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THE PATH OF PROGRESS.

WHEN WINSTON CHURCHILL turned from writing tales about New Hampshire politics to reforming New Hampshire politics there was amusement everywhere. But Churchill came surprisingly near to a nomination for governor, and after the legislature adjourned, the summing up was given in this paragraph:

"There is on the statute books an anti-lobby law; a law for the limitation and control of the transportation of liquor; an anti-pass law more complete than any east of the Mississippi river; a state-wide direct primary law, putting the choice of candidates for office into the hands of the people; a law equalizing the tax rate throughout the state. Moreover, the fight in the legislature has given broad publicity to taxation matters."

"This is an epoch in the legislative history of New Hampshire. May the great work go on," says Judge Remick. So great an epoch is it that the Boston Herald devotes seven solid columns under a front page scare head to telling the story of it.

It is easy to denounce men like Churchill as dreamers, disturbers and democrats. But the statute books show for their good work. What republican in Oregon but knows that New Hampshire will get good from these new laws? What republican in Oregon but knows that the insurgents have done a patriotic work?

What we can all see plainly in far off New Hampshire we perhaps cannot be expected to see quite so plainly nearer home. But even in Oregon we may now admit the insurgent movement has resulted in putting some mighty good laws on the statute books.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Don't worry if you cannot have The world as you desire; But try to make the best of life And happiness inspire. —Selected.

Don't Get Too Gay.

Don't get too gay, me fren'. It doesn't pay. You're mighty apt to feel a sudden jar.

Maybe you think folks like that joshin' way, But now an' then a feller goes too far.

I wouldn't tell a cop you'll git his star, I wouldn't call a husky rube a jay.

Nor say to Mag her face would stop a car, Don't get too gay, me fren'. It doesn't pay.

I've noticed when you make a funny play

With certain guys, it's apt to leave a scar. You try one on with me an' I should say

You're mighty apt to feel a sudden jar.

Member the time you gave me that cigar— A wrapper of terbacco round some hay

An' oukum that you'd been an' dipped in tar? Maybe you think folks like that joshin' way.

With me as yet your stock ain't got to par An' there is safer places you can stay

Than round where I am standin' at the bar, With empty schooners handy. O, nay, nay, Don't get too gay.

We wonder if everything a girl wears is as tight as her gloves and her corset.

A woman may respond to a call to a deathbed with hope in her heart, but she always takes a black dress along.

According to Dorothy Dix, woman's handicap is her clothes. Oh, yes. And man's handicap is the bill for the clothes.

School teaching is a woman's profession. Men look as unnatural teaching school as they would should they engage in crocheting.

Some men are so grouchy that they persist in growling about the price of meat although diamonds are much cheaper than formerly.

Suppose men should attend six "parties in one week, how women would abuse them for their worthlessness! And the abuse would be deserved.

The "law" is endeavoring to suppress so-called "joy rides" in New York, but the country knows very well what happens to the law every day in New York.

Very few people really wash their faces. They put a little water on, and then wipe off the dirt with a towel. If clothes were laundered as carelessly as faces are washed there would be a howl.

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