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GOOD ADVICE TO A GROUCH.

THE BANDON RECORDER of last week publishes the following bit of good advice to a fellow pencil pusher:

"Archie Whisnant, editor of Coos Bay Harbor has a chronic grouch. He is continually pouring forth his wails of woe, and trying to besmirch some one else. This writer has never had the pleasure of meeting the gentleman, but one would think that he must have a curl in his upper lip that keeps agging him on all the time. Last summer he made a personal attack on the editor of the Recorder over an article that appeared in this paper relative to some difference of opinion between the Recorder and the Coos Bay Times. It wasn't any of his put in, but he butted in just the same as his usual custom. This writer told him at the time that he had wheels in his head and later developments have proven it to be true. Then last fall he made an attack on several of our citizens and we showed him that he was again wrong. This spring he was still whistling to keep up courage and claimed the county championship for the North Bend girls' basket ball team in face of the fact that the North Bend girls were afraid to play the Bandon team and decide the disputed championship. Being defeated again in his deception, he tries to dig up the old sores once more, just something to follow up his grouch. This is not the only paper that he has poured forth his venom upon, he also tried his hand on The Coos Bay Times a short time ago with the result that he got his literary proboscis peeled to the mar. Poor fellow, we feel sorry for him. He just can't get along in peace with his friends. His mind is constantly on the grouchy side and he must give vent to his feelings. Cheer up old fellow. Spring has come, the birds are singing in the trees the earth has taken on her beautiful coat of green and all nature is bright and bids us be happy. Look on the bright side of things and you will be happy, contented, and be able to live at peace with all men. Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer up!"

THE IDEAL VS. THE PRACTICAL.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR enthusiastic reformers to understand why people who sympathize with their purposes do not co-operate eagerly to have their movement enacted into law. The temperance question is only one problem of this kind where opponents of new and radical legislation are not necessarily out of harmony with the advocates as to the end sought.

Collier's Weekly puts it this way: "Why then do we refuse to join the Prohibitionists? That question is what puzzles the national propagandists and makes them select finally the word 'pig-headed.' They believe that whatever is good for man should be ladled out to him. If he ought to bathe, have a policeman wash him. If he eats too much, stop him. If tobacco does harm, prohibit it. If sleeping on the side is healthier, prevent sleeping on the back. The truth is, of course, that law can successfully enact only the strong convictions of a strong majority. Many of us have multitudes of convictions which we are not stupid enough to press with force. The world one day may or may not abolish drink. All that can be said at present is that sweeping measures fail. Prohibition succeeds in districts, mostly in the country, where opinion is overwhelming. It

has proved impossible in great cities. It works indifferently in states like Maine, where opinion is divided closely. Even prohibition on one day in seven fails in most big towns. The topic is absurdly large for universal dogma, and therefore the old moralistic Prohibition Party failed. The present wave is the spread not of a dogma, but of experience, and just as there is a tendency toward prohibition in homogeneous rural districts, West and South, so there is a tendency toward legalized Sunday opening in big towns. The subject is one for patience, study, and experiment. Only limited points are distinct. The rest is fog."

Other moral issues present the same situation as the temperance question. And economic problems such as that of systems of taxation make the distinction difficult between what ought to be and what is practical to order done. If the salvation of mankind and the millennium of business reform could be accomplished by the enactment of laws that would enforce themselves, even the opponents of progress would be ashamed to show where they stood. The vote would be unanimously affirmative.

FORTUNE KILLS HOBO.

"Millionaire Tramp" Dies In the West.

