

DESIRE TOO MUCH SPEAKS TO SENIORS

Captain of Daisy Mitchell Gives Views on Strike.

COAST SAILORS WELL PAID

Striking Seamen Get Better Wages Than Average Laborer, and Better Food—More They Get, the More They Want.

The new steam schooner Daisy Mitchell completed loading at the South Bend Timber Company's mill Saturday forenoon and shortly after dinner steamed down the harbor en route to San Francisco with a cargo of 650,000 feet of lumber. Captain Howard Smith, who, about 21 years ago, when South Bend contained one small store, a boarding house, mill and a dozen small dwellings, all owned by John Wood and Captain A. M. Simpson plied between that port and San Francisco in command of a small three-masted schooner, is master and a part owner of the Daisy Mitchell. The genial skipper stated before departing that the demands of the sailors' union had been complied with in raising the men's wages from \$45 to \$50, but it was his belief that the steamer would be tied up upon reaching San Francisco to await the outcome of the strike.

Captain Smith is not entirely in sympathy with the strike, and being an owner as well as a master of a vessel that is implicated in the strife, he well explains the situation from an employer's point of view. It is not so much the \$5 raise that the ship owners are holding out against, he said, as it was the unwillingness of the union to make a reasonable wage scale and draw the line and cease their continual clamor for higher wages. "These same men whom the public is lead to believe are underpaid, starved and ill-treated," says Captain Smith, "are receiving from \$60 to \$75, and even more, per month for wages, in addition to board and lodging. They are paid 50 cents an hour for overtime work. The regular work day is from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., with an hour for dinner, and scarcely a day passes while a vessel is in port that the crew do not put in overtime. My men made \$2 a day besides their monthly wages since we have been loading at South Bend, and they done even better on our last trip to San Francisco.

"As to the food given the sailors, it would surprise many people unfamiliar with the situation to see their fare. It is the same as placed on my table, exactly. The sailors of today are an impudent, saucy, destructive class, who are always ready to talk back to their captain or other superiors, and seem to take a delight in destroying ship property. A raise in wages seems only to add to their inefficiency and shortcomings.

"It is my belief that no other line of employment offers such opportunities to the sober, up-right class of workmen over the country than that of a sailor. He has an excellent show for promotion, and his wages are good from the start. His associates are his own choosing. Especially is such the case on board the steam schooners engaged in the coastwise lumber trade, which are not long at sea."—Willapa Harbor Pilot.

Rev. W. S. Gilbert Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon.

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sermon to High School Graduates Delivered Last Night—Church is Filled—Special Music—Decorations Are Elaborate.

Last night at the First Presbyterian church, Rev. W. S. Gilbert delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of the high school. The church, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion with the choicest of June's floral offerings, was crowded to the doors. Previous to the sermon special music was rendered by the choir.

Rev. Gilbert chose as his text, Jno. 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He said in part:

There are three ways of taking away men's liberties—by might, sheer power, we may be held in involuntary bondage; not by armies so much in these days as by other tyrants who by being a part of our life oppress us; masters of industry, corporate power, corruption in high places—but mere might is our weakest master.

By subtle deceptions men are led into a willing bondage. None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely think they are free. We deceive ourselves oft times and the chains of our forging, are the fetters. The bondage of false notions, the poisoning of the mind, the dulling of the soul, steal away our liberties ere we are aware.

Then there is a bondage of ruts; wagon wheels follow the track of wheels that have gone before them, until deep grooves are made from which it is hard to lift them. The brain forms grooves by oft repeated action and contrary to our wills and better impulses we follow ruts and are not free; from bondage, not only of man against man, but also of man against himself we of a right ought to be free.

Truth Makes Men Free.

It is always truth that makes men free; freedom is never found in the false or in wrong ways or in evil paths. It is never to be had by lawlessness or anarchy of any kind, political, mental, or moral. The man who recklessly casts loose from restraint to drift easily with the currents has simply exchanged masters. The prodigal may have fancied himself free when he journeyed into the far country, but he became more and more the abject slave of every evil master.

