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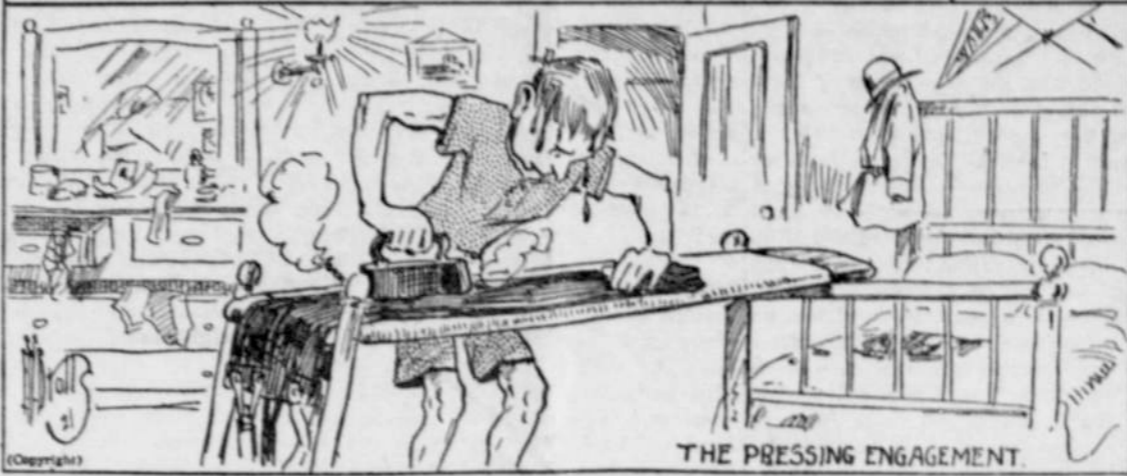
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### STRIKING A BARGAIN

A suggestion that American spokesmen in the limitation of armaments conference be authorized to cancel the indebtedness of France, England and Italy in return for agreements by those countries to disarm, was advanced in a letter to President Harding the other day by its author, J. A. H. Hopkins, executive chairman of the Committee of 48. Mr. Hopkins advised submitting to the three powers in the form of an "ultimatum" the following statement:

"We will not cancel your indebtedness gratis, nor are we content to postpone longer the payment of the overdue interest. But if you and the Japanese delegates will agree to disarm or agree to a uniform and progressive ratio of disarmament, America will join with you in so doing, and will cancel or reduce your indebtedness to the American people to the same extent and in the same ratio. There is, however, no other way in which the American people will consent either to cancel or reduce your financial obligations."

If there is to be cancellation of the Allied debts the Hopkins demand is the least that the country should be content with. It is evident that the present postponement of interest payments is permitting Europe to spend immense sums on armaments which not merely endanger the peace of the world but keep hundreds of thousands of able-bodied men out of productive enterprise. Our own interests and the world's well-being will be served in demanding European disarmament as an offset in this matter of cancelling debts.

Some of our worst citizens are very strict in their observance of the Sabbath day. They are in jail.

An honest effort that ends in failure is better than no effort at all. It supplies the experience that paves the way to future success.

When we hear a fellow boasting that he never changes his mind we quite agree with him. It is difficult to change something that does not exist.

It is useless to expect the people to do their Christmas buying early unless the merchants do their holiday advertising early. Smoke a pipe full of wisdom, gentlemen.

### HE BETRAYED HIS TRUST

(Jerry Owen in Oregon Voter)

He held a nation in his hand With the thrall of the funster's art, And no man ever before had reached So close to a nation's heart;

Custodian he of a people's joy, Grand Guardian of the Laugh; Prime Minister of the Lighter Vein With the whole land on his staff.

But the children's idol betrayed his trust;

His feet were wrought of clay, And honor and faith and worshippers Are vanished in a day, Down in the miasmatic depths Of sin and sorrow and shame Has sunk the soul of the man we loved, And a fair and joyous name.

And we shall never laugh again At the antics of our friend; Sadly we strip his cap and bells, His reign is at an end; We blot his name from the Golden Book,

Where it stood first before, And turn his face to the shrine's bare wall, And softly close the door.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

Many a self made man is tailor made as well.

The man who is true to himself is never a traitor to others.

Every procession has a head and a tail. Where do you march?

Perhaps some people prefer to be miserable because time doesn't fly so rapidly.

Don't worry over the troubles of tomorrow. It's the successes of today that count.

Many people are blessed with good dispositions and cursed with an inability to retain them.

There is only one thing that prevents the average wife from saving money. She can't save what she doesn't get.

Some people never take their wives out to dine in public. But possibly they don't want to suffer from the comparison.

