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## The Joy of Service

Other things besides money bring happiness. Some who have bitten into the bitter of selfishness may sneer at this remark, but it is true just the same. Even in this materialistic age when the new gown, the late model car, the precious stones, fine home seem to have complete right-of-way over thoughts and desires of so many, there are people yet living in the world whose delight is service; who love to know down in their hearts that they have helped some person during the day of night; who breathe happiness and joy to the afflicted, who reflect in their presence the opposite of selfish passion and the opposite of immodest greed.

The Evening Observer wishes to impress upon every reader that there was no rule forcing a Red Cross department at the Meacham celebration. The national organization made no such demand, neither did the San Francisco office. But you all noticed a Red Cross section working night and day to relieve humanity. Do you know there were forty-six cases handled during the two days? Do you know this did not include a bunch of young girls who had no place to sleep and were mothered in safety by the Red Cross? Do you know that while the bands played and the flags waved, somebody's heart had to be right with the desire to serve in order to bring about results that happened when patients were rushed to the Red Cross tents from parades, when old people overcome by heat found welcome shelter along with loving hands to bathe their faces and restore them to consciousness?

Yes, there is still joy in serving.

The intensely selfish people who live for self and a few associates are to be pitied. Their souls are warped; they are undernourished even though their incomes may be thousands of dollars each month; they are unhappy, why? Because all one gets out of this life is what he can give to others in the way of service.

As a nation America has been one of service. When poor Cuba was in the clutches of a Spanish master, it was America who put the strong arm around Cuba lifting her from the mire of despondency and placed in her mouth the sweet carol of liberty. The same occurred in the Philippines. Service, national service—nothing grander in the history of all nations.

And it is so with societies and individuals—service, what a joy to help the other fellow. Forget money and high living for a while and render a little service just to see how you will relish it. Do in your own way some of the things that the Red Cross did at Meacham. We believe you will find a sweetness that is strictly individual and unlike anything you have ever before experienced. The words of thanks from those served will, we believe, be sweeter music than the clanking of gold or silver or the jazz of modern society.

## That "Feller," Brown

The Harding party was fine—its personnel was exceptional—but as an advance man that "feller, Brown,"—Walter F. Brown of Toledo, was about the biggest boob who ever got his courage up to cross the Rockies.

When "Brownie" came tripping through Oregon he had so much resting on his shoulders that old Atlas looked like a red ant building an ant hill by the side of Ohio brother whose duty it was to pull all the kinks out of Harding's trip and keep it normal.

Of course, the Oregon Trail show at Meacham was already cooked up before Eastern Oregon knew it could get the president. Then the idea of having the chief was sprung, he was communicated with, expressed a desire to be here and the deal was made. A little later along came "Brownie" who was fine to those whom he met, except that he had his personal ideas of what a president should do and how the people who entertained him should act. He pulled the Old Oregon Trail Pageant program to pieces and threw it to the rose laden winds of Portland, making a new deal from start to finish. Of course Eastern Oregon people, being a little timid about presidents and those who officially represent them, bowed low and graceful acceding to the Brown standard of entertainment. And then Brownie went marching on to the next place where the president expected to stop.

For some reason the original Oregon Trail program got into Mr. Harding's hands along with the Brown revision. The president's blood is red and he at once gathered the meaning of the program. A wire came telling the Oregon people to disregard the Brown revision and stick to the original program, which was done.

We give this to our readers to show the caliber of Brown who got into a game that was much too big for his ability. Yesterday we read of the muss Brown pulled at the Seattle pageant where great expense had been gone to and a small admission fee was to be charged. Brownie immediately took the high minded stand that Abraham Lincoln never spoke where an admission was charged and Mr. Harding therefore could not. But Brownie forgot that in the old Lincoln days everyone turned out and donated their services to make a show or a celebration, whereas nowadays it is a dollar an hour to most of those who work.

Incidentally, Eastern Oregon will remember Brownie a long time, for he stuck the three towns for several thousand dollars when he made the Trail association cancel its gate admission, but we will not remember him with anger—not at all. Eastern Oregon people are not built that way. We will just remember him as one of those little nuts from Ohio who trail along sometimes with big men like Harding.

Umatilla farmers are pushing the price of harvest labor back to war times, but those farmers should remember there is a lot of difference between present prices for wheat and the wartime prices.

**Why She Crowned Him.**  
Wife with obscurity. "It says here that men grow bald because of the intense activity of their brains."  
Hubby: "Especially. And women have no whiskers because of the intense activity of their chins."

The seat of many of our labor troubles is the chair.  
We were talking to a friend this morning. Friend's wife rushed excitedly up and breathed "Oh, John! I dropped my diamond ring off my finger, and I can't find it anywhere." "It's all right," said John, "I came across it in my trousers' pocket."

Women's gowns are said to be a symphony of color, but many of them make a noise like a jazz band.

**Hard Times in Sight.**  
"If some girl's face are their fortunes," exclaimed "Amos" today, "some of them surely must be broke rapt."

A husband's idea of the most accomplished linguist is the woman who knows many languages and can be silent in all of them.

A news story says that "a crime was committed by a strange woman." Is there any other kind?

**Revenge Is Sweet.**  
A La Grande doctor told a citizen who lives on Fourth Street that plants have a sense of pain. And said Fourth streeter went home and threw some hot ashes on his neighbor's patch of rhubarb.

