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TOO FAR DOWN THE LIST.

THE national economic league is a purely non-partisan organization. In its executive council are such men as David Starr Jordan, Jacob Gould Schurman, Louis D. Brandeis, Charles J. Bonaparte, John D. Long, John Graham Brooks, Franklin K. Lane and Charles F. Thwing. One of its aims is to secure a "consensus of the most intelligent and unbiased judgment as to the problems before the country and their solution."

The league has just taken a vote on what, in its opinion, are the questions of greatest national importance at the present time. Sixty-five per cent of the members who voted agree that "efficiency in the administration of justice" is the first and most important question and that the tariff is the second. Then comes, in order, the monetary system of the United States, conservation, efficiency and economy, child labor, government regulation and control of dominant industrial corporation, direct primary nominations and so on down to subject 61, which is "Relations with Mexico."

THE WAY OUT.

CONGRESS is to be asked for a large appropriation to be used by the department of commerce and labor to induce people who now congregate in the population centers to scatter and engage in agriculture.

This is another case of getting the cart squarely in front of the horse. If conditions of rural life are not now such as to hold the people whose training is agriculture, what likelihood is there that mere money premiums will persuade a city population that knows nothing of agriculture to remain in the country?

Congress, if it is to do anything, had much better give its attention to the cause rather than the effects. City population is congested and rural population on the decline for a reason. That reason is not hard to find, nor is the remedy hard to apply.

A GOOD FELLOW.

THE RECENT death of Will Carleton, the poet of farm life and simple homely ballads of the city and the common people, recalls the wonderful popularity of his verse at a time when poetry is generally restricted to a few scholarly readers. Perhaps we shouldn't call Carleton's writing poetry at all in a strictly critical sense, but his rhymes reached the hearts of the people as is shown by his book sales, which have mounted into the hundred thousands of copies and are still good.

The books were well printed and rather expensively bound. And if we stop to examine them only casually we will find a warm feeling of human sympathy, a kind of homely companionship which the average person longs for. They are kindly and humorous and sentimental. "Over the Hills to the Poor House" and "Betty and I Are Out," may

not bring a thrill of appreciation to the critic, but they do hold an appeal for a great mass of Americans, and this the critical writer is oftenest unable to effect.

Their sentiment is true, if crudely put, and the mingling of pathos and humor is worthy of the generous human heart that conceived the stories and swept them into simple obvious form. This popularity with the large reading public is a reward which men such as Carleton merit. They are not writers of distinction in a literary way, but they are good fellows in their books as in their lives, warming the hearts of friend and foe with genial pleasantry or touching them to sympathy with pathetic appeal.

Such writers are like wholesome, homely companions along a dusty and sometimes cheerless road. Overhead are the stars or the fleecy clouds or the glaring light of the sun. But these are remote even though inspiring. The human mind longs sometimes for simple, gracious comradeship, something that is warm and easy and unexacting. We grow dizzy and faint and intolerably lonely with only the heights to cheer us. There is a world of comfort in the lowly touch of actual human contact. Just being a good fellow in literature, as in life, is a noble, inspiring achievement and one that too many of the great geniuses have not really accomplished.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING. Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled by great ambitions. —Langfellow.

Things Worth While. Don't ask, "Has the world been a friend to me?" But, "Have I to the world been true?"

'Tis not what you get, but what you give. That makes life worth while to you.

'Tis the kind word said to the little child. As you wiped its tears away, And the smile you brought to some careworn face, That really lights up your day.

'Tis the hand you clasp with an honest grasp. That gives you a hearty thrill. 'Tis the good you pour into other lives. That comes back your own to fill. 'Tis the dress you drain from another's cup. That makes your own seem sweet, And the hours you give to your brother men. That makes your own life complete.

'Tis the burden you help another bear. That makes your own seem light. 'Tis the danger seen for another's feet. That shows you the path to right. 'Tis the good you do each passing day. With a heart sincere and true—For through giving the world your very best, Its best will return to you.

One-half of the world awaits an opportunity to do up the other half.

A lot of men strive for fame because of the money that goes with it.

Between two grafts a regular politician is likely for both.

A lie has to keep moving in order to escape being nailed down.

TEN RESOLUTIONS.

Ten resolutions stood in a line "Won't you have something?" Then there were nine.

Nine resolutions awaited their fate. "Have a cigar?" And then there were eight.

Eight resolutions looked up to heaven. "Bang! went the hammer." And then there were seven.

Seven survivors trimmed up their wicks. "Don't you play poker?" And then there were six.

Six resolutions managed to thrive. "Your credit is good." And then there were five.

Five resolutions sturdily wore. "Lend me a dollar." And then there were four.

Four resolutions chuckled with glee. "Yes, I'm getting up!" And then there were three.

Three resolutions, frightened and blue. "I can't pay you this month." And then there were two.

