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ECONOMY AND LOSS.

There is no virtue more respectable than that which dictates the policy of wise and prudent economy. But economy does not consist in merely saving money. Sometimes it is very wise and very prudent economy to spend it. Proof of this platitude is easy to produce if, indeed, proof were needed for so common a truth. The men who have striven with the most assiduous diligence to prevent expenditures for such public benefits as schools, and parks and libraries, have rarely ever received the plaudits of humanity in the end. He who has been a little ahead of his time in securing these blessings has been universally regarded as a benefactor. But it is not too much to say that a community which falls behind others of its own class in these respects merely because of a mistaken idea that it is wise to save the public's money, receives well deserved contempt.

Of all the departments of life in which the public is interested, education is the most important. In America this is especially so. To be sparing in the expenditure of money in the cause of education is justifiable only on the ground of necessity. If a man has children and has a dollar left above his bare needs, it is not only his duty to use that dollar to improve the usefulness and mentality of those children, but it is the wisest investment he can make. If he has no children then it is not only his duty to contribute what he can to the education of the children of others, but he will enlarge his own happiness and make the world worth more to him, by so doing. A city can not invest its money better than in education and it is and will be judged, both as to the measure of its intelligence and the degree of its respectability, by its schools.

Now Marshfield has as good an intermediate and grammar school as any in the country. But it has only an excuse for a high school. This consists of the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh grades—that is, rather than blush with shame, the Eleventh is mentioned because it is struggling to exist. The defects of the high (?) school are not due to the principal. Far from it. They are due to the fact that the school board, which is composed of three of the best men in Marshfield, has acquired the habit of treating Marshfield as poor and the high school as a luxury. They refuse to pay an assistant for the principal the going price. Sixty-five dollars a month will not properly pay a teacher. That was a salary which five and six years ago would have sufficed. But wages have gone up both in sawmills and schools and as well in the outside world as in Marshfield. The school board might say that the high school has only a limited attendance. That is true, and if the present policy is continued it will be more limited. But there are some thirty-five pupils struggling to be taught. They are not getting down to work with a feeling that they are being encouraged. There are at least 15 more children who would attend the high school if the conditions were satisfactory in the three grades. There are many who would attend if all four grades were provided. There are parents who would live here if they could get good high school advantages for their children. Several hundred dollars are being spent to advertise Coos Bay and Marshfield, and a few hundred are being saved in such a way that the city loses the benefit of its advertising. Have you a school here? Yes, Grammar. Have you a high school? No; too poor.

BRIHGT IDEA.

The opinion has been volunteered by high political authority in the east that the "frenzied finance" interests and their allies the trusts and monopolies, will not interest themvelves in the presidential election of 1908 as they have done in former years. They feel that the miscarriage of their purposes, in the unexpected exaltation of Theodore Roosevelt, when they believed him completely retired on the vice presidential shelf, has robbed them of the executive office for some years yet to come and that all they can hope or expect to do in the coming election is to take good care that congress contains a majority of their henchmen or sympathizers. The election of either Taft or Bryan is therefore of slight importance to them, especially as they believe they can get control of congress without the attention of the public being challenged. Not that they will fail to capture a presidential nomination if they can, and trust to luck for success, but they recall the defeat of their pet candidate in 1904 with chagrin.

It is said that one of the features of their program is to push railroad construction throughout the west and make the year 1908 a red letter year in that direction. It will remove many voters from districts where they expect to elect their congressmen and place them in states where they are either unable to vote or where their votes will merely swell majorities which can be changed. Whether there is anything to this theory or not may be a matter of individual opinion, but Oregon will not shed tears over that part of the program which contemplates the building of railroads in this state should it be carried out. The ordinary business man usually divorces business and politics, however, as not being closely enough related to warrant his giving both a close study. Not so with the "captians of industry." They work both the business end and the political end of society, separately, and jointly and play one against the other or both together.

SCORES WOMEN WHO ASK BALLOT

Prominent Minister of Seattle Attacks the Suffrage Advocates.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 7.—In a sensational interview here today Dr. M. A. Matthews, the best known minister in the city, denounced woman's suffrage as follows:

"Gold help this country if its women are ever granted the unrestricted ballot. Such a concession would result in more political corruption and rascality than we have ever seen before. Let the woman remain in the sphere that God Almighty intended that they should occupy, and they will continue to bless the world with their sweetness and goodness, but let them join the men in a scramble for political preferment, then they will become a curse to the world instead of a blessing.

