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SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENS.

It seems like something always happens just before the country goes to the demerit bow-wow.

Many have been worrying for fear labor and labor unions were going to carry things to such extremes that industrial warfare, accompanied by bloodshed, was to come.

Many have feared that the movie picture business was going to be carried to such extremes that the morals of the people of this great nation were to be wrecked.

We could feel the emergency brakes taking hold when we read that the American Federation of Labor repudiated the idea of "one big union," and will not join with the federated trades unions of Europe in fostering European ideas of class conflict.

We could hear the emergency brakes take another grip when we read that the Allied Amusement Industries of California had refused to permit films made by the leading character in a recent triangle murder affair shown in their theaters.

It is a mighty healthy sign when any organization starts cleaning its own house and the Federation of Labor has shown its Americanism in its recent action and the Allied Amusement Industries of California has shown its consideration for the welfare of the morals of the people in their action and we think both organizations have acted wisely for their own interests, for the public has certain rights about which it sometimes becomes touchy when flagrant disregard of those rights thoroughly arouses that public.

KEEP ON THE JOB.

Most of those who doubted that it would be possible to organize a chamber of commerce here which would get action upon the various things upon which they would like to see action, are rapidly being convinced that the reorganized chamber really is going to do things. Some few, of course, will not be convinced when half of the first program of work is an accomplished fact. Preparations for putting over a real program of work are going merrily forward despite any doleful predictions and ere another week has passed the program of activ-



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ities for the immediate future actually will be outlined and committees will be at work. The interest being displayed by members of the organization is indicated by the fact that nearly every member cast his or her ballot in the primary nominating election. The interest being taken is further indicated by the fact that those who got the larger votes were those who have taken an active part in the reorganization of the chamber or who have in the past made reputations as go-getters. Wealth or position cut little figure. The voters evidently wished to put up as their nominees those most likely to get results, regardless of station in life.

Among the 18 nominees there is not one who may not be reasonably expected to make good and capable director, yet undoubtedly some stand out because of past achievements and because of past activity in public and civic affairs. The extent to which the work of the chamber is to be successful depends to a large extent upon which nine of the 18 candidates are selected in the election which is to be concluded next Tuesday. Each member of the chamber who has made a vote that the chamber is to be a real influence in the community life and that it is to lead in all civic affairs, owes it to himself and to the community to use great care in the selection of nine most likely to use best business judgment in the administration of the affairs of the chamber, most likely to have the gift of forcing any activity through to a successful conclusion when once made a definite piece of work and best able to get the undivided support of the membership in conducting the program of work and in carrying on the activities of the chamber. We should have none of the lagging interest that characterizes city, county, state and national elections, for this is a matter in which every member of the chamber has a personal, vital interest.

ADAMS IS CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL ROAD POSITION

Washington, D. C., June 27.—The name of E. J. Adams, of Eugene, now serving as secretary to Senator Stanfield, is being mentioned here in connection with appointment as commissioner on the federal road commission provided for in the Townsend roads bill now before Congress.

Recent developments make it appear that when Mr. Adams, who had previously held state office in Oregon, came east with Senator Stanfield it was with the understanding that it was only a temporary arrangement and that Mr. Adams was to get a better federal job.

Mr. Adams was making a financial sacrifice in coming east as secretary to Senator Stanfield, it is now said, and consented to come only with the understanding that Mrs. Adams was to be put on the senate payroll as a clerk in Senator Stanfield's office. Mrs. Adams is on the rolls with her husband but performs no service. Their combined salaries amount to about \$2500.

As soon as he reached Washington Mr. Adams interested himself in an amendment to the federal roads bill which provided that the taxes raised on automobiles and accessories by the government should be put into one fund and used only for federal aid to building of state highways.

This tax now amounts to about \$125,000,000 annually and is increasing yearly. This would give more money for road work than the \$100,000,000 congress has recently been giving annually for roads. Mr. Adams claimed that the automobilists would not begrudge paying the taxes when it was understood the money obtained was to be used on road construction only.

