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Saturday Evening Thoughts

JEST A-LOAFIN'.

Oh, the red-hoss swimmin' in the bubbly crick
Where the shade is heavy and the brush is thick;
He is mighty knowin' and he's mighty sly,
But he ain't doin' any more work than I,
Jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin' in the sun!

Fer I jest can't hustle when the sky's so blue,
An' the world's so shiny that it looks like new;
When the sunshine flickers through the poplar trees,
An' the basswood's heavy with the buzzin' bees,
So I'm loafin', so I'm loafin', so I'm loafin' in the sun.

There's a bobwhite whistles where the poppies grow,
An' a cowbell tinkles in the marsh below,
While a red squirrel chatters on a hick-ry limb,
But I'm too durn lazy fer a crack at him,
Jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin' in the sun!

Oh, there's joy in livin' when the days are long,
Jes' to lay an' listen to the South-wind's song,
Jes' to hear the chimin' of a fur-off beil—
Jes' a good-fer-nothin' an' a ne'er-do-well,
Jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin', jest a-loafin' in the sun!

FRANCES A. LUDWIG.

PRE-EMPTING THE HEAVENS.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATED PRESS in The Times told of another airship record being broken. If this thing keeps on, Coos Bay may yet have an aerial line before the railway reaches us. In view of this is it not about time some scheme was broached for the parceling out of the aerial spaces betwixt us and the Heavens? Is there not some mysterious, unexplored department and precept of the law that confers the right of specific exemption of aerial latitudes; that marks the ambient boundary, (assumed in Blackstone, when that great deviser of texts at law declares that the title to land extends to the bowels of the earth and into the very Heavens, within the compass of the metes and bounds as they are passed and recorded)? It is expedient that we be informed of our rights in this vast premise, because of the impending invasion by the Wright boys and their clientele, individual, corporate, and governmental. Coos Bay is growing anxious on this score! The matter of dominion, national, state, county and municipal, are perhaps, amenable to easy and swift establishment; but the little fellow of minor boundaries and secluded claims, is still at the mercy of the aerial trust and the aspiring and conspiring surveyor of impalpable lines above and around us, and our Heavenly rights must be conserved and protected, if only to safeguard the only and most nearly justifiable claim we shall ever have to place and interest there.

When one thinks of the immeasurable confusion and loss incident to a reckless, uncharted, irresponsible invasion of our atmospheric properties; the intricate criss-crossing of routes, the congestion of stations and switches and yards and Union depots, right over our heads and homes, and the ever-present danger of falling passengers and bulky freight upon our roofs and back-yards and front gardens, and other centers of human activity in city and country, the magnitude of the peril is apparent, and justifies the plea for the immediate attempt to fix the titles we hold to the air, and spare us all that may be of this huge elemental deluge. What have we got a government for, if not to fore-stall such tremendous emergencies as confront us in this fast-approaching crisis.

SUNSHINE.

SUNSHINE IN THE LIVES and souls of people is just as potent in the realm of home as the sunshine that drives darkness from our world and brings that warmth which is essential to life and growth in the vegetable kingdom. There is a convincing and vivifying power in soul sunshine; for, as has been well said, men and women, youth and children, seek the friendship of the sunny-faced. All social circles welcome cheerfulness. A sunny face is an open pleasure to hearts and homes. By it burdens are lightened, care dispelled, sorrow banished, and hope made to reign triumphant where fear, and doubt, and despondency held high carnival. Your own life will be sweetened, your own joys heightened, by your perennial, heaven-lighted, sunny face.

THE EDUCATORS in the province of Ontario, wearied, no doubt, by fads and theories which are productive of nothing worth mentioning, have inaugurated a practical course in social amenities for very young school children. A text book on etiquette has been supplied, and henceforth, the adolescent Canadian will devote certain hours of his time to the learning of the niceties of comportment, dress and conversation, which ought to carry him triumphantly through the proudest drawing room in Christendom.

One of the teachers, who, certainly must be a rough neck, has stated innumerable captious objections to the plans of the officials who are anxious to make young Canada something of a polished and fastidious nation. This preceptor carefully has gone through the new text book and selected assorted questions designed to harry the juvenile mind, which he has neatly copied and sent to a local newspaper together with caustic marginalia of his own. Here are a few of the questions which, according to the indignant teacher, will be thrown at the innocent pupils when examinations are held:

Pink teas—State the etiquette for eating olives, cheese, chicken-bone, dates, oranges, candy, also for the use of finger bowls and toothpicks.

Dances—State the maximum number of dances permissible on the first evening of an acquaintance. When is it permissible to use the street cars in going to dances?

Gloves—Give rules for the wearing of gloves at the card table.

