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THE PERSONAL STRAIN.

One of the unescapable misfortunes that beset a city the size of Marshfield is the "personal strain" running through all her civic relations, to the detriment of and interference with her commercial progress and prosperity. We are too intimately grouped around; we know too much of one another and the petty things and ideas that militate against popular success. We are too prone to use our knowledge of these little failures and lapses and blunders, and to make more of them than they deserve, and to urge them in the gratification of the malice that is within us. All of which bars and binds the wheels of local endeavor and obtrudes itself at unpropitious moments in affairs that cannot bear such inopportune pressure.

We must change this practice and forget the man in the interest of the community. We are not all pure patriots, by a long sight; and we have no right to expect our fellows to be overly much better than we are in the long run; and the pace, and the course, of our progress would be infinitely faster and smoother if we begin right now to purge our work of this hindrance. Every man has his faults, and it is the better part of citizenship to measure his by our own and strike a balance in favor of the city and her destiny. Marshfield is all right, whatever some of us may be; and we are all profoundly interested in seeing her forge ahead; upon this predicate we can unite, and leave the "personal strain" for personal adjustment.

TRADE OF PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

Figures of imports and exports by ports during 1907 have just been completed by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. They show the growth that has taken place in commerce passing through Pacific coast ports. In 1897 the value of merchandise passing through these ports was \$64,000,000 and in 1907 it had grown to \$94,000,000, an apparent increase of 47 per cent.

The bureau points out, however, that the figures are misleading on their face, since the Hawaiian Islands, which were classed as foreign territory in 1897, are now classed as a customs district of the United States, and the value of merchandise sent to or received from those islands is no longer included in statements of foreign commerce.

The fact that the bulk of the \$15,000,000 worth of shipments from the United States to Hawaii in 1907 passed through the Pacific coast ports raises the commerce of these ports to more than \$100,000,000, making the actual increase in the decade approximately 70 per cent. The Atlantic ports increased but 50 per cent in the decade.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM.

The Philadelphia Bulletin says that a debating society in Manayunk awarded the other day a prize of \$5 for the best definition of socialism.

Among the definitions submitted were the following: "Socialism means that no man has a right to starve to death where millions are suffering from indigestion."

"Socialism is other people's money."

"Socialism is the selfishness underneath trying to annihilate the selfishness on top."

"Socialism is the revolution of the stomach."

"Socialism is envy legitimized."

The following definition is the one that gained the \$5 prize: "Socialism is a combination of efforts and theories tending to establish legally among all mankind the greatest possible equality of wealth and misery."

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

It is well to have visions of better life than that of every day, but it is the life of every day from which the elements of a better life must come.—Maeterlinck.

The West.

The East may have its merit; It may be heaven or near it— Give me the West, It suits me best; I love its frank free spirit.

That traveled gent of story, Ulysses, met no glory To match these pines— These plains—these mines— These mountains high and hoary.

Oh, where live women fairer; Where braver men or squarer? Why, ev'n the crime Is on scale sublime A kind of epic error!

'Tis clear the Lord created From plan more elevated Than brought to birth The rest of earth This land ne'er duplicated.

—HARRY MURPHY.

"A great many little peaches," said the Bachelor, "are too green to be wholesome."

A Portland woman secured a divorce because her husband flirted. Queer how particular some women are isn't it? Now on Coos Bay—

There are supposed to be fifty different kinds of headache. Some Coos Bay men who have had one the "day after" can testify that it seems like

"An optimist," remarked L. A. Liljeqvist as he lighted his pipe in the Philosopher's Retreat at the Millcooma Club, "is a married man who can forget it."

Proved.

A distinguished French physician has announced as the result of his observation of our national characteristics, that Americans are coming to look alike.—News Item.

You don't believe? Well it's true, As I will shortly prove to you By taking you about the place And showing you face after face.

Come on, and I will show you fast. Judge Pennock and W. J. Rust Or Mr. Smith, and on my heart You cannot tell the three apart.

