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SATURDAY EVENING THOUGHTS

WHAT IS INVOLVED.

IT SHOULD BE SAID to the representatives of the public service corporations that the time has passed for a certain sort of general talk about the friendly relations that ought to exist between the city and those who furnish light, water and the proposed street cars.

Everybody agrees that such friendly relations ought to exist; the question is, on what basis can they be realized?

And this brings the city of Marshfield at once to certain specific questions:

Will the public service corporations agree to a determined capitalization, which is to be the basis of future dealings and profits?

Will they agree that no additions shall be made to that capitalization excepting with the consent of the city, and then only for the purpose of putting more money into the actual development of their plants?

Will they submit their books to periodical inspection by the city for the purposes of the utmost publicity of earnings, profits, etc.?

Will they furnish the service the city requires at prices to be agreed upon, the whole of their service to be under public regulation?

Will they agree to an automatic regulation in the form of a division of net earnings over and above a certain fixed per cent on the capital?

These are the questions the public service corporations might well be giving their attention to, for until they are answered and answered to the satisfaction of the public there will be no cessation in the effort to bring them thoroughly under public control.

The editor of The Times had a conference with Seymour Bell of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company in which it was plainly stated that the price of gas in Marshfield and North Bend was too high. Mr. Bell acknowledged that the price was a trifle too heavy. Mr. Bell was then told that the Times was gathering some statistics on the prices of gas and electricity. Since that talk Mr. Bell has announced in these columns a twenty cents reduction in the price of gas per thousand. The Times does not mean to say that this reduction was a result of that little talk, but it was significant.

THE PERSONAL EQUATION.

IT MAY BE WELL for us all to remember that the personal equation is to cut its customary figure in the successes and failures of the year 1903. What of questionable, negative, apparent, fault, or evil besets us, must be recognized, amended, subdued, guarded and wrought against; and all of the better, healthier, happier and cleverer qualities that mark our make-up, must be cherished, cultivated, directed and conserved, as much to our own distinct and lasting benefit, as to the comfort, convenience, pleasure and satisfaction of those whom we serve, associate with and owe our best and truest offices.

This is not a sermon; it is a simple business talk.

We are all disposed to forget, perhaps ignore, the relation we bear personally to every engagement and task we assume; we do not often analyze our own natures, measure our own capacities for good and ill; and as often, fail signally, when we might have succeeded, on the realization of our weakness, our unfit tempers, and foolish prejudices, habits and inclinations. We are far more dependent upon ourselves than we seem to understand, and an occasional course of self-investigation lends us genuine strength and high purpose, and energizes us, in the attainment of a sounder poise and honest standing with ourselves and our fellows.

"No man liveth unto himself alone." We cannot escape our responsibilities to the other man, we may think we can, but it is merely an empty and pitiful assumption at the best, and primarily unworthy of us. We must dig into our own secret being and oust the coarse, the irritating, the false, and the hateful, and at the same time ascertain the temperamental deficiencies and graces and make them do their incalculable part in the general scheme of work and association and procedure we usually call LIFE.

THE CHEAPNESS OF LIFE.

During the year 1902, labor in the United States lost nearly 35,000 lives in the course of employment. There were also about 2,000,000 accidents. Most industries involve risks, some greater than others. The accident rate of electricians is excessive. That of coal miners is 3.10 per 1000 in the United States to 1.29 per 1000 in the United Kingdom. This proportion holds among the railroad employes. We lost 2.50 per 1000 to Germany's .98 per 1000. In other words, we slaughtered on the average 915 more coal miners than England, and 1735 more railroad employes than Germany.

Two conditions account for this excessive death rate that runs throughout all our departments of labor. First, the reckless indifference and carelessness, united with an inherent dislike to obedience, that characterize our American workmen. Second, the unwillingness of employers to install accident-saving devices, and to compel military obedi-

dience to preventive orders. Germany has a permanent exposition of accident-saving devices which has been productive of great benefit to life. This feature England is copying.

PIONEER IS DEAD.

John F. Hamblock Succumbs Near Parkersburg.

COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 30.—John F. Hamblock, a well-known pioneer citizen, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Drane, near Parkersburg. The deceased would have been 77 years of age in June, and has lived in Coos county thirty-nine years. He was preceded to the great beyond by his wife, but leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn his departure, as follows: Messrs. J. V. and Eugene Hamblock, and Mrs. Ed. Rose, Mrs. Joe Flam and Mrs. T. W. Drane.

