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PROTECTION OF THE PEACE.

The world assures itself quite efficiently against disturbances of its peace and order on a small scale. If a man shouts and yells in front of your window you can have him locked up for disorderly conduct. He may have done no injury whatever, except possibly to your feelings. But society recognizes that as an interference with the normal work of life, and stops it.

But here the whole world is upset by a quarrel over a few bushy mountains away off in far Serbia. Everyone consequently has to pay a higher tax for flour, sugar, pork, beef and a hundred other articles, while factories are shutting down and workers are idle all over the country.

It is a situation, on a far more ominous scale, somewhat like that of the anthracite coal strike of 1902. At that time the comfort and health of millions of people were attacked, and industry and labor stopped, by a purely private quarrel. There seemed to be no legal way to stop it. Finally public sentiment and the national government found a way to end it.

The European war likewise shows how the machinery of civilization has broken down and proved obsolete. The war will end in due time, but will the world have learned its lesson? No readjustment of boundaries, no payment of indemnities, can compensate for the infinite damage done to the whole world by the destruction of commerce and the ordinary machinery of toil, industry and business.

So while arrogant war lords and heroic soldiers are locked in this bestial tiger warfare, it is hoped that the brain of the world is busy on some plan for preventing a recurrence of such a calamity. No warlike autocracy can long stand against the voice of its people. If the Old World must fight, let it do so, but let it never again interfere with the peaceful traffic of a neutral people, friendly to all the contending parties.

A Chicago circuit judge fined an attorney for contempt because of a criticism the lawyer made in a public address. It seems mighty strange when a court must protect itself by exercise of its power to fine or imprison for contempt. It seems as if the position of judge ought to be so decently filled that no man will want the courts criticised and that only in extreme cases of judicial animosity will the people stand for such criticism. A judge who must protect himself as this Chicago judge has done is hardly worthy a place on the bench.

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ARE YOU LISTENING?

We are appealing every week to our readers to trade at home—to keep the home money at home. We are trying to present the facts in the case—to show you that every time you send a dollar away you are crippling Ashland, you are taking from your own support.

The dollar is a busy old fellow. He can make more trades in a day than you imagine, and every time you send one away it is just like cutting off a man from your shop or store or farm. Suppose you have a dozen men at work and each day you let one go—pretty soon, and before you know it, your works will stop.

Every time we send a dollar away to the mail order house we have weakened our support just that much. Keep the dollar at home. Let it do all sorts of chores—and let it build here big stores. Why send away when your home merchant can save you money in the long run, when you can make money by keeping the dollars here?

THE AGE OF A VOTER.

The women of Kansas have scored one of the most notable victories in the history of the suffrage movement in the opinion handed down by Attorney General Dawson that it was not necessary under the constitution for a woman to give her exact age, providing she could prove that she was over twenty-one, in qualifying as a voter.

This is a staggering blow to opponents of equal suffrage who have relied upon the well-known aversion of women to telling their age, as an insurmountable obstacle to their exercise of this privilege of citizenship.

We have often wondered what difference it made in the general result whether a voter was twenty-five or ninety-five, provided he was in his right mind and legally responsible for his acts. The opinion of the Kansas attorney general has in it at least a suggestion of common sense, something that cannot be said of all legal opinions or of the laws which they are supposed to interpret.

IN NORTH CAROLINA.

At Lumberton, N. C., a man has been arrested for violating the white slave act—a man named Powers. It is said he has a wife and children, but he brought a good looking woman from South Carolina to his town for immoral purposes—and the officers took him in.

Well, the hope is, if he is guilty, that he will go to the pen a while and think it over. If guilty, he will have ample time to wonder why he was such a fool as to leave his wife and children and go out and violate a law that he knew all about. He knew all about it. He knew what his promise to his wife was, even if there was no white slave law. He knew what his duty to his innocent children was, and while he thinks it all over it may do him some good. And then when he comes out of prison, if he is guilty and is sent there, maybe he can hand the boys some advice, with a suggestion to pass it along, that may be worth something.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Says the California Woman's Citizen:

"The record for the militant suffragists has been beaten by the men in Italy who want a republican form of government. Fourteen churches have been burned and more than sixty looted or damaged. Do we hear any one say that this proves men are unfit to take part in a republic?"

