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**"PAY UP DAY."**

**B**ACK in Wautoma, Wisconsin, they have originated an idea that should prove popular in every community in the country. They have made December a "Square Up Month" and January 1 is to be "Square Up Day." The idea is being presented to the people of Wautoma in active fashion. The idea was conceived by Frank S. Durham of the Durham Lumber Company, who explains the proposition as follows:

"The first thought we had in regard to this movement was that it would have a tendency to create an extra effort on the part of those who are owing us to square up their accounts this month instead of letting them linger into the next year. As this idea began to work we could see a double benefit in this movement. First, squaring up financial obligations; second, squaring up moral obligations.

Our business men will place one of these stickers on each statement they send out this month and whenever an account is settled, if the debtor is not already wearing one, we will place a square up button on his coat. Should he meet other business men whom he owes he gives an opportunity for a good natured challenge as to the meaning of the square up button. "Mr. Debtor" will have no alternative between squaring up with the business man who has just challenged him or taking off the button, providing he has any pride. Again: If he mixes with his fellows and sees others wearing the square up button, and some one asks him why he is not wearing a button, it may bring about the desired result.

We will have large cards printed the same as the stickers and hung in conspicuous places in all business houses. The enclosed ad will appear in our weekly paper each week this month. We are going to request all of our ministers to deliver a sermon on the last Sunday of this month using for the text, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," Matthew 22:21.

We feel that the financial results should be good and that the results of the newspaper ad and Sunday sermon will have a tendency to bring the people of our community together more closely, so that the New Year's greeting will mean more than a mere expression on that day.

We hope this "Square up day" movement will spread all over the country so that December and the first of the year will become permanently known as "square up month" and "square up day" respectively. We wish the movement would spread so rapidly that it would reach each soldier and person in Europe so that the great conflict across the water would cease on "square up day," January 1, 1915."

The Wautoma idea is a good one and the first impulse of merchants of other cities will be to move to make it unanimous. In Wautoma it undoubtedly will accelerate the circulation of money, which is the life blood of the community. Could the day be made universal, it undoubtedly would produce a similar acceleration of circulation throughout the country.

There is really no better investment a man can make with money than to pay a bill that he owes. There is no better time to pay it than when business is quiet; because in periods of quiet business, credit is subjected to greater scrutiny and a credit has a higher valuation.

There is something also in Mr. Durham's argument that the man who is square with the world financially can be more cordial in his New Year's greeting—able to look every man in the eye and wish him well. This increase in his confidence and self-respect is a real addition to his assets, just as much as the payment of a debt is a reduction of his liabilities. By paying off what he owes to his fellowmen in good money and good wishes, he can begin the New Year with assets largely in excess of liabilities, and with every balance, mental and financial, on the right side of the ledger.

The Times predicts that "Square up day" idea will grow; and while it is late in the present season to put it into effect, in 1915 many communities will adopt the idea.

**SHIP MANY CATTLE.**

J. L. Knight, of Coos county, arrived here Friday with 100 head of cattle which were recently purchased by a man by the name of Payne. The cattle will be pastured on the Stewart ranch some distance from the city.—Roseburg Review.

**WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST**

GOOD EVENING.

Light itself is a great corrective. A thousand wrongs and abuses that are grown in darkness disappear like owls and bats before the light of day.—James A. Garfield.

**A WANDERER'S SONG.**

A wind's in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels,  
I am tired of brick and stone and rumbling wagon wheels;  
I hunger for the sea's edge, the limits of the land,  
Where the wild old Atlantic is shouting on the sand.

Oh, I'll be going, leaving the noises of the street,  
To where a lifting foresail-foot is yanking at the sheet;  
To a windy, tossing anchorage where yaws and etches ride,  
Oh, I'll be going, going, until I meet the tide.

Oh, I am tired of brick and stone, the heart of me is sick,  
For windy green, unquiet sea, the realm of Moby Dick;  
And I'll be going, going, from the roaring of the wheels,  
For a wind's in the heart of me, a fire's in my heels.

—John Masfield.

No matter how many funerals a Coos Bay man attends, he can't realize that he will be dead some day.

It won't do any good to try again if you don't try harder.

Industry is one evidence of religion. He who never works never worships.

All Coos Bay girls are fond of sports, but some of the dear things are foolish enough to marry them.

If a stranger were treated like one of the family in some Coos Bay families, he would want to fight.

Every Coos Bay man likes to think he is the busiest man in the world, but we all have some time to loaf.

When it comes to escaping steam try to say hurriedly: "Chris Whistler misses Mrs. Chris Whistler."

When a Coos Bay woman catches her husband doing wrong she may forgive him, but she will never get through talking about it.

If it ever came to a show-down you'd find that women could get along without men better than men could get along without women.

The Coos Bay man who takes his grouch home to his wife always knocks the man who takes his grouch to a saloon and tries to drown it.

**HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY.**

When a man has a clever wife, ever notice how he lets her run things? He is glad to get rid of the responsibility.

Ever notice two men when one wants to sell and the other wants to buy; how indifferent they pretend to be, although really watching like hawks?

The patience of a 15-year-old girl is often sorely tried by her mother. Old people are not as selfish as young people because they are never so hungry.

One of the most tiresome things in the world is to be compelled to listen to another man tell how well he understands his business and how smart he is.

**WHY NOT THE IRON CROSS FOR**

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Farrington's leading characteristics are a love of punctuality and a cheerfulness that refuses to be blighted. When he is thwarted in something he has wanted most to do he finds consolation by playing his flute. Nor is he a musician of but mediocre ability. In New Rochelle, where the Thanhouser-Mutual studios are located, he often is called on to appear at performances for charities.

Back of his very capable work in eccentric, comedy and character parts Farrington has the ambition to become a director of motion pictures. "No one seems to realize better than he does the value of knowing every detail of acting and camera work before taking on a director's duties. It therefore is safe to say that when Farrington does bloom forth as a director it will be only when he has made himself proficient."

Farrington is very fond of swimming. He is quite tall, weighs 173 pounds. He has dark hair and hazel eyes and, in real life, is every inch the cosmopolitan Londoner.

**JOFFRE FIELD MARSHAL**

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The decree issued at Bordeaux September 29, fixing the salary of Marshal of France at 30,000 francs, was supposed to have the effect of reviving that title, extinct since the death of Marshal Conrobert in 1895. It was also supposed that General Joffre would be raised to that dignity in order to remedy his anomalous situation with reference to Marshal French, who outranks him but whose army is under his general command. Now it appears that the delay of the government in making the nomination is due to the necessity of parliamentary approval.

The Third Republic had never suppressed the grade of Marshal, but a law passed in 1875 provided that the number of Marshals in the army, and their nomination, should be the object of special laws. The Parliament will be called upon at the forthcoming session to regularize the situation. Otherwise, when the French and English armies may be co-operating outside of French territory, the chief command would devolve upon Marshal French.

Since the creation of the grade by Philippe-Auguste in 1185 there have been only 324 Marshals of France. The grade was suppressed by the revolution and revived by Napoleon, carrying with it the title of Monseigneur. To be Marshal of France it was then necessary to have won a pitched battle or to have taken two fortified towns.

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