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AMERICA GETTING WELL.

Man has been called the sick animal. An ordinary Bengal tiger or self-respecting armadillo does not overeat, or smoke or drink to excess, or stay up all night and awaken next morning with a bad taste in the mouth.

Civilized man is especially likely to be sick, for the things that improve life also make us ill through their abuse.

America has a tremendous sick list. A report on national vitality shows 3,000,000 people actually sick, at all times. Our sickness costs us \$1,500,000,000 a year—about twice the revenue of the government. This estimate does not include the incalculable loss of efficiency of people who are just tired, fagged, below par.

As a sick nation we have done fairly well. We could double, treble, quadruple our work if we wiped out sickness. It is no idle dream. It can be done. In fact, it is being done. One of the greatest reforms now on in this country is to "get well."

We have obliterated yellow fever and scurvy and almost ended smallpox. In another generation any city that has a typhoid epidemic will be held up to public scorn. Today there are 500,000 people continually sick from tuberculosis, an easily preventable disease; in another generation tuberculosis should be rare. There are 3,000,000 cases of malaria every year; vigorous war on mosquitoes will make it unknown.

We are entered upon a new health era. National, state and municipal boards of hygiene, better sanitary laws, bureaus of medical inspection, institutes for medical research, improved hospitals and sanitariums and better trained doctors and nurses are rapidly improving general health.

The people, learning right living, are doing still more. We no longer believe religiously in bad-tasting drugs, but are finding that pure air, pure water, pure food and war on flies, mosquitoes and rats are half the battle, and freedom from worry and anger the other half.

We are wisely spending much thought on the conservation of our natural resources; we are just as wisely devoting thought and effort to conserving our vital resources.

By lengthening and strengthening our lives we can create a new and higher and eminently more efficient civilization in this sick old world.

FATHERS WILL BE FATHERS.

A Kansas man complains that since his daughter has taken music lessons, at his expense, she insists upon playing only classical stuff. When he comes home tired and asks for a little tune he gets nothing but musical gymnastics.

The whole feminine part of the community, he thinks, is in a conspiracy to uplift him, and he doesn't want to be uplifted.

It is just like father to make a complaint like that. Father never did take kindly to culture. He sits disconsolate in the draughty kitchen, while daughter's Browning Circle meets in the front room.

It is mother's idea entirely that he put on an uncomfortable collar in the evening and hear a missionary lecture on Borneo.

Father's taste for music stops short at Suwanee River, and he knows almost nothing about the minor poets and the pre-Raphaelites.

His art ideas are derived from the illustrated Sunday supplement. He will not sit in a Louis XIV. chair. He cares not a whit for the pottery of the ancient Chaldeans.

Shirt sleeves and carpet slippers are his conception of correct evening dress for gentlemen.

There is little hope that anything permanent can ever be done for father. When the millennium comes he will still be found reading his newspaper, smoking up the window curtains, impeding the advance of culture—and paying the bills.

WHAT ROOSEVELT DID AS PRESIDENT.

What did Roosevelt do as president? Every day we are requested to print something of his record of achievements. Roosevelt accomplished more real constructive work as president than any other man who ever was put in the White House. But his great work was his leadership of the nation to new moral standards in business and in public life.

Some of the more notable achievements of President Roosevelt in opposition to the combined forces of big crooked business and crooked politics are:

- Dolliver-Hepburn railroad act.
- Extension of forest reserve.
- Improvement of waterways and reservation of waterpower sites.
- Employer's liability act.
- Safety appliance act.
- Regulation of railroad employees' hours of labor.
- Establishment of bureau of corporations.
- Pure food and drugs act.
- Federal meat inspection.
- Settlement of the coal strike of 1902.

The government upheld in Northern Securities decision. Conviction of postoffice grafters and public land thieves. Directed investigation of the sugar trust customs frauds, and the resultant prosecutions.

Suits begun against the Standard Oil and Tobacco companies and other corporations for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Corporations forbidden to contribute to political campaign funds.

Inauguration of movement for conservation of natural resources. Inauguration of movement for improvement of conditions of country life.

The Panama policy and action which made possible the most colossal work of all time.

