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DECLINE OF THE IDLE RICH

Years ago the popular phrase the "idle rich" had considerable realistic truth. There was an element of young men at that time descended from families of wealth, who never felt it necessary or desirable that they should go to work. Many of them considered it degrading to engage in trade and commerce. They devoted themselves to society pleasures, and lived on their family resources. Today the feeling in wealthy families is quite different. In school and college rich men's sons sometimes lead idle or dissipated lives. But when they get through, it is generally customary for them to seek some kind of a job, quite commonly in their father's business. Most men today realize that in a certain way it is a handicap to a fellow to be born rich. They feel that such a boy does not get the contact with the hard things of life that he needs, and he tends to become soft and effeminate. Many men of wealth require their boys to put on overalls and begin at the bottom, and learn the most disagreeable phases of their business. Young men of wealth may have extravagant and foolish habits, yet this sentiment that they should go to work is the salvation of them. Contact with ordinary people, the sane and practical view of average men and women, is a god-send to them. It helps them see the folly of idle ways, and it conveys the thought that America is no place for idlers and spendthrifts, but that every man who desires to command the respect of his neighbors should take hold of some useful line of work, and try to render the community real service. The wealthy people of today have their faults as a class, but idleness is not commonly one of them. When in addition to industry, they acquire the feeling of social responsibility, that they ought to use their fortune to help on those who have had a poorer chance in life, they become a blessing to the community.

When you censure the legislature for their shortcomings just take an inventory of yourself and determine whether or not you could do any better—or even half as good at a big expense to themselves. There is nothing in being a legislator, from a financial standpoint. The work is a dead loss from a monetary standpoint, and men who serve the state in this capacity do so usually from a patriotic standpoint.

Sixty liquor raids are reported to have been made at the national capital and some 300 gallons of booze seized. If reports are correct the amount taken is only a drop in the bucket compared to the quantity shipped in during the past few weeks. But thirsty Washington can "gobble up" a whole lot of liquid in a very brief period.

Lassen peak is spitting lava again and the earth is trembling hereabouts. Looks like there may be a general shakeup in the not far distant future which reminds us again that the elements are supreme over all earthly things.

Two more weeks of the state legislature and some tall hustling will have to be done in order to clean up the accumulated measures presented to the two houses.

Senator Hall's consolidation measure is dangling in the air and the question now, is there enough supporters of the bill to pull it down to terra firma again?

The weather man has finally got things shaped around to about normal again, which is pretty good service for a week's work with Old Man Winter to combat.

Too-tank-hamen's tomb is revealing quite a lot of junk for the curio shops of Egypt. And judging from the daily output the old boy had some tank.



THE VILLAGE RHYMESTER
by Carlyle Emery

Dear Folks:—
Have you struck a snag which seems to block the progress you have made? Has a mountain grown up over night that seems to cast a shade on the work which you are doing, and to raise a looming mass full of obstacles that bar your way and say you shall not pass?

Are you feeling plumb discouraged just because these things are so? Have you thrown your clutch of energy from high down into low and decided that it's useless and of no avail to try—that your wings are clipped—your gas is low—you'll never learn to fly?

Close your eyes then for a moment, let your muscles all relax, fill your brain to overflowing with these true and simple facts. Few indeed are those who ever reached the goal for which they struck without countless disappointments, real despair and brands of luck that a will, persistent in its might, alone could overcome fighting on in spite of everything that tried to make it numb. What you can't go through, you can go 'round to reach the other side though it takes a little longer and perhaps digs in your pride.

So now come up to attention, upon wide your eyes and say, "I've got the will to do it and by jinks I'll find a way." With your pick and axe and shovel start this moment now to dig and tomorrow when this hour comes, you'll find you're going big.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
The Roseburg Basketball Champions galloped away with Ashland's scalp last eve and as a result Lithia water is selling below par today.

For our usual week-end laugh we present a column of pretty good gags which we've culled from various publications.

COLLOQUACIOUSLY SPEAKING
"Dis sho' am a desolatory day," remarked Rufus Lee pleasantly, lifting his weather-beaten hat and bowing to the dusky Miss Johnson.
"Law, Miss Lee," replied that lofty lady, "Ah! 'n' it gubernatorially frigidly dis mornin'!"
"Go 'long, Miss Johnson," said the brave Mr. Lee, nonplussed. "Yo-all am so economical."

THEY USUALLY DO
"Do you think," asked the stocking of the farmer, "you can support me in the manner to which I am accustomed?"
"Maybe so. But at the worst I can give you a run for your money."

REMEMBER
Remember how good, my brother, the khaki looked to you.
When Hindenburg's line was holding and we all were feeling blue?
Recall how it stopped the tremble in our knees, when we beheld the Sietons and yellow puttees, and how our bosoms swelled.
To hear how the ships in safety unloaded our troops abroad?
How we thrilled at mention of "devil dogs," clean-limbed and fighting-jawed!

You surely remember, brother, how helpless we felt; and how we trusted those khaki-wearers to settle the dreadful war.
"Should Germany win her objectives?" we shivered and dared not think the fix we'd be in if the Teuton came over the briny drink!
Then, nothing too good for the soldiers—the best fell short of their dues—
You can't have forgot, my brother, how the khaki looked to you!

Let's shut our eyes for a moment: 'Tis nineteen-seventeen;
The fear of the Hun runs through us and scares us a pale, pea-green.
Then the form of a regular soldier—mayhap but a raw recruit—
Appears as our sole salvation from Heineke, the ruthless brute.
Let's open our eyes; but the picture—don't let it get away!
There are hordes of those self-same soldiers in need of our help today.

