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STILL ON THE JOB—AND NOT SO VERY STILL.

In view of the fact that considerable newspaper publicity has been given to my recent visit to another city, and the further fact that the rumor has become current that I have decided to remove to another field of endeavor, I wish to state that there is nothing definite warranting such a statement.

In the first place, I have been treated so kindly and generously by the people of Cottage Grove during my residence among them, the ties of friendship are so strong and my interest in Cottage Grove, and the Cottage Grove community is so great that it is with reluctance that I even consider separating myself from the field where I have labored faithfully, and not entirely without reward, for nearly ten years. The opportunity that would cause me to sever these ties must be an unusual one. That what may seem to be such an opportunity has been presented, or is likely to be presented, may be true, but it is wise not to take anything for an accepted fact unless printed in The Sentinel. I have not left Cottage Grove. I would rather live in Cottage Grove than in any city which has ever been my home and it is more than probable that should occasion ever call me from here I would retain interests which would keep me as greatly interested as ever in the welfare of the best little city in the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette.

ELBERT BEDE.

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS.

A great deal of sentimental mush was scattered around not long ago about the things we ought to do for the ex-soldier inside. The ex-soldier inside were asking little. They had done what they had been asked to do and were back ready to take hold of men's jobs and get away with them. The



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jobs were plentiful and the sentimental mush didn't mean anything to them. They knew that much of it came from those who liked to mouth euphonious platitudes and who would be mighty weak in performance were they ever called upon to make good.

The time may be at hand now when those who were talking so big may have the opportunity to show whether or not they were sincere.

Jobs may not be so plentiful for the next few months as they have been in the past. Now is the time to give the ex-soldier boys a square deal. If the jobs are not sufficient to go around, those who did their duty, when doing so meant something, should be looked after ahead of those who shirked their duty. If jobs become scarce, the ex-soldier should be given the preference over the shirker. They are entitled to that preference. Those who shirked, those who evaded a duty, are entitled to very little. Those who made living in America safe are entitled to live under the conditions they themselves made. They saved the jobs here. They are more entitled to get those jobs than a host who stayed at home to yell when they should have been across fighting. Now is the time to make good upon our fulsome promises of a couple years ago. Now is the time to demonstrate whether or not we have forgotten.

When it comes to parceling out the jobs, the matter of citizenship should also be considered. A person who has been here long enough to have become a citizen and makes no attempt to become one, who has not put himself in a position to function as a part of this great land of the free and home of the brave, is entitled to little under the government of which he neglects to become a part. Citizens, born so or naturalized, should have the preference. Let the aliens know that responsibilities go with life under the protection of the stars and stripes. Let them understand that life within the greatest republic the world has ever known is worth something. Let them know that jobs protected by American law go first to those who do their part to support that republic and who do not shrink from taking their part in the affairs of that government. The employer of labor who ships in foreign labor during these times is a mighty poor citizen, in our estimation.

America for Americans! That's our sentiment!

NO SLEEP IN SLEEPY CITY.

We have been somewhat mildly amused at the efforts of the Corvallis Gazette-Times to secure a good hotel for its city.

It is customary, and often considered proper, to find fault with your own city. While we have been amused at the efforts of the Gazette-Times, there has been some satisfaction in reading Brother Ingalls' nimble editorials deprecating the hostelry accommodations of his city. Following custom, we have been prone to believe that only in our own city were the residents slow in rising to fill an aching void. An aching void of this kind, where the inner man and his nightly comfort are concerned, is a most serious one—more serious than any which seems to exist here—for here we have a better hotel than has Corvallis, for here we have many things which Corvallis seems not to have. Even Albany, looked upon with contempt by the Corvallis census-makers, has hotels which put to shame, so we judge from the perfunctory editorial effusions of the Gazette-Times, the hostilities of the city which is the home of one of the state's greatest educational institutions. We are only able to judge from what we have read because of the fact that when it has been our pleasure to visit the college city we have been carefully and tenderly cared for by friends who tried their best to furnish provender and lodging somewhat equal to that to which we are accustomed when at home. In fact, Brother Ingalls has been very kind in that respect, probably wishing to keep us from coming in too close contact with the lack of hostelry accommodations of his city.

