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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB

"I honor the man who is ready to sink Half his present repute for the freedom to think, And when he has thought, be his cause strong or weak, Will sink 't'other half for the freedom to speak; Caring naught for what vengeance the mob has in store, Let that mob be the upper ten thousand, or lower."

THE TIMES prints in full tonight two interesting addresses made at the Men's Fellowship Club last evening that prove there is a place, and an important one, for this club in the civic life of the community. There is nothing that is so stimulating as thought in the march of progress. There is nothing so provocative of thought as the free and frank expression of opinion on topics of vital public concern. When these opinions are animated by the spirit of communal welfare and the common good they are doubly valuable. That should be the spirit of every citizen. Never has it been more needed in city and state than today to promote public interests and guard our land against the oppression of the plutocrat on the one hand and the demagogue on the other.

It is by such men that the work of the world is done and every man can do his part, be it great or small. If he rests on the same everlasting principle of unselfish service. The terrors, the failures, the ridicule, will be forgotten, but the central animating thought, manly, robust and glorious, will survive. These are generalities, but they mean everything because they define a mental and moral attitude which is essential to virility and well doing. Let that attitude be right, and your action must be right.

WHO OWNS THE SEA?

WHILE no formal arrangement has been made for common action by all neutral countries in respect to contraband and shipping during maritime warfare, it is announced in Washington that the United States has received the sympathetic support of practically all neutral nations in our negotiations with Great Britain. Every neutral nation—the twenty-one republics, the Scandinavian countries, Italy and all the rest—is as vitally interested in the issue presented by our government, in demanding better treatment for our commerce as we are ourselves, and it is not improbable that before the present controversy is settled a number of the neutral governments of the world may be forced to band together in some sort of an ultimatum to the powers engaged in war, which have undertaken to set up a dictatorship on the seas.

Great Britain's search and seizure of our merchantmen and the diversion and confiscation of our cargoes is a form of piracy. It is a practice which already threatens and which will destroy our trade, if we are to permit it to continue, and which we would not tolerate in time of peace and to which we cannot afford to submit in time of war. The British government advances the theory that if she is to subdue Germany, by cutting off all supplies, she must have absolute domination of the seven seas. We are virtually placed in a position of an ally—to be watched and suspected—for we are told no matter what care the United States government may exercise, our ships can not be permitted to go to the ports of the other neutral nations without interference. In other words, a nation at war is telling other nations at peace that she owns the sea and that it can be used for legitimate pursuits only as she may see fit to permit them to use it. Under such conditions, if such a principle is to be permitted to obtain, one government might maliciously wipe out the commerce of another, under the pretext of a war emergency.

Reverse the situation. Suppose the United States was at war with Chile and it was feared that Canada was shipping supplies to some neutral port in South America, or to England, and there was a possibility that these cargoes might be re-shipped, would Great Britain be ready to submit to the seizure of these ships and their diversion to ports on our Atlantic seaboard? If we undertook such a program we would expect trouble, and yet this is a parallel to what Great Britain is attempting to do. We can exercise care at home. We have agreed to do that. When our cargoes are once unloaded in a neutral port our responsibility, in accordance with every sense of

MUNICIPAL PLANTS SUCCEEDED IN KANSAS

Sabetha, Kansas, claims the distinction of being the smallest town in Kansas with paving. Its population is 1973, and it recently paved 22 blocks with brick, says a special to the Topeka Capital. From 25 to 40 blocks more will be paved in the spring. The town also has a municipal light, water and steam heating plant, public playgrounds, commission form of government, and a sewer system.

PEOPLES FORUM

The Coos Bay Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest, giving his or her address, and so far as possible limited to 250 words. In publishing these letters The Times does not endorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

DOG NUISANCE

To The Times:—Every kind of dog—watchdog, spaniel, birddog, collies, Irish terrier, brindle nosed half bull dog, curs and half the dear only knows; ladies' darling, looking as though it had just dropped out of a carpet-sweeper—I have just begun the enumeration; they are all here. Most of the time they are in front of my window. There were five Sunday morning, seven Sunday noon and thirteen Sunday afternoon. They can be seen there any day and heard any night. Just dogs. No good for anything. Will any one tell us what good they are? A child's pet? I respect that. I would not rob a little child, not for half this town. But I would like to know when the child pets them. They are off chasing themselves or others about town. The child is in bed asleep before they come home. I would like to have a dog for my children; I have too much respect for my neighbors and for common decency.