Little Willie Willis says his family never stands by him. He is collecting bottles, for which the druggist pays him 2 cents each, and nobody at his house will get sick and need medicine.—Kansas City Star.

CONTENTS NOTED
The corresponding secretary of a large business concern had been invited to dinner by a friend. At the table the host asked him to say grace. It was a new experience for the secretary, but he was not to be found wanting.
"Dear Lord," he began, "we thank thee for all thy favors of recent date. Permit us to express our heartfelt gratitude. We trust that we may continue to merit your confidence and that we shall receive many more blessings from you in the future, Amen."

DIDN'T KNOW THE CUSTOM
An Irishman had just landed and was walking along, when he was accosted by a barker for a trunk store.
"Don't you want to buy a trunk?" he asked.
"What for?" asked the new arrival.
"To put your clothes in," answered the barker.
"What!—and go naked?"

FLAPPERISM ITS OWN EXCUSE
The flapper is not a flapper because she lacks other feminine standards for comparison, or is unable to appraise herself in relation to them. She is a flapper because she likes it and believes it good business. We do not possess the vision to imagine the "refined girl" of the Atlantic City woman, but we are sure that if the flapper saw her on the screen, she would be even more rude to her than she is to the rest of us and give her a louder boot.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS
The Volstead Act is a vaudeville skit.
Don't forget this is Bath Night.

There seems to be at least three details common to all the payroll and bank robberies, first, the attack "was well planned"; second, the bandits "used a stolen motor car," third "The bandits escaped."

Life Begins Six:
"A woman is always wanting to do something—else."

STATE PRESS COMMENTS

TAX-FREE EXTRAVAGANCE
Tax-free securities have been responsible for more than the wholesale evasion of taxes by persons able to put a large proportion of their wealth into such securities. While their purchase reduced the national revenue, it also tied up large sums of money which would otherwise have gone to promoting and developing many useful industries and business enterprises.

Representative Theodore Burton recently pointed out the extent to which money has been turned over into these tax-free securities and away from other forms of investment. In only five years tax-exempt securities increased more than a billion dollars, and the amount is still going up.—Eugene Register.

CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT

Two bills are before the legislature, each seeking to change the form of our state government. Either of them would put almost autocratic power in the hands of the governor and would practically abolish important boards and commissions without guaranteeing any substantial decrease in expenditure. The difference between the Hall bill and the Johnson-Carlin bill is a difference of degree not of kind.

Much is to be said in favor of the centralization idea. The trend of public sentiment is strong in that direction. Since we hold our executives to full responsibility, we should clothe them with full authority, and we cannot expect the best government where there is divided responsibility and divided authority. In national affairs the people have consented in recent years to more and still more centralization of power, and this growing sentiment naturally applies to ward state affairs.

If we could always be sure of the right man, no valid objection could be made against "autocracy." The right kind of man would be a practical idealist of the plain people, endowed with common sense and exceptional courage, the ability to select the right kind of lieutenants, and not afraid to do the right thing at the right time even though at the moment it be unpopular. Such men are extremely rare. Roosevelt don't grow on every political bush.

In the long run, the form of government matters not at all if it be constitutional. Good government depends upon the kind of men the people choose to administer it, not upon its legal structure. The so-called cabinet form of itself means nothing which we do not already have, but with the ideal man as governor, clothed with full authority, and a cabinet of class A material, we would have ideal democratic government.—Portland Telegram.

UNCURBED EXPENDITURES

The trouble with uncurbed offices, boards and commissions is that they never reduce their expenditures. That is why the expenditures by such bodies under Oregon government are now biennially more than \$1,500,000. That is why there is need for some kind of supervision and regulation as is proposed for many of them in the Hall Consolidation bill.

Take the public service commission: The appropriation for 1923-24 was \$35,000. For 1924-25 it was \$50,500. Its growth through succeeding years was: For 1911-12, \$55,500; for 1912-13, \$70,000; for 1913-14, \$80,000; for 1914-15, \$80,000; for 1915-16, \$80,000; for 1916-17, \$80,000; for 1917-18, \$80,000; for 1918-19, \$105,000; for 1919-20, \$117,949.
Here you have example of how offices, boards and commissions over which there is no supervising authority increase their expenditures. It is true that in 1912 the jurisdiction of the public service commission was broadened to cover utilities. But it is also true that from 1907 to 1913 the business of valuing the railroads of the state was going on, which placed a very heavy duty upon the commission in that earlier time.—Oregon Journal.

CONFLICT OF NATIONAL WILLIS

If the United States should call an economic conference at this time in order to effect a settlement of German reparations and thus to end French occupation of German territory it might ward off war, but the effect would be favorable to Germany as against France. Criticism by Americans of French occupation of the Ruhr valley is not inspired by sympathy for Germany. That country has forfeited all claims to sympathy by persistent evasion of treaty obligations, by a fiscal and monetary policy that has led to bankruptcy as the cause of inability to pay. It has aggravated the offense by rejecting all proposals for control of its finances by the allies for the purpose of developing its ability to pay. In the absence of moral pressure so great that Germany could not resist, resort could only be had to force as the last resort.—Oregonian.

Don't Forget — Watkins supplies can be obtained at 129 West Lane or phone 177.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 p. m.
Precipitation in in. and Hundredths Highest temperature yesterday 40
Lowest temperature last night 25
Precipitation, last 24 hours 0
Total precip. since first of month .02
Normal precip. for this month 4.56 to date 19.23
Aver. precip. from Sept. 1, 1922 to Sept. 1, 1923 56
Average temp. for 44 wet seasons, (Sept. to May, Inc.) 31.29
Tonight and Sunday fair.
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

THE WEATHER: Fine for scouting

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