NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM ALL PARTS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MEADOWBROOK

Quite a number of the parents and friends came out Friday to hear the Hallowe'en program at the school house. The program was very interesting as the Hallowe'en scheme was carried out in most of it, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations, and after the program they had two guessing games for all, Mrs. R. L. Orem winning in the first and Miss Mabel Chindgren in the second. Before they started home refreshments were served.

Miss Mabel Chindgren spent a few days visiting friends and attending church at Colton last week.

We are sorry to hear the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shepherd is very sick.

Hazel and Glenn Larkins spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends at Maple Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chindgren, daughters Vivian and Laura Marie, attended church at Colton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerns and family spent Sunday at R. L. Orems.

Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

BARLOW

A literary society has been organized with the following officers: President, Judge Jesse; Vice-President, Clarence Landsverk; Secretary, Miss Lewis; Treasurer, Miss Chinn; Doorkeeper, Oley Slatager. The first debate was held Monday night. The subject was, "Resolved, that water is more destructive than fire." The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Regular meetings will be held twice a month on Friday evening. The next meeting being Friday, Nov. 14, at 7:30. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Seebly, of Oklahoma, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter, where they will remain indefinitely as they have no desire of returning to Oklahoma, as they prefer the Oregon rain to no rain at all.

A Hallowe'en party was given Leona Parmenter Friday evening, when her friends turned out in the storm and spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. Seebly dressed up as a big pumpkin and Mrs. Seebly and Mrs. Leila Permenter dressed as ghosts and amused the young folks to their hearts delight. A lunch was served in a regular Hallowe'en style, by filling small pumpkins with ginger cake, fruit, candy and nuts placed at each plate. At a late hour the guests departed with the thought, "We have had the best time of our lives."

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and son, Elmer, returned home from Iowa Saturday morning. They left Sioux City in a snow storm, and it was very cold. They are thankful they live in Oregon where the roses are blooming and gardens green. They met many old friends and enjoyed the visit and trip. Mr. Irwin's mother came home with him and will reside near him.

J. A. Andrews has sold his home place.

Mr. Jerald, who relieved Mr. Irwin of the station work, left Saturday afternoon for Portland. Mr. Irwin resuming his duties again.

Cause of Insomnia.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach and constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers. (Adv.)

EAST CLACKAMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Daywalt have gone to California to spend the winter on account of Mrs. Daywalt's health.

School is progressing nicely with Miss Barns, of Lents, as teacher.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Daue Thursday evening. The couple having been married but a short time. The house was built by Mr. Ed Hettman this summer, and is one of the most convenient and modern in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Henrich, of Stone, called on Mr. and Mrs. G. Haberlach on Sunday.

Floyd William of Lents has returned and intends trying farming again.

HAZELIA.

The rain has put a stop to potato digging for a few days, but farmers are hoping to get them out soon.

Miss Lucile Duncan spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson from Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. Helms.

Master Willie Wanker is very sick with pneumonia.

Fred Lehman and family spent the weekend at Tigard with Jim Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wanker are the proud parents of an eight and one-half pound baby girl, born Nov. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastman were pleasant callers at the Bantz home Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Wilson was a luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker Saturday evening. He also stayed over night there, after church services.

Miss Nina Wanker is working for Mrs. R. Wanker.

Miss Ethel Thompson, from Oswego, spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Baker.

Little Glenola Wanker is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Worthington were Portland visitors Tuesday.

Miss Lulu Wanker, Harold Baker and Max McMan, were guests of the Misses Nina, Gladys and Mabel Wanker Sunday evening.

It rained too much at Hazelia for many Hallowe'en pranks.

Mrs. C. C. Borland was taken by surprise Saturday evening when her brother, whom she had not seen for 10 years, came in. She had mourned him as dead for some time.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

"Don't sit in a draughty car."
"Don't sleep in hot rooms."
"Don't avoid the fresh air."
"Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Overeating reduces your resistance."

To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers. (Adv.)

CANBY.

The city council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, the most important business to come before the council was to make the tax levy for the city for the coming year. On account of the large amount of street improvements that must be made this year it was decided to levy 7½ mills, as was levied last year. The ordinance passed its first reading and was ordered published. The council decided that all the cross walks on First street should be of cement and whenever the property owners laid cement walks these walks were to be connected up with cement cross walks instead of wooden crossing as the city has laid in the past. C and D streets are to be surfaced off and smoothed up and Third Street is to be graded for three blocks so that the property owners can put in cement curbs.

