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(Auxvasse, Missouri, Review.)

If you meet a man who is down in the mouth,
And thinks that his town is all wrong,
Just take him aside, or give him a ride,
And hand him this quaint little song:
"There are fancier towns than our little town,
There are towns that are bigger than this;
But people that live in the tinier towns
All the city excitement they miss.
There are things you can see in a wealthier town,
That you can't in the town that is small;
And yet up and down there is no other town
Like our little town after all.

It may be that the street through the heart of our town
Isn't long, isn't wide, isn't straight;
But the neighbors you know in our little town
With a welcome your coming await.

In the glittering streets of the glittering town
With its palace and pavement and thrall;
In the midst of the throngs you'll frequently long
For your own little town after all.

If you live, work and trade in your own little town,
In spite of the fact that it's small,
You'll find that the town—our little town
Is the best kind of town after all.

ONE ON THE NEWSPAPERS.

A GREAT hullabaloo has been raised during the past two weeks because a physician, with the consent of the parents, neglected to perform an operation that might have saved the life of a terribly deformed and probably mentally unfit baby. Some characterized the doctor as a murderer and others had different kinds of fits. The papers have had thousands of columns of editorials and news stories about the incident that would be found really common in medical practice if strict investigation were made of still births and deaths within a day or so after birth. The funny part of it all is that no paper has suggested that the doctor was after free advertising. That's all there was to it.

He was the attending physician. He alone knew what was necessary to save the babe's life. No questions would have been asked about the cause of death. If his motives had been merely those that he gave the press he would have done nothing and said nothing. It was a great advertising stunt. He wanted the hullabaloo and got it. The newspapers fell for it.

QUITE A STUNT.

PORTLAND Oregonian: The Oregonian commends to all persons yet interested in the fast-waning common-rate agitation the following pungent and entirely logical comment from a rank outsider, the Salem Capital Journal:

"It is rather unfortunate for Portland that she has two rate cases on her hands at the same time, and especially so since the arguments necessary to back one are fatal to the other. The one is the rate on lumber from Portland to Northern California points and the other is on the grain rates from the interior to Portland and Astoria. In the latter case, Portland claims, and it seems to us correctly, that her geographical position and the shorter haul should give her preferential rates, or better rates than are given Astoria. The position is taken that while Astoria should have the same rates as Seattle or other seaports or terminal points, that Portland should have a better rate than any of them, having the shorter haul and the grain going to Astoria, necessarily

passing through Portland. "Admitting that this contention is sound, it strikes us that the same argument is unanswerable in the matter of the lumber rates from Portland to California points, the Portland lumber having to pass through the valley points on its way to compete with their lumber. In this case the shorter haul is with the valley mills and if the Portland contention in the grain rate case is correct, and we concede that it is, then it necessarily follows that the valley mills are entitled to a lower rate than Portland to the Northern California markets."

Being on opposite sides of the same question at the same time is quite a stunt, but it is entirely within the capabilities of some versatile persons experienced in the use of reversible argumentation.

MAKING PEOPLE GOOD BY LAW.

THE press of the state seems to be pretty unanimous for the repeal of the antiquated Sunday closing law. The Sentinel carries no brief for the man who wishes to keep his business open on Sunday. We should think that all business houses would wish to close on Sunday, but it does seem to us that it is possible that the attempt to make people good by law can be carried too far. The regulation of the pleasure of others that do not in any way interfere with our own manner of observing the Sabbath, is religious legislation pure and simple. We believe that those who wish to play cards or billiards on Sunday would find it cheaper to vote out of business the public places where the games can be played and establish private club, but nevertheless a move by those who do not believe in these things to put them out of business would be viewed as an attempt to force people to conform to their ideas and that might prove dangerous to the laws which we already have.

Business men as a rule want one day of rest and the tendency for years has been to cut down the number of business hours. Not so very many years ago stores kept open every night and it was thought absolutely necessary to do so. Now it is very rarely that you find a place where the stores are not closed at 6 o'clock every night but Saturday.