Why can't some of those chronic bores, who are always talking about that old Egyptian monarch, emulate their idol and "dry up?"

A rich man's son had fallen for an actress young and fair; And when his dad showed her the door, She calmly took the hair.

A beggar asked a La Grande man yesterday for the price of a breakfast. He was asked "can you make a living that way?" The beggar said yes and the La Grander swiped the beggar's hat!

**Mistaken About Blind.**  
John's wife is scolded. Yesterday John poured cream on his head and scratched his pie.

The old swimmin' hole is beginning to get its share of business.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

**PRESIDENTS' SONS.**  
Nashville, Tenn., President's sons have rarely been assertive. The first of whom we have any knowledge was John Quincy Adams, who was on the way to his distinguished career when his father was president. It was not as the son of a president that he achieved the presidency for himself, but despite it he never made capital of his father's eminence, but stood on his own entitlements.

Martin Van Buren had a son who was a very distinguished social leader. They called him Prince John, for his excellent manners and lavish hospitality. The sons of Lincoln and Grant kept modestly in the background of public and social affairs, as did Webb Hayes, son of a president.

Benjamin Harrison had a son, Russell, who played up the game quite considerably. Once, while in London, as we recall it, he was asked what his position was in America. "Oh, about like the prince of Wales over here," he replied. The statement provoked much levity and resulted in Russell's quick extinction. He is still living, but the world has passed him by.

Lincoln's only surviving son lives in Washington. He was a success in the world of affairs, and living out his life in the quiet ease and dignity that he likes and is so becoming.

Roosevelt's boys were children when he was in the White House. One died in France in the performance of a gallant and daring act and the others are proving worthy of their distinguished lineage.

Andrew Johnson had a son who was much in evidence during the

period when his father was president. He was rather wild, but always good-naturedly so and died in his early manhood.

Young Richard Cleveland achieved distinction at Princeton, served with credit during the World War and has since graduated at Yale in the law. He comes of sturdy stock, on both sides, and is a steady, hard worker, as was his father. Those who know him predict a successful career. He may keep away from politics. Should he ever, however, go out for political honors, he will find many admirers of his father to give him cheer and support.

All in all, our presidents have been men of lofty purposes, notable ability and have carried themselves well in the big role, and their sons have done nothing to sully their fame.

**The War of Slim and Plump.**  
Albany Times Union: Another desperate fashion war is to be staged between America and France. This battle is to be fought on the conflict over short skirts. The fashion barons of the Rue de la Paix have decreed that the appearance of the slim maid with her straight line effect must bow to entrancing and bewitching curves, entrancing and bewitching curves.

The normal "waistline and bustle" is coming back. The long skirt was the first attack on the Slim Princess. Now skirts are fuller and begin almost at the natural waist line, rather

than below the hips. All of which, the dress magnates declare, means that the straight line "boyish" girl is passing in favor.

It looks like this new decree from Paris will win instant and enthusiastic support from a majority of American women. They declare that "being slim" has become a mania. And it is such a task, oh, such a really tremendous job to be thin when nature and appetite would make it so easy to be softly plump.

Europe, as is well known, has always been more kindly to the plump girl than has been the case in America. Even when slimmest, straightness and svelteness were the mandates of the French couturiers, they did not wish their women to be "skin and bones" wrapped up in expensive clothes. The European prefers women that are unmistakably womanly.

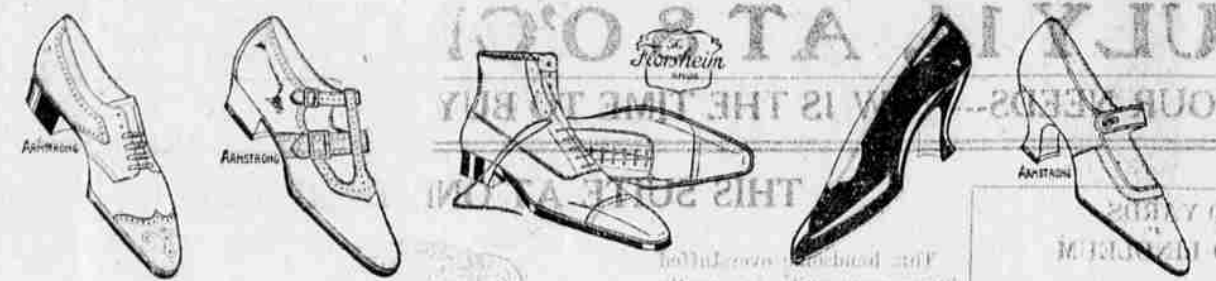
The slim figure is the American ideal. Can Paris and a number of American women induce the gown providers of this country to revive "soudainement le jupon" of bonaparte 1803, without excess flesh, you understand, of course?

**CITY OF TACOMA LOSES.**  
TACOMA, Wash., July 13.—The city of Tacoma failed today in motions argued before Federal Judge Cushman to eliminate the United States government as a party to the

of the Emergency Fleet Corporation to recover \$232,000 loaned to the city during the war and to have certain part of the bill of complaint stricken. Judge Cushman ruled against the city's contentions presented by City Attorney Sullivan.

Attorney Sullivan argued that the contract at issue was between the city and the fleet corporation and the government had no interest in the suit.

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