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NOT A CORRECT VERSION.

This evening it will be noticed that Dr. Seemann classes those favoring restriction of liquor selling as enemies to the home, to the boys and girls and to all the good things in life. We cannot see why the Doctor should thus picture things.

If a man is a teetotaler; if he loves his wife and children; if he makes them comfortable; if he contributes to his earnings to charity; if he leads a moral life, and believes in regulation and restriction of the liquor rather than the present alleged prohibition, why should that man be classed as a particular friend of "booze."

It is another instance of where in his intense enthusiasm the Doctor overlooks the fact that sincerity can mark the stand taken by people who have reason to think the system put in practice by Doctor Seemann and his co-workers is anything but successful.

A man does not have to be a friend to any saloon or saloonkeeper to be in favor of restriction. Most men realize that saloons will run whether licensed or not, and the same men believe in the practical things of life—one of which is handling saloons in a way that controls them.

As far as protecting "our brothers who cannot control their appetites" this can be said: First, the whole responsibility of life rests on the individual. One of the truest things Roosevelt ever said was this: "If you find a man in the ditch give him your hand and help him to stand, but if he insists upon returning to the ditch you can do more good by turning your attention to other things." And, too, the "brothers who cannot control their appetites" usually have those appetites satisfied in the alleged dry community to a greater extent than they do where there is regulation and every bar has a black list, and to sell liquor to any man on that list means the cancelling of the bar's license. That protects the brother better than local option ever did.

DRY FARMING.

Address, "Farm Business Management," by J. A. Bexell of Oregon Agricultural College, at Dry Farming Congress:

Numerous systems of farm accounts have been prepared, but few have been adopted by the practical farmer. Whatever merits are claimed for any system of farm records, one must be paramount: Simplicity. The farmer is usually a very busy man. His chief difficulty is neither ignorance nor in-

dolence. He has but little time for fancy bookkeeping, and still less for red tape. What he wants is a plain, simple, straightforward history of his business, so arranged and classified as to require the minimum effort to keep it up. All things considered, the single book system has met with the greatest, the cash book and for the ledger.

The inventory may be considered the basis of any system of farm records, favor on small farms. In this system a good substantial daybook is used for the current history of the business, for it should be taken at such a time as will give the most accurate results with the least expenditure of labor. No guesswork should be tolerated. Either the actual market value or the sale value should be assigned, taking due account of the depreciation. Regarding depreciation, it is impossible to lay down invariable rules as to the rates to be charged off annually. For the purpose of general estimates, the following rates or the cost of market value are fairly accurate; Building, 5 per cent; horses, above 8 years, milch cows, after 5 years, 8 per cent; machinery and tools 10 per cent.

In certain respects a farmer must combine the methods of the manufacturer and the merchant. He must learn not only how to increase production but also how to facilitate profitable exchange for his products. He must reduce the cost of production to the minimum by increasing the quality and quantity of his products and by getting full value out of labor. This requires most skillful management in the rotation of crops, in division of labor, in selecting seeds, fertilizers and stock; and, above all, it requires a great prudence in purchasing equipment and supplies and in marketing products.

Good business methods are matters of habit acquired in childhood, not in old age. Satisfactory improvement will be noticeable in the business management of the average farm only when the subject receives the recognition it reserves in the public schools. An adequate business course for the farmer should include the practical phases of political economy, including marketing and transportation, a course in commercial law, at least sufficient to enable the farmer to avoid unnecessary litigation, and courses in farm accounts and finance.

Judd Geer struck the political keynote today when he said to The Observer, "The ticket is nominated and I am glad of it. There are some candidates that I might have changed had I possessed the power, but it is a republican ticket and we are for all the candidates. This, however must be understood. Any fight on Bowerman, who is the assembly candidate, by those opposed to the assembly, will turn the political situation into a scrambled mass and final results will be hard to determine."

The Union County Exposition will open Wednesday and the opening will positively mark an event of state importance. Other cities have good fairs, but none have quite the same kind as Union county. Here the merchants combine with the farmers in displays and the mercantile and factory end of commercial life is represented. It is a great big panoramic view of Eastern Oregon's factory, mill and farm resources together with exhibits from mercantile establishments. Be on hand the first day and stay through

the entire show. You will never regret it.

Welcome is extended to Cove for the splendid idea of having a local fair tomorrow and Monday. Then Cove will ship the whole display to La Grande for the Union County Exposition. Cove people know how to do things and do them well.

Two Tacoma girls have married Japs, and Tacoma boasts of her patriotism, at that.

MODERN BUSINESS.

The Big Jobs Demand Hustlers Who Are Gentlemen.

A notable change has taken place in American business methods within the last decade. Increasingly men of large affairs are asking when a young man is recommended for a big job, "Is he a gentleman?" This is significant in two ways. It means that the big business men are themselves gentlemen and like to deal with men who speak their own language and that American business methods have grown to be such that the gentleman has an advantage.