During his term in the White House President Roosevelt was the most conspicuous friend of peace in the civilized world, and won the Nobel peace prize. Among his achievements in that line were:

- Second intervention in Cuba to establish peace.
- Alaska boundary dispute settled.
- China saved from partition and policy of open door established.
- Twenty-four treaties of general arbitration negotiated.
- Negotiations opened by which Russo-Japanese war was ended.
- Avoidance of bad feeling with Japan over extension policy.
- Among the policies urged by President Roosevelt, to whose leadership the public sentiment in these matters is largely due, are:
- Reform of the banking and currency system.
- Inheritance tax.
- Income tax.
- Passage of a new employers' liability act to meet objections raised by the supreme court.
- Postal savings banks.
- Parcels post.
- Revision of the Sherman anti-trust act.
- Legislation to prevent overcapitalization, stock watering, etc., of common carriers.
- Legislation compelling incorporation under federal laws of corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

It is always wise to work and vote in the interest of your home town. After having given the matter careful consideration the Tidings believes it is of importance to Ashland to have A. W. Silsby of Ashland and G. A. Morse of Talent as representatives in the legislature from Jackson county. It appears that every other candidate for the legislature lives at Medford. There has been ample evidence that the gang at Medford insist that Ashland be discriminated against in every instance where it is possible that the Medford bunch can dictate official action. There will arise many issues in the legislature affecting the interests of this section and other sections of the county outside of Medford. Ashland is looking for a square deal. The way to get that is to look out for yourself. Mr. Silsby and Mr. Morse are capable men. While they are not the nominees of the progressive party, they are both progressives, and are as good and capable men as are now before the people as legislative candidates. One of the reasons the Tidings will advocate their election is because they are geographically located so that they will escape the domination of the Medford bunch.

Professor Wilson is a nice man. Theory has its place, but without the practical man of affairs to test out the ideas of the theorists, we would never get anywhere. Government is a practical thing. While we need the professors, it is mighty dangerous to give them the helm of the ship when they have never sailed the seas.

THE MAN ROOSEVELT.

Talk about courage! Is there any other man, anywhere, who could go on unconcernedly and unafraid, make an hour's speech with an assassin's bullet in his body and the blood soaking his clothing, then go smiling to the operating table, joking the doctors on the way? Every time Theodore Roosevelt is confronted with an emergency he rings true. He can't be bullied, browbeaten or cajoled. Sometimes he is fooled, but he makes it a sorry day for the man who fooled him when he finds it out. His moral courage is as resolute as his physical courage.

SEES THE DISASTER.

"If the tariff plank of the democrats is not telling the truth (reply to Governor Wilson), of course I need not discuss it with them. If it is telling the truth, and should be put into effect, it would plunge this country into a period of commercial disasters such as we have not seen in a lifetime."—Colonel Roosevelt at Minnesota State Fair.

It is time the taxpayers of Jackson county should be thoroughly awakened to the realization that the issues in the present fight for county judge are the same as in the primaries last April. The honest taxpayers won a glorious victory in the primaries over the solid opposition of a bunch of "progressives" living at Medford under whose tutelage Jackson county wasted some hundreds of thousands of dollars. These same "progressives" have been busy since the primaries and thousands of dollars of the tax moneys have been squandered since then. The same bunch that fought Dunn in the primaries are still fighting him. Why? Because they know that when George Dunn is elected exploitation will cease in Jackson county as far as the business of the people is concerned.

RERORT CAR SHORTAGE

Southern Pacific Company Reports That Demand for Cars Has Been Very Heavy.

San Francisco, Oct. 22.—Evidence of the prosperity of the western states is furnished by figures made known by the Southern Pacific Company as to the number of freight cars loaded this season. The average loading on the lines of this company in California is greater by 6,200 cars per month over the same period last year, or about 200 cars per day.

Railroads have been heavily pressed for rolling stock because of this sudden demand for service. Only the hearty co-operation on the part of the shippers has made it possible to keep all the traffic moving. The large fruit firms have instructed their agents not to delay or divert shipments unnecessarily and have issued circulars to this effect, for the principal difficulty has arisen from movements in the eastern states.

The Pacific Fruit Express, according to an announcement made by President Sproule of the Southern Pacific Company, has ordered 2,000 more refrigerator cars of the latest design. This number, together with the lot of 1,000 only recently ordered, will bring up this line's total equipment to 13,100 cars, representing an investment of over \$20,000,000, all to be available on July 1 of next year, in time for the 1913 fruit movement.

The new cars are designed especially for the fruit packages peculiar to California and the west and will load easily and economically. They will be fitted with Bohn collapsible tanks and a modern system of heat insulation.

FURNISH EMPLOYEES' BONDS.

Southern Pacific Will Hereafter Pay Premiums on Them.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Beginning with January 1 of next year, the Harriman lines will assume all bond premiums of employees in their service, according to an announcement made at the offices of the Southern Pacific Company here today.

In the past it has been the custom to require all men handling money to put up a security bond, and the premium on it has been paid by the employe himself. After the first of the year this expense will be borne by the railroad company.

On the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific, alone, there are about 45,000 employes, and the new arrangement, it is said, will involve a heavy expenditure annually.

This action is in line with the welfare campaign which the Southern Pacific and its allied lines are carrying on to better the conditions under which its employes are working.