Two resolutions, hard on the run, "Let's go duck shooting." And then there was one.

One resolution, "Let's spend what we've saved!" And this is how hell has been finally paved.

PARKER LOSES DAMAGE SUIT

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of City of Marshfield and C. A. Smith Company.

(Special to the Times) COQUILLE, Jan. 31.—The jury in the case of Jack Parker vs. the C. A. Smith Lumber Co. and the city of Marshfield, brought in a verdict in favor of the defendants this morning. The case was submitted to the jury about 10:30 this morning.

The verdict against Parker was arrived at quickly but the jury were required to answer a number of questions in connection with it. They debated long over a question as to whether George Parker was intoxicated at the time he was killed.

Jack Parker, as the administrator of the estate of his brother, Geo. Parker, sued the C. A. Smith Co. and the city of Marshfield for \$7500. He alleged that the Smith Company had dumped a load of wood in the street on South Broadway, that the city had permitted the obstruction to remain there and that this was responsible for the death of his brother, whose motorcycle collided with it.

The case was hard fought, many technical points being raised. Among the evidence introduced was a statement signed by a number saying that they knew that Parker was not intoxicated at the time of the accident. Some of those whose names were attached to the statement have since declared that they did not know the statement contained this declaration or they would not have signed it.

Immediately following the submission of the Parker case to the jury, the trial of the case of Strang vs. McDonald & Vaughan for damages for the loss of a finger was begun.

LOOKS BRIGHT FOR COOS BAY

D. C. Green Arrives Home Today from Washington—Tells of Coos Bay Aid.

D. C. Green, one of the Coos Bay men who was in Washington to secure federal aid for the Coos Bay bar, arrived home via Drain this afternoon. Mrs. Green accompanied him home. They had a rather hard trip, although an enjoyable one. Mrs. Green is just recovering from a severe attack of la grippe and Mr. Green says that Coos Bay never looked so good to him.

Concerning the Coos Bay harbor situation, Mr. Green said. "The committee advanced the cause of Coos Bay at least a year, but the biggest thing, in my estimation, was the impression we made on the United States engineers. We presented the case clearly to them and gave them a full understanding of it. They were impressed and the survey of the jetty, which will be made at once, will enable us to get an appropriation for its rebuilding, and possibly for a larger project. In the next rivers and harbors bill, which will probably be next fall, "The \$50,000 in the rivers and harbors bill for Coos Bay this year includes \$50,000 for the maintenance of the bar dredge and \$50,000 for improvements in the inner harbor, according to my understanding."

"In Washington I met one of the builders of the bar dredge and he assured me it would be here for work by next June. "Our delegation broke up in

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Washington, Capt. Macgoun going to New York and Oyster Bay, Dr. McCormac to New York, and C. A. Smith returning home, J. J. Strangson when I saw him last was planning to meet his father and make a trip to the Panama Canal.

THORPE HAS PLANS.

Indian Athlete Wants to Be Reinstated as Amateur. CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 31.—It was learned today from friends of James Thorpe, the Indian athlete, that efforts are being made to secure his reinstatement as an amateur. In the meantime the Olympic champion will not act upon any offers made to him by the leagues or other professional baseball clubs.

EXPERIMENT FARMS WANTED

Nine Bills Introduced in Connection with Proposed Stations. SALEM, Jan. 31.—Demands for county experiment stations, conducted in connection with the Oregon Agricultural College, have come into the present legislative assembly merrily. In addition to the plan of Representative Mitchell to convert all poor farms of the state into experiment farms and thus have one self-sustaining experiment farm in each county, so far eight bills have been introduced asking for appropriations for experiment farms. Two of these, asking for farms in Malheur county, are practically duplications except as to the amount of the appropriation. One asks for \$1000 and the other for \$8000. Eight thousand dollars is the sum asked for a farm in Grant county. Coos County wants \$8000 for an experiment station and \$8000 more for a test farm. Clatsop county wants \$6000 for an experiment station. Yamhill county wants \$1000 for a walnut experiment station and Hood River wants \$10,000 for an experiment station.

It is understood that there will be requests from other counties for appropriations for experiment stations. Among other bills passed by the senate is this one: Senate bill No. 49, by Smith of Coos—Prohibiting sale of intoxicants within half a mile of fair grounds, or sale of soft drinks on fair grounds except by permit of fair authorities.

Toothsome Fresh Vegetables To Tickle Your Appetite

Here's a list of nice crisp, green things, fresh from the garden that will make your meals a luxury.

- Hot House Cucumbers
Fresh Ripe Tomatoes
Nice Choice Cauliflowers
New Bunch Turnips,
Fresh Crisp Celery
New Bunch Red Beets
Spring Onions
Brussels Sprouts
Carrots, Parsley Parsnips
Sweet Potatoes
Hubbard Squash
Fancy Head Lettuce
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