Just dogs. Kept for 365 days so that a man may hunt one day, or perchance on Sundays, when he ought to be teaching the dogs better manners and a respect for the One Day in seven. Dogs; they have been in the world for nobody knows how long. In Belgium they seem to have civic pride and ask to be harnessed to a gun or something. Here they spend their time in laziness and play—a bad example for the younger generation.

In Damascus there are hundreds of thousands of them and they have no owners and live on tips from American tourists. Too bad they are not all in Damascus. If they were muscled, there would be some excuse for their existence. The member of the feline tribe does something for the orchestra, but the dogs—they could not contribute to the manufacture of any orchestral instrument, unless it be the bones. I suggest that every orchestra and band in this town introduce bones immediately. They can be found in any number and in any size. Dogs; there is no place in town fit for a dog except in some kennel tied up. He could contribute something to the sum of human progress. The man with a grinch could sit down beside him for a while and make comparisons. I know of a town, less than 1,000 miles from here, a town where there is not a dog, unless he is kept tied up. When he is out of bondage, he is led about on a chain—and not by a woman either—and even then he is kept muzzled. We know what "muzzled" means.

Sometimes wise folks like to ponder over the condition of the modern pupil and weep a little and call it "muzzled." A dog can talk sometimes through a muzzle, and so can a man—or a woman. The muzzle will not hurt the dog. It may improve his appearance and serve as a salutary hint to grown-ups. Dogs; we have a great plenty. Can we not make a good lubricating oil out of dog grease? This is a hint to garage men.

Some day, in this city there will be a hydrophobia scare, and not without reason. Can we not curtail such a possibility?—Subscriber.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$30,000 WHEN YOU ARE 70?

Let a young man of twenty years of age put twenty dollars at interest. Instead of expending it for tobacco. Then at the beginning of the next year repeat it, and include also the principal and interest of the preceding year, and thus continue to do so from year to year until he reaches the age of seventy, the amount he would realize would exceed thirty thousand dollars. How many of you young men will try it?

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST THE SADDEST WORDS.

Of all sad words by human tongue, Mumbled or whispered, shouted or sung.

Hissed at a king or at beggar flung, The saddest are these: "Again we're stone!" —Anon.

The trouble with the fellow who thinks he knows it all is that he has so much to unlearn.

There is nothing so mean and hateful as one woman who refuses to tell another woman a secret.

Some Coos Bay men find it easier to pay a compliment that a bill.

Be careful how you drop remarks—they may hit the wrong chap.

Experience comes high. Still, the motor car factories are busy.

Life is a merry coasting place; We slip through with a will; It's easy going down the grade, But hard to climb the hill. —Anon.

Laughter is merely a smile set to music.

Say, did you ever meet a man who was rich enough to enjoy paying taxes?

Most women have a mania for the kind of garments that are more ornamental than useful.

If only sensible women were permitted to marry there would probably be more old bachelors in the world.

A girl may tell the truth when she says she has never kissed a man—but that has nothing to do with the number of men who have kissed her.

REPORT MANY ACCIDENTS

Twelve of 38 in State Occur in Coos County Last Week

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—No fatal accidents were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week. The total number of mishaps was 38, and 12 occurred among employees of railroads, while nine victims were employed by sawmill or logging companies. The following is a list of the accidents reported from Coos County.

Sam Anderson, Marshfield; shoulder cut, in lath mill.

G. A. Arnold, Marshfield; eye cut, sawmill.

Ray Purdy, Marshfield; arm bruised, sawmill.

William Pool, North Bend; head cut, railroad construction.

Philip Therian, Marshfield; arm bruised, sawmill.

Thomas Patterson, Marshfield; foot cut, teamster.

George Mavrouzen, Marshfield; hand cut, sawmill.

C. E. Wood, Marshfield; leg bruised, sawmill.

Frank Jones, North Bend; hand bruised, railroad construction.

James Brennan, North Bend, ankle sprained, carpenter.

O. E. Kinney, Marshfield; face cut, sawmill.

POUR BEER INTO SEWER

Last Fifty Barrels of Roseburg Brewery Supply Destroyed by U. S. Revenue Officer.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 28.—Fifty barrels of beer, the remainder of the stock on hand of the Roseburg Brewery Co., was drained into the sewer this afternoon under the personal supervision of Deputy Revenue Collector C. A. Rouff, of Portland.

A long hose was run from the cooling room of the brewery and attached to the barrels and the spigot turned on and the contents drained. When the job had been finished the opening of the sewer had the appearance of a huge snow drift, as the foam had piled up two or three feet high. The building was then gone over thoroughly by the collector to be sure that no beer had escaped his attention. No objection was offered to anyone who wished to partake of the fluid, but no one was allowed to take any of the beer from the premises.

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