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Our Complicated Language

She was from Boston; he from Oklahoma—"You have traveled a great deal in the West have you not, Miss Bacon?"
"Oh, yes, indeed—In California, Arizona and even in New Mexico."
"And did you ever see the Cherokee Strip?"
"There was a painful silence, but finally she looked over her glasses at him and said: "Sir, I deem your question exceedingly rude."

Respect grandpa's memory—forget his methods.
All the education in the world can't prevent a man making a fool of himself if he is determined to do so.

There has been a good deal of agitation for the past few years about a new motto for the coin of the realm. Personally, we have hesitated toward "Abide With Me."

Sam—"What do you miss most since you moved out into the country?"
"Tea!"

It's a good thing that most of the auto drivers on the roads are decent. The few who are not make trouble enough.

A Matter of Diet.
"Is this clock has at last been placed on the market?"
"Yes—How do they make clocks this?"
"The same way they make people thin, by putting less inside of them."

Trouble With Wives
An eastern editor says that a man out west got himself into trouble by marrying two wives.
A western editor replied by assuring his contemporary that a good many men in that section have done the same by marrying one.

A southern editor reports that quite a number of his acquaintances found trouble by merely promising to marry, without going any further.

A southern editor says that a friend of his was bothered enough by simply being found in company with another man's wife.

"The hotel was dark in silence," when the checker on the blackboard.
"Anna, weren't that someone," she said.
"Some one went to the board and scowled. "The time was ate in silence."

About the worst penalty that could be put into some state would be to allow them an honest living.

Story of the Irishman's Twins
They asked him how he could tell his twins apart and he said: "Well, one of 'em has your father in his pants and he likes you, but you know it was Mike!"

Telling the Truth.
A prominent local department store recently advertised:
"We—Just think about the war—The soldiers' black bread, pure beyond all and by golly, they sure eat long at this prison. They were truth. I bought a pair."

"What's what on you call a man that depends on his ear to come to hearing no."

It is really wicked to hate anybody except the chap who clatters up your radio evening with a political speech.

Random Remarks

It matters not how long we live, but how.
Difficulties are things that show what men are.
It's the blunt man who makes the cutting remarks.

Any time is a good time to start carrying out a good idea.
Optimism parts the clouds and tangles and costs nothing.
An optimist has dreams of the future and a pessimist has nightmares.

If you are ashamed of your position you should be ashamed of yourself.
Either a man must be competent or he is being carried through life on somebody's back.

Getting into trouble is generally expensive, but some people must have expensive things.
Working yourself to death is hard. Looking yourself to death is easier and much quicker.

One bit of heroism is always within our power—the keeping of our petty troubles to ourselves.
He who loses money loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he who loses courage loses all.

Every thought concentrated in the brain is a fuel which must produce its harvest—chistle or roses, weed or wheat.
The number of diplomas a young man has in his pocket isn't half as important as the amount of determination he has in his head.

The man with imagination is equal to all emergencies, for when one way of accomplishing a desired result proves inefficient he will think of another.

Many foolish persons add to the burden of tomorrow before they are called upon to bear it. We can all increase our worries; it is as simple, and surely better, to lessen them.

The man who smoothes a wrinkle into a smile; he who supplies a pleasant thought when one is wanted; who thus repairs and repairs and renews God's handiwork, counts with the trust of the world's benefactors.

The peculiar virtues of boyhood are teachability, curiosity, energy, independence, and the joy of life. And these are the identical virtues that enable a man to succeed in practically any line of business.

Today's Anniversaries.
1829—John Evelyn, famous for his diary and his work on the preservation of England's forests, born. Died February 27, 1706.
1760—The foundation stone of Blackfriars bridge in London was laid.

1842—John B. Gough, who became the foremost temperance orator of his time, first signed the pledge at Worcester, Mass.
1848—Gen. Stephen W. Kearny, the conqueror of New Mexico, died in St. Louis. Born at Newark, N. J., August 29, 1794.

1867—David Graham Phillips, noted novelist, born at Madison, Ind.; assassinated in New York January 24, 1911.
1914—Statewide prohibition went into effect in Virginia.

1918—New York Board of Estimate adopted \$218,025,424 city budget; the greatest in the city's history.
1919—King and Queen of the Belgians and their party sailed from Hampton Roads for home.