These be matters which it is not given to the ordinary individual to

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Fret not against nor brood over the limitations of your lot, but consider its divine possibilities. What you can do, let that have your heart and mind and strength.

—Selected.

The Average Man.

Now this is a song of the average man
Who never aspires to fame—
Who lives this way for the short today
And lives tomorrow the same:
A song of the fellow who goes along
Ever the same old way.
Drawing his wages and figuring
The size of the rent to pay.

A meaningless song of the average man,
For none may warble the song
Of the chap who keeps to the level plane
And just goes drifting along:
The man who rises and washes his face
And eats his breakfast and goes
His usual way to the usual place
Where the usual whistle blows.

O tip my tongue, ye Olympian smiths
With silver to sound the note,
For nothing comes from my halting lips,
And dry my unwilling throat!
Is there no bard who will sound the praise,
Is there no singer who can?
O fudge: It's a terrible job to sing
The song of the average man!
ANON.

What becomes of a man's respectability after death?
It should be resolved by the people to leave off something more.

Of course, there is no such thing as true love, but there is an imitation that is mighty pleasant.

Always remember that your neighbors watch you closely, and that your neighbors are very particular.

When an 18-year-old girl says her mother won't allow her to accept an invitation to a party it is certain that the wrong person has asked her to go.

The advertisers are offering some improvement in hammocks, but the old-fashioned type that is large enough for two, still has the indorsement of the hand-holders' union.

If a girl plays the piano you do not have to spend any money, time or thought in pleasing her parents; simply say: "How well your daughter plays;" they will be perfectly satisfied.

When a woman writes a love letter to a man, she should write very plainly and distinctly; if anything pretty is said about a man, he hates to read it slowly—he wants to swallow it at a mouthful, like a cocktail.

A man consents to a procession wedding because he isn't sure the girl would marry him without, but after marriage he is convinced she would have married him if he had demanded that they stand on their heads during the ceremony.

If you are moving into a new house, please your new neighbors by moving in on a day when they have nothing much to do, so they can sit around and see what kind of furniture you have. If the neighbors don't discover a new family has moved into the neighborhood until the new people are settled, they have a grievance they never entirely get over.

It is generally admitted that a man fails or succeeds as he understands his business, and is industrious, and worthy, but women seem to have a false idea that they must know a great deal about art, instead of a great deal about cooking and housekeeping to be rated successful.

The higher etiquette, like the higher art or criticism, is not for the mob. The moment too many people learn just which time of the fork may, in propriety, be jabbed into the oyster, these who follow the fashion as a trade, will make it a different time. This is the trouble which Canada is going to experience. Teach all of the children of Ontario that it is not as fat to moisten the thumb of the glove when dealing bridge, and that street cars may be used only for conductors' hops, and that moment the elite will begin wearing thumbless mittens and riding exclusively on street cars. If all people were cultured there would be no elite.

American women talk more about art, and accomplish less at it, than any other women in the world.

The superstition that it is good luck for a bride to wear something old, is misplaced; that kind of superstition should attach to the old married women.

Newspaper men, as a rule, have but two things to sell—space and subscription—and it would be just as consistent to ask your grocer for a dozen oranges "just to fill up" as to ask the editor for a dozen lines in his paper just to boost your business with the idea you are doing a kindness in helping to "fill up." Try getting a free dinner at a hotel just to fill up.—Exchange.

AT THE CHURCHES

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

All pulpits in the Episcopal churches on Coos Bay and in the Coquille Valley will be occupied tomorrow for the first time in many weeks. The cause for this is that Bishop Scadding has generously donated his bungalow at Bandon as a vacation retreat for the Episcopal ministers. Rev. F. B. Bartlett of St. Luke's church at Grants Pass, and Rev. H. R. Talbot of Portland, are now enjoying their vacations there. Rev. Talbot will occupy the pulpit in St. John's church at Coquille tomorrow and Rev. Bartlett will serve St. John's church, Bandon. Rev. Horsfall returned yesterday from Coquille Valley and will hold the usual services in St. Mark's.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Rev. W. HORSFALL, Pastor.
Services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH,
Rev. Father J. MORAN.

There will be no services at the Catholic church in Marshfield or at North Bend tomorrow, the Rev. Father Curley and Rev. Father Moran having both gone to Portland for the annual retreat. They expect to return in time to hold services a week from tomorrow at the usual hours.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
Rev. H. I. Rutledge, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m.; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be no preaching in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. We will attend a temperance service in the Baptist church, addressed by Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
Sunday evening, a Union service of all the Marshfield churches will be held at the First Baptist church, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, state secretary of the Young People's Department of the Oregon W. C. T. U., will deliver her noted address "Life—Its Opportunities and Its Possibilities." The Baptist choir will have charge of a special musical program.

