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DOING WITHOUT THINGS

It is surprising how much people demand in the way of comforts if they are living in settled and prosperous communities, and how little they can get along with when they go off on vacations, or when they make a start in new surroundings.

Economists claim that a large part of the money that people spend goes to maintain social position or keep up with their neighbors. People do not feel that they are in the game nowadays, or are getting their share of fun, unless they have an automobile. Yet a few years ago they never felt any special longing for this form of sport. It is the same with many other of the comforts and luxuries of life.

People who at home live in a highly finished or costly way, will go off on a vacation to some little shack, and live in a few tiny rooms and have a lovely time. Or if circumstances seem to make it necessary, they will go on some lonely ranch, and live in a primitive dwelling without conveniences. Women who occupy such homes tell of the happiness they felt when they got their first rug or picture.

Yet they may be more contented in a life where they are doing earnest work and keeping well through vigorous activity, than if they were sitting around in a city home in an idle way. It is natural that people who are earning good pay or making money should spend something for luxury to sweeten life. But as a rule, people strive and fret too much for mere things.

The only thing that can make them happy is activity in useful employments or wholesome diversions. The more acquisitions many people get, the more discontented they are. If they would spend some of their luxury money on philanthropic activities and spend less time in fretting and more in healthful outdoor life, they would be happier.

INCOME TAX FACTS

While the exemptions for married persons are \$2,500 for persons whose net income for 1922 was \$5,000 or less, and \$2,000 for persons whose net income was more than \$5,000, there is inserted in the income tax law a qualifying clause in justice to the taxpayer whose net income just exceeds \$5,000. The law provides that the reduction of the amount of the exemption from \$2,500 to \$2,000 shall not operate to increase the tax which would be payable if the exemption were \$2,500 by more than the amount of net income in excess of \$5,000. For example, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones had a net income for 1922 of \$5,010. Without the benefit of the above provision, their tax would be \$120.40 (\$5,010 less \$2,000 equaling \$3,010, at 4 per cent). Their actual tax is \$110.40 (\$5,010 less \$2,500 equaling \$2,510 at 4 per cent) plus \$10, the amount by which the net income exceeds \$5,000.

For the year 1922 there is no change in the normal tax, which is 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the exemptions and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. The surtax rates, which apply only to income in excess of \$6,000, are lowered. For the year 1922 the surtax rates range from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to 50 per cent on the amount by which the net income exceeds \$200,000. For the taxable year 1921 the surtax rates ranged from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent on the amount by which the net income exceeded \$1,000,000.

The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in quarterly installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 1923.

People travel across the stormy Atlantic and spend a great deal of money on European tours. Why? Largely because the old world cities are said to have a certain romantic and imaginative charm. Yet this so called charm often lies in some very simple feature that any city could acquire. A recent writer in The American City on Paris, for instance, thinks that the fundamental element in the charm attaching to that beautiful city is in its trees, which are preserved with the greatest care, even in the business sections. Any American city big or little can get equally good results in that respect in time, by studying tree culture for its streets, planting those best fitted to do well under the soil and climatic conditions, and preserving them from pests. Our people do not need to cross the seas to find charm. They can develop it in their home town.

PRUNE PICKIN'S BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—The generous sneeze Reverberates throughout the valley today and the quets of handkerchiefs is sadly depleted.

THE WAY WE FEEL

"Dear Meester Carlson: I got your letter about what I owe you. Now be pached. I ain't forget you, Pless wait. When sum foits pay me I pay you. If this wuz judgment day and you wuz no more prepared to meet your Maker as I am to meet your account, you sure would have to go to hel. Trusting you will do this."

Ol' Jupe Pluvius dropped in our midst again today for the purpose of distributing some sky juice which he doesn't want to carry over into the summer season.

Jever try to grind out a colyum like this and wipe yer nose at the same time? SOME JOB.

Fashion, prodded by the suit-makers, has decided that in the autumn woman shall wear skirts three inches longer than those decreed for spring and early summer days. The fact is, that the criticized styles have not harmed anybody. Woman has not been affected adversely in thought or deed by their peculiarities. Longer skirts will not improve her; how could they when woman is to perfection.

Character will take a man further than cash.

An Iowa plumber has entered the ministry and probably he will make the congregation wait every Sunday while he goes back home for his sermon.

The difference is that a statesman thinks he belongs to the state and a politician thinks the state belongs to him.

SCIENTIFICALLY SPEAKING Oh chemist of skill, investigate! Answer this quiz of mine: I think I know what Carbonate, But where did iodine?

The driver who always insists on the right of way is probably not very popular as a neighbor.

Talk is one thing whose value can not be safely based on quantity.

