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ARE WE WRONG?

This morning we met a good friend on the street and he said: "You are off wrong in that editorial Monday night about boys carrying guns. Such sentiment as that tramples upon and curtails personal liberty. What parents should do is to teach the boys the dangers of carrying a gun, but not try to prohibit a practice that is very general and has existed since history of guns began."

One point of this advice was tender—the personal liberty point—for that was our early teaching and we have until late believed firmly in personal liberty. As we grow older we cannot but feel that here in America there is too much of what is termed "personal liberty."

The theory of personal liberty is fine and dandy, but the practice is very questionable. German culture, as we understand it, is merely a sifting of humanity in an endeavor to pick out the strong characters who are capable of organizing and directing industrial matters, and they as captains of industry make places for those who are not so well blessed. In this the Kaiser may be kicking over that oft repeated statement about "all men being created equal," but nevertheless he is fitting people into the places where they are best adapted to work. Now, in the matter of personal liberty, all will agree it is a fine thing to talk about but we must also agree that there is quite a percentage of humanity, even in America, who must be restrained. This is best shown by the many statutes enacted insuring peace and quiet to states, counties and cities. Why pass these statutes if we are to play the personal liberty principle in its entirety? Why not live without laws and let every person have his entire liberty without any restraint? You immediately cry "that would be anarchy," and so it would but it would be personal liberty in a most pronounced form.

The case of boys carrying guns seems hardly to come under the personal liberty heading, for all boys are good boys until association and environment make them otherwise. If the custom of the country—such custom made so by law—makes it unpopular for boys to carry guns the boy will catch the spirit quicker than

will older people and he will grow up to know that the only place a gun is fit to use is in military training.

HOWL CALAMITY AND BUY WINE.

The New York World (Democratic) thinks the Republican national committee acted with bad grace when it assembled recently and talked calamity, yet each member put up at the best hotel, drank high priced wine, dined at the best cafes and paid the highest taxi cab fares.

According to the World, "despite the calamity howls committeemen and politicians contributed some incidents to the ordinary Washington life that recalled the 'good old days' of Republican prosperity. There was no suggestion of 'hard times' in either their appearance or habits.

"They patronized the best hotels, ordered vintage wines in the bar-rooms, dined in private de luxe apartments, paid the highest taxicab rates in the world without a murmur, and, in fact, furnished convincing proof that business with them, at least, is way above par.

"This is not only true of the leaders of the first rank, but of the politically lame, halt and blind, who were separated from the Government payroll with the retirement of their party in 1913.

"In fact, the camp followers, already making mind bets regarding the kind of jobs they are going to get when 'the next Republican President is elected,' seem to have done quite as well as the leaders. Both expressed complete satisfaction with things generally and business in particular.

"There was a great deal of this sort uttered without apparently an appreciation of the humor of it. Republican bosses almost shed tears in sympathy with the condition of the poor as they sipped Cordon Rouge and toyed with terrapin at \$3.50 a plate.

"The gathering attracted by the meeting of the committee was typically reactionary, standpat, protective tariff, thereby reflecting the survival of Hannaism in the party ranks. Mingling with the purely professional politicians were sleek manufacturers growing rich out of war contracts, promoters of tariff associations and officials of manufacturing trade organizations which have always thrived best under Republican rule—McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

"Representatives of 'special interests' who have been unwelcome in Washington since the advent of the Wilson Administration journeyed to town in private cars and drawing rooms and engaged the most expensive suites at the hotels in order to take a hand in the great reunion.

"While the shadow of the Colonel always hangs menacingly over the committee and every Republican in town was manifestly disturbed over prospects of a recurrence of the 1912 campaign, the regular leaders did everything in their power to discourage Progressive talk and injection into their deliberations of the issues raised by the Colonel and his merry men.

"For the most part they succeeded, although some of the members and outside workers who have not fully recovered from Progressive virus

made one or two attempts to 'start something' with a view of negotiating a treaty between the two factions.