Two swallows don't make one summer, but three or four swallows make a man think twice before he speaks hastily.—Exchange.

Some people are always preaching about the wickedness of this world. But perhaps the subject is too enticing for them to see the better side.

If the coming winter proves to be as severe as has been predicted we are in danger of losing our crop of coal barons. They will all become princes.

Fossler sells groceries.

### SILENCE IS GOLDEN

A stolid, blank-looking Indian sat in the federal court room to be arraigned for bootlegging. His case was called. The marshal told him to stand up, but he only stared, apparently not comprehending. The marshal motioned him to rise. He stood.

"What is your name?" the Judge asked. No reply.

"Have you an attorney?" Only a helpless stare from the Indian.

"Can you understand English?" queried the Judge.

Blank silence on the part of the prisoner.

"Mr. Attorney, what is the man charged with?" asked the Judge. The district attorney stated the case.

"It seems to me," said the Judge, "that this is a very trivial case. The poor man doesn't seem to understand a word of English. He probably has no understanding that he has done wrong. Mr. Attorney, just enter a nolle prosequi (elect not to prosecute) in this case."

The Indian was told he could go, but stood staring and motionless. The marshal, with a gesture, ordered him to sit down. He obeyed, and stayed throughout the long afternoon session of court. In one case the charge was similar to his own.

Scott Miller, a noted local lawyer, was defending. Miller entered a plea of guilty for his client, and then made an impassioned plea for mercy. His pathos would have moved a marble statue to tears. He represented long and earnestly the wonderful virtues and manifold kindnesses of his client. When he sat down, the judge said: "Five years in the penitentiary." Court adjourned, and as the crowd passed out the Indian followed. He walked down the steps behind Miller. Suddenly he leaned over and whispered in the attorney's ear: "White man talk too d--n much."

### NO HOLE

In a case that was recently tried in a Toledo, Ohio, court, a number of the witnesses had testified that there was a hole in a certain road. It was, therefore, with some surprise that counsel found that the next witness, a very literal-minded farmer, upon whom they depended to establish their case, swore that there was no hole in said road.

When counsel had recovered from their astonishment, they sought to elicit from this witness some explanation of his unexpected reply. What they eventually got was this:

"There wasn't no hole in that road. Here's my hat—look at it. If I push my hand into the top of it without pushing it through, it don't make no hole. It makes a dent. That's what was in the road—a dent, just a plain, ordinary dent."

### COMING EVENTS

Linn County Fair, Albany, October 3 to 8.  
Wasco County Fair, The Dalles, October 4 to 7.  
Polk County Fair, Dallas, October 6 to 8.  
Royal Arcanum, grand council, Portland, October 13.  
Knights Templar, grand commandery, La Grande, October 13.  
National Grange meeting, Portland, November 8-12.  
Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland, November 25, 26.

Our idea of a successful politician is one who is able to fool us into voting for him a second time.

## HER LIFE AN INSPIRATION

Difficulties Overcome by Helen Keller Should Shame Any One From Discouragement.

Mark Twain once said, "The two most interesting characters of the Nineteenth century are Napoleon and Helen Keller." Helen Keller, the Detroit News recalls, was a normal child until 19 months old. At that time a serious illness left her blind, deaf and dumb. Even during these early years in the dark she learned many things through the sense of touch. Her chief playmates were a little colored girl and an old setter dog.

She was nearly seven years old when a teacher was found to undertake what seemed an impossible task. This teacher, Miss Anne Sullivan, began at once to talk into her little pupil's hand with her fingers. The first word Miss Sullivan spelled into her hand was "doll"; the next word was "cake." The words were quickly spelled back, even before the little girl knew what they meant. Very soon, however, the spelled words with the hand language were connected with a real doll and real cake. Within a month she knew thirty words and could talk them back with her fingers.

As soon as she grasped the thought that all objects have names she learned very fast. Within three months her vocabulary had increased to about 300 words, and within a year to 800 words. She is now a noted writer and lecturer.

### Indian Name Restored.

The United States geological board has restored the ancient Indian name to the Cataract canyon and creek in Grand Canyon National park. This is Havasu, the Sky-blue Water.

Havasu canyon, in the western section of Grand Canyon National park, is destined within a few years to become one of the scenic points, which visitors to the national park will desire to see. In its depth there is a primitive Indian tribe living. They are the Havasupai, the people of the Sky-blue Waters.

Less than 200 Indians live in this blooming garden where old fig orchards yield enormous crops and corn grows 10 feet high. The tribe has just held its own for many generations.

An habitual offender in the person of an old colored woman was before the police judge.

"Why, hello, Mary," said the judge. "What are you here again for?" "Oh," replied Mary. "Jest fragraney, Judge, jest fragraney."

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