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WHEN MUCH ISN'T MUCH.

THE experience of a couple of Coos Bay travelers in Tiffany's in New York this summer when told the price of one small necklace was more than that of the best corner lot on Coos Bay, leads to an interesting line of thought.

It is further suggested by the reply of Richard Parr that "a hundred thousand dollars isn't much money in New York," when he was congratulated for being awarded that sum by the government for disclosing the sugar frauds.

What is much in New York?

From all reports, even a million isn't much in that city, where wealth is piled up by billions, and where men with ten millions have been known to complain of their poverty. A hundred thousand isn't much where apartments of a dozen rooms have rented for several thousand a month and where as much as six hundred dollars has been charged for a suite of hotel rooms for a single day. A hundred thousand isn't much where spenders have been known to lay out a third of that sum on a single social event and where others have gotten rid of the whole amount in a short few weeks of gaiety.

What is much anywhere?

It is getting more and more difficult to answer that question. Time was when Oregon did not have a millionaire, and not so very many years ago at that. Today millionaires are so common in this state that almost every large community has one or more and their number is growing rapidly. In the country, men set their mark to accumulate \$10,000 and think it a lot; here in this modern city, they strive for many times that. It is only a few years ago that Joe Bennett stated that he would be happy when he piled up \$10,000 and would be willing to retire. Now he has so many times that amount that it looks little and the genial Joe has probably raised his ante to \$10,000,000.

Only the other day Uncle Sam paid his postmasters in small towns of the state up to a thousand dollars a year and they were considered fortunate; now he is paying them twice that much and they're unhappy. Not so many years ago men worked at common labor for a dollar a day and that was a good deal; today they get about twice and thrice as much and it is too little.

A small row boat not so many years ago was the only thing on Coos Bay, but today it is \$3,000 to \$5,000 launches. A steady old nag hitherto to a comfortable surrey and with a gal of about six miles an hour was much just yesterday; but today nothing less than a touring car as big as a passenger coach is very much. Adults can remember when a bag of peanuts on a holiday was much for a youngster; today even choice chocolate creams aren't much.

There is no definition for much that will answer all men's notions of it at one time, nor one man's notion

of it for all time. Sometimes a little is much and sometimes much is a little.

Men are foolish when they consider riches and they do many foolish things for them. There was never greater need than today of a wide understanding among human kind that the abundance of life lieth not in riches.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE TIMES was pleased with the early announcement by Prof. Tiedgen that high school athletics were to be encouraged the coming year. The news that the Myrtle Point school has already formally organized its athletic association adds to this feeling as it evinces general interest throughout Coos county in this feature of our schools.

However there is an unsatisfactory thought prompted by it. Only a very few boys are actively engaged in high school athletics compared with the many pupils who are enrolled. Only a few trained stars do the running and jumping at the field meets while the many are sitting by, waving banners and the only thing they exercise is their voice.

High school athletics generally in Coos county and elsewhere do not bestow their benefits upon more than a few who are specially fitted to become star performers. The few who already have strong bodies and a measure of skill in sports are chosen and given further training. The many who have weak bodies and muscles that need development and training are put aside and left to do the cheering for the few. In the cities gymnasiums are being built and physical directors are being employed to meet this situation, but in the great majority of public schools—the overwhelming majority—practically no provision is made for physical training except for the boys who make the athletic teams.

It is a fact that the average high school boy is sorely deficient physically. Wherever examinations have been made and measurements taken that fact has been brought out above all others.

Field meets are good and must be continued, because they play a wholesome part in the student life when properly regulated. However, the schools of Coos county need more than field meets and football matches for the proper physical development of boys and girls. They alone are utterly inadequate. The school authorities of every town in the county ought to deal immediately with the need of physical training for public school children. It is an urgent need, for what does it profit to fill a child's head with knowledge and neglect his body? We need sports and games for the many and not merely the few.

ODD, ISN'T IT?

That one can carry a mortgage and yet not be able to lift it.

That when a man is drunk he feels prompted to declare that he's "a gen'l-man."

That we talk of "dropping into poetry" when what we really do is rise into it.

That women talk of house gowns when what a house really wears is a coat of paint.

That the faster a man lives the less likely he is to keep up with his running expenses.

That a man may be calm and collected at his wedding and yet may lose control of himself.

That the less material some Coos Bay people have to work with the longer it takes them to make up their minds.

St Baxter says: "You can't make a man believe that you are ever going to amount to much as long as you owe him money."

