

HOW TO CHOOSE OCCUPATIONS; HINTS TO YOUNG WORKERS

The great question which confronts the young man at the beginning of his career is, "What am I going to do?" You must do something, and to do that something you must enter some trade, or business, or profession. It cannot be all three and the road you start to follow is, all things being equal, the road for you to continue upon. True, the professional man occasionally leaves his ranks and joins those of business, and sometimes succeeds; men have forsaken trades, and have made a success in a profession, but the great majority of successes are of those who choose, at the start, the best road to follow, and seldom change their course.

The taking of the wrong road at the start, constant changing from one avenue to another, are the causes of 90 per cent of our business and professional failures. The man who starts right, however small may be his degree of success, is more likely to reach the flush of possible attainment than he who, with apparent reason or without reason, changes from one thing to another. The few exceptions which have occurred go more to prove the reliability of the rule than to discredit it.

The first thing, then, to decide upon is whether to learn a trade, a business, or a profession. After this question has been decided, then it is incumbent to choose the kind of trade, business, or profession which you appear to be the best fitted to occupy, both by inclination and ability. In this choice—this choice at the start—rests to a large extent the probability of your success or failure.

Upon general principles what you want is what you would succeed in. If all of your tendencies are in one direction, the chances are that you will succeed better by choosing that calling than by taking up anything else. But your inclinations, however strong, they may be, are not entirely to be depended upon. Many a young man, with apparent reason, chooses some calling which he does not possess more than a semblance of ability for. He sincerely may believe that he has taken the right step, and may have no thought for any other vocation, yet he may be unfit for the one he has chosen.

Something is needed beyond inclination and choice, and that something is ability. Without it one cannot make more than an indifferent success in any direction. Fortunately, however, inclination and ability frequently go together, and therefore, inclination and choice are worthy of the greatest consideration; but they must not be followed without reason, a reason which can be proved to be reason.

It is no means improbable that you may desire to become a lawyer, because some of your friends have entered the law or are about to. Your choice, then, may be a reflected one, and not a real one. It is possible that you have chosen the law because you did not feel inclined to go in any other direction. That is not a valid reason nor a safe one.

You should assure yourself of the permanency of your inclination and choice, that it is necessary for you to be reasonably sure that what you think you want to do is what you can do, and that it is not a mere passing fancy, before you take the leap which may have no rebound.

After you thoroughly have tested your inclination, and have proven that your choice is based upon reason, it then is time for you to find out whether you are fitted to follow the line of your desire. It is necessary for you to make a self-examination, and it should be thorough. It

is not safe for you to trust yourself alone. You should consult your friends, and particularly those who have judgment. Talk with them, ask them to advise you with freedom and frankness. Do not depend upon the judgment and advice of any one friend. He may be biased or he may not judge well.

If the consensus of opinion is in your favor, it is then time for you to get into direct contact with the men who have made both successes and failures in the calling you propose to follow. If you do not know any of them personally, obtain introductions to them. Tell them about yourself and ask them to give you an insight into the calling they represent. Learn all you can about the vocation that you propose to follow, not from hearsay entirely but from coming into contact with it. If your inclination, based upon reason, the opinion of those in the calling you have chosen, favor your entering that vocation, then you safely can take up, and you may expect to obtain all the success your ability is capable of giving you.

If the majority of opinion is against the calling you have chosen, it is your duty to choose again, and to repeat the processes of self-examination and investigation.

It is possible that you have no noticeable inclination for any particular vocation, although you may be able to determine whether or not you will choose a trade, a business, or a profession. It may be possible for you to go further and to determine what class of trade, business, or profession best coincides with your choice or is best adaptable to your capacity. Consider, then, only some standard trade or business, which is all business and which bears no flavor of a profession. Under these conditions do not take up a specialty. If it be a trade, choose one in which there is a permanent demand for its workers. If business, select one which consists of the making or buying and selling of common commodities.