After this amendment was prepared it was introduced in the senate by Senator Stanfield as an amendment to the Townsend bill. Mr. Adams, who was a member of the Oregon highway commission before coming to Washington, urged adoption of the Stanfield amendment at a hearing before the Senate postoffice and post roads committee and was a regular attendant at the committee's hearings on this bill.

If the Townsend bill passes, as feared—and it is expected it will—Mr. Adams will be urged for appointment as one of the federal road commissioners at \$10,000 a year, provided in the bill, it is understood.

THINGS WE THINK

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

It is never too late to do a kindness.

A centipede is seldom on its last legs.

It's a preacher's business to make good.

Work is the greatest cure there is for sin.

When fat men get into an argument there is likely to be a fight among the greasers.

A jewel of a wife is a valuable asset to any man.

The nearer to the truth a lie is the more it hurts.

Folks who live in flats keep a sharp lookout for one another.

The greatest spendthrift is he who wastes his opportunities.

The bigger a man is the smaller he feels when come up with.

Do not try to pick your political plums before they are ripe.

The man and the woman he married for her money are soon parted.

A man doesn't amount to much when there is a new baby boy in the house.

If all the water were squeezed out of stocks, some corporations would be put "in soak."

Sometimes a fellow takes a tumble to himself and discovers where he has "fallen down."

It is well to be discerning—but don't notice the dark side of things any of tenor than necessary.

A book agent will tell you you are too smart to be fooled and then go ahead and prove himself a liar.

Disease cannot enter where sunshine is. Keep the clouds out of your heart and ill health will pass you by.

The man who always knows how a thing should be done is seldom the man who has learned from experience.

No candidate was ever defeated for office but that he discovered all of a sudden like that it was better for him.

Public sentiment can raise a man to the highest pinnacle of fame in a day and cast him off his high perch in a second.

Many a man who can't paddle his own canoe thinks he is qualified to furnish the motive power for the ship of state.

Why not predict something pleasant just as well as something doleful. It's just as easy—and just as likely to come true.

A woman in Mexico was recently sentenced to be silent for six months. Such cruelty seems like a relic of a barbaric age.

Gall isn't reputed to be a very delectable article of food, but just the same that's all that keeps some folks from starving.

When in doubt as to whether to say something that won't do you any particular good, you won't lose anything by not saying it.

Developing the brain is said to make weak bodies. If this is true there should be a tremendous number of physically perfect people.

Maybe the postmaster general wants to raise the rates on second class matter so as to have some change to put in the postal savings bank.

The man who is so constituted that you would be willing to do most any kind of a favor for him is the one who seems to need help the least.

This is a raising generation: The farmer raises the crop, the wholesaler and retailer raise the price and the ultimate consumer raises the coin.

When a young couple goes to live with the bride's parents, it is a pretty sure sign that it would have been better to have postponed the nuptials.

A country editor wrote of Chicago's uniformed police. The intelligent compositor set it up "uninformed," which probably described them just as well.

It is proposed to place a giant statue of the American Indian at the entrance to New York harbor. A cigar stand privilege to go with it would probably be well paid for.

If there's anything that disappoints a person it is to shake hands with a bright looking person and be handed a slipper with less life in it than in the tail of a shredded codfish.

Environment doesn't have as much effect as some folks try to make us believe. The obdurate onion planted among roses is entirely uninfluenced by the sweet companionship.

A daily speaks of a mother applying the slipper at the most available point. Evidently the writer must have escaped in early life a whole lot of what he had coming to him. Otherwise he'd have known that under a healthy application of the slipper at properly interspersed intervals "the most available point" gets pretty well ironed out.

After Adam has been condemned for centuries as the one who ate the apple and brought all the troubles upon following generations, along comes a professor of Assyriology with an alibi and conclusive proof that Noah, the hero of the flood, was really the guilty one. We won't fuss about who ate the apple if the professor will tell us who got the corns.

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