An extention of three weeks was given all property owners who were ordered to lay side walks, as the mill where a large part of the lumber was ordered was burned and a sufficient supply has not been secured to complete them all, from other places as yet.

There were a number of plans before the council for the establishment of an adequate police force, giving the city night protection, as well as protection in the day time. There is not sufficient money in the treasury at this time to hire a night watchman and so the matter was put over until the December meeting.

P. H. Palmer, of the Sandburn Map Company, of San Francisco, is in the city making a new fire map for the fire insurance companies.

The stockholders of the Canby Canning Company met Saturday afternoon to elect directors for the coming year and to consider ways and means whereby the cannery might be started this coming summer. The building was built several years ago when the corporation was organized and some machinery was purchased at that time, but not enough to run the plant.

About three-fourths of the stockholders of the company were present and Messrs. Frank Kraxberger, W. H. Bair, Waite, Mathews and Summers were elected as directors and were ordered to ascertain how much new machinery was required to start the plant and how much money would be needed. It is planed to raise about $1500 amoung the stockholders so that the company may commence operations in the spring.

James and Tillie Mahlum entertained about forty of there friends at a Hallowe'en party at their home east of Canby Saturday night. The rooms were decorated with autumn leaves, black and yellow paper cats and the traditional goblins. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Florence Spencer, who has been acting as telephone girl at the Mutual Exchange for the past month returned to her home in Portland on Monday.

STAFFORD.

We still continue to have sunshine and rain, but not enough of the latter to retard work very much. We speak of the weather every week especially for the information of some of the less favored subscribers in other parts of the state, and adjoining states, where they are fast freezing up or being washed away. It rained hard on the night of Hallowe'en, therefore but few of the gnomes and spirits risked wetting their gossimer wings, to cut up pranks.

Mrs. Bockman is not as well as she has dizzy spells when she can not help herself or work alone. She visited with her son last week and returned to her daughter's on Sunday.

Claus Peters, with a force of men, finished digging his potatoes on Tuesday night and had 700 sacks.

Mrs. Aerni was very sick last week but better at the present writing.

The Ellegsen Brothers have a brother and a nephew from Canada visiting them.

Mrs. Zack Ellegsen, and Mrs. Gage drove up on 12th and Taylor St., Oregon City last Thursday to visit Mrs. Prindle and daughter, whose son and brother, Merrit Prindle, was killed in a logging camp on October 13th.

Tuesday being election day many took occasion to vote, then go to a friends for a visit, and try to convince themselves and the other one that each had voted right. We hope they did, and a few days of suspense now will tell the story.

Mrs. George Aden was called to California by the serious illness of her father, the Rev. Mr. Waette, former pastor of the German Baptist church of this place, and with a brother and three sisters started for his bedside on last Thursday. His friends all hope to hear he is better.

No one has asked me to, but I would like to say a word in behalf of country telephone centrals. I did not know until recently and I take it others are just as ignorant, that if we do not pay up our long distance calls by the 10th of every month the operator has to take it out of her own pocket and pay it herself. The operators get small wages, ours receiving only $10 per month, until recently her salary has been raised to $15, but I happen to know that out of that pittance she has had to pay out at least one month, $13, and every month there is some to pay for those who do not pay up promptly. Some of us have ignorantly let it run on from month to month, but let's get busy now and pay our honest debts as no one likes to press a neighbor and beyond asking them to pay about the first of every month, she lets it go, and we do not realize we are helping to cripple our telephone service.

Mrs. Brink received the sad news that her youngest brother, who had suffered a stroke of paralysis was very dangerously ill, and not much hopes entertained of his recovery as he is a man about sixty years old.

A telegram, received Wednesday morning, conveys the sad intelligence that Mr. Waelitte died on Tuesday, the 4th.

Do You Fear Consumption?

No matter how chronic your cough or how severe your throat or lung ailment is, Dr. King's New Discovery will surely help you; it may save your life. Stillman Green, of Malichite, Col. writes: "Two doctors said I had consumption and could not live two years. I used Dr. King's New Discovery and am alive and well." Your money refunded if it fails to benefit you. The best home remedy for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Hubbard and Canby. (Adv.)

