

COOS BAY TIMES

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IDLENESS.

“WHY stand ye here all the day idle?”

No more searching question has ever been put to man. What right, indeed, has any man or woman to be idle?

And what is idleness? Is it going fishing, or attending baseball games day after day, or loitering about luxurious homes with novels and bon-bons, or frittering away the hours in endless devotion to bridge whist or tanco?

It may be all of these, though some are justified as the occupations of recreation. It embraces much more than these.

We may formulate a paradox and say that some of the busiest men and women are the most idle.

And we think there can be little disagreement about it when we stop to watch the man with no thought save for the piling up of property making himself an office machine, or a store fixture or an industrial dynamo. You see him going to his place early each day, from the time of young manhood until the day he has proudly looked forward to when he should die in harness, a paragon of industry and thrift, a man pointed out as a model to all aspiring young business men. And yet he may be an idler, wasting his precious life in the service of mammon.

He might have been better off loafing along the river, gazing into space from the hilltop. He, too, might have been better off. For he might have dreamed to some purpose or have wandered about in kindly fashion, bringing cheer and inspiration to people who had lost heart. Men have served God's purpose, we are told, through the medium of a magnetic handshake.

But his money, you say, does not this money stand a chance of being used for good? How can he be justly accused of idleness if he amasses a fortune, says an exchange. He does not always use it for good. Sometimes, by his extreme industry, he develops an uncanny talent for taking money from others who might do more good with it. Sometimes he gains so great a passion for wealth that he takes advantage of those with whom he deals. In such a case it were far better that he did only enough work to keep himself alive. So we will agree there is work which is not work. And many men who think they are doing well enough and living lives of virtuous hard work are in effect but standing all the day idle.

AMBLING

MAGAZINE writer observes: “We Americans, though we are the most restless race in the world with the possible exception of the Bedouins, almost never permit ourselves to travel either at home or abroad as the ‘guest of chance.’ We always go from one place to another with a definite purpose. We never amble.” And the writer believes that we miss a good deal of pleasure and profit by our cut-and-dried formula of things.

And a novelist declares that the best ideas come to him when he is not especially looking for them. He finds that when he comes forth avowedly to observe life and people and truth for his fiction, that what he gets is likely to be distorted, forced or over-emphasized.

Something like this seems equally true of the ordinary person. He needs, upon occasion, to ramble, to learn the secret of original response. Our traveling and reading and thinking are prone to suffer by our conventional processes. We follow beaten paths, pursuing them with a set ardor that shuts out a hundred delightful experiences by the way. But originality requires that we allow space for original impressions, that we clear our minds of a little of the accumulated lumber of tradition, that we ramble, amibly and even alertly, but without always a fixed destination or a predetermined course of thought.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

AS a result of a recent investigation made by the investigation of Commissioner Katherine B. Davis of New York, regarding the food supply in the penitentiary and the work house, it is reported that at each institution there is a waste of \$80 per day. And with this needless expenditure the menu for the inmates is said to lack the proper variety.

The choice of food is to be improved and at least part of this daily waste is to be eliminated according to plans of Dr. Davis. This is an illuminating instance of the good housekeeping of which women are learning to apply to civic and social affairs.

FORTUNE IN ONE IDEA.

POST but Battle Creek on the map with one idea—prepared breakfast food. Mr. Johnson took the scratch out of the phonograph and so gave not only Camden and New Jersey the Victor, but the country one of its most amazing business successes.

Pulverizing charcoal to make it a more economical fuel was so good an idea that Walter S. Wright is the

fourth generation of the family to continue that century old industry in Camden County.

The thought that a needle could sew with the eye in the point instead of the other end was what made Home and his sewing machine.

Pending a piece of wire to give it a “hump”—the whole world knows the story of the De Long hook and eye.

Half a dozen men sitting in a little coffee house said to another: “We’ll guarantee you against losing your ship and cargo,” and so started the world’s most celebrated insurance concern, which is known as Lloyd’s.

In this age of enormous business, the fellow who gets just one good idea for bettering any one of a thousand things can at once order his steam yacht.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

AND SHUT THY DOOR.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into the closet and shut thy door.—Bible, King James Version.

“And shut thy door!” How well he knew

This human being he had made! When day’s long hours have harried you

At home or in the marts of trade How deep your inmost spirit’s thirst To be aloof a little while From that which frets and vexes

worst— The constant need to beck and smile.

You are alone within your room; And yet your spirit craves still more

Assurance that no soul may loom O’er your horizon—“shut thy door.”

The sound of turning round the key Within the lock—the balm it gives! The current of your thoughts flows free

Till once again your best self lives. This person and that other drew

Some part of you away— They pulled and hauled and tortured you

Through all the busy, patient day. This shuttin’ hour with none but God (Who ne’er intrudes) will soon restore

Your feet to paths in calmness trod; Enter your room and “shut thy door.”

—H—H—

The greatest stand ever made for civilization was the inkstand.

—H—H—

Whis-key is the key that has enabled some Coos Bay men to unlock the door and let himself into jail.

—H—H—

GETTING AHEAD.

The man who is selling cabbages. His income is quite slim; But he will not get mad if I Should get a head of him.