"Barnes and his followers discouraged undertakings of this sort, and in the main succeeded. The one ambition that seemed to be uppermost in their mind was to impress the country with the fact that the leaders, at least, have no intention of suing for peace with the Colonel and his people.

"Their attitude is that the Republican Party is going to win the next campaign; that all Republicans will be welcome to come back into the fold without paying the penalty, and that Col. Roosevelt, not finding any other place to go, will follow suit. If he doesn't the leaders declare it won't make any difference—the Republicans will win anyway."

SMITING THE BUSINESS ROCK.

We do not pass the handsomely decorated window of A. B. Cherry these days but what we think of him as the man who "smote the business rock" and brought forth returns.

For many years when La Grande was growing fast many people in their cigar store conversations talked of a green house for La Grande, but not one acted. People were sending away for their flowers, their roots and bulbs, yet no one made the move to supply the demand.

A. B. Cherry, who has a hankering for doing things, said little but he was watching the situation with catlike scrutiny. One day he announced himself—not for office, but announced that he was about to enter a career of hard, laborious work, for he was embarking in the green house business.

His success need not be mentioned, for that is well known to all, but he never acquired that success without working harder than most of us like to work—and possibly harder than Mr. Cherry likes to work—he was in the game and he played it out.

Today La Grande is served and served well in the green house line, and it is growing with marked rapidity.

Mr. Cherry is surely a man who smote the business rock.

Portland is said to have the lowest death rate of any city in the United States, but the county in Wisconsin that makes limburger cheese has got Portland bested.

It has been firmly decided that "cows are permitted to roam on the Columbia highway" according to the state law. The state law in this instance seems to realize that it takes six cows to pay for the gasoline and upkeep of one automobile, hence it is necessary to give the cows a chance in order that autos may make use of the new road.

"The high cost of soldiers" is argued in a column editorial in one of the leading northwest papers, but nothing is said about the song "I didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," which is one of the worst stumbling blocks recruiting stations have to contend with.

Villa says he has quit the Mexican game. Quite natural. A thorough gambler, as Villa has proven to be, usually quits when he sees things going against him.



"Sa Camille"

The one perfect front-lace corset with that exclusive VENTILIO back, and VENTILIO front shield. A model for every possible figure and a price for every purse.—\$2.00 and up.

MRS. ROBERT PATTISON

Other models at \$2.00 up. Residence 1702 Oak Phone Red 3221

The Christmas Store With Christmas=Gifts

That Will Bring Happiness

The wondrous power of price and the resistless magnetism of large economies unite to convince you as never before that the backbone of our holiday service is value. The useful with the ornamental, the practical with the beautiful. No Christmas store was ever so rich with Yuletide spirit in gifts.

Buy for a "Man"

These are the things a man would buy for himself. They will make acceptable gifts if you buy for him:

"Manhattan" shirts with beautiful stripe combinations \$1.50.

All wool sweaters—gray, brown, maroon, blue \$1.75 to \$7.50.

Hand bags and suit cases—genuine leather with brass trimmings, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$15.00.

Umbrellas, of silk or gloria the latest handle \$1.00 to \$8.50.

Kid Gloves—the newest, most stylish shades, silk lined or unlined \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Neckwear—all the newest effects in fine silks, the biggest assortment in town at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

New Smoking Jackets—in a big range of colors \$5.00 to \$12.50.

New Bath Robes—in the patterns that will please the man \$3.50 to \$18.00.

Other Useful Gifts for Men From This Store Are—Pullman slippers \$1.25, \$1.50.

Leather collar bags 75c to \$2.00. Arm bands or garters in Xmas boxes 25c and 50c.

Suspenders in Xmas box 50c. Combination sets 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25. Men's pure linen initial handkerchiefs 25c, 35c.

Men's "Interwoven" hosiery 25c pair, or \$1.50 box.