It was a long time before drug stores came to believe that they could close on Sunday. But Cottage Grove druggists found that they could arrange to keep only one store open on Sunday.

When the writer came to Cottage Grove the meat markets kept open all day Sunday. But it is not so now. Probably it will not be very long until cigar stores and confectionery stores and restaurants will take turn about on Sundays.

It seems to us the easiest way to settle these problems is to educate people to the need of taking one day of rest each week.

It is easier to lead than to drive.

MAKING 'ER HOP.

"MAKING 'ER HOP" is the name of a lively little magazine published at Portland by the Deute-Tyler Co., advertising agents. It is neatly printed and gotten up in a style that compels attention, and the editorial matter in every way harmonizes with the appearance and name of the little magazine.

Making 'Er Hop advocates building up home industries by showing the ultimate customer that he does better by buying Pacific Coast goods.

The hackneyed appeal about trading at home is found nowhere. Making 'Er Hop is endeavoring to give Pacific Coast made goods the same prestige that is enjoyed by Eastern made goods, whose names have been so thoroughly advertised as to become household words.

This magazine goes on the theory that to appeal for trade on the "home made" plea alone is to acknowledge that the goods are inferior and could not be sold on a claim of quality and price.

What this magazine says about home made goods is true in a large degree

about the trade-at-home plea of the merchant. The way to get home trade is to let the home consumer know that at home he can get as good goods as away from home and at prices, quality considered, equal to those made by outside concerns. There are other ways in which the home consumer profits by trading at home that he should not be allowed to forget, but no business can hope to prosper by featuring the trade-at-home plea.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

The newspapers should get after the moving picture producers. The abstractions produced as fac similes of stories in daily papers would shame a backwoods newspaper.

Lengthen Life of Your Horse.

Believing in being comfortable himself, Editor Hurley of Forest Grove speaks a word for the oft-abused horse, as follows: "Don't brand yourself with a sleeping sense of economy, to say nothing of humanity, by tying your horse facing the wind these chilly mornings with the blanket merely covering the rear part of his harness—if you put a blanket on at all. Remember that a horse when left to himself always chooses to stand back to the wind and remember that by protecting his chest you lengthen his life, and a horse is money."

The more worthless, onery and no account a person is, the more he imagines he is being persecuted.

"One satisfaction about foot ball," says the Woodburn Independent, "is that the season is short."

It is easier for a person who is hopelessly involved financially to come back than it is to escape the breath of a scandal.

Jail Unfit Even for Drunks.

Evidently Cottage Grove is not the only city that needs a more comfortable jail, according to this from the Glendale News: "From all reports Roseburg's jail must be on a par with Glendale's iron windowed domicile—unfit to house even a tramp. That's the main reason a few 'drunks' recently arrested here, were merely fined and not thrown in."

There are folks who spend their time trying to create trouble who imagine that they are of some service in the world.

"The man who labors with his hands must be recognized as well as the man who labors with his brain," says Editor Brookins in the Canby Herald. Possibly so, but isn't the editor to get any recognition whatever?

The man who is not afraid to face danger must also take the necessary precautions to escape or he won't face many of them.

Editor Brodie of Oregon City is boasting for a community Christmas. Probably thinks that is the only chance he has to get anything.

Experience is one of the few costly things that is always worth just as much to its owner but for which there is no outright sale.

Getting Near Sighted.

Portland needs a pair of strong specks, according to Editor Young of Coquille, who says: "Portland doesn't see an inch beyond the end of her nose when she tries to kill the lumber business in the Willamette Valley in order to give her own mills a little more business."

It's funny how hard up a man feels after paying his taxes. The man who has paid \$3.63 into the county exchequer considers that sufficient excuse for standing off all his creditors for two months.

Too Hot.

The next week after The Sentinel landed the North Douglas Herald that hot one the Herald's printing plant burned down. After this Editor Beebe will probably wrap The Sentinel in asbestos before going away and leaving it in the shop over night.

