



### Marion.

In my writing two weeks ago I was made to say "treason" instead of "reason." I suppose the mistake was caused through my carelessly written manuscript. Uncle Hez's discrimination was correct, thank you Uncle.

I hold that a reason is rational, honest, just, of pure motive, etc., while an excuse is the reverse. A person making an excuse deceives themselves, if not they intend to deceive the one they make the excuse too. Uncle Hez quotes Luke 14: 17 to 19: he says in that case the two terms mean exactly the same. I beg leave to differ with you here. Evidently the great Teacher was teaching this same thing, for those excuses, when sifted, were all flimsy, in plain words they were lies, and those guests were unworthy that were invited to that wedding feast, and it was their excuses that made them unworthy. Read Matthew 22: 8.

To my mind the excuses made now are the same as those made then and will meet with the same condemnation. It is astonishing to the quiet observer to see how people are deceiving themselves and trying to deceive others by the excuse route; it would take time and space to enumerate the wrongs we are constantly doing to ourselves and our fellow-men without a reason, it is appalling. For illustration, how easy it would be right now for the Mayor of Logan to fix up excuses for not enforcing the law. He could say I'll not get a second term, or I will lose friends, or maybe some sap-head will slip upon me in an unguarded moment and hurt me. But he goes ahead doing his duty, he has a reason for doing it, and he does it, and those people who would do him a wrong now because he does his whole duty were not friends before he was elected Mayor, they were the same then as they are now. Now is the testing time. True friends are like jewels and like jewels are scarce. When my pretended friends say to me "I would have come to visit you but this or that or some other thing hindered me." I know those things are excuses and the reason they didn't come was because they did not want to.

### Cedar Grove.

There is some talk of the telephone system in our community.

Miss Icel Davis had for her guests last Sunday the Misses Mollie and Minnie Stivison and Goldie and Reatha Burgoon.

Mr. John Smith, of near Gibsonville, made a business trip to H. A. Gordon's last Saturday.

Messrs. Jesse Rolson and Sam Smith, of Walnut Valley, passed through our valley recently.

Mr. Mad Mount was in our vicinity buying wool last week.

Messrs. C. E. Kalklosch and James Plum are the boss sheep shearers of our ridge.

We understand that Mr. Walter Pleukharp, who has been troubled slightly with heart trouble, has fully recovered.

The Willard Bros., of Big Pine, passed through our place last Wednesday.

L. W. Berry and C. E. Kalklosch are improving the appearance of their residences by the way of concrete walks.

Mrs. Minnie Gordon was the guest of Mrs. Noah McCowen one day last week.

Mrs. Kuhn Reichley, who has been on the sick list for some time is better at this writing.

There was an ice cream festival last Saturday evening at Cedar Valley, given by Walter Pleukharp.

### Carbonhill.

We wish some one would suggest something to write about. I presume the public gets tired of reading about John visiting Sally Ann or Jim calling on Susan and such like.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Green recently visited in Maxville.

E. C. Wharton, of Orbiston, and Pete Evans, of Columbus, recently visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green and daughter, Ella, of Athens, visited here part of last week.

Mrs. Joseph Morrison and children, of Buchtel, spent last Saturday and Sunday with your uncle.

Mr. Henry Parks and sisters, Mattie and Grace, spent last week at Marshfield.

Mr. Fred Niece, of Marshfield, visited at the home of Mr. Thomas McAllister last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Francis had business in Nelsonville last Thursday.

Mr. Richard Thorn, of Marietta, visited his parents here last week.

Eph Shaw and Wm. Parks had business in Murray City last Thursday and Friday.

We forgot to mention the fact that Miss Mattie Blosser recently gave a party to her young friends. We are unable to give the names of those present.

We were in Logan recently and had a pleasant chat with Hon. S. H. Bright, and he informed us that his son, Fred, made the trip across the water all right and likes his new field of labor. As we said sometime ago we are glad that Fred got the appointment for he is in every respect well qualified for the position, and will fill it with credit to himself and the American people.

### Ilesboro.

Mr. Willoughby Huggins has made some fine improvements, having built a new summer epicurean hotel.

As improvements are so noteworthy we should not fail to say that Geo. W. Amarine has re-roofed his house and made an artistic appearance with a fine finish of paint.

Our new neighbor, Geo. Shorr, had a rough share of misfortune recently by a partial fall from a cherry tree, and at the same time tearing a deep rent some five inches long in the calf of the left leg where five stitches were taken to draw the gaping wound together. Geo. now walks by the aid of crutches, but is doing very well and hopes soon to lay the crutches aside.

