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PEOPLE'S ADAPTABILITY.

One of the revelations of the sensational experiences in Great Britain resulting from the calling of a general strike, has been the demonstration that has been given of people's adaptability and capacity for taking up new things. Modern civilization produces a wonderful division of labor and accomplishes amazing results, but it often makes people very helpless. The old time American of 50 to 100 years ago was an all around fellow. Besides carrying on some regular job or business, he was a jack of all trades. He could do repair work about his home, he knew something about farming and gardening, he could turn his hand to almost any practical task. The women of that period were the same. But as industrial development progresses, most of us have learned how to do just one little job, and we are too helpless about anything different. The men who work in offices and stores and factories are apt to become incapable of handling any jobs that they do not use every day, and if anything goes wrong about their homes they have to hire someone to fix it for them. Similarly the women who depend on servants often become very helpless about doing any household work with their own hands. The comparative scarcity of servants during later years, has led many of these women to recover this ability to do things themselves, to their great advantage. The British strike demonstrated to a large number of people that if necessary they could take hold and perform the basic tasks of the modern community. It is not for people's advantage to become so dependent on services rendered to them. They need more of the pioneer spirit that can adapt itself to any conditions, and turn their hands to any kind of work.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 swindlers are getting \$500,000,000 a year out of the American people. The games they play on gullible people are unlimited in number. The sale of worthless stocks to credulous folks is perhaps the largest item of this loss. But even many business men who are ordinarily shrewd are victimized. Strangers who move around from city to city, and who are not known in the place they move into, are frequently able to work crooked tricks. Business men may look at them as ordinary newcomers whose patronage is desirable. When a stranger moves into a town and wants a check cashed or asks to obtain goods on credit when nothing is known about him personally, it would seem as if people were justified in regarding him with a question mark. He ought to realize the situation, and take pains to demonstrate that he will make good. If he has been paying his bills, he could bring letters of introduction from the people with whom he has done business before.

The business world is full of instances every day of how much trouble is made, when someone fails to do the work that properly belongs to him. For instance, a freight car was run on the sidetrack of a southern food factory recently, supposedly ready for shipment. But when the car was opened up, it was found that its floor was covered with watermelon rind, which some previous party had left there. The food factory had to stop half a day, while the whole crowd turned to the job of exterminating flies in that car. You can find that kind of thing every day in any town. People fail to clean up after themselves, and leave things in disorder, which someone else has to take care of for them. If the finishing touches on a job have to be done by someone else, additional trouble is created, and people have to spend time and money to remedy conditions that they did not create.

Business men should not think so much about volume of business, as they do about production at a profit, according to Mr. Fernley, secretary of the National Supply and Machinery Distributor's Association. He said that the productive capacity of the country has been increased beyond the capacity of the people to buy, the result of which must be periods of stoppage. It seems strange that over production can exist, when the people need all the goods that could be produced. But if they are not earning money enough to buy the goods, the factories and farms must lie partly idle until people get the necessary money. The way to cure over production is to have regular production. When the people are all working, they keep buying.

Tomorrow we nominate a United States senator, a governor, a capable person to represent the schools of the state—and last, but by no means least, from a local standpoint, we vote on the question of Sunday closing. Now, let's put over a "bumper crop" of votes and get these important matters off our chest. Then get down to business and pull for a bigger and better Roseburg and Douglas county.

Tomorrow is the day—Friday—that you must cast your ballot. Don't overlook this important fact. You can vote any time during the day—the earlier the better.

Let not a single thing happen to mar the festivities of Roseburg's Annual Strawberry Carnival. Make it a happy event long to be remembered.

All we need now for a successful carnival is carnival weather. Here's hoping Old Sol will outdo Old Jupe.

Wasn't the baby parade a wonder? Roseburg against the world for sweet little children.

Harrah for the Carnival! She's off in a blaze of glory.

Again, we say, get to the polls and vote.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Too darned busy
To write a column
Of cute sayings
Today as we're
Unable to keep
Our feet still
When the bands
Are playing
And we are too
Many strawberries
Yestidny and
Have the hives
And we'd like
To know how a
Feller is gonna
Do any work
In that shape
Specially when
There's a parade
Passin' ever
Minute and a
Steam callopie
The next—
So we told
Dumbell Dora and
Laf Perkins to
Take the day off
And celebrate
And when we last
Saw em they were
Pitchin' for a knife
And eatin'
Cotton candy—
So pardon us—
We're too dang busy
To work today.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

FACING THE FACTS

Editor News-Review:
Just want to make a brief reply to some of the long winded, space-consuming poppycock being disseminated through these columns. Now I am a man of the world. I belong to no church, I attend no Sunday movies. But try to be honest, I try to see the facts as they actually exist.

I am sure that no sensible churchman would FORCE people to go to church if he could, but their contention that the blasphemous advertisements of feature pictures on Sunday evening constitutes an enticing allurements to the young boys and girls of the community, depriving them of the wholesome upbuilding influence of Christianity and the church, is not without merit. Nor are they unreasonable in assuming that we should be willing to forego just a little bit of pleasure for what we know to be right and for the best interests of our city.

The most popular indoor sport nowadays seems to be fighting the churches, defaming Christianity, denying God. But the puzzle of it is just what they expect to accomplish. It seems to me that only a mind terribly darkened with prejudice could fail to see in the wondrous of nature, in the marvel of growth and miracle of reproduction, evidence of a higher wisdom. I cannot conceive of an unreasonable little animal endowed with a marvelous aggregation of organs, each performing a marvelous function, (organs it doesn't even know it has), creating itself and establishing a system of propagation. But—suppose their atheistic floundering was true, are they going to make the world better by robbing it of its religion, by leading men to believe that right and wrong is but a superstition.

The inmates of the village have been working overtime of late, hammering on the intolerance and religious persecution during the "dark ages." Now listen, brother, during the reign of kings and nobles millions of murders have been committed and women enslaved, in the name of the LAW, but you don't cast law aside as a fake and a failure. Be honest with yourself and your community. Just because a lot of people who professed Christianity during an age of ignorance and superstition failed to understand and live up to its teachings, does not impair its divinity, nor mar its purity and desirability.

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