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WHY ARE PEOPLE POOR?

"Why are people poor?" was the question discussed at a recent meeting of a woman's club in an eastern city, and the answers were many and far apart. Here are a few of them boiled down:

- Drink.
- Laziness.
- Charge accounts.
- Inability to plan far ahead.
- The desire to outshine one's neighbor.
- Indifference of men to the needs of home.
- Women's ignorance of domestic economy.

High food prices and buying in small quantities.

Lack of plain business understanding between husband and wife.

Certainly this is a formidable list. But it lacks one element and more important than all those named, and that is:

The lack of real desire to rise above a hand-to-mouth existence.

We all think we want to get rich or at least to get into comfortable circumstances. But we don't all want to work hard enough. The desire is not a vital part of our nature. It does not mould our habits of thought and feeling. It is not instinctive with us. And so it does not lead us to overcome obstacles.

We turn aside for other things that we desire more than wealth.

We are not men of deeds, stability and firm resolution.

To be sure, the ambition for riches is by no means the highest or worthiest. There is but one class more despicable than those who give themselves over wholly to money making, and that is those who are suddenly content with poverty.

Between the two extremes lies the golden mean of sanity, content and usefulness.

There are many in this and every other town, young men and old men, who have seen men "get ahead," and are today seeing some men make money, and make it legitimately, too. There are in every factory and shop one or more men, who, while drawing the same pay as the others, are saving money. The majority spend their money and kick against luck. The one who is saving a part of his wages always looks a little neater, has no time to attend to other people's business, but pays his debts and regularly lays a little by for a rainy day. He is sure to get ahead. He needs no rules—no set laws to guide him along the road to comfort. The seed of success in money making is within himself. All the obstacles in the above list cut no figure with him. He does not walk around them—he sweeps them to one side—he is bigger than they are. In life, as in business, he does what is necessary and cuts out the unnecessary.

Drink costs money and time and strength; therefore, he does not drink. Gambling costs sleep and the vitality that he needs for the next day; therefore, he does not gamble. He sees that cash buys more than credit. He never learns the seductions of luxuries that cost more than he can afford.

But at middle age the men who formerly worked with him are working for him.

That's not luck—that's good, hard common sense—that's what it is.

FIREWORKS AND FLAGS at the Coos Bay Cash Store.

SAME good old Club dance Wednesday night.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

An aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself. ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Bluebirds are a singin',
Through the sunny hours;
Zephyrs are a bringin',
Sweet perfume of flowers.
Leaves are all a stirrin',
Whisperin' to the breeze,
Birds are buildin' castles
In the murmurin' trees.
Bees are all a kittin',
Honey to the comb,
Fish are all a bitin'
In the little creek at home.

Lilies are a growin'
On its shady edge;
Water is a flowin'
Past a mossy ledge.
On its tiny billows,
Streaks of silver white,
Past the pussy willows
Ripplin' with delight.
The shady rapids lighten,
With the snow-white foam;
Fish are all a bitin'
In the little creek at home.

'Tis no time for sadness,
Lay aside your care;
The world is full of gladness,
All the world is fair.
Hear the water fallin'
O'er the steppin' stone,
'Tis the wild a' callin',
Callin' to its own.
While I'm busy writin'
This foolish pome,
Fish are all a bitin'
In the little creek at home.
—Exchange.

Footin' the bills makes some Coos Bay men tired even if doesn't tire their feet.

What was the most important bet ever made? The alphabet, of course.

When a man eats too much duck, he should take a dose of quack medicine.

A Coos Bay man says he believes whisky saved his life. Some men can believe almost anything.

If Dummy Rowan should meet and marry a girl like him they would be unspeakably happy.

No, dear, the slang phrase "come across" did not originate with Washington crossing the Delaware.

Some Coos Bay girls are just contrary enough not to marry a bald-headed man because they can't pull his hair.

The Coos Bay young man asked the young lady at the picnic which she would have, a lemonade or a ginger ale. She replied: "If you don't mind, I believe I should prefer a pop." She got it before sunset.

Give a fellow a dipper of water and he will drink out of the side where you didn't. Give him a bottle and he don't care where you have mouthed it. He sticks it in his mouth and drinks like a drain pipe.

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