To meet success in general trade or business one does not have to be a specialist or possess any pronounced ability in any one direction save being a mechanic if a trade is selected and having ability to buy or sell if a business is chosen. All special lines of business, and all those of the professions, belong to those who have a pronounced bent in their direction. The majority of men who are not in trade or in the professions are business men—no more and no less—that is, they have ability to buy or sell. It makes little difference to them whether they deal in dry goods, clothing, hardware, or railroads. If you have no pronounced inclination in a definite direction become a tradesman. Learn the business and stick to it.

While delay is to be discouraged, I would advise you to wait several months if necessary before choosing your vocation than to take the first thing which presents itself, unless it is of unusual advantage. It is better to wait a considerable time and make the right choice than to plunge in without proper preparation or a weighing of business values. But don't loaf. If you wait, keep busy while you wait. Make work of waiting. Success depends upon hard work. There are no so-called "snaps" in business. One should not jump at the first opening, unless that opening appeals to him, or he is obliged to take it.

Remember that as you start, so are you likely to go. The finish is dependent upon the start.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

REBUILDS ELECTRIC PLANT IN THIRTY DAYS

Willamette Valley Company Has Light for Cottage Grove Once More.

(Western Oregon.)

The Willamette Valley Company turned on the electric current from its new plant yesterday just 30 days and two hours after the old plant was burned.

Fire caught at 12:40 p. m., July 21. The company promised to have the new plant running in 30 days. The promise was redeemed lacking only one hour and 20 minutes. Steam was raised Tuesday and the engine tested on the 29th day. It would be well if all corporations could as nearly keep their promises.

The new plant is larger than the old one. This is true both as to machinery and building. The engine is a new 325-horse power Russell, served at present by a battery of two boilers of a hundred horse power each, but this will be increased by a third boiler immediately. The dynamo is a 180-K. W. two-phase machine, about twice as large as the old one. The main building is one story in height, but the annex which will serve as a bin for saw dust and planer shavings will be the height of two stories.

The service, good before, will be better now, and having been in darkness for a month, the people will appreciate the lights.

GROWERS MAY NOT PICK HOPS

Low Prices Discourage Valley Hop Men—Talk of Flowing Up Fields.

Disappointed at the low prices offered for hops this year, and believing that something should be done to relieve the present congested state of the market, large hop growers in the vicinity of Aurora, Butteville and other points, it is reported, have decided to let their yards go to waste this season. Many contemplate plowing up their yards.

This heroic measure is said to have been decided on only after a number of growers had conferred with one another and concluded that picking this season's crop would not only result in financial loss at present prices, but would tend to keep prices low indefinitely.

Dealers have not shown any particular desire to purchase this season's crop, though a number have been approached, and the proposition of signing contracts for their output broached. Few of them are said even to have entertained the idea of signing contracts for their output, and none have definitely closed a deal. The common prices offered growers has been about 6 cents a pound.

It is the contention of the growers that when all items of expense are taken into consideration they cannot sell their hops at a lower figure than 9 cents a pound and "break even." Not only do they object to picking at a loss, but they assert that the betterment of conditions can never be accomplished by placing more hops on the market.

The quality of the hops this year is said to be good. Lice have caused very little trouble, and the hops are large, full and heavy.

CANADIANS WILL BUY HORSES IN OREGON

900 of These Animals Will Be Purchased in Willamette Valley If Possible.

Salem, Or., Aug. 26.—W. M. Durrell, of Portland, was in Salem this week with an order for 900 horses, weighing from 1200 pounds and up and from 3 to 7 years of age, for shipment to the Plano Binder Company, of Alberta, Canada. Mr. Durrell says that, notwithstanding the unusual scarcity of draft horses of this character and the consequent extraordinary demand for them, he hopes to be able to fill his order in the Willamette Valley, although he may have to pay from \$200 per head and up for them.

He attributes the cause for the early breaking down and scarcity of heavy draft horses in this country to the pavements of the cities, where horses are put in the harness at 3 and 4 years of age. Mr. Durrell declares this is foolhardy, because heavy horses should not be allowed to pull heavy loads upon the pavement until 6 years old. He also says the farmer who has a large brood mare, under present conditions of the market, is foolish to sell it at any price.

