

THE OBSERVER

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SMASHING THE PIANO

In a music house is the wreck of a piano which a man with a temper broke up in one of his fits of anger. The wood in this instrument is smashed, the keys are broken and everything, in fact, except the strings, has been destroyed. Incidentally, while the man was at the job of proving that he was a fool he broke up most of the family furniture, even taking the trouble to saw off the legs of the chairs and tables when he could not sever them with an ax.

This is temper at its most violent and unreasoning stage. There are grades, however, that while they do not do quite so much physical damage, are quite as disastrous in the long run to the chap who lets momentary anger get the better of him. Promising careers have been ruined and the earning capacity of otherwise competent men cut in half by untimely demonstrations of the disposition that unfits a man for responsibility.

The nervous, excitable chap who flies off a tangent on slight provocation usually thinks that those he comes in contact with realize his little weakness and make allowances for it. They don't. They take his rudeness, his bellowing assumption of an authority he is not fit to exercise, his uncertain moods, his outbursts of passion, at their face value. For a long time such a man may escape serious consequences, but some day he will vent his bad manners on some one who has made memory a fine art and who twenty years after will not have forgotten an insult. Rough words as well as chickens come home to roost.

The pity of bad temper is that it so often is the possession of those who otherwise are "Good fellows." Bad temper really is temporary insanity either brought about by direct provocation or by a general state of tension due to attempting responsibilities that the individual is not big enough to bear. One cannot help feeling sorry for the usually kind, capable man, who is so constituted that he cannot control his tongue and his actions when a crisis arises. The wrecked piano is a moral lesson.

It illustrates what the extreme of bad temper will do and should be a warning against the lesser demonstrations by which the climax of ugliness gradually is reached.

BIG TAXES AND BAD BILLBOARDS.

Over in France an effective way has been found to get rid of offensive billboards along the railways. They have been taxed out of existence.

If that method can be employed in France, why can't it be applied in this country. Taxes based upon the damage that billboards do to communities and to the general public would quickly put them out of business. Many a city has suffered more actual harm in a bad advertising way through disfiguring billboards than it could be compensated for if it received twice the amount demanded by the sign owners for their space.

On top of this bad advertising effect upon communities should be added the injury suffered by persons who go out to enjoy pleasing sights, but who instead find their county ruthlessly shut off by lurid barriers seeking to impress upon them the merits of some special article or concern.

Chicago is now getting after the bill board evil. The big city so long tolerated the advance of the disfigurements that now it finds itself in a decidedly bad way. The millions it has spent in improvements to create a happy impression upon residents and visitors have been nullified in many ways by the view hiding fences. Chicago might be a splendid advertisement for itself if people could see the real city. As it is the city is a decidedly bad advertisement for itself, however valuable its billboards may be as advertising mediums for certain individuals.

A tax on billboards seems logical. It also seems just—simply as a fair compensation to an injured community.

Two Wisconsin widows of the same man have decided to live together. They probably want to compare past troubles.

The famous leaning tower of Pisa is becoming unsafe and will have to have a new base. This will necessitate a new set of post cards for the tourists.

A Chicago criminal owns to 36 crimes. He ought to be competent to get into Chicago politics.

Pity the poor photographer who has to look at some folks half an hour before he can catch the right pose.

A Texan claims that his Mexican captors used the leaves of his bible for cigarette papers. Holy smoke!

It is suggested by his numerous trips from Washington that Mr. Bryan is the man who put the depart. in state department.

England's new poet laureate is a doctor. To know all about poet feet he should be a chiropodist.

Isn't it about time that somebody started an agitation for a safe and sane Sunday?

Final Sale Prices on Summer Merchandise

That Must Appeal to Every Economical Buyer

ENTIRE SUMMER STOCKS

Must go this month. Read the following prices we offer:

\$15.00

Takes your choice of our entire line

Benjamin Suits

Society Suits

Hirsch-Wickwire

Suits

This is not a sale of odd sizes or undesirable patterns, but includes every suit in the stock.