Kate Pickin's Say

"They ain't nuttin' like livin' in a town like Roseburg. Gosh it's dern nice to walk down the main stem in the a. m. and have everybody yell a 'hello' to ya. I like it. Of course the ol' burg needs a little renovatin' and a few more funerals, jest like any other town does, but if we live long enough mebbe we'll be able to cultivate a regular crop of boosters and preach a funeral sermon over the carcasses of the knoekers. Instead of goin' round with a long face and moanin' on yer back why don't yer buck up like a human bein' and show signs of life? Gosh they ain't no tellin' what this town would be if we'd all git together now and then and boost a little bit. When it rains, peddle some bunk about, jest like them that Californians do when Ol' Sol happens to show up once in a while. Heck, it's the rain that makes this valley so dern nice to live in. Ya don't hear a desert country braggin' about their heat, do ya, unless they're talkin' to some consumptive. If we had less oratin' and more doin' this'er valley would be a better place. It's dern easy for a feller to mount the rostrum and speak about the sun sittin' like it does in Italy but its the feller who kin meet a stranger and tell him how dern much he kin make off'n pruner and broccol that brings home the bacon. An' what tastes better'n bacon on these kinda mornin's? They ain't no use o' grouchin' when a stranger asks ya a question. Any housewife kin be catty if she wants to keep the assessor waitin' in the rain while she invoices the toothpick supply. Answer questions like ya wanted to. Jest let em like your tryin' to sell the whole darn community and that ya git a commission on it. This is most've mattered in this here colyum fer an age and I hope you'll get it under yer skin and take to boostin' yer hum town more."

Down from Sutherlin—Mrs. Teece, of Sutherlin, spent Saturday and Sunday in this city visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham well known residents of Eugene were among the out of town people here yesterday.

Miss Alice Gilbreth and Miss Audrey Herry motored to the city Saturday evening for a short while visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duke well known residents of Sutherlin spent Saturday in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends.

Earl H. Murphy of Oakland motored to Roseburg Saturday evening to spend the week end visiting with friends and relatives.

Miss Agnes Pritchard left Saturday evening for Portland and spent the week end there visiting with friends.

The clerk of the Woodmen's lodge today paid \$1500 each to Madge Schneider and Maybelle Miller, the \$1,000 being the amount of insurance carried by the late Dr. K. L. Miller in the order.

State Press Comment

STRONG ORGANIZATION NEEDED

The need for a strong chamber of commerce has been demonstrated in several practical ways in Albany the last few weeks. There is much that the right kind of a body can do. And there is not the slightest reason why the Albany Chamber of Commerce should not be one of the strongest in the state. We have the men, we have the money and we are progressive. What then, do we lack? Is it leadership? That seems to be the most logical solution to the problem.

But the present session of the legislature emphasizes more than anything else now the need of a live organization to fight for the best interests of various classes that should be thoroughly understood and given proper attention before they are permitted to be passed without a challenge.

A closer organization than now exists is needed. Better cooperation is needed on the part of every member, and more members are needed on the part of the business men of this city. There is much bureau work that ought to be done. Just as an example, there is needed a bureau protecting the interests of the city. A committee, such as the commercial organizations have in other cities of Oregon, should be named to pass on every advertising scheme year after year the town is visited by itinerant advertising salesmen the merit of whose schemes amount mainly to a good revenue to the salesman or those they represent. Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, Portland and other cities have a body of men who pass upon such schemes, both outside and local, and if the thing has merit and advertising value the agent is given a permit to solicit. If the thing has not merit, no card is issued and the merchants of the city are saved a considerable expense from this source.

There are many other ways that closer organization will help.—Albany Democrat.

FARMERS' PROBLEMS

Both business men and farmers have at last come to realize that for either of them to be successful, they must work together. This was forcibly brought out at the meeting of the farmers held at the public library last Saturday afternoon. In order that the members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce may understand the problems of the Jackson county farmers and in order to be advised of what the business men might do as a part of this prosperity program, the forum committee has invited the new president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau to address the members of the forum tomorrow noon at the Medford hotel.

A. C. Joy has long been a recognized leader among the farmers of this county. He thoroughly understands local conditions and can speak authoritatively for the farmer. The new program of the Jackson County Farm Bureau is sound and it lacks only the support of the business men to carry to a successful conclusion and this support will undoubtedly be given as soon as the business men are officially requested by the Farm Bureau to assist them in this meritorious work.—Medford Mail Tribune.

A COMING CAMPAIGN ISSUE

There are intimations from here and there that the leading issue of the next Presidential campaign will be prohibition. It is probable that that is putting it too soon; neither of the major parties has yet sufficiently weighed all the possibilities to be willing by 1924 to stand up and make the fight either flatly for or flatly against prohibition. But sooner or later, unless all signs flatly that is going to be the leading issue—the paramount issue, to borrow Mr. Bryan's phrase—of a Presidential campaign. It will be a good thing. An insidious propaganda is going the rounds to the effect that prohibition was never really desired by the American people, but was foisted upon them by stealth and stratagem. In the formerly wet centers, which now are the centers of the bootlegging industry, the impression is carefully fostered that public opinion is not back of prohibition, and that it therefore is useless to attempt strict enforcement of the prohibition laws. It will be a good thing for all concerned to get in a national election the verdict of public opinion on prohibition. It is not inefficient in the light of experience to say that the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law are themselves the evidence of favorable public opinion. Every county that ever voted dry under local option, and every state that ever adopted constitutional prohibition, has had succeeding elections at which public sentiment on the prohibition question was measured, and in the main the result of these succeeding plebiscites has been better law enforcement as the temper of the public toward the dry laws has been raised. The same thing will doubtless hold true in the case of the nation.—Eugene Register.

