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THE SHOWDOWNS.

In "King John" one of Shakespeare's stirring dramas, a certain warlike character, called the Bastard, is made to reflect:

But why do I rail at riches,
But for because riches hath not yet wooed me.

In every individual there is that, which properly acted upon, will incite him or her to envy persons possessing more of this earth's goods than themselves. Oftentimes years of earnest toil will not result in the accumulation of anything like security against sickness and the rainy day. With others every dollar seems to multiply in a peculiar manner, without the expenditure of any great amount of energy. The comparing faculty in man forces him to see the inequality of the different states and foster within him or her a spirit of envy. But let this very same fellow fall heir to a goodly fortune that will allow him to become a factor in society or in the business world, and his railing at others of means will dwindle down to mere reminiscences. Why? He will have been wooed by commodity, riches and the alluring aspect of the fair damsel will break down all the hatred he ever entertained for her. He will discover that close contact will teach him something about her, which he never dreamed of before. Her bad qualities, magnified to such large proportions in his own mind, won't look quite so glaring on close inspection, and things that were against her will be credit marks for her. It's another argument for the state-

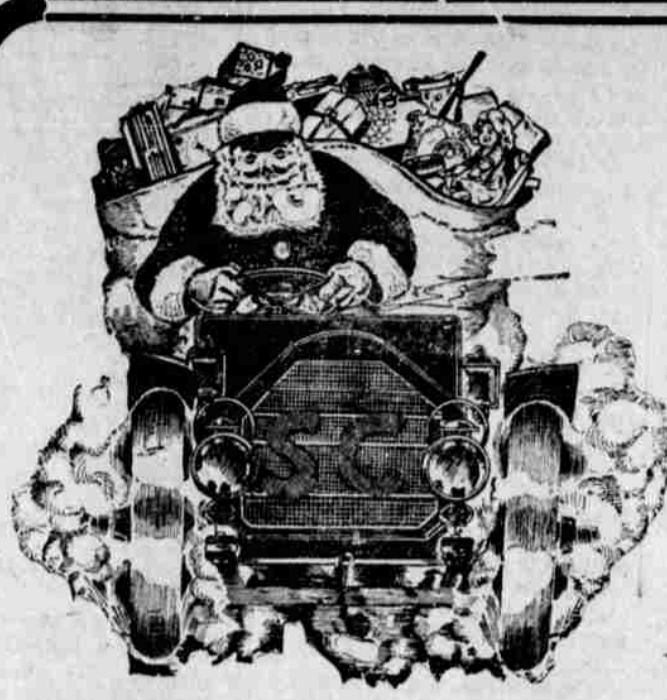
ment that so much of our conversation is not in conformity with exact truth, that the coloring given certain statements by various men and women is as different as that of the rainbow itself. In other words, it is an indication that we are not quite on to the tricks which a subtle nature is capable of playing on the intellect, and that our sense of the relation of things is not developed to any high degree. This sense of relation comes with experience, from reading and sometimes from an innate spirit of fair play. Roger Bacon, a great England scientist, laid down a rule which is worth following:

"Reading maketh a full man, conversation a ready man and writing an exact man." If people had the time to assume the attitude of the warlike descendent of the great Richard the Lion-hearted, and place themselves in the position of the other man, and ask themselves what they would do if they were the other fellow, much of the time spent in the courts trying to determine their respective rights would be spent in courting sweet-faced commodity and the world would be happier for the harder thinking. We pay lawyers to do our thinking, when we should have done it ourselves.

A sick nation is like the sick individual, whom no medicine can restore to health, but whose condition calls for the surgeons' knife. Turkey has some show of recovering after the operation now being performed on her by the allied surgeons.

Some European potentates would like to go down in history as victorious war lords. When they are gone and some other fellow takes their place a stone monument is worth something at any rate and the thought of being forgotten will lose some of its sting. The glory will have been won by letting George do the fighting.

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LA GRANDE AS DESCRIBED
50 YEARS AGO.

An interesting excerpt from the Oregonian sent to the Observer, has this to say of the city of La Grande of fifty years ago. "La Grande—The town bearing this name in the Grande Ronde Valley is said to be beginning to assume the appearance of a city. The population is estimated to be 100. It contains 10 or 12 houses, besides a number of others in the course of construction. The total population of Grande Ronde Valley is estimated at 1000. The most of the settlers there are emigrants who crossed the plains this season."

That the city is bound to be a place of some size in the near future cannot be gainsaid. If you will bear in mind the fact that the great exposition two years hence is going to bring in and through this valley thousands of people looking for new homes and that the vast stretches of fertile land are going to appeal to the lovers of good soil and climate, the prospect of having a large town is by no means visionary. When the land becomes too valuable to maintain so large an acreage as is the case at the present time, and the large holdings are divided into small farms, with an average of three or four persons to the family La Grande and the other valley cities are bound to forge right to the front in population and wealth. An interesting comment on the growth of our city will be found on another page of today's Observer.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Frank H. Byrne, whom the Republicans have elected governor of South Dakota, is a native of Iowa, but he has resided in Dakota since territorial days. He has been in public life since 1890, when he became a member of the first state senate of South Dakota.

It is said that a large majority of the state senators and assemblymen elected in New York on November 5 have already, by pledge or later promise, to support the woman suffrage bill at the next session of the legislature.

Regular Republicans and Progressives in West Virginia are expected to contest in the election of a United States senator to succeed Clarence E. Watson, whose term will expire next March. Already each faction has several candidates in the field. Samuel S. Hays, the new governor of Indiana, was the Democratic

Indiana in 1894 and 1898, but was defeated both times. The only public office he has ever held was the presidency of the school board of his home town.

President Wilson's available patronage disbursements will be much larger than the list which Grover Cleveland had at his disposal when he entered office in 1884. The number of offices since Cleveland's first administration has increased enormously.

John H. Morehead, Democrat, who will soon succeed Chester H. Aldrich, Republican, as governor of Nebraska, is reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in his state. He is a banker and stock raiser and has long been a figure of prominence in Nebraska politics.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts has the distinction of being the first man in many years who has been honored with three terms as chief executive of the Bay state. Governor Foss was originally a Republican, but joined the Democratic party several years ago in order to work for political reforms in which he believed.

M. E. Church.

Large crowds are still attending the revival meetings at the First M. E. Church and great good is coming to the city from them. There has been about thirty people who have been led into the Christian life. The

large chorus under the direction of Prof. C. E. Lane has been rendering splendid music for these meetings and they are preparing special music for Sunday. While these meetings are to build up the Methodist church—primarily they are to advance the kingdom of Christ—already some of these concerted have expressed a desire to unite with some of the other churches of the city and the pastor has urged

them to find the church of their choice and join it. All the people of the city are cordially invited to attend these meetings and take part in them. Parents bring your children; let us help you lead them to Christ, then take them with you to your own church. The meeting will continue through next week. We are expecting a great day Sunday.
E. E. YKE.

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