For a safe and good interest-bearing BANK ACCOUNT—A LOT IN SENGSTACKEN'S ADDITION.

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



CONTRIBUTIONS concerning social happenings, intended for publication in the society department of The Times, must be submitted to the editor not later than 6 o'clock p. m. Friday of each week. Exceptions will be allowed only in cases where events occur later than the time mentioned.)

Lines to a Woman.

When mildy reads a book,
 Milady's face and look
 One can tell, as sure as sin,
 Just what chapter she is in.

Rapt expression, frequent sighs,
 Heaving breast and languid eyes—
 (Signs, as sure as saints above,
 Characters are making love.)

Fierce expression, lightning darts
 From her eyes, her mien imparts
 Something that betokens shock—
 (Villain's getting in his knock!)

Then a look of fear and dread!
 Pulling at a vagrant thread,
 Quite unconscious I am here!
 (Lover's fate in doubt, I fear.)

Now a look intense and bright,
 Exclamation, muffled quite,
 See, a tear her cheek has soiled—
 (Ah, at last the villain's foiled!)

Now a lapse, a smile, a sigh,
 Swift the chapters hurry by—
 All her fears and dreads are gone—
 (Game of love is getting on.)

Loudly ticks the clock and slow,
 Time is going—let it go!
 Lady will not go to bed
 Till her paper lovers wed!

A FEW OF THE eastern cities are developing professional social sets which correspond, on a humbler plan, with the fashionable patrician folk of London. Notable among the towns of incubating smart classes is Washington, D. C., which city is already beginning to compliment itself on the strength of its certain few residents who follow society as a vocation.

Vast civic pride is reflected in a recent dispatch from the capital city, which announces the glad fact that, at last, there has been formed an aristocratic clique which works seriously and to the exclusion of all else, at the business of entertaining itself. Boston and Philadelphia also have begun calling attention to active and genuine society classes.

A few years ago, in any of these cities, there existed only a sort of demi-professional social body which was not sufficiently limited or coherent to preserve its morale. A few hostesses made it a business of entertaining, and other persons of being guests, but extraneous interests were permitted to creep into the scheme of formal hospitality. The members of the supposedly exclusive group had not the leisure to devote themselves exclusively to the divertimento of each other. Time, however, has overcome the imperfections of the earlier organization, and it is said that now, any of these cities can exhibit a "400" of its own, which is a compact, isolated, impenetrable company of men and women who spend their days and nights in the quest of perfunctory amusement.

As it is in the fast set of New York, so it is in those of the lesser cities. Those few persons who abandon themselves to the life frivolous, must become the creatures of stupid pleasures. When they are admitted to the order of the gadabouts, they commit themselves to an implied promise to attend the interminable succession of routs, soirees, balls, dinners, opera parties, bridge affairs and other exacting functions which are the desperate defense against ennui. He and she, and sometimes it, who are identified with the social bodies, are not free agents. They must come and go, dance and eat and play cards at the behest of their fellow slaves. They keep date books like so many dentists, and usually manage to bore themselves at a half dozen different gatherings of their own kind every day. But they are very proud, because they constitute society.

However, these cities have other groups of people whose names are not so frequently mentioned in the newspapers, but who also are gre-

gious. They have parties, too. When the day is over they change their clothes, and intermingle informally. The members of the more modest set attends, perhaps, only one affair in twenty-four hours, or perhaps, only two.

But on such occasions they are apt to encounter people whom they like. These are not professional society folk, but the sturdy representatives of the middle classes. It is they who truly know how to offer and accept hospitality.

February will undoubtedly be characterized by many elite card parties, some formal, more informal. A number of friends will be invited in, a few tables arranged, and the hours will be passed with the popular games. In this way many a long dreary evening will be passed pleasantly and spring will be here before we know it. Then everyone will wish to be out of doors.

The remainder of the winter promises to be an active one socially, too. In fact it has been thus far. Many happy little affairs have been noted while the number of formal functions have not been few for a city of this size.