The Gazette-Times was able to swing the nomination for president, being the only paper in Oregon to suggest the name of Warren G. Harding. The Gazette-Times produced a candidate for

congress and gave that candidate its most hearty support, being the only paper to do so, and might have been equally successful in putting over its program had a district been created. Is it now the only institution in Corvallis to note the lack of hotel accommodations? Is it the only institution to note that a college city should have accommodations which would leave a favorable impression upon the stranger for a few moments a guest within its gates? Is it the only institution in that city to note that it owes it to the state which spends thousands there to show that it is not entirely dead to its opportunities? Is it the only institution to note that its pull with the census-makers implies a duty to live up to what is expected of a city of the size which the census-makers show it to be? Is it the only institution in the city which is shamed by lagging behind the contemptible little Linn county seat? Is it the only institution in the city which is shamed by the fact that the little city of Cottage Grove can give it cards and spades and yet give a guest better meals and a more comfortable bed upon which to ensconce for the night. Corvallis was fussing a little while ago about being in the same senatorial district with Cottage Grove. We don't want to play in the same senatorial district with a hotelless city.

We trust the Gazette-Times may win its single-handed fight; we trust the college city may yet learn that strangers within its gates can not long sustain themselves even upon the kind of education which the state and federal governments furnish in such liberal quantities; we trust that the census fiends may yet see the incongruity of their position in boasting of a greater population than Albany and furnishing only crossroads hostelry accommodations; we trust that there may be found a few live ones who realize that census supremacy can not be maintained without doing something to make pleasant the visit of those who may anticipate becoming residents of the sleepy college city, which may sleep itself but gives no opportunity to others to sleep with it. It is very aggravating to find no place to sleep in a sleepy city.

SHAMELESS FLOWER THIEVES.

Perhaps they didn't know it, but the lawlessness, presumably of some smart young boys, deprived a number of residents of the city of the pleasure that would follow receipt of bouquets of hyacinths. Mrs. Catharyn Bader had a fine bed of the flowers. She had made up a list of friends who were to receive bouquets Easter morning. When she went to pluck them she found that during the night every flower had been stolen. Aside from the value of the flowers, the thieves took from Mrs. Bader the pleasure of giving the flowers to her friends and they took from Mrs. Bader's friends the joy that would have come from her act of love and thoughtfulness. The thieves not only stole the property of another, but they stole that which money can not give—the pleasure of giving and the pleasure of receiving. A meaner thief than that can hardly be imagined, and yet there are many shameless young people in this community who think such actions are smart. Others have gone to the penitentiary for less and these thieves have shown a spirit of lawlessness which may some time crop out in a manner to land them where they belong.

WHERE'S THE NOISE GONE?

The city government is taking the lead in public improvement. Never in any year in the history of the city has any city council started so much work that will make for a better and prettier city. Let the citizens fall in line. A paved street bordered with debris and old boxes is a disgrace to any city which has ambitions for a place in the sun. If we are going to leave unsightly heaps along the sides of our streets we might as well stick to the mud. If we want a city beautiful, if we want paved streets, sidewalks of cement, good schools, an unequalled water supply, each one of us should do his little part. Some of those who were not long ago making a noise for a more progressive and energetic conduct of city government might well put into practice in cleaning up private premises some of the things the city government was criticized for not doing.

Portland, the city of roses, is to be the scene of the third annual International Mining congress on April 5 and the four following days. An excellent program is promised, and, what is more important, a representative attendance of mining men from the northwest is assured. This convention is one of the best because it gives an opportunity for Canadians and Americans to foregather in neighborly fashion. The first meeting was held at Vancouver in 1919, and it was well supported by the mining people of Seattle and Spokane; the second meeting was at Seattle last year, and Vancouver sent a large delegation; this year it is to be at Portland, and we are informed that the Vancouver and Seattle folk will attend in force. We like the northwestern conventions because they bring together the men of Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho and western Montana, representing a co-operation of the English speaking peoples that is of good augury for peaceful industry and the safe guarding of our civilization from the intolerable menaces of war. We advise our readers to make an effort to go to the convention at Portland, believing that they will find it worth while.—Mining Journal.

A Tennessee man and woman have lived together twenty years and during that time have spoken to each other only twice. Apparently there are yet a few happy marriages.

