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Give me the sincere man, the man whose approbation I can believe in and the man whose disapproval I can heed. Give me the man who will tell me openly that he does not agree with me, that he does not approve of my way of thinking and that he will do nothing to further my cause, than him who flatters and makes countless promises but never turns a hand in my behalf.— Arthur Sheldon in "Business Philosopher."

ROOSEVELT'S SLANDERERS.

At the close of his message on Panama, President Roosevelt devotes a few hundred words to the slanderers who have maligning the canal commission, the president, the engineers and everybody connected with the construction of the canal, from the cook in the government hotel on the canal, to the chief engineer.

The president's answer to the slanders is sharp, stinging, unsparring and eloquent. He expresses the national contempt for the professional slanderer, for the fellow who is paid big prices for saying mean things about men in public office.

There are two ways to criticize a national movement like the Panama canal: one is to throw little irritating darts of fault-finding into it, aggravating those in charge with the very littleness of the attacks; the other is to enter into a gentlemanly discussion of methods, the surroundings, the men in charge, their plans and execution. Most of the criticism of the canal and its management has been of the first kind: professional fault-finding, insinuating and suggestive questions, an enumeration of insignificant technicalities and local grievances which have nothing to do with the great magnitude of the task.

Wherever a thousand laborers are gathered in a single force, there is a large per cent of them who will kick and complain, at the food, the living quarters, the hours of labor, the tools, the foremen, the conditions of their employment. It is human nature. Then, where 20,000 laborers are gathered, these complaints are multiplied in proportion.

The building of the Panama canal is the greatest task ever undertaken in the history of the human race. It simply surpasses any task to which human skill and ingenuity have ever devoted their energies.

It will be a monument so vast, so creditable, so enduring, so vital to the history of mankind, that its significance cannot be measured now. Its builders should have the co-operation and support of the nation.

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direct the course of its building. But whoever is at the head, and whatever party directs its destiny, it should have the co-operation and hearty support of the nation.

Its officials and managers should be scrutinized, their actions and methods should be watched by the people, and where there is a semblance of graft or crookedness, it should be exposed.

But they should not be harrassed by unfounded and jealous slanders. The professional "roaster," the insinuating pecksniffs, the superficial correspondents whose experience in Panama consists of a flying trip and incomplete information, should really be frowned down by the people. The self-respecting magazines should not tolerate their stuff. The people are entitled to the truth, but the professional fault finder is not the man to get at the real truth.

TAX THE FORTUNES.

There is a tendency everywhere to tax the idle wealth of the country. Congress and state legislatures are directing to laws of this kind. Commercial bodies, cities and counties are making every effort to reach the wealth that is not expressed in land, buildings and stocks of merchandise.

The rich franchises which yield millions and yet have no visible property, the concessions of the express and telegraph companies which return fabulous incomes on small investments—these forms of property are being brought into the assessment lists and will be made to bear their share of the burden.

An inheritance tax, an income tax, a tax on franchises, a tax on invisible property—these subjects are agitating every portion of the country. Lawmakers everywhere are wrestling with the problem of adequately taxing this class of property.

Too long the man with the visible store of wealth has borne the burden. Let the tax-dodgers now be forced to pay up past delinquencies.

THE PENDLETON SPIRIT.

The Pendleton spirit is seen smiling from every store and shop window in the city this holiday season. Some of the most beautiful windows and interiors to be found in the state are now seen in this city.

Through it all and over it all smiles that complacent and cordial spirit of the Pendleton business man. It is a rugged spirit of good cheer and friendship. It has a hint of the pioneer in its strong features. It means fraternity and mutual progress.

The Pendleton spirit has made of this city a unique and excellent business point. It has brought here prestige which is enjoyed by no other city in the state.

The spirit is contagious. Every business man in the city has it. They all look alike. They all do business on the same broad, open-handed plan. They all look upon life and progress through the same optimistic glasses. That's what makes Pendleton such a good town. That's the secret of her growth. That's the secret of her power.

STRAIN FOR COMMISSIONER.

If a railroad commission is created at the coming session of the Oregon legislature, C. P. Strain, assessor of Umatilla county, is the only logical man in eastern Oregon for a position on that commission.

He has devoted more time to the study of railroad rates, taxation, property values and cost and earnings of railroads, than any other citizen of eastern Oregon.

Fair-minded, liberal in his views, experienced in this line of work and capable in an extraordinary degree, Mr. Strain would make a valuable public servant in this capacity. The railroads and the public would each receive a perfectly square deal from him. He would bring a wealth of information and knowledge to the commission and eastern Oregon will insist on his appointment.