FAMOUS AND BROKE

The divine Sarah Bernhardt, the greatest of actresses, perhaps, is at death's door, but refuses to yield. Ari calls her back to the stage, but there is a still more imperative call. She has been encouraged to believe, according to reports, that she may

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return to the stage within a day or two in the fear that the truth would be too great a blow for her.

Added to Miss Bernhardt's worries is the realization that the fortunes which have rewarded her endeavors have been dissipated—largely, it is said, by the indulgence of an unbusiness-like relative. How often the threat of poverty is relieved as the final bitter cup for the last days of those accustomed to fame and wealth! For the artist it is not unusual experience, for it seems often his lot to be unthrifty, unwise in investment or too generous in charity.

Mark Twain found himself in a similar predicament when he was 50 years old. A publishing house in which he was a partner, failed, and he was responsible for its debts. But it was admitted that he was in no way responsible for the collapse of the business and might have escaped liability. Instead of endeavoring to clear his reputation at the least expense, he went on a lecture tour, the proceeds of which, with royalties from his books, were used to pay the debts of the firm.

Next to innocence, retribution willingly undertaken and successfully carried out, is most gratifying. Miss Bernhardt may be denied that last consolation of true greatness, the serene contemplation of work completed.—La Grande Observer.

MRS. STRANG PRAISED IN HOMETOWN PAPER

The following clipping from the Washington, D. C. Star shows the high regard in which the ability of Mrs. Fred L. Strang of this city, is held in musical circles in the Nation's capital.

"Mrs. Henry White has received very interesting press notices from Roseburg, Ore., telling of the musical work of Mrs. Frederick L. Strang in that city. Mrs. Strang was better known in Washington musical circles as Elsie Carleton Small, having been soprano soloist here in the Church of Incarnation, Western Presbyterian Church and the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, and a charter member of the Beta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, national musical sorority. Mrs. Strang who is soprano soloist and director of the choir in the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg has been chosen director of voices from all the choirs in the city. Their first public concert was a rendition of Adam Geibel's Christmas cantata 'The Incarnation.' The Roseburg paper makes especially favorable comment on the high standard of music maintained by Mrs. Strang."

If you are interested in correcting your English, current events, grammar, or the organization of some of the newest plays, remember to attend the Business Women's Class at the Conservatory, 7:30 sharp Monday, evening-January 22. Mrs. Hodges also making a reduction in price for children under twelve years of age.

OREGON TO HAVE EXCELLENT TEAM

EUGENE, Jan. 22. (Special)—Coach George Bohler is developing the Oregon basketball team into one of the strongest quintets the university has had for several seasons. Reorganizing in every way the team of last season he has picked an organization which has gone through the season undefeated so far, displaying a brand of ball which augurs well for the team's conference standing.

North Pacific Dental College, Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, and Whitman university have been defeated by two to one scores on the local floor since the opening of the winter term. Oregon will have its first acid test Saturday against Idaho. The Gem Staters have a strong team this year, numbering several star performers of last season, and if Bohler's men win this game they will soon be possible contenders for conference honors.

"Hunk" Latham, lengthy three-sport man, is proving the tower of strength around which Coach Bohler has built up an unusual speedy scoring machine. Hal Chapman, football star, and Earl Schaefer of Salem, both small but aggressive and flashy players are working at guards with Don Zimmerman, center of last year's five, and Russell Gowans, forwards. This is the team Bohler has used in the three games played so far during the season and the combination works well. There is a large squad of experienced men on the sub list, however, and the line-up may be changed before the season is over. Francis Alstock, Arvin Burnett and Haddon Rockley, all lettermen of last year, are making a strong bid for places. The annual Oregon O. A. C. games will be played February 2nd and 3rd at Corvallis and February 5 and 6 at Eugene. The Oregon team will make a tour of the northwest late next month.

MRS. J. I. LOVE GIVES AFTERNOON PARTY

Mrs. J. I. Love entertained Saturday afternoon with a charming thimble party, this being the first of a series of afternoon parties planned for the next two weeks by the hostess. The Love residence was recently decorated for the occasion and delicious refreshments were served late in the afternoon. Those present were Mesdames J. D. Osburn, Geo. Kohlhaas, I. B. Riddle, Louis Bullard, N. P. Howell, J. W. Hamilton, Chas. Hamilton, D. S. Weir, L. B. Skinner, Geo. Johnson, Mose Rice, C. Markes, La May, M. Peterson, Davis, and Miss F. Howard.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m.
Precipitation in in. and Hundredths.
Highest temperature last night... 42
Lowest temperature last night... 37
Precipitation, last 24 hours... .02
Total precip. since first of month 3.55
Normal precip. for this month... 5.70
Total Precip. from Sept. 1, 1922, to date... 17.06
Aver. precip. from Sept. 1, 1877 18.02
Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1922... 1.96
Average precip. for 44 wet seasons, (Sept. to May, inc.)... 31.39
Tonight and Tuesday rain.
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

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