COLORADO SPRINGS, May 10.—Sudden wealth and dissipation that followed the acquisition of riches caused the death of H. P. Craig, known as the "millionaire tramp," whose body is now at the morgue awaiting the arrival of his sister, a prominent woman of Detroit. Craig's death came as the climax to a night of revelry. For years Craig has been a hobo, making his winter headquarters here and tramping the country in summer. The recent death of his mother brought him a fortune of which he received \$5,000 in cash two weeks ago. He invested a portion of it in a cheap lodging house, which he called the "Tramp's Retreat." He let out beds for 15 cents a night and surrounded himself with knights of the road who had been his pals for years. The crowd indulged in nightly orgies and recently were waited upon by lackeys in evening dress, while the banquet table was piled high with cut glass and a floral decorations. An orchestra furnished music, and it was the gala occasion in the lives of all present. In the night Craig became ill and called for a glass of beer. His craving for drink resulted in his finally being taken to the hospital hopelessly ill, and he passed away after going into convulsions.

MEANT TO KILL SHIPPY.

More Light Thrown On Anarchistic Attempt.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, May 10.—Copies of an anarchistic magazine printed in the Russian language but published, it is believed, in Switzerland was received here. It is called "The Bunta" and seems to dispel any doubt of the anarchistic beliefs of Jeremiah Averbuch who attempted to assassinate Chief of Police Shippy of Chicago a year ago. The magazine contains what purports to be a letter written by Averbuch just before his attempt on the life of Shippy in which the writer says that Shippy is responsible for the treatment of workingmen, that Averbuch would be revenged and concludes "I am going to my death to benefit the future believing in the principle that the spirit of destruction is the spirit of erection. Good bye. I am happy because I believe in myself. Not being in the power to pay the debt to the nation that gave me my education, I give them all I possess. Good bye, forever and forever, yours, Jeremiah."

PHYSICIANS BARRED FROM EXCLUSIVE CHICAGO FLATS

CHICAGO, Ill., May 10.—Following the example of William M. Webster, owner of exclusive apartment buildings in Sheridan road, many agents have been instructed by their principals to exclude physicians and surgeons from the "exclusive" apartments which line that thoroughfare. According to Mr. Webster, physicians' signs mar the aesthetic appearance of a first-class apartment building, and the medics are being barred along with cats, dogs, parrots and children.

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YE AMATEUR FARMER.

Now this is the tale of a City Man Who thought he would farm on the Gentleman Plan; He bought a rake and a hoe and a spade And a five-foot garden he swiftly made By turning the sod and knocking it out And scattering buckets of seed about.

Time passed (for Tempus does fugit, you know) And he thought he would harvest a ton or so Of things good to eat, for the family table, And pack the surplus all out in the stable, For other folks crops may dry up or rot, So it's best to save all the truck you've got.

But alas for the City Man learning to farm There are so many things that do so much harm! You toil and you sweat and you labor in vain, You pray for the sun and you pray for the rain, And then you've the whole thing again to begin When the neighbor's chickens come running in!

O weep for the woes of the City Man Who thought he would farm on the Gentleman Plan! O moan for the crop that he thought he'd raise! O grief of the pitiful harvesting days!

His venture at farming reaped naught but expense, And it cost eighty dollars and seventeen cents!

Girls of 16 regard large families as extremely vulgar.

Almost all actresses are either married or just getting over it.

So few Coos Bay women know how to use dry goods after they get them.

A Coos Bay woman stops eating when she is worried, and a man stops sleeping.

All Coos Bay men look in their photographs as though they would make good husbands.

No Coos Bay man's religion ever appears a success to those to whom he owes money.

People who are drunk wouldn't appear drunk if they did not try so hard to act sober.

Only one person in a hundred is fair enough to accept his share of the blame in anything.

When we die we hope to go to a place where it is not necessary for people to blow their noses.

When a Coos Bay man tells us he likes to work, we do not say so to his face, but we think it just the same.

Women who have to earn all the money they get are seldom as generous to the church as they expect men to be.

There are some Coos Bay people whose religion wouldn't fool the most credulous person on earth, but they expect the Lord to swallow it.

When some Coos Bay people are convinced that a big drink of whiskey will do them good they go to bed before taking it, so that they can claim to be sick, if they act funny.

To see a bridegroom out in the yard early in the morning, in his shirt sleeves, looking for kindling, takes a good deal of the romance out of his case.

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