If you don't happen to be married and haven't made arrangements for something of the kind during the coming year, you are certainly out of the running. Everybody else is going to be married, why not you? The most determined of bachelor girls, the most crabbed bachelors, the buds, the blooms—well, in fact, everyone not only has the habit, but is bragging a little about it.

And girls, there are just a few prize chances left. And men, there are fewer for you. Why, the first thing anyone knows there won't be enough unmarried people left to start a fair sized party up the aisle at any church in town. If the year finishes as it has begun, it will be necessary to buy tickets for standing room on the altar of Hymen two or three months in advance, and probably the legislature will be obliged to enact a law to stop ticket speculation on the curbs, because there may be some who will become impatient at necessary delays.

Mrs. J. A. Lamb of Coquille, has been the guest of Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin for the last few days. She is accompanied by her little son, Irving.

Mrs. J. W. Ingram entertained Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6. Her apartments were prettily decorated, Japanese lanterns, huckleberry and carnations being used effectively. Bridge whist was the afternoon's diversion, the first prize going to Mrs. H. S. Tower and the second prize to Mrs. E. E. Straw. Refreshments were served. Misses Lucy Horton and Nora Tower assisting the hostess in serving. A pleasing feature was several piano selections by Miss Lucy Horton. Among those invited were the following: Mrs. J. M. Blake, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Minot, I. S. Kaufman, Mrs. G. W. Kaufman, Mrs. L. J. Simpson, Mrs. C. S. Winsor, Mrs. E. A. Todd, Miss Stella O'Connell, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. W. T. Merchant, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. H. S. Tower, Mrs. J. Albert Matson, Mrs. S. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. Sweetman, Effie Farringer, Mrs. F. K. Gettins, Mrs. E. E. Straw, Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin, Mrs. Lamb of Coquille, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Ward Blake, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Bargelt, Mrs. Parson.

The Woman's Study Club held their bi-monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, January 22, at the Bunker Hill school house. The subject was "Discipline." Papers were read on mental, physical and spiritual discipline and a very interesting discussion followed. After the meeting light refreshments were served. This club has been formed by the teachers, mothers and patrons of the Bunker Hill school district to enable the teachers and mothers to more fully co-operate in the training and educa-

PERSONAL notices of visitors in the city, or of Coos Bay people who visit in other cities, together with notices of social affairs, are gladly received in the social department. Telephone 1331. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

tion of the children. Much interest has been manifested and the club hopes to have a very successful season. The officers are:

President—Mrs. W. Richardson.
 Vice president—Mrs. C. Phelps.
 Secretary—Mrs. U. H. Phillips.
 The next meeting will be held Friday, February 5, at 3 o'clock.

Miss Mable King gave a party at the home of her grand-mother, Mrs. J. L. Durrand in Millington. Dancing made the evening a very enjoyable one. The guests were May Durrand, Allen Knight, Roy Cadden, Laura Pominville, Lorain Ross, Lola Montgomery, Eugene Montgomery, Albert Pominville, Lily Cotton, Annie Cotton, Selby Cotton, Jack Cotton, Wilson Campbell, Jaue Cottell, Will Durrand, Mrs. Durrand, Will Cottell, Mr. Dufault, Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell.

The Ladies' Art Club was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Wm. Rohrer and had a very enjoyable session. The club will be entertained next Friday afternoon by Mrs. L. Houseworth.

Miss Lucy Horton entertained a number of friends at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the M. C. Horton home last Saturday. Each of her guests brought their sewing and the afternoon was pleasantly spent at needle work and in conversation. Her guests were Misses Nellie Tower, May Bennett, Mable Millis, Kathleen Bennett, Alice McCormack, Lettie Larson, Bernice Platt and Miss Harmon of Donaphon, Mo.

Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab, the lyric soprano of Portland, who was the soloist at the Chaminade club concert Thursday night, was entertained while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr. Mrs. Schwab had to hasten home and left via Drain Friday morning. That she was unable to make a longer stay was greatly regretted by the ladies who had the opportunity of meeting her, her charming personality, coupled with her ability, winning for her a warm place in the hearts of local people.

Mrs. H. S. Tower will entertain the 500 club at her home next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. L. C. Farrin is planning to entertain during the coming week.

The J. S. Coke home was the scene of one of the most brilliant receptions of the season given Tuesday afternoon, the event being complimentary to Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab of Portland. Owing to the Alliance being late, Mrs. Schwab did not arrive until late in the afternoon but this did not detract from the pleasure of the function. The home was artistically decorated. The members of the Chaminade club assisted in receiving. The affair was largely attended.

