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BEING CHEERFUL.

The optimist tells us that life is what he make it. Christian Science teaches us that it is possible to cultivate cheerfulness by will power. Both are right. The eternal grouch always finds something to complain about. The person with a sunny disposition, either natural or acquired, never has any difficulty in radiating sunshine, even on the darkest day. The optimist has a cheerful crowd around him; the pessimist is surrounded by chronic dyspeptics.

The mayor of an eastern city recently put into effect an order re-

quiring that whenever two or more members of the police force met they should salute and smile. Possibly it is requiring too much of a man in one's employ or in the employ of a municipality to force him to smile, yet it is done in a manner more indirect than that of the eastern mayor by the heads of many large commercial institutions. The difference in methods is merely that they will not hire a grouch, nor will they keep one. It is not usual to make this the specific charge that is sealed in the blue envelope, for it is hardly necessary. Too many reasons can be found for dissatisfaction with the work of a grouch.

Some say that the mayor's order will accomplish little; that it is too officious, but it rests on the right philosophy. Look into a crowd and you will find no difficulty in pointing out the people therein who put the lid on anger, petulance, sourness. Gather them together and you will have a jolly company, just a little above the average in intelligence, just a little more prosperous than their neighbors, and just a little more efficient in their work.

The habit of smiling isn't harder to form than the habit of frowning; and think how much pleasanter it is for others. What we have learned in recent years about philosophy brings into play new laws to regulate human conduct—not necessarily statute laws, but scientific laws, social

laws. You would rather have a glad hand Sunny Jim for a neighbor, a work-mate or a guest than a bilious sour-face, even though the latter might be the wiser, the more efficient of the two, which is not usually the case. May we not then, ask our police officers—all of our public servants, in fact—that they may be cheerful as well as capable; courteous and good humored as well as efficient?

Like the clouds of the sky they (theological doctrines) are here today; tomorrow, all swept off and vanished; while Christianity itself, like the heaven above, with its sun, and moon, and uncounted stars, is always over our head, though the cloud sometimes debars us of the needed light. It must of necessity be the case that our reasonings, and therefore our theological doctrines, are imperfect, and so perishing. It is only gradually that we approach to the true system of Nature by observation and reasoning, and work out our philosophy and theology by the toil of the brain. But meantime, if we are faithful, the great truths of mortality and religion, the deep sentiment of love to man and love to God, are perceived intuitively, and by instinct, as it were, though our theology be imperfect and miserable.—THEODORE PARKER.

It is frequently less expensive to get "next" to the man who has an automobile, than it is to buy one of your own.

The Mexicans don't care much what kind of government they get, so long as it does not give them peace.

Let it go at that. Portland says her Rose show was the best ever. What else was there to say?

Baker is joining the procession and this year will have a Chautauqua.

PATROLMAN APPOINTED.

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The association has also purchased fire fighting equipment suitable to be carried by a pack horse, and a complete outfit of this kind is to be put in every outlook station. The kits which are to be placed in lookout stations are composed of articles constructed with a view of reducing their bulk, and some of the most necessary tools of such shape and nature that they can readily be "foted" on a pack horse at all times, and more elaborate tools will be kept in the station at all times to be used when big fires break out in that vicinity.

State Is Co-operating. The belief is said to exist in timber districts, that the state charges a flat rate of five cents per acre for all timber that it patrols when the timber owner is not a member of local fire prevention associations. This is not the fact in the case for the state charges only such fees as will cover the actual expense and the overhead costs, with the proviso that it must

not charge to exceed five cents. In several instances this cost is less by a material figure. Another erroneous impression that is reported to exist is that the state and local associations work independently of each other. They are harmoniously co-operating, where ever associations exist, and the same is true here. The state last year through its forestry department spent something like \$850 in the local district—Union and Wallowa counties. This expenditure was in addition to that which the local organization spent to prevent fires last year.

HONOR THE FLAG.

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the Philippines, and wherever there are citizens of the United States. Two weeks ago the American Flag Association sent out reports to mayors of all cities, to United States officials in foreign countries and to officials of American insular possessions to observe the day by a program to include the singing of "America," and salutes to the Stars and Stripes. Unanimous response that the day would be observed was received from all to whom the suggestion was made.

Resolution of Condolence. WHEREAS it has pleased the Divine Creator in his infinite wisdom to remove from this earthly home Bro. C. E. Golden, a true and faithful member of Chosen Friends Lodge No. 190.

WHEREAS his family has lost a kind and loving father and the community a good citizen. Let us, the members of this lodge as we grieve over the loss of our departed brother, deeply sympathize with his devoted family.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge and one sent to his beloved family.

R. M. M'ALLISTER, H. W. BORK, S. T. SIMMONS, Committee. Chosen Friends Lodge No. 190, Island City, Oregon. 6-12-14.

To All Owners of Dogs. Ordinance No. 724 requires all dogs running upon the streets and alleys of the city of La Grande, Ore., to be muzzled. Owing to several cases of rabbies this will be strictly enforced. Farmers and owners generally will keep their dogs at home, have them in leash or muzzle them. All dogs found running at large on the streets or alleys of La Grande on or after June 15 will be killed forthwith in accordance with said ordinance. C. B. ORAI, Chief of Police.

Card of Thanks. We wish to publically express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kind acts bestowed upon us during our recent sorrow and bereavement at the death of our husband and father. Especially to the Masons and friends, who helped in every way possible, to them we extend thanks. Mrs. M. A. HARRISON SR., Mr. and Mrs. M. A. HARRISON JR., Mr. and Mrs. ELMER.

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Notice of Annual School Meeting. Notice is hereby given to the Legal voters of School District No. One of Union County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the Old High School building in said district to begin at the hour of two o'clock P. M., on the third Monday of June, being the 15th day of June, A. D. 1914.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one Director and the transaction of the business usual at such meetings.

There will also be submitted to the Legal voters at said election the following question: Shall the District School Board of School District No. One, of Union County, Oregon, sell the White School house, located on Block 86 of Chaplin's Addition to the town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon? Said election shall be held from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M., and it shall be by ballot. Dated this 2nd day of June, A. D. 1914.

S. N. BOLTON, Chairman District School Board. Attest: ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, District Clerk. 6-6-6-St.

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