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Ailments of a Town And Possible Cures

A merchant in this town handed us the following short article which he thought was food for thought and it is:

"During the war people learned to co-operate, and they accomplished things that anyone would have said were impossible. Having learned what can be accomplished by co-operation, alert minded people naturally turn to their home towns. If we accomplished such marvels in the war work, they say, 'why can't we take hold now and do equally amazing things right at home? Why can't we realize the dreams we have always cherished for our community?' And then a lot of them just go right ahead and do things that five years ago would have regarded as beyond the range of possibility."

The war taught us many things, but none was greater than the power of co-operation. Co-operate and the town goes forward. If there's no co-operation, the town goes backward.

Any town or community by its units combining can produce growth, business, wealth. On the other hand if it is infested by petty men and women, putty men and women, pity men and women, it is damned. The petty division consists of the knockers, the dogs-in-the-mangers and those who refuse to play because it might help John. The knocker can be driven out by boycott, the inmates of the manglers rendered harmless by permitting to gnaw their old bones undisturbed and the third class can be ignored—run over, so to speak—and left behind. The putty people are those who are the unconscious tools of the knocker and grumbler, afraid to do anything because it might hurt their business. The cure for puttinness is to banish the knockers and the new environments resulting soon causes the putty people to shed their timidness and eventually come out and enjoy the sunshine. The pity bunch composes those who say, "it's a pity we can't do this" when the reason it isn't done is because the pity patters expect George to do it and Jones pay the freight. Scientific boosters are still studying and looking for a remedy for the last named bunch.

Blessed be the progressive citizen and booster. "A lot of them just go ahead and do things" and because they do, the petty, the putty and pity gain sustenance and benefit in the harvest that none had a share in reaping.

Women of Oregon are distinctly in favor of an extra session of the legislature to ratify the federal suffrage amendment. Every meeting has disclosed unanimity of sentiment on the question. . . . They want to make it possible for all the women of the United States to have a voice in the next presidential election. Governor Olcott should not deny them.—Portland Telegram.

The three sentences above are master pieces in "bunk." The women of Oregon are not in favor of an extra session at this time, "every meeting" has not disclosed a preponderance of sentiment for an extra session and Governor Olcott is not denying the ballot to any woman.

A few weeks back a number of professional suffragets from the East, who "suffer" at so much per, came to Oregon and "agitated." A few days after the Federation of Women's Club convened in state session. No other organization in the state more fully represent Oregon women than this body. Did this convention, comprised of women from every county in the state, call for an extra session? No! What other "meetings" have declared for an extra session? None whatever, except a few little parlor parties in Portland at which six constitutes a quorum.

The Telegram is "running to form" in nagging Mr. Olcott and on this particular occasion is attempting to hide behind women's skirts in doing it.

The Democrats have a better chance of winning the next presidential election than many of us have been thinking as Leonard Wood seems to have a lead pipe cinch on the Republican nomination. Thousands of Republicans will refuse to support him, there is no excuse for a Democrat doing so, and how could he expect to win under the circumstances?

The boys of the American Legion, in national convention assembled, turned their faces in the right direction when they declared against a large standing army and against compulsory military training in time of peace.

Where in this fair land of ours could you find better weather than the Oregon brand of last week. Unfortunately we couldn't send any of it back East to the folks.

I Understand

I held the rocks called life between my hands,
And laughing at what others called their woe;
I crumbled them to dust to show my strength,
I ground to dust with mighty blow on blow;
I cast my crumpled dust unto the wind,
And in the face of life I laughed out long
And cried: "I'm done with all your silly ways,
I'm done with all your wails and mighty song."

But as I flung the dust unto the wind
It caught it in its hands with roar on roar
And flung the crumpled sands into my eyes;
Now hope and light and happiness no more,
For blind I stand and curse the power that gave
Me strength to crumble life between my hand;
And yet I know—as I can only know—
The power of life—I see—I understand.

DORA REEVES CROFT.

Abruptly Written, But Perhaps True

(From a Kansas paper.)

The mother who allows her sixteen-year-old daughter to float around the township in a buggy or auto until two a. m. with a counterfeit sport of weak jaw and weaker morals merely opens the front door to grief and disgrace. If you don't know what company your daughter keeps or what time of night she turns in, your roar, when the gossip gets busy, will be about as pathetic as the wheeze from a Jew-harp. The girl who spoons with everybody in the corporate limits ought to be backed into the woodshed and relieved of her overflow of affection with a No. 11 slipper laid carelessly across the hiplets. We would sooner kiss a blind snout thru a barbed wire fence than have her change partners seven nights a week in the parlor with the lights turned low. It is harder to marry off a girl that has been pawed over by every yap in the community than it is to fatten a sheep on pineapple ice. You can't gold-brick a sharp-eyed suitor with second hand goods any more than you can fit a bath robe on a goat. There are lots of weak minded parents who are going up against the judgment day with about as much show as a cross eyed girl at a beauty show, and their children will rise up and call them blessed with the enthusiasm of a one legged man at a club dance.

Price of Bacon Prevents Thievery

(From the Portland Journal.)

When we read the fabulous tale of the Winlock, Washington, hen-master who is harvesting a monthly income of \$3000 from his cackling flock we just can't help thinking: Oh, who wouldn't be a bandit bold To rob the hen of her eggs of gold, If he only had sufficient tin To buy the bacon to fry them in.

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