There was a time when a man who was a hustler could be a cad if he liked and it did not hurt his chances much. But that time has passed. The big business men of today want young men who are tactful, intelligent, independent, yet unassuming; who would know how to talk to a diplomat and be at home in a good club; who could be trusted to behave kindly, honorably and discreetly in any situation of life, who, in short, have as their ideal the old, never changing ideal of the gentleman. Not everybody can define it, but everybody knows it at sight.

The gentleman, in short, can work along the line of least resistance, and that is why he is wanted.—Bookkeeper.

An Open Giver.

Harold's father was in the habit of giving \$1 a Sunday to the church. This was put in a numbered envelope in the collection plate and the amount credited to him on the church books. Mr. T. was away for the summer and on his return inclosed his arrears in the envelope and intrusted it to Harold to put on the plate. When the little boy came home from church he said proudly, "I put an awful lot of money on the plate this morning—nobody anybody else, I guess."

"You got the envelope there all right?" asked his father carelessly, for Harold had been almost afraid to carry so much money.

"Oh, yes," he said, "but I took the envelope off when I got there and just put the money on the plate in my hand. Nobody 'd have known how much I gave if I'd left it in the envelope."



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JUVENILE BLOCKHEADS.

Stupid Boys Who Developed into World Famous Men.

There is quite a long record of famous men who in their boyhood were regarded as fools and dullards. Sir Walter Scott was called a "blockhead" by his mother. The mother of Brinsley Sheridan despaired of teaching him the simplest elements. Her death aroused him to activity and he became a scholar, philosopher, poet, wit, statesman and orator. Dean Swift, the keenest wit of his age, was "plucked" at Dublin university. Newton, Shakespeare, Michelangelo and Oliver Goldsmith all come in the category.

One day a snatterly woman rushed out of a little grocer's shop gripping an unkempt boy by the ear, and as she pulled him along she shouted to her neighbor:

"My heart is fairly broke with that brat, Tammy, and he is so stupid he can learn nothin'!"

That stupid brat Tammy became the poet Tom Moore.

In a country schoolhouse in Queen's county, Ireland, a boy with a blunt knife cut in the desk "A. W." the initials of his name. The teacher, who caught him in the act, cried out:

"Stupid, you are better at cutting letters and destroying desks than you are at learning your lessons!"

That boy was Arthur Wellesley, known to fame as the Duke of Wellington, hero of Waterloo.

In the middle years of the last century, in St. Malachy's college, Belfast, a boy carved the letters "C. R." in the wood. The French professor reported him and declared that he "was besides a worthless boy, who would never amount to anything."

"I will amount to more than you!" returned the youth.

He did, for he became lord chancellor of England—Lord Russell of Kilowen.—London Graphic.

Some Famous Echoes.

There is a famous echo on the Rhine between Coblenz and Bingen which repeats a word seventeen times, while in the sepulcher of Metella, the wife of Sulla, in the Roman Campagna, there is an echo which repeats five times in different keys and will also give back with distinctness a hexameter line which requires two and a half seconds to utter. Brewster mentions an echo on the north side of Shipley church, in Sussex, England, which repeats twenty-one syllables.

Not Ladylike.

"What do you think I ought to say to you for coming home so late—and in such a condition?" demands the lady of the house.

"Perish she thought!" gracefully replies the courteous husband. "Perish she thought! M' dear, surely you would not suppose I would ever think you ought to shay she shings I think you ought to shay!"—Judge.

Fate of a Speeder.

Gunner—Bigwood, the millionaire, started off for a banquet and was arrested for speeding. Guyer—Then he wasn't wined and toasted? Gunner—No; instead he was fined and roasted.—Chicago News.

Your achievement will never rise higher than your faith.

Notice of Meeting of the Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Equalization for Union County, Oregon, will attend at the Court House at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday October 18th, 1909, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of qualities of land, lots, or other property, as assessed by the County Assessor and it shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place given.

All persons having grievances regarding the 1909 assessment may appear before such board and present their affidavits containing grounds of complaint. All such affidavits must be presented during the first week of the meeting of the board.

T. A. RINEHART,  
Assessor for Union County, Oregon.  
Daily Sept. 30 Oct. 17.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 1st day of December, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 9, and designating Fourth Street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 28th day of September, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth street, in said improvement district, as hereinafter described, by laying thereon Bitulithic pavement, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Fourth street, from the north line of Adams avenue, to the south curb line of "O" street or avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$29,745.00. That the Council will on the 12th day of October, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 9 o'clock p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 28, 1910.  
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By D. E. COX,  
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.  
Sept 30 to Oct. 11.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 21st day of September, 1910,

creating Improvement District No. 26 and designating Cedar street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 21st day of September, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Cedar Street, in said improvement district, as hereinafter described, by laying thereon board sidewalk, the Council, will ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvements be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Cedar street, from the south curb line of "C" avenue, to the south curb line of "A" avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$330.00. That the Council will on the 12th day of October, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

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