WILSONVILLE.

Mrs. Joe Thornton and Mrs. J. Peters were among Portland visitors on Saturday.

Emil Tauchman is able to be around among his friends again.

Aaron McConnell, Mr. Crisswell and Wm. Young have been serving as jurors at the county seat.

H. D. Say went to Oregon City on Monday.

R. W. Graham went to Portland on business on Wednesday.

Harold Say has been elected one of the members of the Newberg high school debating team.

H. D. Aden has been buying a splendid stock of Christmas goods.

A kitchen shower party was given to one of our most popular young ladies on Saturday evening, as she will soon become a bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ridder have returned from their trip to Central Oregon.

Mr. Chalupsky's beautiful home is nearing completion.

There will be services next Sunday evening at the M. E. Church, to which all are cordially invited.

The vote cast on Nov. 4th, was not a very heavy one in this precinct. The people of Wilsonville have to set out on a journey like the pilgrims of ancient times, in order to cast a ballot, because the voting place is such a distance from the village.

J. W. Graham has been hunting for a cow and heifer which strayed away about a week ago, from his ranch, but has not been able to locate them.

Geo. Batalgia, Jack Angus and Kenneth Stein were hosts to a large company of Wilsonville friends on Saturday night at the Angus farm. A delightful time was spent by the young folks, who enjoyed Hallowe'en games, until a late hour.

Mrs. Ben Tooze and daughter visited Mrs. Graham last week.

Prof. W. W. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Graham attended the Masonic ball in Portland on Hallowe'en, while their children, the Misses Helen and Virginia, and Master Wallace Graham attended a delightful party for little tots at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Chance, where everything was done for their enjoyment in regular Hallowe'en style.

Jake Peters has ordered a large supply of silver and cut glass for the Christmas trade.

The Hallowe'en social, given by the members of the Epworth League, in the basement of the church, was a very delightful affair. The witches who were Miss Mary Brobst, Mrs. H. D. Aden and Mrs. Hasselbrink, carried their parts through the evening to the intense delight of all present.

REDLAND.

Mr. Lumborg has sold his store to the Schwartz Brothers. They will put a general stock of goods in and will run a delivery wagon also.

The Hodge Brothers have sold their shingle mill.

Mr. Angle has sold his farm to Mr. Gold and Windslow.

The young people of school district No. 75 will organize a debating society Saturday evening, Nov. 8th. All are invited to attend.

It is understood the Redland Sunday School will get up a program and have a Christmas tree on Christmas.

A. M. Kirchen and R. Kerr have had fireplaces built in their houses.

Little Earnest Evison has had blood poisoning in his arm, but is now improving.

Kitty's Advantage.

"Love is like a kitten,' gurgled the sweet young thing. "It is born blind."

"Yes, but it only takes a kitten nine days to get its eyes opened," replied the utterly unfeeling brute.—Philadelphia Record.

JENNINGS LODGE.

The dancing party given by the young folks at the Batdorf hall on Wednesday evening last proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the season. An orchestra from Oregon City furnished the music for the dancers as they tripped the light fantastic in the beautifully decorated hall. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane were patrons and patronesses for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roberts asked in friends to make up seven tables of 500 on Thursday evening. The card honors falling to Miss Morse and Mr. George Ostrom and Shelby Shaver and Mrs. Jones receiving the consolation prizes. On behalf of the guests Mr. Ostrom presented the host and hostess with a beautiful set of china. Refreshments were served. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Painton, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. MacFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Losey, Mr. and Mrs. DeLong, Mr. and Mrs. George Ostrom, Mesdames Harry Robinson, Jennie Jones, Bess Bruechert, Bertha M. Hart, Misses Doris DeLong, Alice MacFarlane and Mable Morse, Messrs. Harry Hayles, Silas Scripture, Shelby Shaver and Donald MacFarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Stover entertained about thirty friends on Hallowe'en with a masquerade party. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Hallowe'en colors, and the refreshments were also in keeping with the time. A jolly time was had and after the guests unmasked, a dance was enjoyed. Mrs. Stover was assisted by Mrs. Guenther and Mrs. Stover, of Portland, in serving.