Mr. W. H. Anthony, living on Mt. Pleasant Ave., had a very close call by a team of young horses running off, throwing him from his seat and running the wagon over him, bruising him internally and externally so that he can scarcely breathe, he has not been able to lie down to rest or sleep since, he seems a little better at present.

Our chief bridge builder and stone mason, Fred Saters, now smiles a broad-sider; we wondered why, but reports say it's a boy, and all are doing well.

Charles Warthman wondered why Ma was so long at C. W. Schaals last week, but when he recovered from the report that a new boy had come there, and that all was well, he calmed down very nicely.

But you could hardly believe how greatly elated Grandpa Rhoads—that was Frank formerly—is, and Grandma Rhoads too; well, the whole verdict is, that it is the finest boy in Ohio.

Now you must not expect too much news at this busy time, as wheat and clover cutting will soon be here. Corn working is in arrears from too many rains recently; but the oats, grass and weeds are doing a thrifty business.

We hope to write you again when some of the rushing work is done.

Yours,  
LUCILESS URCHIS.

### Blowing Ridge.

Charlie Hankison, Lillie Miller, Grover Hutton, Lucy Hankison, Arthur Hankison and Mary Bore spent a fine time at the Rockhouse, Sunday, June 17.

Miss Carrie Hankison called on Miss Estella Sater, Sunday.

Mary Hansel is working at Kate Foltz's at the present time.

Mr. Samuel Strawn is the champion chicken raiser on this ridge. The rain spoiled a lot of people's fun last Sunday.

There was quite a crowd attended Morris Chapel, Sunday.

Mr. Michael Hankison was seen on this ridge Sunday evening.

Miss Lessel Drum was visiting Mrs. Bill Watts the past week.

Mr. Enoch Strawn was visiting his son, Samuel, the past week.

Mr. Sidney Hankison was seen passing through this village Sunday morning.

### Pursell.

Mr. George Conkle lost a very valuable horse one day last week. Will Springer has moved his saw mill from the farm of William Huffman to Crane Hollow.

Mr. Joe Fetherolf and son, of South Perry, passed through this place last Tuesday.

Mr. John Chilcote took dinner with G. W. Cupp last Tuesday.

Mrs. Belinda Dresback and Mrs. Mary Wilson called on Mrs. Rebecca Poling one day last week.

Fent Smelts made a business trip to Logan last Wednesday.

John Dresback made a visit to Laurelville, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huffman were the guests of Will Wine and family last Thursday.

R. H. Dresback was a business visitor in Logan, Friday.

Mrs. Clara Cupp and daughter paid a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Zeldia Ebert, of Laurelville last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mahlon Paxton and daughters, Rebecca and Mazie, visited Mrs. George Vorhes last Wednesday.

John Dresback sold a nice flock of sheep one day last week.

George Willard has moved in the house belonging to Frank Lindsey. George is having very poor health and is now receiving medical attention from Dr. Melcher.

Miles Willard made a trip to Laurelville, Saturday.

Mrs. Lu Poling is very poorly at this writing.

Mr. Tommy Hockman, of Salt Creek, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. Tisdale, of Columbus, and Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale, of Salt Creek, visited John Reid and his sister, Saturday.

Lu Kiestler passed through here Wednesday.

A. Bainter made a trip to South Bloomingville, Saturday.

### Big Pine.

Plowing corn seems to be the order of the day at present.

Mr. John Dresback passed through this place last Thursday.

Mr. Geo. Willard is very poorly at this writing.

Miss May Kitchen called on Mrs. Jane Woodard, Thursday.

Mr. Geo. Conkle lost a valuable horse, Wednesday.

Mr. Isaac Brown is on the sick list.

Mr. A. Bainter and family visited Mr. Fred Bowers and family, of Pleasant Hill, Friday.

Mr. Noah McCowen passed through this place Thursday.

Mrs. Lizale Buckingham called on Lucy Bainter, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. R. H. Dresback made a business trip to Logan last week.

Mr. Ab Lyle is suffering a severe attack of toothache at present.

Mr. Oliver Lemon and wife passed through this place Friday.

Miss Hazel Oldfield, of Logan, visited her mother, of this place, Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Minnie and Mary Stivison, of Black Jack, attended preaching at Pine Grove last Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steele and son, of Laurelville, called on Lucy Bainter last Tuesday.

Miss Grace Denton called on Mrs. Jane Dresback, Monday.

Mr. F. W. Conkle passed through this place last week.

