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## A CITY HEALTH POLICY.

**A** CITY IS TO A large extent the custodian of the health and health and happiness of its residents. The money a city pays out to insure a good water supply good sewerage facilities, adequate recreation grounds and similar necessities may well be likened to money paid as premiums upon a health policy for the city.

In the larger and older cities of the world, the authorities are now awakening more than ever before to the need of action along this line. Frequently it happens that municipalities pay out fabulous sums to secure recreation grounds that could have been secured for almost nothing years ago. During the past few years Portland has been paying out thousands of dollars for park sites and broadminded citizens know that the investment is wise. The city of Berlin, capital of Germany, is paying \$10,000,000 for a great forest adjacent to the city and is going to dedicate it to park purposes and to the maintenance of adequate municipal waterworks.

The trouble with most small western cities like Marshfield is that in providing these municipal necessities the people do not look far enough to the future. Most of the improvements are carried on piecemeal and are in the nature of temporary expedients rather than permanent improvements. Proper allowance is not made for the future growth and advancement of the city. The "penny wise, pound foolish" policy is often followed. Sometimes this narrow course is taken because the city is in stringent financial circumstances; sometimes the fault lies with the people who are in control.

At this time Marshfield needs much in the way of municipal improvements. The sewer system should be extended until it covers every portion of the city and something in the way of a park system should be provided. All of these things may be had if only the proper work is done. The sooner they are provided the better it will be for Marshfield. In this day and age people like to live in places where health is properly protected and where the necessities of modern life are provided. They go where such things are to be had. If Marshfield wants to hold its own in the race the city must spend some money in civic improvements that will be for the health and happiness of its people.

## EVERYBODY HAS A VIEW.

**S**OME PLAYWRIGHT has recently incorporated in one of his successful plays the declaration that "Life is just one damned thing after another," says an exchange. This is terse, sportsmanlike, emphatic, and yet it leaves the issue as wide and frankly open as it always was, and will be. The riddle is insoluble; but it pays to have some sort of comprehensive way of disposing of it, and we know of none better than this hearty and happy way of telling what one does not know about life; for that is what it amounts to in the end.

We meet our adversities and disappointments as pluckily as we may and do our best to account for them; we lay the blame for our failures and follies on all shoulders but our own, and it is one of the most zealous things in the world to make them fit elsewhere.

We fall and fight and fume, and force the limits of cause and effect

# With the Toast and Tea

## GOOD EVENING.

Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against the jewels of all the earth. If there is coolness or unkindness between us, let us come face to face and have it out. Quick, before love grows cold!

—Selected.

## WHEN PAW SWELLS UP.

When paw's asted to a banquet, Then us kids has to be good An' not git 'round an' underfoot, An' do th' way we should; An paw swells 'round an' talks of things As confident an' loud As anything an' maw just sets An' looks at him, as proud!

He puts his thumbs in his armpoles, Contented as kin be, An' he sets down with one leg up Across th' other knee An' don't say nothin' to no one, Exceptin' mebbly that He astes maw to not fertig Where his white vest is at.

Or he walks back and forth with a Fur-off look in his eyes, An' rumples his hair this-a-way, An' looks as stern an' wise As a ol' owl, an' us kids sets As still! an' we don't fuss Ner make a noise; we know 'f we do That paw will look at us!

An' then paw he makes up a speech, Because he says 'at he Will probably be called upon To talk, an' he must be Prepared, an' so he writes it out Plum' careful, line on line, An' reads it out to maw, an' she Says that she thinks it's fine!

An' so he learns it off by heart, An' maw prepares his clo'es, An' the night comes the banquet is An' paw hikes out an' goes, An' eats frawgs' legs an' terrapin, An' all that he kin get, An' don't git asked for to speak— Leastwise he's never yet.

Us kids are glad it's over with, An' I guess he's glad too; For he comes home an' plays with us Nights like he used to do, An' we kin holler all we like, As noisy an' as loud; I s'pose banquets is good things, but They make paw too blamed proud.

—Selected.

Considering that it is both a convenience and a necessity, the telephone is abused a good deal.

A woman cannot claim to be really clever unless she is as good at keeping a husband as at catching him.

Portland manufacturers of bar room fixtures can't see the wave of prosperity owing to the height of the "dry" wave in Idaho.

With an increased force working overtime in its hoping department, Coos Bay will doubtless sleep more soundly at night for at least a month or two.

There may be other reasons, but it is probable that most women who want to vote want to because they can't. Men are a good deal that way, too.

There is, at least, this much in favor of spinsterhood: Spins don't get up in prayer meeting and talk about their "crosses," "crosses" being

into the handiest and most self-exculpatory channels we can find; and repeat the performance day by day, until, at last we are convicted of every man's fault but our own. Life swings on, bringing with it its myriad of odds and ends of good, bad and indifferent things to eke out our measures of delight and misery, and when we scan the array of incidents that have contributed to our peace and our peril, we are justified and comforted in quoting our playwright friend, and letting the rest go. "Life is just what we make it," is a favorite saying with those who have been successful by some "hook or crook"; but for the poor man who has no tangible and satisfactory explanation for his non-success, the happy-go-lucky estimate first quoted is a God-send.

ing the prayermeeting name for a husband.

When a boy marries two opinions prevail at the home he is leaving. His mother thinks he is throwing himself away, and his sisters think the girl is.

According to the Buffalo News, a corporation has invested \$3,000,000 in a dried apple trust. After a good bit of water is added that will be a swell investment all right.

A California doctor who happened to make a wrong diagnosis was summoned before the board of health, which is likely to prescribe something unpleasant for him.

"Thousands of us on earth will fly before we die," asserts a scientist. Well, here's hoping that an even greater number Coos Bayites will get a chance after leaving this earth.

There is nothing funny in the fact that a three-year-old baby in China should be running things. It's the same in every Coos Bay household where there is a three-year-old baby.

Cross husband, bad children, the cooking, and the dish-washing are trials sent to pound sense into a woman's head; if she didn't have them, she would be as silly a mother as she was a girl.

"We are now threatened with browntail moths," remarks the editor of the Macon, Ga., News. Too bad, brother; but perhaps you could keep them out of your system by swallowing a few moth balls, to be obtained at any drug store.

The Chicago Record-Herald remarks that "a western town called Taft is said to be the most wicked place in the world." Still, even a Philadelphia lawyer may not be able to figure out that the new administration is to blame for that.

Every time a man tries to do anything for the public, he complains of annoyances that were unnecessary, and should not have been tolerated. This will be the case so long as the fools are encouraged as they are at present. In no country in the world are the folks given the encouragement they are in this.

## TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Cities are built; they do not grow.

If you can't say good things about your town and community, say nothing at all.

Mr. Harriman has his physical ailments, but he shows no symptoms yet of having rheumatism of the intellect.

Saint-Saens has been asked to write a national hymn for Turkey. Why has Jack Flanagan, the sweet singer of the Millicoma, has been overlooked in such outrageous fashion?

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