The present street car strike in Portland is wholly unjustified. The strike was not promoted by the men at work on the street car system, but by professional strike promoters. The demands of the men are not urgent enough to warrant a tie-up of the street car system. The company is

not faultless, to be sure, but the operatives had not exhausted half of their resources in trying for better conditions. As long as professional strike promoters rule the labor unions, so long will the sympathies of the public be against the unions. The public naturally sympathizes with the laborer in his struggles. But the laborer, as well as the capitalist, must give the public a square deal.

IOWA HAS DONE SOMETHING.

When it comes to producing wealth Iowa is a hummer. We talk glibly about Alaska's gold fields, but where are they when lined up in comparison with the inexhaustible fertility of Hawkeye soil?

Iowa produces 388,348,920 bushels of corn during the present year, according to the annual crop report which Director John R. Sage of the Iowa crop and weather service presented to the state agricultural convention. This is an increase of 42,477,050 bushels over 1905. The average yield of corn per acre was 41 bushels this year, as compared with 37.2 bushels last year. The government report showed 356,775,000 bushels, against 305,000,000 bushels last year and a yield per acre of 30.5 bushels. Director Sage estimates the total value of Iowa farm products on December 1 this year, at \$330,495,421. On December 1, last year, he estimated the farm products of the state at \$302,285,212, an increase of over \$28,000,000 for the year.

These are dazzling figures and justify Iowa's pride in standing at the head of the list of wealth producing commonwealths.—Chicago Livestock World.

NOSES OF GREAT MEN.

Prominent noses seem to have been the property of many great men. Lycurgus and Solon had noses six inches in length, and Ovid was surnamed Naso on account of his large nose. Scipio Nasica derived his name from his prominent olfactory organ, and Alexander the Great and Cardinals Wolsey and Richelieu all had large noses. On the medals of Cyrus and Artaxerxes their noses came clear out to the rim of the chin.

Washington's was the true aquiline type, indicative of firmness and patience, as was the nose of Julius Caesar. Mohammed had a singular nose. It was so curved that a writer has told us that the point of it seemed continually striving to insert itself between his lips. The noses of Franklin, Shakespeare and Dr. Johnson all had wide nostrils betokening strength and love of thought. The nose of Napoleon was exquisitely, though firmly chiseled. He often said, "Give me a man with plenty of nose!"

Frederick the Great had so large a nose that Lavater offered to wager that blindfolded he could tell it among 10,000 by merely taking it between his thumb and forefinger.

THE DESERT.

Silent and stern and lonely The empty desert lies— Bitterness in its pulseless heart, Blindness in its eyes! Hot through the drifting sand— It yearns for the flowing river— (Ah, if it could understand!) The fire of a lover is in its soul, Deep and tragic and strong— And deep in its breast is stirring Motherhood's mystic song!

And then from its mountain fastness Wanders a wayward stream, Over the drear waste spreading Splendor of Spring's first dream! A bride is the burning desert, Rugged and strong and fair— A bride of the royal river Coming her throne to share! No longer her hands are empty, No longer her eyes are blind, Life leaps out from her bosom, Valiant and unconquered!

The call of it wakes her spirit, The thrill of it stirs her heart. The desert is filled with living things— The desert has done its part! —Bert Huffman.

OUR BILLIONS OF ANCESTORS.

Has anyone ever stopped to think how many male and female ancestors it took to bring us into the world? First, of course, it was necessary to have a father and mother, and our father and mother must have had a father and mother, and so on back through 56 generations to the time of Christ.

A careful calculation of all these ancestors shows that there must have been 159,225,017,489,534,976 births to bring one of us into the world. And this is only from the time of Christ, and not from the beginning of the world.

According to one authority, if from a single couple for 5000 years each husband and wife had married at the age of 21, and there had been no deaths, the population of the earth would be 2,199,915, followed by 144 ciphers. To hold such a population it would take several worlds the size of ours.

Mr. Dooley's New Observations.

In the language of a friend "Dooley is gittin' gayer and wiser all the time." He has never written so brilliantly as in the new series of Dooley articles which are now appearing in the Chicago Sunday Record-Herald. His views on "Me Young Friend Curt Boney's Love Affairs," "Th' Irish-dint's Activities" and other timely observations in the new series are the choicest things the author has ever offered his thousands of admirers, full of witty sayings which will be quoted for years to come. These "Dooley" articles, each complete in itself, will appear in successive Sunday issues of the Record-Herald.

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