Society Brand Clothes

Make Her Christmas a Happy One By Giving Something Useful

Beautiful Furs in sets or separate pieces would sure make her happy—priced from \$2.00 to \$100.

Christmas linens are always an appreciated gift—every woman who has a home or expects to, loves beautiful linens.—Come to this store where you are sure of getting dependable quality at moderate prices.—Pure linen guest towels 35c—guaranteed pure linen.—Table cloths, beautiful new patterns, \$2.50 to \$9.00; pure linen napkin sets of one-half dozen, 85c to \$3.00.

Pretty Waists for Xmas—Dozens of new models here at \$2.50 to \$7.50—all the new waist materials, taffetas, georgetta crepes, messalines, chiffons, striped and plaid silks, shadow laces.

No more sensible gift—A silk petticoat—Lots of new ones just received of plain colors with rows of ruffles and flounces or beautiful dresden patterns priced, \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Dainty Neckwear—Always good—a score of dainty suggestions for pretty Xmas gifts—crisp and fresh and new—pretty for waists and coats.—Have you seen the new stocks to be worn with fur with little flaring points and tabs—25c and 50c—neck ruffs 50c to \$1.50.

Always useful—always appreciated—kid gloves \$1.00 to \$1.50; Boudoir caps 25c, 50c; pretty tea aprons, 35c, 50c; skating set, \$2.00; handkerchiefs 5c to \$1.25 each; pure silk hose, the best grade \$1.00; house slippers 75c to \$1.50.

Advertisement for DANL GREEN Comfy Slippers. Includes illustrations of men's and women's slippers and a child's slipper. Text: 'Give Comfys to Everybody', 'Soft, comforting and consoling to the feet. Dainty and beautiful Comfys for women; trim, mannish ones for men and cunning picture Comfys for children.'

The Gift Supreme

A genuine "Chief Joseph" Indian blanket with true Indian designs, beautiful and rich patterns—all wood—the color will last a life time—A big assortment just received \$5.00, \$7.00

Dress Goods for Xmas

The material for a new dress, skirt or waist, or for children's wear, will be greatly appreciated by the majority of women—why not make this a practical Xmas—our piece goods department is the best in town—All wool dress materials, yard 50c to \$2.00 Silks, a large assortment at, yard 50c to \$2.00

N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Includes an illustration of an hourglass. Text: 'The careful man knows his time is slipping away and his earning power is also slipping away. Your time and earning power are going; put your money in the bank for old age or a rainy day.'

BANK YOUR MONEY TODAY. YOU MUST DO SO TO HAVE IT TO-MORROW.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON Capital \$200,000.00 Surplus \$50,000.00 Resources \$1,000,000.00

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MAIL GROWS RAPIDLY.

The remarkable record of 82 sacks of mail handled two nights ago out of the La Grande postoffice, was bested by a wide margin last night when 110 sacks were put on and taken off trains. This number does not include the pouches handled.

Danger Signal

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should not merely try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often

follows a bad cold or attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Boeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

No Sunday Go to Meetin' Clothes

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Childhood of today is being buried under the same avalanche of greed for style and clothes that is swamping the grown-ups, according to Mrs. Jane Barnard, juvenile probation officer at the court of domestic relations. Mrs. Barnard drew on Tennyson to put it this way:

"Cursed be the social wants that sit against the strength of youth." "Nowadays," said Mrs. Barnard, "children are dressed for school as

they used to dress only for parties. 'Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes,' are unknown. Every day is Sunday in children's clothing. Children are hooded by their playmates if they wear clothing like their parents wore, and one of childhood's greatest tragedies is the contempt their playmates hold for them if they are not dressed 'in style.' It is no better at Sunday School. Children not dressed right up to the minute are not only hooded by their schoolmates, but are received in a patronizing supercilious manner by the adults. This is the reason so many men come to me and say they cannot support their families."

Nervous Women

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.