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Is This Fun?

We wonder when the ultra reformers in Oregon—the men and women who stand on the Oregon system for revenue only, including those who have come to business and official prominence by hypocritically advocating a lot of foolish rot—will be willing to step down and take their place alongside men and women who sincerely try to do the right thing in politics and constantly work to give Oregon good officials and careful administration.

The crooked politician willing to spend thousands for the recall of a governor is just as much of a patriot as the individual or newspaper that hypocritically pronounces the death penalty on anyone who honestly refuses to advocate the recall and the other fancy frills which were only adopted to fool the voter.

It may be fun to keep on this way year after year. Perhaps the Democratic minority still sees success in this hypocrisy, even if it did almost singe the tail feathers of some of its own pet birds.

But just the same, it is as dishonest to preach a doctrine that you know is wrong as it is to go out and hire paid solicitors to circulate a recall petition. The law permits both to be done and the law does not prevent either from being crooked and unmanly.

Anything May Happen

A considerable proportion of Germans appear to have ambition to make a bad situation worse. If they can discover the way to be most miserable they will be happier than if they miss that goal. Their self-pity constrains them to believe that the more they cause themselves to suffer the worse it will be for their late enemies.

The Bavarians who talk of secession take no pride in being members of the reich, a part of a populous nation with vast resources. Many in the Rhineland are eager for separation. Whether the diverse disaffected elements have the power to overthrow the republic or to dismember the reich remains to be determined, but the will for either is present.

The present republican government is striving to maintain national unity but it is a difficult task when unity makes but a feeble appeal. Were the separatists to win and the reich be broken up claims for reparations would become worthless but France might be willing to exchange one for the other.

Corpulence And Motor Cars

Englishmen have noticed it already. The other day an observant Londoner in a restaurant, patronized mostly by tourists, counted a score of fat persons and found later that over half of them were Americans. His conclusion was that Americans have been gaining in weight since the war and are destined to take the place of the Dutch as the most corpulent nation on earth.

Half a century ago the only Yankee known to Europe was the tall, spare individual, summed up in "Uncle Sam," who at one time was as typical of Americans as stout "John Bull" still is of Englishmen. That is the outstanding point of reference from which we can measure our descent.

Those train robbers at Sacramento go a little too far. The art of train robbing should not result in killing people in this western country. That may be a part of the system in the Jesse James section, but out where the west begins there has never been any very bad men, and they are really unwelcome.

There is hope for Portland. An investigation has started there to find the best speller in the city. Maybe we are over the jazz hump. At least, this is a good indication.

Babe Ruth seems to be on hand with the big stick whenever he is really needed.

Many a fight is not for rights but for wants.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



WHEN THE EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY CLARION TYPED HIS HAT TO MISS HORATIO SWANK OF HOOTS-OW, THIS MORNING, HE LOST ALL THE NEWS ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER.

Editorials From Over the Nation

ADMIT FROM RELIGIOUS MOORINGS.

By President Warren G. Harding (Pictorial Review)

I do not believe there is any other influence so much needed in a turbulent world as a reconsecration to God Almighty. I rejoice that America is free in religion. We boast our civil liberty and our political independence, but when we contemplate world conditions today the best thing in this Republic is religious freedom.

Sometimes I think the world has gone astray from its moorings religiously, and I know it will help if we have a revival of religious faith. I want a government that is just, and I don't think a government can be just if it does not have some how a contact with Omnipotent God.

I don't intend to come as the finest exemplar of what ought to be, but I rejoice in the inheritance of a religious belief, and I don't mind saying that I gladly go to God Almighty for guidance and strength in the responsibilities that are coming to me.

There is evident almost everywhere in the world the need for a restoration of the soul of religious devotion for individual consecration to that ideal of religion which recognizes it as able to give something that neither patriotism nor civic virtue can ever afford. The human race, as a whole, is in a state of confusion, and nothing keeps youth from its religious moorings, it needs a revival of the sincere conception of the personal relationship of God to man and of man to God a restoration of faith in the fundamentals that are eternal.