Next take a look at W. R. Haines And think of Dr. Ingram, for your pains And tell me if it's really he Or some one else—that would make three.

Then there's Dr. Houseworth, a good name, Who looks like North Bend's Francis Frame, They appear as near alike to me As two and three like twenty-three.

And so it goes right down the line, Jack Flanagan, when I'm feeling fine, Looks like Bill Lawlor, slim and tall, After I've had my tenth highball.

—THE HIGH ROLLER.

RAGTIME.

Most men live a life of going to do, and die with nothing done. The more a man wants you to do for him the harder he shakes your hand.

When any one has done you a favor it, looks much smaller to you the day after, but grows larger in his estimation.

Some men outlive their usefulness, and others are born without any.

The more advice a man gives away, the less it is worth.

Things that looked wicked to us before we could afford them appear trifling after our income makes them possible.

Many a man has made himself unhappy by meddling with something that was not worth while.

The world would be better if the people were as anxious to get into heaven as they are to get into society.

The man who is able to buy anything he wants never wants anything.

It occasionally happens that a man marries in haste and spends his wife's money at leisure.

Ladies' short waists and muslin underwear at the Coos Bay Cash Store.

Some Don'ts.

DON'T miss an opportunity to speak a good word for the coming district fair in Marshfield.

DON'T blame Dr. Mingus. The weather may be bad, but he can't help it. Complain at Headquarters.

DON'T talk "stringency." Read the reports from New York and you will see that there is more money on hand than the country knows what to do with—but don't hold onto it. "It takes money to make money."

DON'T fail to help all of Coos county as well as Marshfield or North Bend or Eastside or Empire. Everyone should boost for the good of this whole section. A prosperous Coquille valley means a prosperous Coos Bay.

DON'T forget to subscribe for The Times. You will find that it is at all times a newspaper that stands for the "square deal," and it will please all members of the family.

DON'T read your neighbor's paper all the time. Remember, the more subscribers we have the better paper we can make. Don't forget it is your paper and you should help support it.

PORT ORFORD POINTERS.

Important Items of the Week Taken From the Tribune.

Lorin Forty is now handling the ribbons on the stage from here to Corbin.

John R. Miller is expected down from Coos Bay in a few days with his gasoline boat and some 30 tons of freight for this place.

Born—February 22, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, a son. Jim was able to be in town Monday and was inquiring for a hatchet to give to the youthful George.

Oscar Neygren, who has been driving the lower stage for some time, resigned his position and went to Bandon Friday, where he will be met by Eugene Strain, and the two boys will go on a pleasure trip to Eastern Oregon.

J. M. Woodworth passed down the coast Thursday on his return from Roseburg, where he had gone with his team after a gasoline engine for the boat to be used in carrying the mail from Gold Beach to the Illinois.

A petition was being circulated in Port Orford last week, asking for a vote on the local option question, but as a good many of our people are satisfied with the present "dry" state of affairs, it is doubtful if a change can be secured.

SUMNER ITEMS.

The farmers around Sumner are busy getting ready for their spring crop.

Delmer Dyer is opening up a coal vein on the Catching place near Sumner.

The stage drivers report four feet of snow in the Coast range mountains.

W. Norton, our new road supervisor, is doing some good work on the road.

Miss Eva Wilson, of Marshfield, is visiting her home at Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Puldown, of Chicago, Illinois, spent Sunday at the Sumner hotel.

Miss Ollie Richard, of Sumner, has gone to Coquille to attend school.

The New Castle Coal mine is turning out some nice coal.

Mrs. John Barker, of Fairview, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris, of Sumner.

Miss Anna Waldvogel has taken charge of the Sumner school.

Gilbert Steckel, of Millington, was in Sumner Monday on a business trip.

—Miss Villier will open her dancing class for children Saturday, March 7, in Redmen's hall at 2 o'clock. Parents who wish their children to attend the class will please enter them Saturday.

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