Hallowe'en this year has been looked forward to with as much pleasure almost as Christmas by the school children. Both Miss Campbell and Mrs. Altman had planned many ways to please and interest the children. The primary room was very prettily decorated with posters which had been made by the little folks. The jack-o'-lanterns were many of all sizes and expression of faces. After the drills and songs, Cocoa and cookies were served to the little folks. Miss Fernum assisting. Mrs. Altmans had many games and surprises in store for her pupils and owls, black cats, witches and pumpkins were used effectively about the rooms. In the peanut hunt Francis Sandstrom and Glenn Russell finding the most, were awarded prizes. Candle races and the peanut race was also enjoyed. Pumpkin pie, doughnuts, cider and nuts were served. A number of visitors enjoyed the festivities.

The committees for a Harvest Home social to be held at the Batdorf hall are busy getting ready for the event which will be November 14th, at 8 P. M.

John Willius and family are moving to Hood River. We regret in losing this family.

E. B. Brigham, after spending a number of months in Alaska has returned home.

H. H. Emmons has returned from a business trip to Clatskanie.

Mrs. Bess Bruechert and two children returned from Parkersburg, Iowa, on Thursday last. After a month's visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith have moved on the Lowell place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lownsdowne have removed to Portland and expect to leave soon for Northern California, where he has accepted a government position.

This community was never so painfully shocked as it was on Tuesday evening when the report was spread about the neighborhood that Shelby Shaver had been knocked down by a south bound Oregon City car, while returning from work, and his promising life crushed out. Perhaps no young man enjoyed a larger circle of friends, or was held in higher esteem and had more of a promising future then Shelby Shaver, who only last year graduated with honors from the Oregon City High School. During his high school life, he was very popular being a member of his class debating team and taking other prominent parts in the activities of the school. He was also a worker in the Congregational church in Oregon City where he will be greatly missed.

Shelby was born in Wisconsin, but has been a resident of this place for almost seven years and has made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Will Jacobs for some time. The deceased is survived by his father, George A. Shaver, of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. Roy H. Kelly, of Mt. Scott and his grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Shaver, who is prostrated with grief over his untimely death.

The funeral will be held at 10 A. M. on Friday from the Congregational church. Burial will be at the beautiful River View cemetery besides his mother, who passed away a few years ago. The heartfelt sympathy of a bereaved community goes out to the sorrowing relatives who survive him.

Wm. L. Finley, the state game warden, spoke at the meeting of the Community Club on Wednesday evening in behalf of making a game reserve from the Clackamas River to a point near Oak Grove. If this is made the state will supply many of the game birds.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 22, Mr. Finley will give a stereopticon lecture at the Batdorf hall. All members, their families and friends are invited. Admission free.

ESTACADA.

J. V. Barr transacted business in Portland Monday.

Estacada football boys beat the Gresham lads last Saturday on the home grounds, to the tune of 93 to 0. The game next Saturday will be with Ridgeway.

The football boys are to have a picture show at the Family theatre to raise money for their expenses.

Chas. Farzier has been home with his family this week.

Mrs. Helen Massie, sister of Mrs. George Dale, visited in Estacada two or three days this week.

Estacada's first number in the lecture course comes Saturday evening, Nov. 22.

S. E. Horner and wife, of Lawrence, Ill., arrived in Estacada Sunday and will visit at the home of the latter's father, J. V. Barr, until after Christmas.

Albert Lichthorn was quite badly injured last Thursday while playing football with some other small boys. In a general mixup for the ball, Albert was thrown down under several other boys and had his arm fractured, besides receiving some bad bruises.

Mrs. A. E. Sparks visited friends at Portland yesterday.

T. W. Shankland and wife of Portland, visited with Mrs. N. F. Shankland. Mrs. Shankland accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Milton Evins was in Portland Friday night.

Mrs. W. R. Stokes, of Portland, visited her daughter, Mrs. Roger Cary last Friday.

Mrs. Roger Cary visited home folks in Portland Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Cary went over Saturday evening and returned with her Monday morning.

Mrs. N. L. S. Laurey visited in Portland Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Saling has been slightly indisposed during the past week on account of blood poisoning in her foot. She is getting along nicely now, however.

The E. W. Barlett home was the scene of a merry company last Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Bartlett entertained 25 ladies in honor of her sister, Mrs. Ditabrand of Portland. The ladies occupied the time doing fancy work and visiting until five o'clock, when light refreshments were served.

