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WHY TRADE AT HOME

Many people ask that question, but
very few trouble to seek the answer.
Why should people patronize their
home merchants?

Because it is a great saving of
time, and time today represents
money.

Because the home merchants can
only remain in business through the
patronage of home people, and a
town without merchants would be a
sorry place in which to live.

Because the home merchant sells
goods that do not have to be returned
because of defects or inferiority of
quality. It is the only way in which
a local man can hold his trade.

Because the local merchant is not
in the habit of charging excessive
prices. You may at times be able to
get the same article elsewhere for a
little less money, but the quality will
inevitably be reduced in proportion
to the price. The local merchant can
not afford to sell "cheap" stuff. His
customers would not tolerate it.

Because the prosperity of a com-
munity depends upon the amount of
money in circulation in the commu-
nity, and that is regulated mainly by
the marketing of surplus products
abroad and the keeping of as much as
possible of the receipts at home.

Because a community that spends
most of its money abroad for sup-
plies soon finds that it has but little
left for the purchase of additional
supplies.

It is so simple a child could under-
stand it, and what a child can com-
prehend should not go unheeded by
adults.

Thinking may accomplish much
good. It certainly will do no harm.

CURE THE "HOP HEAD"

There is a great deal of merit in
the suggestion of the city health of-
ficer that the city establish a munici-
pal narcotics dispensary for the dis-
tribution of habit-forming drugs to
addicts.

Distasteful as it may appear at first
glance, in the final analysis it offers
a practical method by which thou-
sands of addicts may be ultimately
freed from the curse with which they
are afflicted.

Ask any responsible and conscien-
tious physician. He will tell you that
conditions are now worse than ever
before. Even Lents, situated as it is
on the outskirts of the city, is not
without its quota. For these unfor-
tunate men and women no relief is in
sight. They are condemned to years
of suffering. Fast in the chains of a
terrible habit which they alone and
unaided cannot combat, all they can
do is to seek day after day for enough
of the drug which destroyed their
powers of mental resistance to allevi-
ate the acute suffering.

Unable to find the dope he craves,
the drug habitue is a constant men-
ace to society. There is nothing,
however base or ignoble, which he
will not do to find relief. The offices
of many physicians, as well as drug
stores, have been burglarized time
and again. Your doctor will tell you
that they come to him and even kiss
his shoes in their entreaties for help.
With the average practitioner who
has rested with his own conscience as
to what he should do in the worst
cases. The general disposition seems
to be to give the addict who is des-
perate and a menace to society just
enough opiate to tide him over, and
entirely without any charge therefor.

We long ago recognized the neces-
sity of quarantining those afflicted
with social and contagious diseases.
The poor victim of drugs is left to
his own devices. Every addict is a
source of constant danger, for it is an
undisputed fact that for some reason
or another he takes a delight in pro-
curing others to contract the habit.
Dr. Parrish's suggestion is worthy
of serious consideration. It seems to
offer a practical solution of a prob-
lem which even the federal govern-
ment has been unable to solve.

TROT OUT DAWES AGAIN

The United States Shipping Board
has come about as near to giving
something for nothing as it is human-
ly possible to do and yet escape—
and that, too, on a mammoth scale.

The board recently contracted to
sell two hundred and five wooden
ships for \$430,000. These ships were
built during the war at a cost to the
government of about \$1,000,000,000.

The shipping board might as well
have given them away. The junk in
them is worth more than the price
received for them, although the ships
are said to be in good condition.

Sombody made a mint of money
when these ships were built at gov-
ernment expense, and somebody else
will probably make another mint
through their "sale."

The benevolent taxpayer foots the
bill. Four hundred and thirty thousand
dollars for ships that cost a thousand
millions of dollars, more than two
thousand times as the price received
for them.

How long would a private business
enterprise survive if managed in
such a loose manner?

President Harding turned General
Dawes loose on the governmental de-
partments in Washington. No doubt
the dignified department heads and
bureau chief wriggled and fussed and
fumed, but Dawes is an artistic cus-
ser himself and he knows how to wield
a pruning knife. The result was a

saving to the taxpayers of millions
upon millions of dollars.

General Dawes is still alive and in
vigorous health.

He should be turned loose again—
this time upon that expensive white
elephant known as the shipping
board.

It needs pruning, it needs carving.
It needs to be dissected and put out
of business entirely. It is too expen-
sive a luxury for even the richest na-
tion on earth.

The cussing general polished off
the Washington bureaucrats to a fin-
ish, a task which has never been ac-
complished heretofore.

If any man can create something
out of nothing, we believe General
Dawes can do it.

And the shipping board, from the
standpoint of an asset, comes about
as near to being nothing as anything
we know of.

Trot Dawes out again.
Give him a knife and turn him
loose.

The greater the rampage the bet-
ter it will be for the overburdened
taxpayers.

GAS AND SUBS

The disarmament conference to be
held in Washington in November may
result in the limitation of armaments
and the reduction of standing armies.
If it accomplishes no more than these
two things it will justify its exist-
ence.

But for the sake of humanity it
should do more. It should put an end
to submarine and gas warfare.

The whole world knows the horrors
of submarine warfare—how even
helpless women and children have
fallen victims to the horns of the
deep. Civilization has been set back
a hundred years by their use.

The man who shoots another in the
back is called a coward. The subma-
rine is no better. It strikes in the
dark and murders whole shiploads
who have no means of striking back.

