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WHICH APPEALS TO YOU?

When you open your mouth what kind of a noise do you make?

Every time you speak a good word for this town you speak two for yourself, for the home booster is always respected by home lovers.

It's an easy thing to make a nasty remark about your home town, but it is difficult to stop that remark from traveling after it has once been uttered.

The monkey in the jungle swings from limb to limb and from tree to tree at remarkable speed, but the monkey is a snail compared to the caustic comments of a chronic pessimist.

The monkey does not berate either the limbs or the trees, for they are his home—they mean safety and comfort to him.

The pessimist, however, is not as considerate. His happiest moments are when he is slamming his home town.

Nothing is right. None of it's numerous citizens possess the ability to perform civic duties in the proper manner.

Other people are unable to see the glaring defects that are so plain to him.

He lives in darkness and radiates gloom. He is simply a pessimist, and the work of the pessimist is too often destructive.

But why be a pessimist? Why not be an optimist instead?

Pessimism is worse than rheumatism. The one puts a few joints out of proper working order, but the other is a drag to the mind, the body and the soul.

Station yourself on a street corner and watch the people go by for an hour. Ninety-nine out of a hundred will be happy, and cheerful, and contented, and will give you a cheerful greeting. They are optimists unawares.

The rays of the noonday sun are not brighter or warmer than the smiles upon their lips or the humanity in their hearts.

The hundredth man may be different. He may be the odd sheep in the flock, the cloud that dims the brightness of the community light. He is a pessimist, and knows it. His soul is shrouded in gloom from which he never seeks to escape. He is a bore even to himself.

The pessimist is never happy—the optimist is seldom sad.

It is possible to be either, but never both. Which appeals to you?

GOOD WILL TO MEN.

After studying labor all over the world, President Charles F. Thwing, of Western Reserve University sums up the matter thus:

"The labor problem is more a human and moral than an economic problem. It will not be solved until there is a manifestation and earnest practice of good will on both sides."

Personal selfishness has always been regarded by orthodox economists as the necessary mainspring of industry and trade. Personal selfishness has likewise been considered the natural and inevitable motive in politics.

In the relations of nations to each other it has been taken for granted that the aggregate selfishness of the individuals making up every nation must be the determining factor.

Are they all wrong? They are! And it is not a new truth that President Thwing has hit upon. It is the big truth enunciated by the founder of this more or less Christian civilization.

Nothing will solve the labor problem, nothing will solve our clamorous political problems, nothing will solve the baffling international problems of the present day, except the Golden Rule. Until that Rule is accepted, and men are as willing to help others in these various relationships as they are to have others help them, the problem will remain insoluble.

Will such a millennial attitude ever come? H. G. Wells, who is by no means altogether an idealist, bases his faith on his belief that "good will" is inherent in man, and is potentially a stronger motive than selfishness. Herbert Spencer, a hard-headed philosopher with little trace of sentiment in his make-up, foresees a time when altruism would take the place of selfishness as the dominant motive among mankind. Like Wells, he based his hopes on what he actually saw in the hearts of men.

It all comes back to this—that what this miserable world needs is order to straighten itself out in religion, and the very simplest of religions at that. Was anything ever simpler than this sage Golden Rule, and the Christmas message naturally associated with it?

What we need today more than ever before is "peace on earth and good will to men." And there is a deep truth contained in an alternate version of this same Christmas message—"Peace on earth, to men of good

will." There is always peace for men of good will. Since this is the era of propaganda, why not have a propaganda on that?

LAW FOR SIDE-WALK HOGS

One of the rapidly growing cities of the Middle West has extended its traffic regulations to include the sidewalk crowds. This is a reform needed almost everywhere.

Streets are to be crossed only at designated points with the usual safety restrictions. Street cars are to be left and boarded the same way. But that is not all. The pedestrian must keep to the right of the sidewalk as he walks along. He and his friends are forbidden to block the sidewalk or curb by stopping to talk. If they wish to visit they must move with the crowd or seek some spot intended for visiting.

Too strict? Not so! Every community has its sidewalk hogs. They dash along the streets in a direction opposite to the main stream, oblivious to bumps given or received. They stop and when and talk interminably, no matter how many people must step around them. They block the post-office doors in every town and hamlet. They are not as dangerous to human life as reckless drivers, but given a chance they would be. They are the cause of mud on the shoes and black thoughts in the hearts of their fellow-townsmen. If law will reach them, let us have law!