A Chicago bachelor is trying to figure out what would happen if he owned heaven and had a wife. The chances are that if his wife was a Chicago girl he would get the other place too.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The man who doesn't believe in luck is lucky.

Good cooks do not need to wait for leap year.

The wise guy who knows it all seldom demonstrates.

It's a hard thing to give some people the credit they deserve.

Evolution—when an automobile turns turtle and becomes a mess of junk.

To do something worth while is often the cheapest kind of pleasure.

Some men's idea of being a leading politician is to head the band wagon.

Being good to your wife does not merely consist in not being mean to her.

The longer you wait the more effort required to catch up and the harder to start.

It's all right to hope for something that you couldn't get even by hustling for it.

Isn't it funny that when a man is going to the devil they call him a good fellow?

More of us might be our brother's keeper, but our brother won't have it that way.

We men have to be bad, otherwise our wives could get no credit for reforming us.

A person who swallows everything he hears is unmercifully abusing his digestive system.

It's easy to withstand temptation which invites us to do something we do not care to do.

It's a hard job for a small man to make a bluff go, but often that's the only chance he has.

You seldom get anything that you don't pay for some time or another in one way or another.

A subscriber wants to know where Hars go to. Well, a lot of them haven't got there yet.

Luck will always be against you if you give up the moment it appears that luck is against you.

The man with a swelled head fails to appreciate the advice that "there's lots of room at the top."

It's a good thing that we do not found our faith in mankind on the promises made by office-seekers.

The less a man has in his head the easier a little "hot air" properly applied will cause it to expand.

There are some people so particular about their associates that they never try to get acquainted with them.

A woman went after her husband with a couple sticks of dynamite. Some "blowing up" she had in store for him.

Sometimes a man claims credit for having keen judgment because of leaving a knotty problem to his wife to decide.

There is not an occasion where vulgar language if of any value, but there are lots of times when it gets you in bad.

A wise financier says "money making is a disease." That must be the reason the newspapermen are such a healthy bunch.

An exchange tells of a rare old book being found where it had been thrown out with the rubbish. Well, lots of books belong there.

Rockefeller says he has always been the servant of the people. He seems to have "knocked down" quite a bit of his employers' money.

If unfilled promises were grounds for impeachment, a lot of other aspirants would have opportunities to make promises they couldn't keep.

A rose by any other name might smell as sweet, but they do say a Swede by any other name could not be elected to office in Minnesota.

Coming right down to brass tacks, the man who can't see any good in the other fellow's side of a proposition is too prejudiced to make a good citizen.

The remains of a man thought to be 3,000,000 years old have been found. Wonder if he died of starvation waiting for his wife to get ready for the opera?

Good roads advocates say that highways that are well paved draw trade—which may account for the heavy traffic on the road paved with good intentions.

A lobster famine is reported from the east. The report is a little vague, however, in that it does not state whether or not the edible variety is referred to.

How often a girl mistakes for beautiful love a hideous, misshapen passion that sooner or later grasps her in its cruel, slimy tentacles and drags her down to hell.

Every city wants nice streets and pretty parks, but they never get nice enough or pretty enough so that they are proper places for young people to spend their evenings.

The modern woman who spends thousands of dollars yearly on wearing apparel isn't much like the first member of her sex, who didn't care a fig leaf for clothing.



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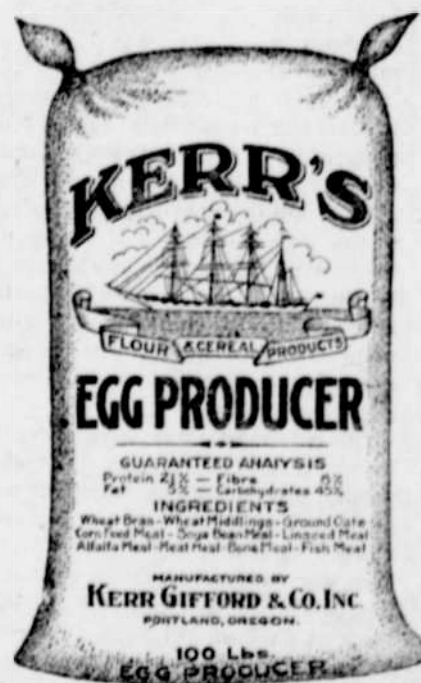
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