There will be special music in the evening.

INHERITED \$15,000; FELL DEAD PLANNING TO SPEND IT

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Howard M. Calswell, 62 years old, who recently fell heir to \$15,000 through the death of a brother in Newcastle, Del., dropped dead while walking in a yard at the rear of his home, planning what he would do with the money, which he expected this week. Every day since notified of the inheritance the old man has eagerly looked forward to the arrival of the mail.

Log Cabin Chews at STAFFORD'S

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READ THIS AND WEIGH IT THOROUGHLY IN YOUR MIND.

The people of today are the easiest fooled and humbugged of any in the history of our Nation.

Just stop and reflect a moment what was the cause of the Rebellion of the Colonists. It was on account of England's efforts to extort money from them without giving them value received.

It was purely commercial conditions when stripped of all technicalities. For instance the Boston Tea Party, those sturdy Patriots, absolutely refused to be held up and demonstrated the fact going so far as to destroy the British cargoes of tea.

To the People of Today!

Have you lost all sense of liberty and personal rights?

Look at the late wheat deal. One man held up the whole nation of people and made them pay tribute to him and the law protected him in his exploitations of the people in this manner. Now if one man can control the whole nation on one article what could a combination of the retail merchants do with everything people eat. Get this fixed in your mind and we can anticipate your answer.

Profit.

Nearly every one the writer talks with says the same thing regarding this. They say that they are willing that the merchant should make a reasonable profit but refuse to be held up and say that they will send away for their goods before they will pay the prices asked for goods here. This brings us to what a reasonable profit is. Now the writer will not endeavor to definitely state what should be the proper percentage of profit but will submit the wholesale as well as the retail prices as prevailing in our city during the past several months and let the readers form their own conclusions.

You will please note when buying goods the cost mark is made in some unintelligible hieroglyphics that you cannot understand, while the selling price is plainly written. Did it ever occur to you that there must be some great secret guarded by those marks.

Now we will mention a few prices both wholesale and retail: SEEDED RAISINS, now, they have not cost the merchants over 6c per package still at the same time they have been selling them for 15c, 2 for 25c, and never below 10c.

SODA never has cost over 5c and sells for 10c, 3 for 25c. CORN STARCH costs about 43-4c, selling 10c or 3 for 25c. TOMATOES cost 4 for 25c, selling 10c straight. SUGAR has not cost over \$5.70 for the past six months, selling for \$6.50. WHEAT when the writer started the wholesale business, was retailing for \$2.30 per hundred, it cost \$1.80.

Free Delivery

Now this is really an insult to a person's reason for any one to advertise free delivery. A merchant will buy an outfit costing several hundred dollars hiring some one to run it at an expense of probably \$800 or \$1,000 per year and at the same time will tell you that you are getting your goods delivered free.

It costs you, not the merchant, every time his delivery man stops at your house. It is just as much trouble to deliver a loaf of bread as it does a sack of flour as the trip has to be made just the same.

To the Farmer

The old custom of taking trade for your produce is where you get grafted both ways you get "skinned" when you sell and you get held up when you buy.

A farmer came to me the other day and asked me what we paid for eggs? On being told 28c he says I can beat that I can get 30c up town in trade, I then asked him what he wanted to take in exchange for his eggs and he said he wanted a bag of wheat.

I, then, asked how much the other store had asked for their wheat and he said \$2.50 per sack of 100 pounds. I then told him our price which was \$2.30 and on figuring he found that it took more eggs to buy the wheat there at 30c than here at 28c. We try to make a little on everything. We do not claim to sell for just what it cost us.

But We Can Save You Money

The average person nowadays is so intoxicated with the greed for making money that they don't take any time to think about saving, so the consequences are there are ten men scheming how they are going to get it away from you and as a general thing they make their point, WAKE UP! AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

Owning and Being Owned

Do you know the difference between owning the store and having the storekeeper working for you instead of owing the merchant, and, you, working for him. Some of the merchants will tell you they will give you all the time you want but as soon as the bill becomes a few months old they send around their bad bill collector who receives all the way from 5 to 50 per cent. They tell you the truth when they say they will not bother you for what you owe them, they let some disinterested collector do that. We have made it possible for every person who wishes to become a member of OUR FIRM (not mine). If you do not find the proper information regarding our methods in our advertisements and really desire to save money, call and we will be glad to give all the information possible.

To the Members

Don't stay on the outside and complain about the manager if he isn't performing his duties properly, come to the store and see if the matter cannot be adjusted.

Because what you say is sure to come back to him eventually any way so you may just as well tell him of his faults to his face. As the old adage says, "The best friends we have are those who tell us of our faults and help us to mend them." Remember this is your business as much as any one else.

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