Congress always condemns free seeds as wasteful extravagance, and then votes an appropriation for them just the same. And the people back home always condemn them likewise, and then accept them gratefully just as usual.

The average wage in New York state lately has been about \$2 a week. That's all right—for the average man lucky enough to have \$2.

Mr. DeLoe, term in prison may be over, at that, that Mr. Harding's term in the White House. And he will probably get out sooner than Harding.

What the country needs now is a liquor reformers' strike.

C. H. S. TEAM PLAYS GAME

(NIVE, Jan. 29.—(Special).—Dr. C. M. Stansell is again able to be in the place of business.

Jonas Weinar has returned from a visit to his wife and children, who are spending the winter at their old home, Manssah, Colorado.

Stewart French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert French, is quite sick with typhoid fever.

No mail for Cove on Tuesday. There was a "wreck" on the track somewhere between Cove and Union, and Cove was cut off from any intercourse with the outside world.

The cooked food sales given by the Woman's Club for a library benefit, are a weekly event and serve two purposes—the public is glad of the opportunity, and it brings in a few dollars for a worthy cause.

Since the recent rain and snow the roads in the valley are almost impassable.

Mrs. Nellie R. Grace, city librarian was Cove's sole representative at the meeting of Librarians and Library Boards, held at the Union County Library, Saturday, Jan. 22.

A meeting of the local farm bureau on Saturday afternoon was presided over by Paul Spillman, county agent.

Mr. Jas. W. Burford is recovering from his attack of pneumonia.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church is busy tying comforts. The ladies are working for an addition to their church parlors—to make more room for the Sunday School and the festivities of the church.

Mrs. J. W. L. Kaufman, who has been seriously ill for the last few weeks has been taken to Portland for an operation.

Charley Duffy, of La Grande, spent a day in Cove with his parents, last week.

Hal Rees, of La Grande, was in town a couple of days.

The high school play, "Aunt Sophronia at College," was quite a success and netted \$53.00.

A game of basketball between Cove high and the alumni Wednesday evening scored two points for the alumni. C. H. S. played North Powder at Union, Friday evening, Jan. 28.

Gilbert Miller is convalescing from an attack of grippe.

Oscar Lund has just returned from a ten-day visit in Portland, where he has been to see his son, Herman, who is ill in a sanitarium.

A dancing party was given at the L. D. S. Church Wednesday evening. An informal get together party was held at the I. O. O. F. Hall Tuesday evening. Cards and dancing furnished the entertainment. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Orton, Misses Helen Aults, Hazel Duncan, Zilpha Allen, Ethel and Leonora Hansen and Evelyn Gordon and the Messers, T. R. Conklin, Grant Conley, Leslie Peck, Chas. DeHass, Desmond Fulf and Haskell Bloom.

Miss Lucy Comstock has been on the sick list, but is again on duty at the high school.

OLD TIME DANCES will be held on Wednesday evening, instead of Thursday as heretofore.

P. J. POWERS.

"I Feel as Tho' I Could Not Drag Thru the Day's Work"

is the complaint of many a woman in the household, office or factory.

After suffering for a long time with nervous, dizzy, weak and dragged-down by weakness of her sex—with eyes sunken, black circles and pale cheeks—such a woman is quickly restored to health by the Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce.

Changed, too, in looks, for after taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription the skin becomes clear, the eyes brighter, the cheeks plump. It is purely vegetable and contains no alcohol.

Druggists sell it in tablets or liquid, or send Doctor Pierce, at Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

REDDING, CALIF.—"Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is perfectly wonderful. I owe everything to this medicine. When I was passing thru middle age I suffered everything. Finally, I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It stopped the headaches, the pains and the hemorrhages. I never had any more trouble. It really is great."—Mrs. R. B. RALPH, 60 Terllurium Street.

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THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

CURSES I answered the phone at daybreak. And thought I would surely freeze. Till a voice made me hot all over. By saying, "Excuse it, please."

YOU GOTTA GIVE MR. BURLESON CREDIT FOR FINALLY DELIVERING IT.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 16th—Aug. 8, 1910, Miss Ella Palmer, of Hammond, while visiting in Buffalo, N. Y., wrote a postal card to her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Palmer. The postal arrived this morning after an elapse of nearly 11 years.

OUR FRIENDS ADVERTISE US SO SWEETLY.

Such endearing words—The Office Cat now calls her a sweet patron. Such endearing terms! What do they mean, anyhow? First it was "sweetie," now "Sweet Patonnie". Berkon next it will be "baby doll" or "Angel eyes."