William Skipton, a horse dealer of this city, came in Thursday evening with a carload of farm horses, which he was obliged to ship from Union county. It was but a few years ago that horses were not taken into consideration at all when the farmer took an inventory of the value of his real and personal property, but now they are accepted very readily as valuable chattels and the owners of horses of any grade or breed are taking such care of them that the veterinary surgeons of this section of the valley are crowded for time to attend to their calls. This latter condition is true of all kinds of farm and dairy stock.

THE COURTENAY MILL WILL SOON OPERATE

Mr. A. A. Courtenay and son have returned from Portland and are busy in getting the Courtenay mill on Isthmus Inlet ready for operation. They have all the machinery on hand and while the mill is about completed there are many small matters to be adjusted that will take some time, probably two weeks to get in shape. It is expected the mill will be ready for business within two weeks.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

MR. BRUSCHKE WILL REMAIN ON BAY

Charles J. Bruschke and his genial smile are once more seen on Coos Bay. Mr. Bruschke arrived from Oakland on the Plant. He had been there for several months attending to business matters and says the city is booming. He said that Oakland is making wonderful growth in population and predicts that some day the largest city in the world will be about San Francisco Bay. He will remain on the Bay indefinitely, and says he likes the way things are looking. Mr. Bruschke has dealt largely in real estate in Marshfield and he thinks of taking it up again.

RETAIL CLERKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The Retail Clerks Protective Association held the regular weekly meeting Monday evening. Re-election of officers constituted the principal business transacted. The new officers are Frank Cameron, president; Dan Keating, vice president; Edgar Campbell, secretary and treasurer.

OREN RESIDENCES ARE BEING BUILT

J. E. Oren has carpenters at work on his two houses in the southwest part of the city.

NEW HOME FOR HAINES INLET AGRICULTURALIST

Mr. H. M. Reiter, of Haines Inlet, has ordered lumber for a new farm residence and will put the work through as soon as possible.

BREAKWATER LIES AT NORTH BEND DOCK

The Breakwater is at North Bend where she arrived last evening about nine o'clock. The hotels were filled and so the passengers were kept aboard over night that they might not experience any inconvenience about securing accommodations. And still there is no hotel building.

WILL OFFER PRIZE FOR BEST MARINE PICTURE

The Chamber of Commerce has planned to offer a prize for the best photograph of Coos Bay taken on Labor Day. It is planned to assemble all boats that can possibly be induced to take part in a parade on the Marshfield water front and at an opportune time the photographers will be turned loose on them to snap the scene. It is proposed to use the prize photograph in a pamphlet which the Chamber of Commerce will soon issue and which will be sent to the four corners of the country. Good advertising for the boats, the bay and the photographers.

HAS WOUND DRESSED AND RESUMES WORK

Ed. Anderson, a workman at the Smith yard, cut his foot with an adz yesterday afternoon and had to call in the aid of a surgeon to repair the damage. When the wound was sewed up, Anderson returned to work.

SHERIFF SEARCHES FOR COURT JURYMEN

Sheriff Gage is scouring the county in search of the following jurymen who are down for duty at the September term of court: S. Edwards, Bandon, Robert Marsden, Marshfield, Geo. W. Cox, Bandon, J. C. Merchant, Marshfield, F. W. Tibbets, Marshfield, J. R. Bunch, Allegany, L. Lawhorne, Coquille, H. C. Noble, Marshfield, T. S. Evenden, Bridge, B. F. Griffin, North Bend, C. H. Bunch, Coquille, J. H. Wall, Marshfield, A. L. Neely, Fairview, E. P. Adams, Myrtle Point, John O. Bates, Bandon, L. D. Belieu, Bridge, A. Williams, Marshfield, H. N. Hampton, Myrtle Point, M. H. Hersey, Coquille, John Dolan, Marshfield, Martin Alexson, Coquille, G. C. Haga, Perkersburg, M. D. Cutlip, Marshfield, L. C. Gibson, Bandon, H. E. Wilcox, McKinley, William Grow, Coquille, Robert Kreuger, Marshfield, Fred A. Mehl, Bandon, J. R. Lightner, Marshfield. There is one man on the sheriff's list who died last spring, J. V. Edwards, of Bandon.