Quite often it turns out that in the long run things that are given you cost you the most.

The Florence West takes a deserved shot at those chronic grouches who kick about taxes and yet never attend school meetings or like gatherings.

Living at the foot of an active volcano would prove tame sport to some married men.

Editor Reagan of the Albany Herald prates wisely about "the colossal amount of food" consumed on Thanksgiving. Evidently that new wife of his is a good cook.

The Hubbard Enterprise is bragging about a fine new school house.

A LAUGH IS A TONIC.

It Aids Digestion and Tends to Good Health and Long Life.

There are people who take life too seriously. They allow their souls to be eaten up with cares and anxieties. Many worries are useless and help nothing. Bits of humor are lost on these persons. They wonder how any one can be so thoughtless about the realities of life.

In all the animal creation laughter is given to man alone, given him, like all other faculties, to make the best of. Laughter, it is true, is not for all times and occasions, but it has its place and is necessary to our well being. A laugh is a cure for many ills. It aids digestion and so tends to good health. It prolongs life. Laughter often settles a disagreement and prevents real troubles. Hard working business and professional men sometimes forget to laugh. The strain of work grips them hard, and they get old before their time.

The ability to see the humorous side of an accident, a mistake or a folly, is a great aid in making life more endurable. Laughter overdone, like all virtues carried to excess, is a vice or a folly. Cultivate your sense of humor. Better to laugh too often than not to laugh often enough.

Who laughs knows no defeat.
—Milwaukee Journal.

BREAKING INTO PRINT.

One Writer's First Little Check and the Way He Spent It.

Richard Harding Davis, says the London Strand Magazine, is one of those fortunate men whose short stories can always command a thousand dollars and over. How he "broke into print" is an interesting little history.

"It was while at Lehigh university," he says, "that I earned my first sum for writing. It was a description of a cane rush at the university, and I sent it to a local paper. It was published, and a few days later I received a check for the large sum of \$1.15. I have received larger checks since then, but the biggest of them never gave me the thrill that that one did."

"Just as soon as I cashed that check I sallied out to buy 'something' with it—I had no idea what—and in my search I found two very nice looking candlesticks which, I think, were about the price of the story I had sold. I bought them. They were made of brass and seemed very solid and handsome. One I sent to my mother, and the other I kept for myself. They are still in existence, I believe, a shining witness to the first fracture I made in my youthful endeavor to 'break into print.'"

Fright and White Hair.

The popular belief that the hair of persons laboring under great mental grief or terror changes color seems to be unfounded. Under certain conditions of bodily health the coloring matter of the hair ceases to be supplied, and the hair may consequently become gray or white in a very short time. In these cases, however, it is only the growing hair that has no color, the hair as it gradually rises from the root is gray, while that which is outside the cuticle remains its original color. No well authenticated case of sudden change in the color of the hair is mentioned in the "Transactions of the Royal Society," extending over 200 years, where as if any such circumstance had occurred it is almost certain it would have been recorded. The case of Marie Antoinette, which is most frequently cited, does not rest upon evidence sufficiently strong to warrant belief.—Philadelphia Press.

Leaning Tower in England.

The famous leaning tower of Pisa has a rival in the Temple tower of Bristol, in England. It is a square tower of early Gothic architecture. All its parts still preserve their normal relative positions without cracks or fissures. The tower, which is about 115 feet high, is five feet out of perpendicular at the summit. There are no records to show whether the inclination was part of the architect's design or whether it is the result of an earthquake or of slow changes in the inclination of the soil. For many years there has been no change in the slope of the tower.

Daly's Imprecunious Employee.

Augustin Daly had in his employment a man who always addressed him a note periodically asking for an advance of money. This note was invariably answered by a most abusive letter in almost insulting terms and threatening instant discharge if the offense was ever repeated and inclosing a check for the money.