"The corrupt among the women, the disgruntled old maids and graduates from the divorce courts are all demanding the suffrage. I will not say, however, that all women suffragists are corrupt, but I do assert that all corrupt women are demanding the ballot, while, thank God, many of the purest and sweetest and noblest American women hold aloof from it."

NURSE INHERITS LARGE ESTATE

One Million and a Half From Australia for a Chicago Woman.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Mrs. Helen St. Clair Noble, the night superintendent of nurses at the Chicago hospital, was today informed by an attorney that she had fallen hier to an estate valued at $1,500,000, willed to her by Colonel Benjamon Caroll Dent, a ranchman, who recently died at Sydney, Australia. Attorney Dudley Bagley, who was commissioned by Colonel Dent to execute his will, arrived today via London and sought out the heiress.

Mrs. Noble is a native of New Orleans. Her parents were close personal friends of Colonel Dent. At the close of the civil war Colonel Dent went to Switzerland, and 20 years after went to Australia, where he took up ranching, primarily for his health, amassing a fortune in the business.

FRED HARTWEG PILOT UNDER INVESTIGATION

Man Whose Boat Came Near Fouling President's, Loses License for Six Months.

Memphis, Oct. 7.—Evidence was taken today in the case of Clarence Nichols, of Cairo, Ills., pilot of the steamer Fred Hartweg, whose suspension was ordered by President Roosevelt yesterday. The hearing was behind closed doors and the nature of the testimony was not given out. George W. Tice, vice president of the Monogahela Consolidated Coal & Coke company, which owned the Hartweg, made a statement regarding the reported collision between that boat and the president's boat, in which it is said, in so far as the Pittsburg delegation knew or were able to ascertain, there had been no official orders in regard to the order in which the boats were to proceed. If there was such an order the Pittsburg delegation was wholly ignorant thereof, and from every appearance the boats did not recognize any particular rule, running to a large extent at random. I myself was a passenger on the Hartweg and at no time during my observation did the Hartweg approach the president's boat so close that an accident or collision was even probable. Tonight Captain Wells suspended Nichols' license for six months. The president had requested the license be suspended for only three months.

MORE FUNDS FOR CONSULAR SERVICE

Attempt Will Be Made to Secure More Liberal Treatment by Congress.

Washington, Oct. 7.—An organized effort will be made by the state department to secure from congress this winter more adequate provisions for the consular service, and it is probable that the establishment of a new grade to be known as the commercial attache will be recommended. A report is being prepared showing the functions of such officials in other countries, and the advisability of creating that office in the United States foreign srevice will be carefully canvassed.

Some of the congressmen who traveled abroad this year commented caustically on the poor appearance made by some of the consular officials, and criticised them and their inadequate furnishings to the state department. In reply it was shown that the appropriation is inadequate, and that there was but $18,000 available for furniture for 300 consulates. The consul at Valparaiso has complained that he has been unable to get any furniture since the earthquake there, except a desk and file case. Other things he had to pay for himself.

It is probable that a statement of the valuable work done by the consulate force, not only in extending trade but in special lines, such as introducing valuable plants into this country, will be prepared for the consideration of congress.

FORD JURY FAILED IN AN AGREEMENT

Eight of Twelve Were for Acquittal, but Names Are Not Divulged.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—The Ford jury, after 18 hours deliberation reported to the court at 2:30 this afternoon that they were unable to agree on a verdict and was discharged. It was learned from the foreman that the jury stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction in a deadlock that could not be broken. About 40 ballots were taken. The jurors unanimously refused to tell the names of those who voted for acquittal. They intimated the eight men when they so voted were unwilling to make their names known for fear of newspaper criticism and other attacks.

DESTROYED EVIDENCE.

Lemuel Quigg Has Memory as Forgetful as Standard Oil Witness.

Ueward, Oct. 7.—That he deliberately destroyed checks for $40,000 so he would not be compelled to say to whom the money was paid, was admitted by Lemuel Quigg at the hearing on the street railway merger matter before the public utilities commission today. Quigg, in answer to further interrogatories, declared his memory is faulty and he was not able to state in whose favor the checks were drawn. Secretary Moorehead of the Metropolitan company, stated on the stand that he had been unable to locate the checks charged to the special construction account and he is certain they must have been destroyed.

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