The Tidings for artistic printing.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Many a man who thinks he is a good citizen paints his house in such a manner it seems to fit all the other houses in the neighborhood.

It is rather difficult to keep from thinking and talking politics these days. All the same, the average man, and most men are average, like some respite now and then.

At this season, while you are hauling the crop to market, is a good time for you to reflect on the advantages of good roads, and how much time and money are lost by poor ones.

Here's a problem for the school children: A farmer owned a hog and wanted to weigh it. The man's weight was 100 pounds, while his wife weighed 135. They put a board across the fence so that when they sat upon it, it exactly balanced. They then changed places, his wife taking the pig in her lap, just balancing the board again. What is the weight of the porker?

The reports of bumper crops all over the country are rather tiresome reading. It seems that someone might speak a word of praise for the farmer for raising such crops now after the scoring they received for raising such poor ones the past few seasons, or will some professor pat himself on the back and say, "I did it with my little speeches"?

The child deprived of pets misses much. To love a dog, a cat, or a bird or any live thing has a humanizing influence on the character. The care of a pet teaches a child to be responsible for something. The love of a pet brings out the tender feelings of the heart, makes the child less inclined to cruelty, more thoughtful, of quicker sympathy. A pet gives him something to enjoy at home and so makes home life richer. It is one means of keeping him from undesirable companions.

A correspondent asks if a man can ride a wheel and be a Christian? It all depends. While smoothly spinning along a faultless road with the refreshing breezes toying with the tumbled hair, the thoughts may be of a very pious nature; but should he strike an obstruction and plow a furrow in the road with his nose and leave a portion of his cuticle clinging to the face of nature, his Christianity would have to be remarkably deep-rooted to enable him to get up smiling and singing the praises of heaven.

Most merchants realize the value of attractive, original window displays in connection with their, seasonal trade. The store window is at all times one of the most valuable store adjuncts and trade-getters that the merchant can make use of. Attractive window displays always draw the attention of the shopper, and if, besides being attractive, it contains any suggestions, it is bound to sell the goods. If the merchant or any of his clerks who have more talent along this line will devote a little earnest thought and time to getting up a series of attractive, suggestive and original displays, he will find that it will tend to materially increase his results.

A Thought for Mother.

Yes, the summer is past and mother failed to get her vacation. And now comes the fall sewing, the winter garments to be chosen, perhaps made; the housecleaning with all of its attendant horrors, the picking of autumn dainties, which will give zest to many a winter feast, and the general management of the whole domestic machinery, so that no little part will become clogged or its squeaking disturb the harmony of the home. As summer has brought mother no vacation, no change of scenes, what wonder then if her face is pale, her step a little slower, her smile no less sweet but less frequent than of old? Every one is sorry for mother's disappointments, but all take it as a matter of course as she never complains. So the domestic mill goes grinding on until one day there is all confusion in the household; the machinery is all awry, for the hand that guided it has lost its cunning and dropped nerveless by her side. Mother has borne her burden too long, it becomes too heavy and she is crushed beneath it. Isn't this a true picture we have sketched for you? Isn't mother too often left out? Girls, you know it is so, and the conscious blush rises to your cheeks and you hang your heads and are ashamed of your own selfishness. We write this that you may be more thoughtful of mother. You will



John W. Campbell

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never regret any sacrifice you have made to lighten her burdens and bring into her life all the sweetness possible.

Germany is manufacturing safety razors and has even begun exporting them to the United States.

Socialist Liabelers Indicted.

Portland, Ore.—Eight members of the socialist party, who were recently indicted by a Portland grand jury charged with issuing a circular defaming Theodore Roosevelt, Nicholas Longworth and the Roman Catholics, announced recently that they would have subpoenas issued for Roosevelt, Longworth and Cardinal Gibbons, and force them to prove that the allegations contained in the circular were untrue.

The men were arraigned in court and took the statutory time to plead. Immediately after entering a plea subpoenas for the above mentioned notables will be issued and forwarded to the homes of the respective men for execution. It is not believed any of the men involved will come to Portland, but on the contrary will appear through affidavits sworn to before notary publics.

Nearly every Shetland household has attached to it a flock of tame gulls.

IF YOU ARE A PROGRESSIVE and do not like

HAWLEY'S STAND-PAT RECORD, vote for

JOHN W. CAMPBELL

For Congress from the First District.

Hawley's record shows him to be a stand-patter of the stand-patters. Every move he has made since he has been in congress was in complete harmony with the Cannon-Aldrich program. You cannot hope to get your government back into the hands of the people if you vote for stand-pat congressmen. John W. Campbell is thoroughly progressive and will stand solidly in congress for progressive legislation. He is progressive rather than partisan, and is pledged to support progressive legislation whether it is put forward by a republican or a democratic administration. He stands for anti-trust legislation and revision of the tariff downward.

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