Some Coos Bay people imagine Charity is attending to other people’s business without charge.

Some Coos Bay people are too dull to cut even an undesirable acquaintance.

THE HOUSEWIFE’S WAR COMMENT.

War is looming black and blacker. Like a storm cloud in the east! France is leading out her forces. For all hopes of peace have ceased. (I’m afraid the price of butter May be suddenly increased.)

All the powers are making ready for a struggle, so they say. And the German standing army Is prepared in every way. (Well, I’m glad I bought potatoes Of that farmer yesterday.)

War may rend the map of Europe. So the papers seem to speak; Russia’s attitude is warlike

And the rest are far from weak. (John, you pay me back that dollar That you borrowed just last week.) “An empty purse maketh a full heart,” according to the proverb,—but how about the stomach?

—H—H—

The average woman can do anything with a hairpin except sharpen a pencil—and she can do that with her teeth.

—H—H—

When a young man gets wise to the fact that he’s loved and lost that’s his cue to change skirts.

—H—H—

A young man may have to fight for the first kiss and thereafter wear a catcher’s mask for protection.

—H—H—

One thing funnier than hearing a woman whistle is to see her try.

—H—H—

The wise wife increases her hold on her husband by holding her tongue occasionally.

—H—H—

And many a married man is known as a “good fellow” by all his acquaintances except his wife.

—H—H—

Talk about your busy men! How about the one-armed man with an itchy nose who plays the slide trombone?

M'DONALD NOT TO RUN NOW FIND SKELETON AT MILLICOMA

Private Business Will Not Permit Him to Enter Politics—Move Camp.

Jack McDonald of McDonald & Vaughan, the Blue Ridge loggers, was in town today on business. He said that while many had been urging him to make the race independently for county commissioner that he did not feel that he could enter the contest. He said that while he appreciated the honor and would like to serve the public, he would have to make a considerable sacrifice in a business way. Furthermore, his partner, Wm. Vaughan, is much averse to him taking office.

McDonald & Vaughan have about completed cutting the timber where their camp is now located and will probably shut down early this fall unless they secure additional stumpage. They have taken the matter up with the Simpson company, but nothing definite has been done.

L. J. Simpson is expected to return soon and it is likely that he and Edgar Simpson will take action then as logs will be needed to keep the Simpson mill in operation.

The Simpson company has large holdings beyond the present Blue Ridge Camp on the North Fork of the Coquille, but some of it is second growth and they do not like to touch it now. They bought a half section from the Ferry estate further up the Coquille and the Simpson company may buy this for the McDonald & Vaughan company so they can log it more cheaply by handling it over the present Daniels Creek road.

If they do not get the Ferry tract, it is possible that the McDonald & Vaughan camp may be moved to Marlow Creek above Allegany, where the Simpson company has a large compact tract, having traded timber elsewhere for the holdings of the Smith Company there.



AT THE CHANDLER.

Armond Blum, San Francisco; Elbert L. Lenox, Roseburg; Thos. Dixon, Eugene; Meyer Abraham, Portland; F. B. Waite, Sutherlin; Mrs. L. Snyder, Portland; C. C. Hampton, Portland; Tom Williams, San Francisco; F. L. Botsford, Portland; A. L. Matson, Blue Ridge; D. M. Fox, Bandon; D. J. McKunlar, Portland; G. L. Goodell, Portland; D. R. Allison, Portland; Geo. Gurray, Portland; B. A. Gifford, Portland; A. O. Peterson, Lakeside; H. S. Brown, Portland; T. H. Wilson, Portland.

AT THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Erwin Schmidt, Butte, Mont.; E. W. Moore, Portland; R. B. Hayes, Seattle; C. D. Maynard, Roseburg; J. M. Barker, Coquille; A. B. Donaldson, Coquille; D. Watson, Bandon; W. Bortard, Bandon; C. McMillan, Cincinnati, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Roseburg; G. W. Armstrong, Kent, Wash.; W. P. Hennessey, Henryville; Myrtle Davis, Henryville; L. R. Garrett, Myrtle Point.

AT THE BLANCO.

S. M. Campbell, Portland; Frank Smith, Portland; Bud Smith, Portland; Wm. Peterson, Myrtle Point; Alfred Larson, Portland; Wm. Richards, Helso; F. W. Wilson, Glendale; J. C. Bruin, Myrtle Point; C. E. Hawthorth, Bandon; J. H. Winters, Myrtle Point; G. T. Shanks, Myrtle Point; H. E. Baker, Ash.

AT THE LOYD.

Harry Allen, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton, Portland; Herman Stelbar, San Francisco; A. Pensa, Bandon; G. D. Randolph, Coquille; Carl V. Matson, Catching Inlet; P. L. Cimino, Lakeside.

NEWS OF BANDON.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Or., Aug. 6.—The steamer Elizabeth sailed for San Francisco with a full cargo of lumber and produce and a full list of passengers. Among those sailing were C. E. Broadbent, the cheese man of Myrtle Point, on a business trip to San Francisco; Miss Nora Solve, on a visit to her sister in Oakland; Lawrence Machado, of Myrtle Point, on a visit to his sisters in San Francisco; Mr. Felix Wolf, of the Henry Rhine Co., and Mr. Sol Israel, of the O'Rourke Eubanks Co., who have been doing Coos county in the interests of their respective firms.