RETURN FROM WEEK'S STAY NEAR BANDON

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. Moor and several others who were camped in the vicinity of Bandon on the beach, returned to Marshfield on Monday. Mrs. Eddy, in speaking about the outing, said there was a newly married couple along who were busy inventing means for throwing the rest of the party off their guard so far as suspecting them of being newly married was concerned. "But," said Mrs. Eddy, "we found them out and they finally owned up to it, and after that their appearance was not so strained." Mr. and Mrs. Eddy will go to Coos River today and tomorrow will depart for several days at Ten Mile. Mr. and Mrs. Moor will sail for San Francisco on the Plant. They are residents of Sacramento, and say they enjoyed their Coos county outing very much.

FISHING GETTING GOOD ON TEN MILE

Frank Bowron returned yesterday from his Ten Mile ranch. He reports seeing two gentlemen rowing down the lake with the ladies of the party trolling. They caught 40 odd trout and none were less than eight inches.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

THE KOOS WILL GO TO ASTORIA REGATTA

The Koos, the new gasoline launch built by the Holland brothers, had her trial trip yesterday and was found to be in first-class condition. The boat will leave this morning for Astoria and will be manned by W. W. Holland, Frank Lowe and John Swing. This party expects to make the trip in twenty-four hours, and will be present at the Astoria regatta which commences on August 30th.

GRADING BY STEAM ENGINE ON STREETS

Anybody with leisure time on his hands can see an unusual sight if he will go up on Cedar street and watch the grading going on there. J. J. Burns has an engine which is scooping the dirt from the street, which is being lowered to grade, and dumps it in the large draw at the south end of the long bridge. The engine is stationed at the north end which is being lowered to grade, and with a long cable. The cable is anchored two blocks below the bridge and works on a pulley. The amount of dirt to be moved is about 7,000 yards, and this will fill the draw about 100 feet from the south. The remaining distance across will be bridged.

E. A. ANDERSON WILL BUILD THREE COTTAGES

Tully, Lynch and Watkins, a new contracting firm, have been awarded the contract for constructing three modern cottages of five rooms each for E. A. Anderson. The sites are in South Marshfield on Ninth street. The residences are being built by Mr. Anderson to rent, and they will be equipped with every convenience the city affords. J. E. Cayou drew the plans for the houses.

FRIENDS ENJOY MISS PAINTER'S HOSPITALITY

Miss Maud Painter entertained a few of her friends Monday evening at her home on Broadway. The main features of the evening were cards and music. A fine time was enjoyed by all. Those attending were: Misses Della Smith, Gertrude Nier, Genevieve Sengstacken, Eleanor Helm, Gertrude Mandigo and Helen Chandler. Messrs. Nasburg, Grimes, Large, Hopson, Keane, McKee, Arnold and True.

FRIGHTENED BY 20 FOOT WRIGGLER

Know Why Their Sheep and Pigs Mysteriously Disappeared —Thought to Be a Python.

Adrian, N. D., Aug. 25.—Farmers living along the James river in this vicinity are much excited over the discovery of an immense snake in the dense timber growth along the river and are organizing an expedition to hunt down and exterminate the reptile. Two farmers who last week were walking through the high grass near the edge of the woods south of here saw what they thought was the limb of a tree. They started to step over it when it suddenly gave a hiss and started to move rapidly away, crashing through the underbrush to the tall timber. The farmers were much frightened and did not attempt to give chase to the reptile.