At regular intervals of about three months the man invariably made the same request, with the same results, always, however, getting a check inclosed. And thus it continued until Mr. Daly's death.

IS BIBLE A MAN'S BOOK?

Address of Dan Woods at Older Boys' Conference.

The Salem Statesman gives considerable prominence to an address delivered by Dan Woods of this city at the Older Boys' Conference recently held at Salem. The Statesman said: "Is the Bible a Man's Book?" was the subject of one of the addresses of the session of the Older Boys' Conference. Dan Woods, of Cottage Grove, who gave the address, said that the great topics in which mankind is interested are war, government,

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business, education and religion and he showed how a study of the Bible will give substantial ideas on those subjects.

His address is as follows:
"What great topics would the average man of today expect a great book to deal with? The first living thing mentioned in the Bible was a man. Naturally a person will perceive that the Bible is about, and for the welfare, of men and so this introduction prefaces a manly book."

"The great topics a man is interested in are: War, government, business, education and religion."

In the Bible we find much said about war. The elementary qualification of a warrior is courage, moral and physical. Of course anyone who is physically fit has courage of daring over the weaker as in the case of Goliath defeating the Israelites, or in present time, Jack Johnson daring any heavyweight fighters for several years. But the highest type of courage to emphasize is moral courage. The old saying is—if a man smite you on one cheek, turn the other. It doesn't take the real courage to offer a fight, even accept an offer for a fight, but it does take the real courage to reject a fight when you know that it ordinarily does no good and does harm.

An example—In the Spanish American War there was a young soldier in a company in Florida who was picked on for a fight. He would not fight because his comrades knew he was a Christian. They jeered and made sport of him for several days. Finally the company went to Cuba and in the charge up San Juan hill all the company noticed that this same boy made a fierce and bold charge to the top. After the battle all who had jeered him apologized.

"Other types of heroism are: (1) Isaac, called the Saun of Sunder, had the courage to testify to the kings as to their sins and wrong doings. (2) Daniel had faith and courage to be willing to be put in the lion's den. (3) David had courage to meet the giant Goliath."

"The Bible gives a history of the great kings who gave their ideas of good reigns to the rulers and officials of today. Some of these are: (1) Moses was a great ruler of Israel and surely his methods are of value today. (2) David cemented together the unorganized government of the separated tribes of Israel."

"One who reads the Book of Proverbs finds many fine business maxims. Some of these are: Proverbs xiii-11 'He that gathereth by labor shall increase. He that is surety with strangers shall smart for it.' Proverbs xx-23. 'Divers weights are an abomination to the Lord and a false balance is not good. A soft answer turneth away wrath.'"

"Moses, whose history is given in the Bible, was the law-giver of the world. Any lawyer of importance has studied the laws of Moses and these are the fundamental laws of any nation of importance. He said in Proverbs xii-1, 'He that so loveth instruction loveth knowledge.'"

Once a young man came to Blackstone and said something like this: 'I wish to become a lawyer and cannot go to college to study yet, will you give me some advice?' Blackstone answered, 'Study Moses and the Bible.' 'As far as lawyers in general are

concerned, any lawyer is glad to make a statement from biblical standpoint and if he can make scripture a point in his argument he will do it almost every time."

"To athletes, Paul often speaks of the Olympic games. Although this may not do us any direct good, it shows that athletics were started in the Bible times and this should help make the Bible interesting and to be a man's book."

"To discuss this topic would take all the sermons that preachers preach and more, too. But the ideal of any man today is Christ, who is the main character in the Bible. Even the infidels realize that Christ was the greatest man that ever lived."

"The Bible is the standard of all enlightened religions on earth. Therefore anyone who professes any religion should be interested in the Bible."

"There are two especially good habits to have, wash your teeth in the morning just after you get up and the other is to read something in the Bible just before going to bed."

"Every author in the Bible is a man. Therefore the Bible is a man's book by all means and should be read and studied for the knowledge and inspiration in it."

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