Miss Carrie Graham, of Bethelville, accompanied by Mr. Vern Conkle attended prayer meeting at Pine Grove, Sunday night.

Mr. Elmer App seems very anx-

ious to sell picture frames.

H. W. Kitchen passed through this place one day last week.

Mr. Canada and wife, of Salt Creek, passed through this place, Thursday.

What has become of Pine Valley? Mrs. Mina McCowen is very busy selling books.

Mr. John Chilcote and wife visited Fred Conkle, Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Paxton and family passed through this place Sunday.

### Crockett's Run.

The wheat is turning fast and soon we will hear the click of the harvester reaping the golden grain.

Some one was complaining about the cool weather well how does this strike you?

Mr. Lewis Ruff erected his barn last Friday and about dinner time a little round barrel was brought forth and Oh My, how it did suffer, some of the boys said it suffered to much, others said it didn't suffer enough for them.

Professor Wm. Walter, of Rushville, called on his parents, here Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Engle was the host of a large crowd from Logan Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Weaver, of near Bremen, was seen here one day last week.

The School Board of Marion Twp. met last Monday and hired the following teachers No. 1, F. H. Duffy; No. 3, W. A. Scholl; No. 4, A. M. Ellinger; No. 5, Sherman Poling; No. 6, E. D. Mowery; No. 7, D. M. Heft; No. 8, Estella Poling. No. 2 and no. 9 have no teachers as yet. Teachers to teach a term of 7 mo., receive \$40. per month and do their own janitor work.

### Politics and Graft.

In his address to the graduates of Union college, Mayor McClellan dealt with the subject of politics. He used pretty plain words. He made a distinction between the profession and trade of politics. The former meant statesmanship; the latter meant crime. On this point he said:

No man who seeks a great material fortune should choose politics for his life work. Except for the bare necessities of existence, money cannot honestly be made in politics.

No man can make a fortune honestly in politics! That is something for the people to remember, for there is a large section of truth in the remark. But there are fortunes made in it, which is one of the sorry signs of the times.

But here is a stinging sentence from the address:

There is no such thing as "honest graft." The so-called "honest grafter" is far more to be feared than the bank burglar, and does far more harm than his less cowardly, if less successful, brother in the state prison.

There is no mining words here. "In honest grafter" is worse than a bank burglar. That is as true as gospel. Some day the people will see it, and the "honest grafter"

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will be working by the side of the bank burglar over in the penitentiary instead of pluming himself in society and forcing his presence among honorable people. But the address goes on to specify as follows:

Gild it as you please, call it legitimate business, counsel fee, or contract for public or private work, graft is graft none the less, grisly, hideous and dishonest.

That embraces a widespread experience, but not without reason. There is a distinction as clear as the horizon at noonday. Whenever through office, politics, pull or influence of any kind, takes from the public treasury one dollar, for which he has not rendered adequate service, is—grafter. Mayor McClellan remarks further:

What is wanted in public life in this country is not so much financial integrity and money honesty—for the average of both is higher with us than with any nation on earth—but moral courage and intellectual integrity.

That's the idea—brave hearts and honest thinking! The logic of the day is so inclined to leave out the ethical element in the estimate of advantages. This is the kind of talk graduates need, and no man knows the need better than Mayor McClellan. College life will have to get out of some of its ruts if future politics is to be purified, and there are signs that it is getting out.—State Journal.

### Don't Fret.

The first and probably the most important rule to be observed by those who suffer from the heat is, Don't fret. At the basis of this rule is a recognition of the fact that the mind has much to do with the condition of the body. Fussing or fretting about an uncomfortable bodily condition does not improve it, but makes it worse.

On the other hand a cheerful mind and even a mind that is bent upon other things helps to endure that which cannot well be cured.

In the first assault of summer, a good many have fallen into the slough of complaining. They mop their brows with a handkerchief or use a fan incessantly; they drink ice water persistently and they eat too heartily. They talk disparagingly of the weather and, being themselves unhappy, do that which is calculated to destroy any lingering happiness of others. In their fussing over unpleasant conditions, they make them still more unpleasant and, seeking to be cool, they do the very things that make them warm.

When the weather is warm, don't fuss about it. Dress cool, eat sparingly, drink water moderately, think cheerfully and go ahead with your work. If the heat is excessive in the day, think

of the relief that is ahead in the evening at home and remember that, however uncomfortable it makes you, it is serving a useful purpose out in the fields. It's the good old summer time. Don't fret.—Dispatch.

### Correct Fitting.

It does not matter how fine the quality is if the fitting is not correct, it is positively injurious to the eyes.

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