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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Charity and Children suggests that we change the name of the institution which we call "School for the Feeble Minded." Good enough. We all are feeble minded. We may not be bad enough off to be taken care of—but if a man will sit down calmly and read what other folks have done the past week, then figure out all that he has done, foolish and otherwise, he must perforce conclude that we all are feeble minded. Why throw it into a fellow who is so feeble minded that he must be taken care of? Why not call it the School for the Original Thinkers?

And that is all there is of it. The man whom we call stark mad may be giving his mind excursion flights into a world of which we know nothing. The School for the Original Thinkers would not be bad—it would give a grinning idiot a chance to think he thought—and that's worth while.

There is one good that may possibly, and will probably, result from the general mix-up in Europe. Without a doubt, if the thing goes on long enough there will be some second-hand crowns for sale at a bargain price. The crown on that poor old dotard, Francis Joseph, has been shaking for a good many years, and if any man on earth deserves to lose his headpiece it is this old king of Austria. His government is undoubtedly the most venal and corrupt and heartless of any in Europe—even worse than Russia, if it is possible. With the great strength the socialists have recently been showing in Germany, it will be strange indeed if Emperor William comes out of a general war and saves his crown with undiminished splendor. Germany is in a pretty fair condition to take on republican notions or at least to pare down the prerogatives of an almost absolute monarch. As for Russia, the people there are still too dull and dense to stand for anything of their own devising, although a curtailment of the absolute autocracy of the Russian emperor is more than possible.

Ever since the close of the Balkan war Europe has been under a great financial strain. France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia have had bread riots and labor strikes, soup kitchens and bread lines, in a desperate effort to take care of their suffering poor. All this was the price of a little war in one corner of Europe. France weathered the storm and is well out of it as is always the case, for the French people rally under economic reverses the quickest of any people on earth, but Germany is practically in the hands of the socialists, Austria still in the hands of hungry mobs, and Russia with nearly 1,000,000 people out of work are still in desperate straits. It looks as if some of those rulers have made up their minds that it is cheaper to get up a war and kill off a few thousand of their subjects than to continue the unequal effort of feeding them all. That sounds like pretty hard doctrine, but it is not so heartless as a declaration of war by one man in the name of himself and with a hope of glory to himself alone.

Talk about the trouble down in Mexico. How insignificant our dinky war scares are compared with the panics that rip Europe from center to circumference every little while. With Europe in a general mix-up and armies marching over its entire surface, we predict that they will make war so damnable that this generation will never witness another. How much better off Europe would be if it had less war equipment and indulged less in incendiary talk.

LOCAL S. P. TIME CARD.

Northbound. Leave	
No. 14	7:50 a.m.
Grants Pass motor (main line depot)	9:30 a.m.
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Grants Pass motor (city depot)	3:50 p.m.
No. 16	4:30 p.m.
Southbound. Arrive.	
Grants Pass motor (city depot)	9:20 a.m.
Grants Pass motor (main line depot)	9:30 a.m.
No. 13	11:35 a.m.
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Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Unshed Tears.

It is a mighty easy thing and a comfortable thing to be able to sit down and weep off one's worries. But to face the world and the trying ordeals of life with the make-up on the face, with laughter in the eyes, with smiles of sunshine so bright that there is no possible detection of ever having been checkered by many a woe, and fill the hearts about you with gayety until they shout for joy and scream with laughter, and all the while feel the eyes burning because of unshed tears and the heart throbbing with woe—don't you suppose this is real sorrow? Pick up your life just where it has been, to take up the work and never flinch no matter what may come, doesn't this call for greater courage than to sit in a darkened room and have many to console with you? I tell you when women are credited with the bravery which they have, be sure that to their credit will stand prominently the unshed tears. For women are brave. It is they who, when some great trouble comes, really support the men. It is they who face a scandal, who face the bringing out of a family skeleton, and when strong men flinch and grow nervous they are brave and say what shall be done. Yes, I think they are braver than men. The animal instinct that calls for fighting the battle may not be theirs, but a better kind of courage belongs to them. It is womanly courage, and it is what you want to have, what everyone wants to have.