Regular prices were up to \$35.00.

Take them now for

\$15.00

All Men's Furnishings at Reduced Prices

Our Entire Line Newest Oxfords and Pumps Reduced 20 Per Cent.

\$5.00 val. \$4.00 | \$3.00 val. \$2.40
4.50 val. 3.60 | 2.50 val. 2.00
4.00 val. 3.20 | 2.00 val. 1.60
3.50 val. 2.80 | 1.50 val. 1.20

This includes every new style for this season and all standard makes such as

J. E. TILT OXFORDS For Men

PINGREE OXFORDS AND PUMPS--For Women

UTZ & DUNN OXFORDS AND PUMPS--For Women

PONTIAC OXFORDS AND PUMPS--for Misses and Children

Men's Summer Shirts

All Reduced 20 per ct.

\$9.90

Takes Your Choice of our entire stock

Women's and Misses'

Tailored Suits

and Coats

Here you can select from the choicest styles of the season

Regular prices of Suits were, up to \$40.00

Regular prices of Coats were up to \$27.50

Priced for final clearance at only

\$9.90

Broken line of large sizes in Ivy Corsets. Values up to \$5.00, now

89c

Regular 20c and 25c Summer Lawns, all reduced to

9c yd

WEST'S REMODELING SALE

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.

This bank has been in business twenty-six years.

It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West.

The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$1,100,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management.

This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon

Capital, \$100,000.00 Surplus, \$130,000.00 Resources, 1,100,000.00

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Jap Passenger Wants to Know.

Shiara, Takomoto, "Japanese passenger," has written to the Hon. S. Pacific company, earnestly asking why "please, do engineer 9:30 evening p. m. freight train necessary blow whistle with so long lasting sounds for calling back end brake-man if 5 short whistle call would wake his baby and back-end brakeman with same effect each departure?" and Takomoto, too has some suggestions regarding Pullman cars.

"Dear Hon. S. Pacific:

"I residing in these Cuisun City and question, please do engineer 9:30 evening p. m. freight train necessary blow whistle so long lasting of sounds for calling back end brake-man if 5 short whistles call would wake my baby and back end brake-man with same effect each departure? Many other trains at crossings raise same long night noises; cannot all lives be safe with less awakening of almost the dead?"

"Also recent time of late I travel with hon. employ in lovely electric lights Pullman car "Aliena" and cannot find satisfy place to lose my watch and American eagle (\$10.00) for complete safety. Could not hon. Pullman save 25c from every gentleman in the lower berth rate financial condition by inserting in smoke room wash place, one small safe deposit box conveniens (10c to porter upon arrival at destination to leave key with it), so saving temptation of robbery under pillow.

"Thanking you for quiet relief to home and very grateful for travel safety.

"Yours truly, SHIKARO TAKOMOTO, "Japanese Passenger."

The Southern Pacific has answered Takomoto and assured him that it will do all it can that: "all lives be safe with less awakening of almost the dead."

Do You Comply With the BUTTER LAW?

If not, read the following law and have your Butter Wrappers nicely printed, with your name and weight of butter thereon.

CAUTION!

CHAPTER 179, SECTION 3.

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to sell, offer or expose for sale, any short weight butter within the State of Oregon. All butter sold or exposed or offered for sale in rolls, prints or squares within the State of Oregon, shall be plainly marked: 'Eight ounces, full weight,' sixteen ounces, full weight,' 'twenty-four ounces full weight,' or 'thirty-two ounces, full weight,' every roll, print or square sold, offered or exposed for sale shall contain the number of ounces marked thereon; and any person, firm, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine or not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months; or both such fine and imprisonment."

The Observer can furnish you with good parchment Butter Wrappers, printed according to law. We are printing for the best buttermakers in this valley, and would like to add your name to our list of satisfied customers.

You can send your order by mail. Write plainly and state the size you wish.

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