They say that the snake appeared to be twenty feet in length and as big around as a good sized limb of a tree. Since then other farmers also have seen the reptile, which seems to stay close to the wooded strip along the river. The snake is supposed to be a South American python. Last year while a circus was exhibiting at La Moure it was reported that one of the pythons escaped from its cage. The circus people, it is stated, searched for the reptile and it was supposed that they recaptured it. It is now believed that they did not secure the snake, but allowed that impression to get out so that the people in the neighborhood might not become alarmed.

The presence of the snake probably accounts for the mysterious disappearance of pigs and sheep which have been reported from time to time by farmers living along the river.

SNYDER WINS SUIT FOR POSSESSION

In the suit brought by Eugene O'Connell against John Snyder for possession of the Pioneer building, tried yesterday before Justice Penrock the jury found the defendant guilty. This verdict is in conformity with the Oregon statutes which provide for such a finding where a landlord attempts ousting a tenant. The jury was composed of Capt. Lightner, L. R. Robinson, C. H. Marsh, W. J. Rust, John Dolan and Lee Edwards. Mr. Snyder's lease of the premises does not expire until the 18th of April, 1909. Farrin & Farrin represented Snyder, and J. W. Bennett had charge of O'Connell's side of the case.

FRANK CAMERON NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER

Mr. Frank Cameron is now representing the Coos Bay Times as advertising manager, having taken up the duties yesterday morning, in place of Mr. Rex Large who severed his connection with the paper with the intention of going into business in Marshfield. Mr. Cameron is an old connection with the paper with which comes within the sphere of this paper, such as taking subscriptions, soliciting advertising, and other business in the same connection. Mr. Cameron is well known to the business interests of the Bay and understands the newspaper routine from A to Z.

TALK OF PANIC IS BUNCOMBE

Man Who Has Traveled Extensively Says There Is Absolutely No Danger.

GREAT DEMAND FOR LABOR

Country in Most Healthy Financial Condition—Prosperity Is Everywhere in Evidence.

Pendleton, Aug. 24.—While talking with a Tribune representative yesterday Mr. A. C. Ruby, president of the Commercial National bank of Pendleton, who just returned from an extensive trip to Europe and through "the states," said all this talk about a tightness of the money market in the East or the fear of a panic of any sort has no foundation whatever.

"I have some business connections in several of the eastern states," said he, "and spent several weeks in various parts of them on my return. I have been familiar with conditions there for several years and really have never at any time seen a more healthy tone to business affairs all over the country than at this time. Now and then some wild-cat affair that has no legitimate place in the business world anyway, gets a squeeze, but that is one of the best signs of the times. The more of them that flourish the worse for everybody, and the very fact that they are found out and have trouble is a good indication of financial strength in business circles.

"There is no better test of conditions than the demand for labor. This is always a good test. When times were hard in the early nineties the cry everywhere was that labor was out of employment, but the reverse of that is true now, for there is the same scarcity of labor everywhere in all lines of industry in the east that there is on this coast. Of all the thousands of foreign laborers who land in this country every month there are not enough to supply the increasing demand. In fact, I have never seen so much activity in business circles as at this very time.

"And there is actually more travel now than ever before. It seems that everybody is traveling. There were in July and this month fifty 400,000 people at Atlantic City, one of our great summer resorts. And all the inland trains are crowded to the utmost wherever you go. All this means a degree of prosperity that it is difficult to realize. When I started to Europe I was compelled to delay my trip nearly a month in order to secure a berth on the steamer and it is necessary to 'book' your passage on any of the steamers from one to two months ahead.

"Land in the western states is changing hands at a more rapid rate than I have ever before known and at higher prices. Crops are as good as usual and prices are generally higher than the ordinary. In fact, I have no wish to be at all optimistic, but I have never seen better conditions prevailing all over the country than right now and there is no reason for any apprehension, much less than any time I can call to mind.

Asked about the effect of the bank failure in Portland Wednesday, Mr. Ruby replied that it could not possibly have any influence on conditions in Oregon for the reason that it has no connection with the financial situation in general and was caused by influences entirely foreign to those which govern the ordinary rules of banking.