The steamer Speedwell is expected in this afternoon to load out for San Pedro and San Diego.

After the exodus of deer hunters, the rest of the population here is preparing to go to Port Orford to attend the Agate Carnival.

Mr. Edward Croft of Tacoma is in the city on his way to his plantation at Croft's Lake, where he will spend a month or six weeks.

Mayor George P. Topping, who has been out to the Supreme Court, and in Josephine county visiting his parents, is expected home today in his new Mitchell Six which he acquired while on the trip. He has been gone nearly a month and reports by letters that he has been having a swell time.

The old postoffice is being rapidly remodelled and the new tenants expect to be able to move in within a few days.

The Red Crain Drug Company will commence tomorrow to remodel the building that they are going to occupy and expect to have as classy a drug store as there is in Coos county. The Donney Coffee House has been forced to retire from business temporarily as they cannot find a loca-

J. A. Ward Unearths Human Bones Near Millicoma Mine—Mystery Unsolved.

J. A. Ward of the Millicoma Coal Mine, while doing some development work near the mine the other day, unearthed a skeleton that evidently had been lying there for twenty-five or thirty years. The skeleton had not been buried, but was lying at the bottom of a hill where the rains had washed down leaves and dirt, covering the body.

There was no indication of foul play. The bones indicated that it was a man of rather large stature and a particularly large jawbone. It had a perfect set of teeth. The skull showed that it was a white man and not an Indian as some thought it might be.

How the man met death and who he was will probably never be known.

GARDINER GLEANINGS.

Items of Interest Found in the Columns of The Roseburg Review.

F. E. Allen, Mayor of Marshfield, spent a day in Gardiner this week looking after business matters and shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Allen reports business good in and around Coos Bay, and every one optimistic.

Monday night Will Lyster caught a large black bear in a trap which he had set on his place. The bears have been doing a great deal of damage to the goats, killing a great many of them. Besides the one caught, an old one and her cubs are still roaming around in the vicinity, which he hopes to get before they destroy any more of his stock. The one that was caught showed considerable fight, and made it lively for the dogs after being wounded and fastened by one of its fore-feet in the trap. Finally it was killed, and it is said that it weighed over 300 pounds. Bears are very numerous in the Smith River country this year, being seen quite often. This being a good berry season, those that have been killed are quite fat for this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Voney, of St. Louis, Mo., were in Gardiner this week looking over this section of the country with a view of locating here.

The timbering in the north end of Tunnel No. 6 is finishing up to the slide and on Monday they will begin taking out the dirt which has slid in. It is the intention to crowd the work day and night on both ends of the tunnel. The tunnel on the south end is now 200 feet.

The San Gabriel, in command of Captain Westergale, sailed Friday with a cargo of lumber for San Pedro.

Earl Howard and Verne Laumen, from Yoncalla, were in Gardiner Friday on their way to Coos County.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McDonald, of Reedport, accompanied by Mrs. Will Perkins and daughter of Marshfield, are visiting with their mother, Mrs. Colwell, and their sister, Mrs. John Emmett, at Drain.

Mrs. R. W. Marsters, Miss Vivian Marsters and Mrs. S. P. Houser, of Roseburg, were registered at the Gardiner Hotel Friday. They were on their return from Coos Bay points, where they have been visiting friends, to their home in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher came in from Tunnel No. 7 Sunday, en route for the Sluslaw.

THE GARDINER TANNERY.

One of Gardiner's important industries is the tannery situated about three-quarters of a mile below town. This tannery has been in operation for a good number of years and is owned by W. P. Reed, and is managed by Charles Smith, an expert tanner, who has had charge of the plant for over ten years. They turn out from 50 to 75 sides of leather per month, besides tanning skins of animals that are brought to them for that purpose. The leather that is made by this tannery is exceptionally fine and brings a good price in the leather market. The tannery is fully equipped for the present demand of it, but as the country surrounding increases in population it will have to be enlarged to meet future demands.—Roseburg Review.

ACCIDENTS ARE REPORTED.

Several Coos County Men Injured in This Section.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 5.—Only one fatal accident occurred in the many industrial activities of Oregon during last week according to the report of Labor Commissioner Hoff, Basil Peterson, of Portland, being killed in the railroad yards at Portland. Railroad work resulted in the greatest number of accidents, while industries connected with lumbering and logging came next. Many of the accidents were not serious, consisting largely of bruises. The following is the Commissioner's list from Coos County:

- W. H. Clark, Marshfield, leg broken, sawmill.
- F. G. Kemery, Marshfield, wrist sprained, sawmill.
- Arthur Crank, Marshfield, back bruised, sawmill.
- Carl Vie Their, Marshfield, back cut, logging.
- F. L. Adams, Marshfield, foot cut, logging.
- A. D. Edgerton, Marshfield, foot bruised, shingle mill.
- A. Redburg, Marshfield, ankle sprained, sawmill.

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