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WORK IS NECESSARY.

NO BUSINESS house grows of its own accord. An establishment may have a good field and a chance to do a successful business. But without attention to business and hard, aggressive work on the part of management the business will not expand very much. The rival houses will grow instead.

It is very much the same way with towns. A place may have a splendid geographical location. Marshfield unquestionably has. But unless local people get into the harness and stay there, unless they watch things and fight for what is coming to them the town will not go forward. Other places will do that instead.

Let us make Marshfield grow.

OPPORTUNITY.

THERE IS A theory that Opportunity is a god that smiles but once upon every individual. This ideal is brilliantly set forth in the celebrated poem by John J. Ingalls and which starts out "Master of human destinies am I." There s another theory that opportunities are all about us and that one has to awaken to the realization of this fact and then take advantage of them.

Of the two theories perhaps the latter is preferable. No one need despair because an opportunity has been lost. There will be others. Active, successful men do not mourn over lost opportunities. They make new opportunities to suit their needs. Yet these men know that at times rare chances may come their way and they wish to be ready for them. Opportunity is often a riderless horse that stops for but a moment. The proper man is at hand and ready to mount. He swings into the saddle and is away upon the mad race for success. There are many men who have won out in just this way—through being ready to take advantage of a splendid opportunity. Others through indolence or fear have allowed golden chances to go by and have spent their lives mourning the things that might have been.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

The statement from Chief Engineer Hood that the Drain branch of the Southern Pacific is to be built, has caused no excitement worth mentioning in this section. The people are no longer looking forward to that as the only show for rail communication with the outside. The prospect for the Coos Bay & Idaho line is looking so good that the interest in the construction of the Drain line is at low ebb. Furthermore no four cent guarantee on a $5,000,000 has been made, nor will it be offered. If the Southern Pacific wants a share of the business of this section it will have to get in. The Coos Bay Boise line will be built.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

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Then drive the shadow from thy cheek,
A smile can well replace it;
Your voice is music when you speak,
With gentle words to grace it.

MY WESTERN ROSE.

My western Rose, of thee I sing,
Thy perfumes sweet, rare pleasures bring
To strong and weak, to rich and poor—
A luxury true in summer bowers;
My Western Rose, queen of the flowers.
My Western Rose, that often bears
A thought of love to banish cares;
Around the world thy call is sent;
Come live and love beneath our sun—
My Western Rose, my cherished one.
My Western Rose, my very best,
Thy home shall be my lady's breast;
Thy perfume sweet my love shall breathe,
Till happy smiles thy blush reflect—
My Western Rose, the gods protect.
My Western Rose, that lifts soft eyes
To catch the red of eastern skies
Above the tall Sierra's crest—
Then turns to nod a fond good-bye.
My Western Rose, to Western sky.
—Carlton Russell Foster.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He cannot keep his friends who fears to have foes.

STORY OF THE DAY.

Mr. Higgins had put in about an hour the previous evening explaining in words of one syllable to his little son the geological theory of the formation of coal veins—how they are the result of the decomposition of vast forests that existed in riotous profusion in the prehistoric era. This evening they had company, and Mr. Higgins turned to Willie and asked, "Willie, how did we get coal?"

"Got Mr. McLain to trust us for it," Willie replied.

She who loves and runs away may be sorry later on.

Better than a burglar-proof home is a trouble-proof one.

Did you ever notice what a mean disposition most reformers have?

When you bury an old animosity never mind about the gravestone.

If a man who owns an automobile is a bachelor it's his own fault.

We don't believe people would be more lawless if there were less law.

Men who write books on how to get rich are usually as poor as church mice.

One's neighbors can see an eclipse of the honeymoon without the aid of a telescope.

Of course this world may be growing better, but a lot of new jails are erected every year.

About her complexion the average Coos Bay woman worries more than she does about her prospective harp and crown.

Some Coos Bay people spoil much good work for the lack of a little more.

Some conundrums sprung at the club on a rainy afternoon:

When is a lawyer like a donkey? When he is drawing a conveyance.

Why is a thief called a jail bird? Because he's been a robin.

When do skates resemble the forbidden fruit? When they bring about the fall of man.

Charity may cover a multitude of sins but that is not its regular business.

"A word to the wise is sufficient," remarked W. F. McKee who is sometimes given to the quotation habit. "Wrong again," rejoined John Goss. "A word to the wise is unnecessary."

CHEERING THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Never want anything you can't get, and you will always get all you want.

St. Peter—Are they all in?

Gabriel—Not yet. Some of the women have gone back to take a last look in the mirror.

Relative Virtue.

Our Alma says the cookstove smokes
But then it might be worse.
If it should chew and drink and swear,
Its faults she might rehearse.

Some Coos Bay folk who stand on their dignity often find the ground mighty slippery.

There are some Coos Bay people who are mighty good artists when it comes to drawing a long face.

"The man who whispers down a well
About the goods he has to sell,
Wont reap as many golden dollars
As he who climbs a tree and hollers."

An Arizona newspaper publishes the following notice—"Married at Flimstone, by the Rev. Windstone, Mr. Nehemiah Sandstone and Miss Wilhelmi Whetstone, both of Limestone. Look out for brimstone."

Foolish Rules For Emergencies.

In going down a fire escape never precede a lady.

In case of fire leap from the nearest window and turn to the left.

In drowning do not speak. Talking to one's self is always bad form; but in this emergency it would also be extremely silly.

In falling from the back of a runaway horse always aim to let the left shoulder hit the ground first, as it is far better to break one's arm than to fracture one's skull.

If a heavy plate glass window falls upon you some cold winter morning don't scream, as you might, in opening your mouth, catch tonsilitis—to say nothing of several large pieces of glass.

If you happen to be in a theatre when the cry of "Fire!" is raised, sit perfectly still. Of course no one ever does this, but it is just as well to bear the rule in mind. Authorities differ as to whether it is better to be trampled to death or be burned alive.

OREGON'S POOR BUILDINGS.

Improved real estate is a misnomer to apply to the tumble-down shacks in many of the cities and towns of Oregon. The real estate would actually be worth more if the "improvements" were to burn down as hundrdes of blocks of them did in San Francisco in its great disaster. The owners found their devastated lots and blocks still glowing and smouldering to be more valuable than before. In every town in Oregon 20 years old or more are seen buildings that are a positive detriment to the land under them and adjacent to them. Portland has hundreds of such properties, on which the improvements in proportion to value of the ground is not equal in proportion to an Indian wickeyup as a 100-acre farm in the Willamette valley. Our tax laws encourage these eyesores.—Oregon Labor Press.

WILD WEST NAMES TO BE TAKEN FROM IDAHO

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 24. — Such names as "Hangman's Gulch" and "Seven Devils" will be removed from the map of Idaho, if success crowns the movement launched here at a meeting called to organize a state geographical society. Even the historic Snake River, as famous as the state of Idaho itself, will have to wind its way from the Yellowstone to its mouth under some such prosaic cognomen as Clark or Smith.

The geographers declare that many of the geographical names now in use in Idaho are highly inappropriate, being suggestive of sensationalism and yellow novels, and thereby give strangers a mistaken idea of the state. A change in the objectionable names, they say, would greatly help in the movement to attract capital and settlers to Idaho.

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