One Year Ago Today.
British House of Commons up-held Lloyd George's Irish policy.
Marshal Foch attended opening

of American Legion convention at Kansas City.
bishop of Avonto, born in the archdiocese of Naples, 50 years ago today.
Gen. Adelbert Ames, one of the few surviving general officers of the Civil war, born at Rockland, Maine, 87 years ago today.
Thomas Lee Woolwine, democratic nominee for governor of California, born at Nashville, Tenn., 48 years ago today.
William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the U. S. treasury, born near Marietta, Ga., 59 years ago today.
Josiah O. Wolcott, former United States senator from Delaware, born at Dover, Del., 45 years ago today.
Fortunately, a few American can have an opinion concerning the European situation without knowing anything about it.

Define the Living Wage

For a fine set of buck passers that national railroad labor board is paramount. Did not-President Harding in his message lay stress on the "living wage?" Has not every utterance of the administration and all of its leaders spoken often and with apparent sincerity regarding "the living wage?" Are not the newspapers of the country filled with such expressions as "pay labor a living wage," or "a living wage is essential in order that labor and capital may get along together?" Political platforms have proclaimed the necessity of "the living wage," and the country as a whole has grown to base its belief that the living wage is no theory, but a reality, a thing which is under consideration.

Now comes the railroad labor board refusing to define a living wage and scrapping it as though it were something of no consequence.

It is the foundation of trouble or the solution of peace, whichever this nation may elect to have it. There is but one way to settle labor disputes and that is to base the pay of workers on the "living wage."

We have bureaus for everything in Washington from fighting the boll weevil of the south to protecting seal in Alaska; we have statisticians to tell the amount of rainfall in Death Valley and the number of bushels of wheat that will be raised next year; then why cannot we have a bureau to sit continually and whose duty shall be to determine the living wage? By correctly gathering the costs of supplies from every section of the nation it would be no super-human task to determine what it costs to keep a family comfortably, not luxuriously, and to this add a certain percentage for education, amusements and things essential to proper home life.

Let these figures be the base, and let wages be elastic rising and lowering in proportion to the cost of living.

If the railroad labor board says it is an undertaking that cannot be successfully carried, let the labor board resign, for the country will be served better without it than with it.

City Streets and State Roads

We all know macadam roads and not what we would like to have, but when we can have them and can get no better, is it not worth while to take care of them?

La Grande has a stretch of macadam from Second street to the Grande Ronde hospital, one from Adams to the Island City pavement and one from East Adams to the Hot Lake-Union highway; none of them long as roads go, but we defy any worse roads to be found for roughness this side of the Cascades.

Out on the highways the state keeps a pile of gravel handy and frequently gravel is scattered over the macadam as it begins to wear. Why could not La Grande do the same thing? Probably the answer would be, it is an endless job. Quite right, but there is a lot of endless jobs. Surely La Grande people would endorse such a movement and we fail to see any good reason why these tag ends of roads could not be kept in something nearly as good condition as the state highway are kept. Take the road from Oro Dell to the Country Club. It wears and wears rapidly, but the gravel re-surfacing makes it a fine road. It seems that La Grande's policy on streets could undergo a few changes of great benefit, and they would not break the city's strong box, either. The idea that everything must be paved or no work will be done on a street is an idea entirely too extravagant, if it exists. People who do not live on pavement are entitled to consideration as well as those who do. They belong to the big La Grande family and every member of that family is equally important to the city.

Linn county, under the shadow of the state fair buildings, held a county fair this year and went \$5,000 in the hole. A very natural thing to expect. Why don't Linn county admit the conditions and say to the rest of the state she cannot hold a fair because she is too close to Salem? Perhaps it is the state appropriation for county fairs that inspires the good people of Linn to continue, for you know a Willamette valley county hates to give up an appropriation.

Anyway Governor Henry Allen's industrial court will have a rest in Kansas. For now the Klan is after the governor and promises to keep him busy issuing proclamations.

The question has been asked, why do Idaho Republicans want Borah to stomp the state? They don't, but they can't get rid of him.

Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, in his usual classical but effective way, drives some spikes in the school bill which will be hard to pull out.

If every Portland boy who wears the torador pants is a bull-fighter, the Portland "bulls" may have a hard time keeping order.

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