The Hallowe'en festivities were not very great this year. The rain probably had some effect, but for the soaping of windows, not much harm was done.

L. Y. Congdon returned home Saturday after visiting for a couple of weeks with his son, Ray Congdon.

Miss Lula and Bessie Congdon left today for Salem where they will attend school.

The dance Saturday evening, given by the Civic Improvement club, was a grand success. The committee in charge decorated the pavilion very prettily with autumn leaves, jack-o'-lanterns and black cats. At 12 o'clock they served pumpkin pie, doughnuts and coffee, after which the club members dispersed. A few couples who desired to dance longer, took up a collection for the orchestrato play until the car went north, which was about one hour. $84.20 was taken in, but there was quite an expense.

A special meeting of the Civic Improvement club was called by the president for Tuesday afternoon, in order to straighten up affairs relative to the dance.

Mrs. L. E. Beifils entertained the five hundred club Tuesday evening. A good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lindsay returned home from the vicinity of Springwater Saturday. Mr. Lindsay was building abridge and Mrs. Lindsay went along to "boss" the job—perhaps.

Mort Congdon returned from Idaho Sunday.

L. M. Wicklun was an over Sunday visitor in Portland.

Dr. and Mrs. Adix and the children visited in Portland over Sunday.

Dr. Haviland was in Portland again Sunday to visit his father prior to the old gentleman's departure for Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Ditabrand and babies of Portland, were guests at the Bartlett home over the Sabbath.

Miss Katherin Booth, of Portland was here to attend the dance and was a guest of Mrs. B. O. Boswell.

H. B. Booth, chief collector for the P. R. L. & P. Co., visited the Boswell home Sunday.

Miss Mable Fanning was a Portland visitor the latter part of last week.

Mrs. B. H. Finch visited home folks in Portland Saturday.

Estacada's legal lights, Devore and Bartlett, were in Oregon City Monday.

A light vote was cast at Estacada Tuesday, there being only 218. The women turned out quite well to exercise their rights. The vote was as follows: State University Building Fund, 97 year, 118 no; University of Oregon New Building Appropriation, 99 yes, 108 no; Sterilization Act, 78 yes, 129 no; County Attorney Act, 133 yes, 6 3no; Workmen's Compensation Act, 163 yes, 43 no; Clackamas County Superintendent Act, 93 yes, 113 no; County Library, 122 yes, 89 no.

GREENWOOD

Wesley Knowles, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, had the misfortune to break his arm last week. The horse slid and threw him off.

Ernest Jones is working for Mr. Bancroft. They are just through digging their 16 acre field of potatoes.

Mr. Bancroft celebrated his birthday last Sunday. Several of his friends from Linnton took dinner with him.

Miss Nellie Knowles was the guest of Miss Blodwin Williams last Sunday.

Our school is proceeding nicely with Miss Blodwin Williams as teacher. There is 19 pupils on the roll. The teacher had a program last Friday, Hallowe'en, with recitations and singing. Miss Georgia Bancroft played selections on the organ.

Our directors have purchased a new chart, a flag and globe this year. We hope to see a successful term of school this year.

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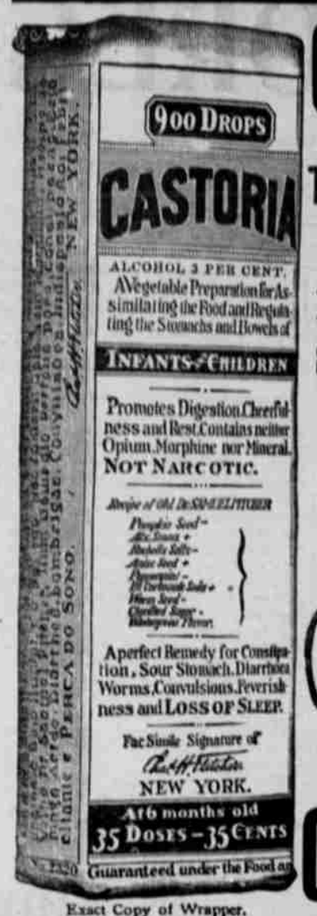