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"MY VIEWS"

A Running Record of Individual Opinion by a Quiet Observer.

Editor Times:

I am getting a little tired of this life insurance business. When a man dies nowadays the first thing that is asked is, "Was he insured, and for how much?" The papers also generally wind up the obituary notice with the amount of the insurance. Soon an obituary notice will read something like this: "Peter Jones died and leaves a wife and two children. The loss is fully covered by insurance." Or, if the dead man is not insured, it will read about as follows: "John Smith is dead. He leaves a wife; total loss, no insurance."

It is all very well to have a proper respect for public position. We should never be wanting in enough respect to put our public servants on their best behavior. But is it not well once in a while to reflect on the remark of Wendell Phillips:

The difficulty of the present day and with us, we are bullied by institutions. A man gets up in the pulpit, or sits on the bench, and we allow ourselves to be bullied by the judge or the clergyman, when if he stood side by side with us on the brick pavement, as a simple individual, his ideas would not have disturbed our clear thoughts an hour.

It is true that public esteem has a determining influence upon human conduct. The same man will act from very different motives as his relations to public opinion are changed. The esteem in which the bench has always been held in the English law has had much to do with an impartial administration of justice. But shall we on that account allow ourselves to forget that judges are after all human, and very human at that? Shall we allow ourselves to forget that judges have been prone to exercise despotic power in about the degree that the people with a blind veneration for rank and station have entrusted them with it!

It is a truth that cannot be forced home on the people too frequently nor too insistently that their safety is not in institutions nor in leaders; it is in their own intelligent appreciation of their needs, in their own capacity to defend their rights. Institutions nor leaders will long be better than the people who support them.

It would be a public misfortune if the people should ever come to hold the public service in low esteem. It is the defect of municipal government that the people do not hold it in higher esteem. But there is another extreme equally desirable to avoid. The moment we begin to attach a sort of sanctity to an office we begin to enslave ourselves.

—DIXIT.

ASK PAROLES FOR TWO MEN

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Cora Gilkey. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Francis Hotten vs. Robert Marsden, Jr. Action at law. Dismissed without costs.

Henry Sengstacken vs. David Talbot. Action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

Merchant Land Co., Eugene O'Connell vs. Edger L. Wheeler and T. B. Wheeler. Action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

J. R. Benson and W. F. Hendricks of Bank of Myrtle Point vs. Ray Haines. Action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

A. R. Moore vs. E. E. Bender. Action at law. Dismissed.

W. O. Cooper vs. B. E. Hampton. Action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

W. E. Dungan vs. C. A. Manassa and Son. Action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

B. Folsom vs. J. A. Boomer. Action at law. Judgment for plaintiff for \$509 costs and attorneys fee.

Dan Masen vs. Amanda E. Noah and Fred Noah. Suit for foreclosure mortgage. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

W. H. Thomas vs. E. W. Furman, J. W. Leneve and C. E. Baxter. Action at law. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Mary Belle Pratt vs. George E. Pratt. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Northern Commercial Co. vs. Thos Nichols. action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

Jacob Evans vs. L. J. Simpson and Cassie H. Simpson. action at law. Defendant adjudged in default.

J. M. Upton vs. William J. Robertson and Harriett M. Robertson. action at law. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

William Horsfall vs. Wilbur E. Paul, action at law. Motion to quash.

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Sarah Ann Tibbetts vs. Cyrus Jeffery Tibbetts. Suit for divorce granted by default.

E. M. Harry vs. Mrs. E. H. Lahey and G. S. Lahey, her husband, suit to foreclose mortgage. Defendant adjudged in default.

Clara M. Look vs. William H. Look and maiden name Clara M. Noble, restored.

D. A. Curry and W. J. Rust vs. Mrs. M. M. Murphy. Suit for equity dismissed.

The Pacific Northwest Adjustment company vs. Cora B. Cook. Defendant adjudged in default.

The case of Farrin & Farrin vs. the C. A. Smith company for fees in the Fall Creek homestead cases which ended by the Smith company purchasing the tracts was non-suited.

ARE AFTER WILSON.

Iowa Free Methodists Want Him to Resign. By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times

PLYMOUTH, Iowa, Sept. 19. — President Taft is asked to urge James Wilson, secretary of Agriculture, to withdraw from his cabinet, the request coming in a resolution adopted today by the annual conference of Free Methodists of Iowa and Minnesota in session here.

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