Mrs. E. G. Flanagan presided at the punch bowl while Miss Evelyn Anderson and Mrs. Horsfall assisted in receiving. Miss May Bennett was at the door. Musical numbers by Miss Lucy Horton, Mrs. Horsfall and Mrs. Flanagan contributed to the afternoon's pleasure.

Miss Susie Eickworth entertained the A. N. W. club last Thursday afternoon. The committee to purchase the fountain reported that the last parts of the fountain had arrived and that it would be accepted. The date of installing it has not been fixed yet. One new name was added to the honorary member roll which now includes F. M. Friedberg, Walter Lyon, Herbert Lockhart, J. Albert Matson, Charlie McKnight and Dan Maloney. Mrs. John Bear will entertain the club next Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Murr, of North Bend, entertained on Wednesday afternoon

the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid. The time was pleasantly spent in social converse and needle work. Those present were:

Mrs. Kato Rood, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. C. Kitting, Mrs. J. E. Burkhardt, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Halsey, Mrs. Richard Coke, Mrs. M. E. Brown, Mrs. L. Metzler, Mrs. W. R. Simpson, Mrs. Hildrith, Mrs. Melger and Mrs. R. McCann.

Miss Nellie Tower is entertaining a few friends at tea this afternoon.

Mrs. E. E. Straw has issued invitations for bridge Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oren entertained the members of the Chaminade club and their escorts and others who participated in the program and a few friends at their home after the concert Wednesday evening. In all, they had about sixty guests. Mrs. Schwab, Miss Millis and others contributed to the pleasure of the affair by special selections. Refreshments were served. Among the special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss N. Gray, of San Francisco.

Mrs. W. S. Turpen was hostess at Bridge Friday afternoon. Oregon greens were used in the decorations of the home for the affair. Refreshments were served. Mr. J. T. McCormac won first honors and Mrs. W. A. Toye received the consolation prize. Invitations were issued to the following for the affair:

Mrs. W. L. Mercant, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. H. H. McPherson, Mrs. J. S. Coke, Mrs. E. G. Perham, Mrs. W. A. Toye, Mrs. J. A. Matson, Mrs. H. S. Tower, Mrs. G. W. Kaufman, Mrs. T. W. Rennie, Mrs. C. M. Byler, Mrs. L. Minot, Mrs. J. E. Lyons, Mrs. E. O'Connell, Mrs. J. T. McCormac, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. E. Pollexfen, Mrs. L. J. Simpson, Mrs. J. F. Bode, Mrs. A. McKeown, Miss Stella O'Connell, Mrs. A. E. Pollexfen, Mrs. I. S. Kaufman, Mrs. R. T. Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller entertained at Bridge Friday evening. The home was decorated in Oregon greens for the event. There were five tables Mrs. H. S. Tower winning the ladies' prize and E. D. McArthur the gentlemen's. Refreshments were served. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames E. D. McArthur, H. S. Tower, J. W. Ingram, M. C. Horton, E. A. Todd, Frank Parsons, A. L. Houseworth, A. Neff, J. H. Harrigan and M. D. Poyntz.

The postponed musicale of the Coos Bay Academy of Music will be held this evening in the studio. A number of local favorites are on the program which was published in The Times yesterday and the event promises to be largely attended.

The North Bend Firemen's mask ball at Eckhoff hall tonight promises to be the big event of the week in North Bend. A large number of prizes are offered for the best and most fantastic costumes.

The Oklahoma Whist Club will be entertained next Wednesday evening by Mrs. Effie Farringer.

The Beautiful America Club of North Bend will meet Tuesday afternoon at Taylors Hall to discuss civic improvement.

Miss Clara Fleming of Portland is expected here shortly for a visit with her friend, Mrs. Tom James of North Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bode of North Bend, left this week for Portland where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Bode having taken

An Attractive Plate



is a dish of our deliciously-tempting Ice-Cream. It is pure, fresh, and toothsome, is made in all the popular flavors, and is pleasingly nourishing and very wholesome. By the Dish or in Bricks to take home with you. Try it once and you will always want our make afterwards. Its prices are moderate, too.

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