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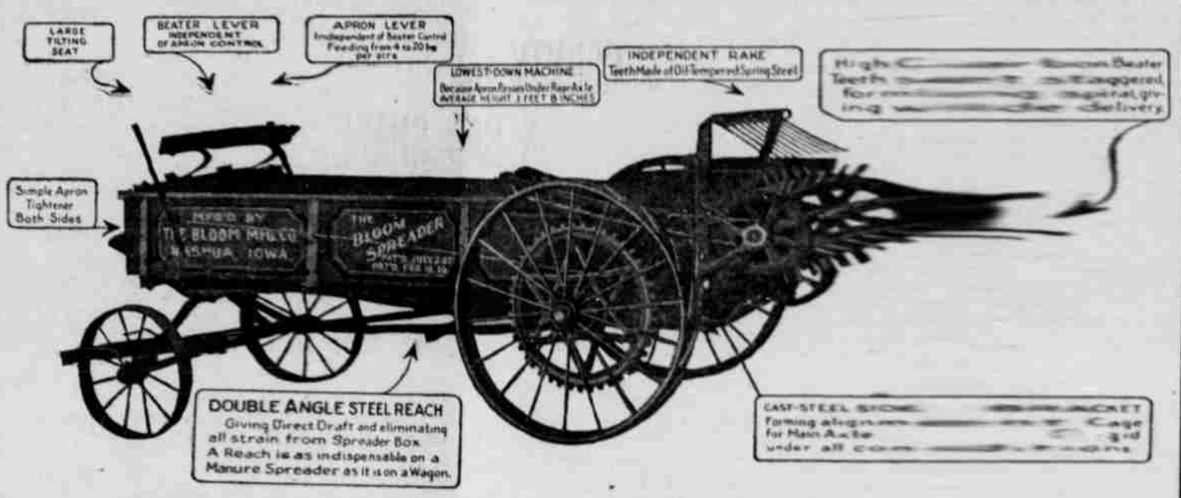

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If "it belongs to human nature to hate those whom one has injured," as Tacitus says, do we love those whom we have benefited?

Undoubtedly, but how about those who have benefited and are benefiting us?

If you have a debt of gratitude to pay meet the obligation squarely and manfully. Do not cancel the obligation in a grudging, niggardly, mean spirited manner that leaves your benefactor with a sense of injury.

Possibly the rarest of all the graces is the ability to express gratitude easily. How haltingly the words of thanks come from the tongue! How we hate to tell our fellow man who has done something for us that we feel ourselves under an obligation to him!

It was always thus. A century and a half ago Dr. Johnson wrote:

"There are minds so impatient of inferiority that their gratitude is a species of revenge, and they return benefits not because recompense is a pleasure, but because obligation is a pain."

Let not obligation be a thorn in your side. If you ARE obliged to a fellow man—and all of us are at one time or another—when it comes to saying so—

Say so without affectation, without hesitation, without "impatience of inferiority."

Did it ever occur to you that save for the labor and patience of others we should all perish of want? We are dependent and interdependent, not independent.

For you and for me the cooly labors in the rice fields of China, the fisherman faces the storms and hardships of the icy north seas, the sponge gatherer plunges into the deep.

Are they not, in virtue of our dependence on them and our gratitude to them, our brothers?

Were the world fully aroused to the sense of the interdependence of man wars would cease. Man to man, the world over, would feel that all are members of one big family.

And the gratitude that we should pay freely for all that is done for us—granted even that it is done in each case with a selfish motive—would be the force that should lift mankind to a higher, better plane.

Alphabetical.

Two commercial travelers in a railway carriage entered into conversation.

One of them tried hard to make the other understand something, but he was either very hard of hearing or slow in believing.

At last his friend lost his temper and exclaimed, "Why, don't you see? It's as plain as A B C!"

"That may be," said the other; "but you see, I am D E F."—London Telegraph.

Current Comment.

A new idea in ship furnishing is to make every mattress a life preserver. If we cannot have unsinkable ships we can have unsinkable beds.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Germans are planning another boat line for use of the Panama canal. The world seems to have taken us at our word when we said we were building the ditch for all nations.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It has just been found that the grave of Eugene Field, who delighted the hearts and minds of thousands, is without a monument. So soon the world forgets the men who in various ways have lightened its burdens.—Baltimore American.

The Nature of the Beast.

"I thought surely you'd sell that lot of sausages," said the grocer. "You praised it highly enough."

"I praised it too darned much," said the assistant. "It overheard me and wagged its tail."—New York Post.