Mr. Ruby is of the opinion that times in eastern Oregon must necessarily be good since crops are unusually prolific and prices much above the average. The banks are doing a prosperous business and he thinks the outlook is especially encouraging in every direction.

C. NORRIS MISTAKES FOG BUOY FOR COW

Charley Norris of Ten Mile was in the city yesterday. We might have overlooked the fact only for the story that was telling on him. It appears that a short time ago Charley was among a party of campers at Sunset Bay. The next morning Charley puzzled the rest of the party for quite a while by complaining about some blamed cow that kept up a miserable noise all night. He never had heard anything like that on Ten Mile. The cow seemed to be in such awful distress. It was finally figured out that it was the fog buoy he had heard. Naturally Charley is coming in for some good-natured roasting.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PICNIC A SUCCESS

The Knights of Pythias picnic at Pipers Grove Sunday was well attended and there was a crowd of about two hundred people present. They were taken to the grove by four boats, three leaving from North Bend and one from Marshfield. An excellent time is reported.

WARDENS AFTER LAW BREAKERS WITH HOUNDS

Game Wardens Glenn Aiken and Cal. Wright left yesterday morning for Fairview, out on the Roseburg wagon road, where they go to look up a man who is reported to have been running deer with hounds.

Ever notice how a man whose wife is away visiting, is watched.

NEW YORK FACES PROBLEM

Rural Values Decreasing At Enormous Rates—12,000 Farms Abandoned.

A thorough investigation by the United States department of agriculture has revealed an alarming decrease in farm land valuation in New York state, which is not far short of a menace to the welfare of the commonwealth.

Startling figures are presented, which show an enormous loss in wealth and population in the state's rural districts, and a consequent weakening of social and political influence.

According to the reports of the government inspectors, the country is being absorbed by the city, with the result that farm lands have decreased \$170,000,000 in value; that more than 12,000 farms have been abandoned; that the population of the more remote towns and villages has, in several instances, decreased 40 to 50 per cent.

The comparisons are made with the state's agricultural prosperity in the early 80's. In some districts land values have decreased since then nearly 90 per cent. The 12,000 abandoned farms in the state are capable of caring for a population of 150,000 and represent an area of 12,000,000 acres, most of which is arable land.

The national government inspectors who have been engaged in investigating this subject declare officially that these farms have not been abandoned because of lack of fertility. For the last 20 years the cities have so fascinated the imagination of country people that farmers' sons and daughters and those who formerly would have become farm hands have abandoned the soil to their parents. In many districts all of the farmers are men of advanced age. As fast as these die the farms become tenanted or are sold for little or nothing to the less vigorous and venturesome of the younger generation, or become the property of wealthy men, who join them into large estates.

The total land values of New York state amount to a little over a billion dollars. This is exclusive of machinery, cattle, etc. Land has risen in value in the immediate neighborhood of the cities, while it has materially decreased in value in the remote country districts, the rate of decrease being in reverse ratio to the distance from the city.

John A. Stewart, president of the League of Republican clubs of New York state, said that the league in its general committee meetings had discussed the question, but had hesitated to take action because efforts on its part would be stamped as political.

Convention to Plan Remedy. The calling of a state convention," said Mr. Stewart, "to consider the abandoned farms, the want of farm labor, the enormous falling off in the wealth and population of the villages and the upsetting of the natural and safe balance between country and city is soon to take place, to extend the schools in each of the country congressional districts and to teach the country boy how to make more money on the farm than he can make in any office in New York City will be discussed. It is not a political move, for the question is much broader than any political organization or party. The league has adopted a resolution calling on the legislature to take immediate action in the interest of farmers, and therefore, of the population of the entire community."

MARSDEN'S DELIVERY WAGON DAMAGED

Marsden's delivery wagon chanced the horse across the street yesterday in a speedy manner and brought up against a telephone pole, where it was badly damaged. The horse was started by the engine at the Benner-Flanagan bank site and tried to get away from the noise.