FOURTEEN CHILDREN

Omaha World Herald: Frank A. Vanderlip, international banker and one of America's leading business men, stopped off in Omaha after having spent two months out West roughing it in the mountains. A newspaper man, expecting to get an interview from the financier on business matters, found Mr. Vanderlip surrounded by twelve children. Instead of talking about the business affairs, on which he speaks with authority, Mr. Vanderlip said he didn't know a thing about business.

"For two months I have been playing with the children, forgetting all about business," he said. "I'll get to business soon enough when I get to New York."

Then the banker explained he and his wife and six children with six playmates of his children—twelve children in all—had been playing together. Dressed in their old torn clothes they toured the great open spaces and lived close to nature.

Here is a man whose business takes him all over the world to study economic finance and political conditions, pausing for a couple of months to be child again. It might appear to be an easy matter for a prosperous man to drop his work, forget it, and hike away. But the truth is that most big business men find it as difficult to break from their affairs as most of us would find it difficult to finance a two-month's trip for a wife and twelve youngsters.

It is not the extensive trip nor the glorious sights the Vanderlip party enjoyed that interest us so much as the fact that a very busy man took time to play with his children and his children's friends. That is better to read about than a brilliant analysis of business conditions. And it is important to our national well-being that our great men can find time for their families.

The tragedy in the life of too many successful business men is that all is business without toys. They do not know how to play. They cannot forget business. And they hardly ever have time to get near to their children. And life grows serious and grim.

AGE NOT MEASURABLE IN YEARS

Atlanta Journal: The Des Moines Tribune had this to say of "age": "It is a delicate matter to decide at what point a man becomes aged. To make the same calculation with regard to a woman requires even more wisdom and tact. Practically all the men and women who do big things and preside over great concerns are well past the mark set by the headline writer. A modern grandmother dresses with more 'chic' than her happier granddaughters. White hair falls dully under the shears of the hair artist. The hair links are filled with youngsters of 45 who can give their sons handicaps in the game. What is aged? It isn't, any more."

Age is not really measurable in terms of years, though no one will deny that the years have a great deal to do with it. In fact, there comes a time when the years settle at their own way. But a man may be 70 years young, as in the case of Dr. Emerson, or aged at 60, as in the case of a number of every one's friends. It all depends on the spirit. The gift of a youthful spirit is of more value than an amount of riches. We are rich only in the possession of the things which the soul enjoys. Money, in abundance, without the youthful, which is the resilient, optimistic spirit, to suggest its use, is not wealth, nor a factor in happiness. Quite the contrary. It is a hard lesson for the world to learn, but the only complete enduring happiness possible to the human race is born of sacrifice and service, and nothing keeps youth like these. To keep young give largely of the best that is within. To grow old, lock the soul's doors and pull down the curtains.

A truly great orator is one who accomplishes the audience and then tells it something it knows.



Antiquated Casey Stengel With his thirty Nick Is Making the Yankees look like Has-beens. Casey is the Office Cat's Friend for Life— We're betting on the Giant!

Melody may be a virtue; but fourflushing is a fine art.

What the Heck is it? (Laguardian Tribune) At three o'clock the firemen answered a call to Oak street and East Mel avenue where a fence along the valley leading from Oak street had caught fire. This abominable shrub had caught fire.

IN ALL COUNTRIES — A KISS IS NOTHING DIVIDED BY TWO.

By the way, speaking of kisses, when a man throws kisses to a woman it pleases him immensely to have them flung right back!

See ate the apple. And sighed for clothes. Why can't girls now find apples like those?

The only use some folks are to the world is a horrible example.

It is never correct to accuse a statesman of being a "dirt farmer," as the past tense.

AN ATE NOT COLD WHO SHIVER.

We hate to cuss. It's a nasty habit. Gentlemen DO NOT CUSS!

But what we started out to say was that G. D. Swindler is in the greenest business in Springfield, Ohio?

What Did He Mean? Not long ago we heard a couple of La Grande boys conversing upon members of the female sex. Finally they narrowed down to one, and this is what we heard: "That girl's an ocean liner." "How's that?" "Just a little tug will get her started."

We guess that'll be about enough for today.

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