



IN DOUGLAS COUNTY WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS.

FIRST OF POETS LAUREATE

Ben Jonson's Eminent Services to Literature Caused James I to Honor Him.

The announcement that England's poet laureate, Robert Bridges, is to come to the University of Michigan as fellow of the creative arts prompts one to a study of the origin and history of the English laureateship.

It was because of his eminent services to literature that in 1616—some authorities say 1619—James I granted to Ben Jonson letters patent making him poet laureate. Charles I had been king for five years when in 1630 he issued new letters to Jonson, which for the first time made the laureateship a permanent institution. An in-

stitution, somewhat like the laureateship, calculated to encourage literature and develop the national language, is traced to the reign of Henry III, when a yearly salary of 100 shillings was given to Henry D'Avranches, and he has therefore been called the pioneer laureate. But this is mere tradition.

When Jonson was reappointed poet laureate by Charles I the annual pension was increased to £100 and a butt of wine from the king's cellars. Before Jonson's time, however, there were court poets who sang the praises of their sovereigns, who celebrated in heroic verse the victories which exalted the nation, and who were rewarded for their services with pensions and emoluments.—Detroit News.



THOUGHTS for 1924
OLD thoughts are like old habits—they are hard to change. We would not care to change all old thoughts nor all old habits, but what a stirring of sap there is in the brain when a fine, brand new thought blows in!

Perhaps it's a very simple thought, about a different way to do something quite ordinary; but just that tiny jolt is enough to put new energy and interest into the affair.

Don't be forever thinking along monotonous lines; nobody in the world can prevent you from having "parties in your head." If you have a crazy but beautiful notion about traveling somewhere, keep thinking cheerily about it; even if you never get there, it airs out your brain and prevents other discouraging suggestions from creeping in.

Nobody ever got anywhere, made any success, material or otherwise, without dreaming about it first.

The engine will grind and pound and be thoroughly disagreeable unless oiled regularly. Don't be stiff and rusty! Get into gear right away... oil your cylinders with daring thoughts. Who owns this old world, anyway? Habit—or YOU?

Happy New Year!

—MARTHA B. THOMAS
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Your New Year's Calls

THE gracious custom of calling on New Year's day has not entirely gone out of style. It is one relic left us of a time when the amenities of life were more carefully observed than now and hospitality a grace deemed worthy of intensive cultivation. So then, lay out your calls and start 1924 in the spirit of neighborliness and the good old days "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

Put first on your list your aged friends and acquaintances, since we forget and neglect the aged with pathetic disregard of their sensitiveness and their loneliness. The line of least resistance with many of us is to avoid contact with querulous old age wherever possible, and this is particularly true during the holiday season. Few children are forgotten at Christmas, but many elderly persons are left to reflect bitterly on the thoughtlessness of youth and the fate of the superannuated through whose veins the blood courses thin and slow.

So put on your best bib and tucker and take your cane if you wear one, and, armed with, say, half a dozen red roses, make as many calls on the "shut-ins" and the veterans who sit in the despondent twilight musing on the days that are no more. Stay long enough to crack your best joke, and, since "one touch of rumatism makes the whole world kin," do not forget to ask after Aunt Mary's sciatica and Uncle John's lame arm. Make it a happy, cheery kind of call—present your gift and go your way, and our word for it, you will begin the New Year with every flag flying.—Detroit News.

ALL BOILERS DON'T EXPLODE

Explosion When Steamer Sinks Is Due to Water Pouring Into the Furnaces.

We often read, or hear, of her "boilers blowing up" when a steamer founders. Indulge yourself in a smile the next time the expression is used in your presence. The thing doesn't happen.

A boiler is less likely to burst when surrounded by water and thus receiving pressure from the outside than when exposed to the air and subjected to the full force of the internal pressure caused by the expansion of the steam.

What really occurs is that the furnaces are flooded when a steamship sinks, thus causing a sudden rush of steam—call it an explosion of steam—and what this may mean can best be realized by comparison with common or household grate when the kettle boils over. Imagine this on a gigantic scale, and a conception can be formed of the force exerted and the explosion resulting, although the boilers remain intact.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

How He Was Saved.
A Dutchman was relating his marvelous escape from drowning when thirteen of his companions were lost by the upsetting of a boat, and he alone was saved.

"And how did you escape their fate?" asked one of his hearers. "I didn't go mit the pote," was the Dutchman's placid reply.—Houston Post.

The Miser's Grief.
"When a man git so doggone stingy dat he tie a penny aroun' he neck wid a string," said Charcoal Eph, rummagingly, "hit ain't no use 'spectin' him t' be happy an' make merry when de coal bin done gone flat."

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NEW FIRM MAKES GOOD

(By Leo Rapp.)

Starting just about a year ago with the Durant lines which at that time boasted of only one make of car in this territory, Rapp Bros. have gone from a small amount of floor space, rented from Carl Ohman to a building which boasts of sixteen thousand square feet of floor space.

It was just a year ago when G. G. Rapp was working on the railroad and L. D. Rapp was employed by a large electrical company of Spokane, Wash., that it was decided to form a partnership which was to handle the Durant line in Douglas county. They severed their respective business connections, and took on a line which was entirely new to them.

The business was first started in the Ohman garage, but soon outgrew this place and then not having any place for service work, it became necessary to rush work on the new building which G. W. Rapp, an old resident of this city, was constructing for this purpose. Then, too, in February the Star car made its appearance in this territory, which made it all the more imperative that the work on the new home be rushed along, as in this Durant line alone there are thirteen models.

In spite of this, it was June before the new building was completed and ready for occupancy. The show room

alone was as large as the entire floor space of the old location. From here on the business has grown from a one horse affair to a concern that takes the entire time of the two partners. The outside has grown with the inside. Branch establishments have been established until Rapp Brothers are represented in all parts of their territory, there being representatives in parts and service at Reedsport, Drain, Sutherlin, Canyonville, and Glendale. This makes it possible that all patrons have the best of service and care in the surrounding territory, as "Service" for the foundation of the Durant lines.

In the garage there is floor space for one hundred cars with well located entrances which make it possible to drive in and out at all times without disturbing any of the cars which are parked.

The building is a very great improvement and an asset to Roseburg. Prior to the construction of this large concrete building the lots were covered with several frame buildings which were rather unsightly and a fire menace to the city. Now there looms up a two story, reinforced concrete building on Cass street and a one story one on Pine street. The Cass street side is given over to garage entrance, show room, stock rooms and ladies rest room. The Pine street side consists entirely of the repair shop and storage space.

As this construction is practically fireproof it is a very desirable place to store cars for the residents of this section of the city.

Imposition Upon Invalids.

The health board of New York has discovered that in several instances bakers have been turning out bread labeled "Genuine Gluten, for Diabetics," which has been found to contain a high percentage of starch and which had been colored to give the appearance of the genuine article. It has been ordered that gluten bread must be 100 per cent gluten or the offending bakers will be prosecuted.

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