The man that does right is the free man. If a pilot wishes his vessel to be free from rocks and shoals and wreck, whether his vessel is a schooner or a life, must conform to the right course. The better he obeys the laws of navigation the freer he is. The carpenter, whether he builds a house or a character, is free who sets up his wall by the sure plumb-line.

Real Freedom Defined.

Real freedom is not merely doing as we like. It is liking to do as we ought. In our American life we have set so much store upon freedom that we seem to think freedom means no restraint of law or authority. A man has a right to do as he pleases only when he pleases to do right. A man has a right to his



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own opinion when his opinion is right; a man may say what he pleases when he says the truth; there is a decadence today of respect for parental authority. Children foolishly expect and foolishly are allowed to do as they please and it becomes easy for us to despise all authority until today there is a seeming epidemic of lawlessness; at least the muck-rake has stirred up and exposed and removed lots of filth. There is need of a thorough awakening of conscience. Because of the recklessness and lawlessness of some the liberties of all are threatened. Oh, may we all have the supreme privilege of ever doing as we please by having the character to please to do what we ought. This is freedom!

I congratulate the class not upon the completion of your study but upon the successful commencement of it. You have been in school at hard work and hard at work for 12 years. It has been the best and most remunerative employment you could have had. While the commercial value of an education is its least consideration; it helps us to appreciate its worth when we put it into terms of value. A pupil in school from the primary grade to the time he graduates from college earns eleven dollars every day. The average unskilled laborer earns \$375 a year in our country. Laboring for forty years he earns in his life time \$15,000. The average college graduate earns \$1200 a year; in forty years he earns \$48,000, which is \$33,000 to the advantage of the college graduate over the unskilled laborer. At 15 years for a college education this would be \$2200 a year, and for each of the 200 days in the school year it would mean \$11 a day, and yet we allow our children to quit school for trifles.

Often schooling has been a curse to a man. In school or college away from home young men and young women have often formed foolish notions about work or extravagant living and have acquired all sorts of knowledge of good and evil; have formed a silly and overbearing mental conceit until the good old sensible father and mother who paid the bills feel that they have worse than wasted money and instead of being proud of the boy or the girl, find anxiety and chagrin instead.

Knowledge, study, schooling, ought always to make strong men out of boys and able women out of girls. Education ought to bring us to the truth, which makes men free; true wisdom, true principles, true character, true mind, and heart.

Truth is knowledge, transformed into life; mere knowledge may lead us to truth or to prison. A man may be skilled in all learning, but be a perfect rake, devoid utterly of all truth, the more a menace, because of his knowledge. Truth is not found in books; facts are found here, but truth is found in lives. To possess knowledge we may merely memorize facts; but to know the truth we must feel it; we must live it. By knowledge we may be the more enslaved; by truth we are always made free; lessons may be merely committed, and because of a good memory we may graduate from the schools; but to be really learned, lessons must be translated into character; knowledge ought to develop strength of purpose, keenness of—truth, which ever makes for freedom.

We soon forget cube root; and the theorem of trigonometry, and the rules

of syntax, and the conjugation, and the dates will soon have been forgotten; but the truth, the thing transformed that has entered into mind and heart and soul will remain, and this is the real asset of an education precious above price.

We expect the young men and young women who come out of our schools and

colleges to amount to something. They ought to be leaders; they ought to be men and women of real character who stand forth for all things that are good and right and cultured and uplifting.

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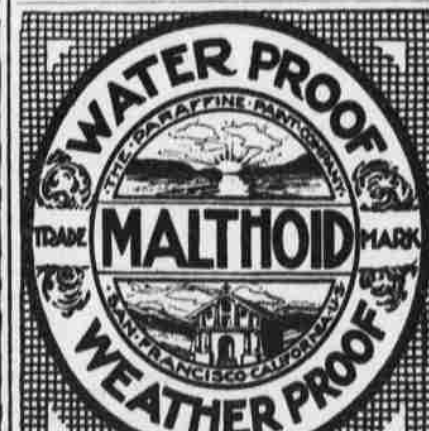
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