The use of gas is another evidence
of the degeneration of mankind.

In other days savage Indians
burned their prisoners at the stake.
They did not burn women and child-
ren.

The use of gas in warfare comes
dangerously near to being on a par
with burning at the stake. Its full
horrors are known only to those who
have suffered its agony.

Since the close of the world war
gases have been produced that will
exterminate whole armies. If we
have another great war this will mean
the wholesale destruction of a great
proportion of the male population of
the earth. It will also mean that en-
tire cities will be depopulated—non-
combatants and innocent women and
children falling victims to its deadly
fumes. Such attacks will come from
the air. The temptation to annihilate
will be too great for an enemy to
withstand.

Gases and submarines should be
outlawed among the nations of the
earth.

The Washington conference is an
opportune time for such action.
Civilization requires it and human-
ity demands it.

AUTOMOBILE TAXATION

When certain well meaning people
discuss means for augmenting the
federal revenue they suggest adding
another tax on the automobile.

They go on the theory that if a
man has money enough to own a car
he can afford to pay an additional tax
for the pleasure of its use, apparently
giving no thought to the fact that
the car owner is already paying heav-
ily for that privilege.

When the assessor comes around
he lists a man's automobile as a part
of his property, upon which taxes are
paid.

He pays an annual license fee to
the state and to the city in which he
lives. It is true, however, that in
some of the smaller towns no city li-
cense is required.

He pays an excessive price for the
gas and oil which he uses, and in
some states one cent a gallon of the
cost of gas goes into the tax fund.
This simply adds a cent to the price
of gas.

There are many excellent automo-
bile repair men, but the country is
overrun with a lot of sharks who
know about as much of the mechan-
ism of a car as a doctor does about
shoeing a horse. The car owner does
n't find these birds out until they put
his car on the "blink" and they have
to have the work done over again.

The law affords him no protection
against these sharks, unless he takes
the matter into court in the way of
a civil suit.

If a pedestrian or a child suddenly
steps in front of a moving car with-
out warning and is injured thereby it
is always the driver who is at fault
and who pays the bill. Public senti-
ment never concedes that it is possi-
ble for him to be in the right.

The automobile is in greater use
today than the horse and buggy, and
motor vehicles are rapidly displacing
the wagon in commercial use.

We hear no crying demand for
placing a special tax on wagons and
buggies, or horses or mules.

And yet periodically some excellent

citizen arises and demands that the
motorist be soaked again.

The car owner has been well
plucked as it is.

He should not be pared to the bone.

ANOTHER GOUGE.

Warning has been sounded in the
United States senate that the coal
barons are pulling the wires prepara-
tory to another holdup in the price of
coal the coming winter.

It is not surprising.
On the contrary, it is quite to be
expected.

Officialdom has boasted loudly and
long of dire punishments to be in-
flicted upon gougers. In fact, there
has been so much of blowing and
bunk there has been no room left for
action.

Coal barons know this. They have
profited from it in the past, and they
expect to do so in the future.

The public has been milked so often
and so successfully the barons can
not conceive of the possibility of a
kick that would upset the bucket.

A United States senator has given
the public a timely warning of the
scheme.

It is up to some one to thwart it.
We have an attorney general of the
United States.

We have district attorneys all over
the United States.

We have a law that deals with
highway and wholesale robbery, whe-
ther it be at the point of a gun or by
the pulling of secret wires by unlaw-
ful combinations of plutocrats.

We have jails that will hold even a
plutocratic gouger—if some one doesn't
turn the key.

Why should we be robbed again this
winter?

A LINE OF COMMENT

Good advice: Follow your own ad-
vice.

The man who knows all things is
not poor. He is rich in conceit.

That which is forbidden is often
the first to be done.

Nothing holds its own quite like
the bald spot on the dome of a man's
head.

Men are in a receptive mood when
they want public office, and often in
a deceptive one after they get it.

When a fellow tells a lie he gener-
ally has to tell another one to tone
down the effect of the first one.

The easiest thing in this world to
make is a promise, and it often the
hardest to fulfill.

A pretty woman may know she is
pretty, but often it is the druggist
who knows the secret of how it is
done.

People often make light of "star
gazers," but if it were not for some
of them we wouldn't know much
about astronomy.

Marshall Poch intends to visit the
United States in November. That
ought to be a fitting time, as be-
tween seasons the great American
thirst is not so all-consuming.

Multi-millionaires are becoming too
much of a multiplicity in this coun-
try. We will have to use greater dis-
cretion in this rapid accumulation of
wealth, or there will be no poor men
left to do the work.

Mr. Harding says we should look
first to the interests of our own
country. That is good advice, and his
first act should be to purge the busi-
ness world of the thieves and rascals
who are converting the word "busi-
ness" into a term of reproach.

A scientist arises to report the dis-
covery that the earth is 360,000,000-
000,000,000 miles from the center of
the universe. Happily, however, that
fact will not effect the number of
eggs your pet hen will lay in the run
of a season.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Circuit Court of the State of
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nomah, Probate Department.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Carolina Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the
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and testament of Carolina Johnson,
deceased, has filed his final account as
such, in the above entitled court, and
that Monday, Sept. 19, 1921, at the
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court room of said court has been
fixed by the court as the time and
place for hearing objections to said
account and the discharge of said ex-
ecutor.

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