured products of the United States sent him by various companies of the United States from the following firms:

Elgin Watch Co., Mechanical drawings of watches, Murdock Mfg. Co., spices; Royal Baking Powder Co., Baking Powder; Chesebrough Mfg. Co., vaseline products; Walter Baker Co., Coca products; Sherman Williams Paint Co., paints; Standard Oil Co., petroleum products; P. Joseph Dixon Crucible Co. lead pencils; L. E. Waterman Co., fountain pen exhibit, Ivory Soap Co. soap products; American Pin Co., pins; The Mitineaque Paper Co., paper products; The State Agricultural College seeds; Brainard Armstrong Co., silk products; The Corn Products Ref. Co., corn products; United States Cement Co., cement; The Carborundum Co., abrasives; The Quaker Oats Co., food products; Horlick's Malt-

ed Milk Co., Malted Milk. In addition to this fine exhibit he has many excellent views of the beautiful places at home and abroad. He has fine stereoptic views for the use of the students. Many railroad and steamship companies have sent literature and other pamphlets pertaining to their line of work. The International Harvester Co. has sent a fine exhibit of twines and fibers which is now on the road. His collection of native Kansas woods is also a fine one. The whole exhibit taken all the way through is the finest we have ever seen and is a great credit both to Prof. Beach as well as to our school. Take sometime and visit his room, which is No. 23. The time will be very profitably and pleasantly spent we can assure you.

Miss Grace Gish of Palco, a former student of this school was married, Sept. 21, 1910, to Mr. Williams, Assistant Cashier, of the bank at Palco.

Talk about herces, if there aree heroes anywhere we have them here. When the fire alarm was given recently, two of our brave young men rushed to the scene of action, one carrying with him a feather duster and the other a broom. We think these young men should be members of the fire department as well as the janitor force.

The talk given in chapel by Miss Foster, and the paper on "Story Telling" read by Miss Macintosh were both thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all. We hope to be able to secure a write-up from Miss Foster on the same subject, for some future issue of this paper.

Athletics

Fellows what are you doing in the line of Athletics? Are you setting aside an hour or more every day for the sole purpose of developing yourself physically? If you are not you are not deriving nearly all the benefits which you might get from your school education. Most of us are young men from the farms, who are accustomed to vigorous work and we come here to school thinking we must devote all our time to study but I say fellow students if you do not take an active part in what ever athletics you can then you are missing something that you will forever regret in after years.

Schools up until late years have greatly neglected the physical education, but they are waking up to the fact that if they are to put forth men into the world who can do things and last, they must equip them physically as well as mentally.

Does the mind need nourishment? It certainly does if it is going to carry on its work. Where does it get this nourishment, from the body? So you see that in order that the mind may get the best nourishment it must have a sound physical body to draw from.

Fellows if you are not taking this necessary exercise, get at it right away and when you go out make every minute of your time count, and play with an earnestness that will be a credit to you. Probably you think you will never be able to perform as some of the older students who have had long practice. You do not know what you are capable of doing until you get out and dig and work. You are not judged by what you have not done, but what you can do. If you do not make the different teams the first or second year, ought that discourage you? Are you not enough interested in

your own welfare to play for what good you might derive therefrom.

On last Monday, Oct. 3d a meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers for the athletic association for the present school year and the following were elected:

Pres. Jas. Johansen.

V. Pres. Donald Frankenger.

Sec. Miss Elsie Smith.

This is a student organization and its success depends upon what each one of us does. So now one and all get busy and put your shoulder to the wheel, girls as well as boys.

The "First Year College Class" met and organized Monday morning. Miss Ella Hoxie was elected president, Miss Mary McCarthy, Vice President; and Ed Davis, Secretary and treasurer. Miss Lo Ree Cave, Miss Esther Shively and James Johansen were appointed to select a class motto and class colors. The elected officers were authorized to start something along the line of socials, etc. So watch the doings of the First Year Collegians.

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Character From Cigars.

Character from handwriting and palmistry we are acquainted with, but a Paris contemporary announces that dispositions can be gauged from cigars. The man who smokes, we learn, is easily recognized. His lips show it, without his speaking. He who fixes his cigar deeply in the mouth is of a nature resolute, skeptical and abrupt; one who bites off the end of his cigar is careless, thoughtless or listless. When the cutter is used to nip off the end, the smoker may be considered as a man of caution. The user of the amber holder may be considered a delicate person. The man who smokes his cigar to the end is a faithful friend, a constant husband and of persevering nature. If one is in the habit of throwing away the cigar when only half smoked he may be considered fickle, blase and a trifler. Furthermore, characteristics can be deduced from the habit of allowing the cigar to die out. Such a person suffers from want of memory. He may have aptitude for mathematics, but he is not selfish.

In Line.

"Have you taken any steps to demonstrate that women are fitted for modern controversy?"

"Yes, indeed," replied Mrs. Votington; "we have already named a number of eligibles to a Sapphira club."

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On the eve of Oct. 5th, 1910, about twenty young people gathered at the home of Clark Reed and had a most enjoyable time. The occasion was a social given by the boys of the 3d year, secondary class, to the girls of that class. Several were invited from the other classes for obvious reasons. By 7:30 nearly all were there and games were played in which all joined. Very soon even the most bashful had forgotten themselves and were helping with the fun. A shadow was cast over all present when they beheld the grief of Harry Stock over the death of the King of Hoboken. All had their fortunes told by two or three of the ladies, who were experts at it. A most delicious supper was served after which more games were played and also some excellent music was rendered. After several hours of jollification all departed feeling that after the good time, which all had enjoyed they could surely survive the scolding of the teachers next day.

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Y. W. C. A.

Miss Alice Lund led the Y. W. C. A. meeting in the Lyceum Hall on Oct. 4th and in her talk to the girls, she gave many fine thoughts which found an echo in the heart of every girl present. She impressed upon the mind the duty of the Y. W. C. A. girl to live in a way that would show them to be Christians and the needlessness of proclaiming personal virtues to others. Her thoughts were framed into a heart-to-heart talk and presented with such a spirit of earnestness that everyone recognized in them much food for reflection and each girl, when she left, felt that the the hour had been well spent.

This Association is meant for every girl in school, with the idea that each may reap benefit from its meetings. Every girl should join the association and not only help herself but help others to live the broader, fuller life which affords so much happiness and makes us feel, in very truth that

"Life is real—life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal."

for only in the spirit of kindness and fraternal love can we really succeed in our pursuit of happiness.

Come and join us. We need you.

Several of the Normal girls attended the rally of the Young Ladies' Sunday School class, at the reception hall of the M. E. Church last Saturday evening. One of the chief features of the evening was candy making—regular old fashioned taffy pulling, in which everyone present participated with a right good will. All report a good time—except for burnt fingers. The candy making clearly demonstrates the fact that with a little "taffy" it is an easy matter to get a "pull."

Noah Cloud of Siberia, Indiana, enrolled Monday.

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