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THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE—"Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"—Gen. 18:25.

Perhaps some men fail to recognize opportunity because they believe that it is only a knocker.

### VIOLENT OPPOSITION NEEDED.

In purchasing one of the weak-kneed, scandal monger papers of Philadelphia, the MacFadden interests announced that it will be independent in politics but will work through established parties rather than opposing them. It further says, "General Butler gave us an example of violent opposition. He could have continued in his job in Philadelphia by using more compromising methods and would have done vastly more towards cleaning up the town. But his violent opposition, as emphasized in some of his raids, aroused so much antagonism that he was removed from power and richly deserved his fate." A more disgusting statement of a wealth-fawning publication would be difficult to imagine. General Butler did give an example of violent opposition, it's true, but it was not opposition to political parties. It was opposition to law-breakers, to vice-spreaders, and to criminals who thought they should be free from disturbance because they had wealth. It was violent opposition when only that variety would accomplish anything for the public good. General Butler had no use for "compromising methods" that would be an affliction to the poor and a protection to the rich. In his eyes, law violation—nothing more, nothing less. Every good citizen can take pride in his stand and in his preference to be "out" rather than to bow to wealth and influence.

### IT DOESN'T HELP BUSINESS.

The conception held by many people that stock market activity is an indicator of good or bad business is intelligently exploded in a recent comment of the Dearborn Independent which deserves quoting:

The money made in stock speculation is not made out of business; it is made out of other speculators. As betting at the race ring adds neither strength nor speed to the horse, so the exchange of shares in the stock market adds no capital to a business, no quality to the commodity which it manufactures, no increase in the production and no purchasing power to the market. As a barometer, the stock market indicates only the hopes and fears of the speculators, not the true condition of industry. It has nothing whatever to do with industry, except where it becomes an added charge on the manufactured article for the purpose of producing dividends.

Probably no one contributes less to good business and healthy industry than the man who spends his time in stock gambling. There are, of course, many instances of speculators or "investors" who make comfortable profits from the buying and selling of stock, but the big manipulator usually is the only one emerging from the fray unhurt. It is not nearly so thrilling nor so promising of great return to stay at one's job calling for an honest day's work and an honest day's wage—but it is far more permanent and reliable. And going about your private business intelligently at least contributes something worth while to the nation's business and prosperity.



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By Junius

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Being an aviator is like being in jail with the added chance of falling.

Some men want to be a census because it embraces eighteen million women.

Man has one advantage. He knows his waist line, if any, will be next week.

"Former champ wrestler in the West has bought a newspaper." This will be the toughest bout of his life.

If you don't need it, it's not a bargain, no matter what the price may be.

### SOME BARGAIN

The bride was given away with freckles, sweet teeth and delightful manners.—Birmingham, Iowa, Blade.

No man is old so long as he plans for the future instead of talking about the past.

Vice President Dawes was scheduled to speak at a meeting in a small Western town, but on account of a shower could not attend, so he sent the following telegram to explain:

"Cannot arrive on time. Wash out on the line."

Bank came the reply: "Never mind your wash. Buy another shirt at our expense, and come anyway.—Republican Committee."

Petticoats are still being advertised. They certainly die hard.

### Albany Has 24 Above.

ALBANY, Ore. — The season's low mark was registered when the government weather observer's thermometer registered 24 degrees above zero. The fog that had settled last night was frozen to every tree, house top, shrub and blade of grass, giving the effect of a snow fall. The temperature did not increase enough during the day to melt the frost as had been the case the last few days.

## THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

### THE ROAD HOG

The man who would shoot at you with a gun is no more an outlaw than the one who would shoot at you with his car. Several times have we found it necessary to move instantly and swiftly out of the way to keep some one from committing murder. It is very fortunate for the public that about 33 out of every 100 use diligence to obey the law and make travel safe for all. But the other one who rushes on straight in the middle of the road with all the speed his machine will make forcing those he meets to take the ditch or take the consequences is the fellow that should be looked after. There is small difference between the one who so disregards the rights of others as to kill them rather than respect the law. Travel would be reasonably safe even in this rushing age if everyone would carefully keep in his place.

J. J. Hunting.

### SUSPECT TO FACE TRIAL

SALEM, Ore. — George Schroeder, who is under arrest at Redding, Ore., charged with participating in the robbery of the Scotts Mills, Ore., bank December 24 will be returned to Salem for trial according to announcement made at the sheriff's office. Sam Burkhart, deputy sheriff, will leave for Redding tomorrow in quest of the prisoner.

Three other men who were alleged to have taken part in the robbery of the Scotts Mills institution are in jail at Sacramento where they will be prosecuted on a charge of transporting a stolen automobile from one state to another.

### Forger Sentenced, Paroled

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Bybee Butler, indicted a month ago on a charge of forgery, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Leavitt and then paroled by the bench. Butler is an Indian ward and was paroled to the custody of Leroy D. Arnold, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation.

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