And speaking of taxes, we advise Jack Peare and a few others to have their mustaches amputated before a war tax is placed upon those unnecessary evils.

PROFOUND SECRET. Where does the base drummer do his practicing? There is no more automobile stealing in Detroit. Probably everybody has one there.

New York has almost as many booze patients as there were in the old days. It's the quality, not the quantity, that's doing the work now.

Honestly, now—speaking of nitre cocktails—do you suppose they have any damnable effect than did the old Manhattan or Bronx variety?

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION Why is it that some men cheerful?

Do You Hate to Get Up In the Morning?

Perhaps Your Bowel Action is Not Normal. Get Some

NYAL FIGSEN The Friendly Laxative

It is easy to take. Overcomes intestinal sluggishness. It aids in the restoration of general bodily activity.

In this only—three sizes. 10c, 25c and 50c

RED CROSS DRUG STORE "Once a Trial—Always Nyal"

Let BEEF BE KIND. Purdue university raised the grand champion steer this year which many consider a greater honor than winning the western conference football title. —What's the difference?

HOW SOME CHILDREN MUST WISH THEY WERE DOGS. Wonder how that Boston dog which got eye-weakness from auto riding and has been fitted out with glasses by one of the Hub's cracked—we mean crack—oculists managed to tell the "doc" which rows of letters he could read as the various lenses were tried on him. Smart dog, smart oculist.

Wonder if private life won't seem tame to a man with a Tumultuous name.

Coal men who sell slate as coal haven't a clean slate.

Cuba's moratorium doesn't keep the fans away from that mausoleum of financial hopes, the race track.

A TIME FOR ALL THINGS, BUT—Poor time to break jail, considering the labor situation and the housing problem.

They say William the Conqueror couldn't sign his own name, but everyone admits that he made his mark in more senses than one.

For pyorrhea, bleeding gums, canker, tender mouth, sore throat and tonsillitis, try KLENZO Liquid Antiseptic, at

PUTNAM'S 1-28-21.

COAL FOR everybody at the Rochdale store. Call Main 753.

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LA GRANDE'S GREATEST DEPARTMENT STORE

Has Held that Reputation

It has been generally known by the buying public that during the period of the war, the quality of merchandise was inferior to that of former times. It may be traced to various causes—unskilled workmanship, cheapening of materials by the manufacturer in order to sell at lower prices than his competitors, and a tendency on the part of the merchant to buy cheaper merchandise in order to comply with the prices demanded by the public.

Now, we are all looking forward to a change in conditions. Manufacturers and merchants both realize that the quality of their merchandise must be of the best—that this is not a time to deal in substitutes or substitutes—the public—our public wants VALUE and in value is business reconstruction and a revival of buying confidence. With this idea in view this store announces

A Return to the OLD LINES OF MERCHANDISE

Wherever it is possible, old lines, carried before the war will take the place of their "war substitutes." Merchandise that was taken from the market and is now, or will be available in the future, we promise our customers we shall use every effort to again secure for you, for we believe now as we did Twenty-Six years ago, that with the public it is

NOT AN ISSUE OF PRICE

Business cannot be gained and held by price. The resentment of the buying public is not aimed so much at prices as value. They say "This or that is not worth the money." In other words the people are willing to pay for value—but will not knowingly pay any price for inferior goods—which in the long run are paid for twice.

Our sale has just been completed—and a great success it was—our purpose was accomplished—our stocks thoroughly reduced. Next comes inventory and a

NEW THOROUGH REVISION OF PRICES

then the opening of the new merchandise for spring. Some of it will arrive during the coming week and next ten days. Visit the store, you are welcome to inspect the new as it is unpacked.

La Grande's Greatest Department Store shall ever remain to its patrons—

"THE QUALITY STORE"

REVISION OF PRICES MAKE THIS THE ECONOMY STORE TO BUY YOUR

Furniture and Household Goods. Prices Down to the New Low Levels

Once more this store has anticipated lower prices rather than merely waiting for them to come. Once more we are showing our willingness to be of real assistance in a matter which vitally affects your pocketbook. Once more we have demonstrated the policy of this store to be of service.

And anyone who will take the time will find that we have not exaggerated the very radical price reduction which are now in effect. New 1921 prices prevail throughout this store. We have gone ahead and anticipated reductions for a long time to come and marked our stock accordingly. Our judgment may be wrong, that remains to be seen, but the values are here for your inspection and approval.

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