A well-bred person with a well-disciplined mind is able to cover with the smiling mask of habit and education many a deep sorrow, perhaps a grief more lasting than death ever brings, and broken hopes, as one idol after another is shattered; yet the well-trained mind recovers its balance, the skilled hand its cunning, and with no outward sign of inward desolation the spirit gathers up the remnant of life and goes on as before.

A son's obedience to his mother is significant of goodness and greatness, Abraham Lincoln's step-mother has thus spoken of him: "I can say what not one mother in ten thousand can of a boy. Abe never gave me a cross look, and never refused in fact or appearance to do anything I requested of him, nor did I ever give him a cross word in my life. He was dutiful to me always. Abe was the best boy I ever saw or ever expect to see."

Divorce.

Love is blind sometimes, no matter if the cooling and the courtship be carried on amidst the roses and tussore—silk curtains and soft divans of a mansion. And when the scales have fallen from the eyes, the sweet nothings that were whispered while the hand was softly pressed are seen to be the bitter wormwood of deception and flattery. Either that, or the unfortunate and quarreling wedded persons have learned too late that they are badly mated and it were better they had never loved or, perhaps, pretended to love each other. Then a suit for divorce is filed. The court and public soon learn that the suit is the outcome of domestic infel-

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licities that have destroyed the happiness of at least two parties for some time past. So history continues to repeat itself.

Let the Girls Romp.

Many mothers have a dread of romps, so they lecture the girls daily on the proprieties and exhort them to be little ladies. They like to see them quiet and gentle and prim as possible. The lot of such children is pitiable, for they are deprived of the fun and frolic which they are entitled to. Children—boys and girls—must have exercise to keep them healthy. Deprive them of it and they will fade away like flowers without sunshine. Running, racing, skipping, climbing—these are the things that strengthen the muscles, expand the chest and build up the nerves. A mild dose of gymnastics taken in the nursery will not invigorate the system like a good romp in the open air. Mothers, therefore, who counsel their little girls to play very quietly make a mistake. Better the laughing, rosy-cheeked, romping girl than a pale, lily-faced one who is called every inch a lady. The latter rarely breaks things, or tears her dress, or tires her mother's patience as the former does; but after all what does the tearing and breaking amount to?

Everybody Laugh.

A good laugh is a sure cure for all ills. It beats medicine for these every-day sicknesses. Tell a good story and make the other fellow enjoy it, and he will tell one you will

enjoy. Don't tell your troubles, nor don't listen to other people's troubles. We all have troubles of our own. If the town and people don't suit you, get out. The town was here first. Nobody cares about your little ailments. They would rather hear of you having a good time and enjoying yourself. More men have made themselves famous by being able to give others a good hearty laugh than will ever be by making people tired by their everlasting grumbling.

A mother's duty is never better done than when she instills into the lives of her boys and girls the higher courage of honorable living, principles of truth, nobility and purity that they may go out into the world of social and political life free from the narrow self-interest, dishonesty and petty scheming which ever threaten to undermine our country's life and the liberty dear to every true American heart.

Comfort depends as much upon persons as things. It is out of the character and temper of those who govern homes that the feeling of comfort arises, much more than out of the handsome furniture, heated rooms or household luxuries and conveniences.

THE SPECULATOR.

In this sudden war over all the world the speculator got struck between the eyes. So vast was the confusion that it is hard to tell yet just what the markets are doing.



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