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THE FOOL'S PRAYER.

The royal feast was done; the king
Sought some new sport, to banish care,
And to his jester cried: ''Sir Fool,
Kneel now and make for us a prayer.''

The jester doffed his cap and bells
And stood the mocking crowd before.
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind he painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool.
His pleading voice arose: ''O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool.

'''Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we slay;
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

''These clumsy feet, still in the mire
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands, we thrust
Among the heartstrings of a friend.

''The ill-timed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?

''Our faults no tenderness should ask;
The chastening stripes must cleanse them all;
But for our blunders—oh, in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

''Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;
Men crown the knave, and scourge the tool
That did their will; but thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool.''

The room was hushed. In silence rose
The king, and sought his gardens cool
And walked apart, and whispered low:
''Be merciful to me, a fool.''

ALL FOR ONE; ONE FOR ALL.

THE SENTINEL is not given to quoting very freely from socialist literature. It does not believe in socialism, for it believes that socialism would not work, and we cannot be happy and contented without work. But while work is a necessary and desirable thing, any good thing can be overdone.

While we cannot be happy without work, neither can we be content with too much of even so good a thing. We intend, in the course of this editorial, to make some suggestions for striking a happy medium. An attempt to do this is fraught with so many dangers that once we have become so bold as to tackle the subject at all we lose all fear and do not hesitate at appropriating and suiting to our purpose the ''open sesame'' of the socialists, ''All for one; one for all.''

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WE WILL even go so far as to bring one of our colleges to the fore to back up some of the things we are going to say. How anything may be backed up by something in the fore may develop as we proceed.

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The Oregon Agricultural college has a bureau of organization and markets having for its purpose better organization among farmers and the improvement of marketing conditions. Evidently this bureau was organized under the belief that even a college may serve some good purpose in the world and that it is not beyond all reason for an educational institution to stoop to the plebeian task of showing the people who support it how to more easily earn the money with which to pay their taxes. As a matter of fact, a demonstration of how to garner the root of all evil does not seem out of place as a job for an agricultural college.

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This department, we are reliably informed, though of recent origin, has been quite successful in its work, due in large part, no doubt, to the fact that a large part of the work was turned over to a successful newspaper man. If there is anyone competent to give advice as to successful business methods, certainly that one is one who has had the supreme audacity, as it is often considered, to make a business success of a country newspaper.

That newspaper man is G. L. Hurd, recently of Stanfield and formerly of North Dakota, where his sizzling editorials had a moderating influence upon the none too salubrious winter climate.

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Mr. Hurd delivered an address at the recent convention of the Oregon State Editorial association. As Oregon editors long ago discontinued the practice of conducting a vegetable warehouse in connection with their subscription departments, we did not expect to get much out of an address from a representative of an agricultural college, whose duty it is to go about the state showing producers how to develop markets.

But we were agreeably surprised. The talk was a good one and it had in it some ideas which may be applied to all business of any community—which may be applied to the marketing of any product, be it product of the farm, product of the hand or product of the brain.

We would like to quote more copiously from the address, but a few paragraphs, while they may not bring out the splendid points made for intelligent cooperation and organization, will suffice for our immediate purpose:

''Getting the product to market—to the consumer—in economical manner and with profit to the producer, is an intricate process and is commanding the best thought of the nation today. * * *

''Organization is the first step toward successful accomplishment in this important problem, just as it is the first step in achievement of progress in other matters. * * *

''The editor's business should be so organized that he can get away from it for short periods at almost any time without interruption of the service he renders. The man who continually grinds and grinds earns only the contempt of others. To quote another speaker, 'the man who cannot do his work in a day of reasonable hours, is an incompetent.' * * *

''Work is not the end and aim of existence; it is a means to an end. The editor who works unnecessarily long and hard to secure the returns he requires thereby robs himself and his family. * * *

''Every printer's business should be so organized as to bring him enough each year, not only to keep his plant in profit-making condition, but to replace his own condition as he wears out; to provide against unforeseen emergencies; to give him money and reasonable leisure for the enjoyment of himself and his family as he goes through the active period of life and to give him at least a few years of freedom from business cares before the end comes.''

What Mr. Hurd said, applicable to the newspaper business, applies with equal force to other business.

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ISN'T it true that the great majority slave and grind and wear themselves out and at the end have but little to show for their years of effort? Isn't it true that a large proportion of business men become such slaves to business that they do not even provide for emergencies? Isn't it true that in the marathon after the almighty dollar they do not provide for the time when the grind, grind, grind may bring them to a point where the reins must be turned over to others? Isn't it true that in trying to make the most of every working minute they do not provide for little vacations in which to get acquainted with their families—in which to enjoy the pleasures which should be the reward of faithful toil?

Doesn't the man on a fair salary often lay away more than the man running a business?

Isn't the farm hand often as well off as the farmer?

Why all this endless drudgery and never-ceasing toil?

Ex-Editor Hurd, in his address, told us why—''A lack of cooperation, or organization.''

All must live. That is recognized. What then is to be gained by the ceaseless attempt to crush competition? What is gained by all those extra hours of toil made necessary by the attempt to do business cheaper than a competitor?

How much more pleasant it would be to live in peace and harmony with competitors; to do business upon a basis that would allow each of us to enjoy life as we go along; to have time for a kind act now and then. How much better to cooperate with a competitor; to tell him of things that will make life easier; to learn from him things that have made life hard for him.

What applies to business applies to the farmer; applies to the laborer; applies to the college professor—for all it is a question of getting the product to market at a fair profit.

While we know there could be no permanent happiness where there was no reason to do something better than someone else, while we do not believe in a socialistic form of government, we do believe that all would be happier and healthier, more cheerful and content, life would be more worth living and death would bring fewer regrets, if in private and social life we would practice a little more of the ''all for one and one for all'' doctrine—which is nothing more or less than intelligent organization and cooperation.

We may learn something even from a college. More power to Hurd and others who preach his doctrine.

Linn Nesmith, selected as a candidate for member of the legislature on the democratic ticket, but who is with the army at the Mexican border, writes that he will accept the nomination and may be able to get a furlough in order to attend the session, if necessary. It will not be necessary.

KIND WORDS.

THE SENTINEL has been so much criticized for its announcement that it will support some democrats for office this year that the following endorsement from the pen of C. C. Chapman, virile editor of the Oregon Voter, is reprinted for the delectation of the fault finders:

''Elbert Bede is one of Oregon's able editors. He is clean and square, and he writes in simple, understandable language. He is editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

''Bede is a stalwart republican, so stalwart that he was one of the leading editorial supporters of Charles B. Moores, republican, vs. Ben W. Olcott, republican, for the republican nomination for secretary of state on the theory that Olcott's republicanism had been tainted by too close association with Oswald West, democrat.

''Now he comes forth and actively supports a democrat for office. His reasons are sound, and do him credit as a citizen and an editor even if not as a partisan.''

Chapman then quotes our editorial in full.

A headline in the Eugene Register says, ''Santa Clara Residence Consumed Last Night.'' Someone in that vicinity is going to have dyspepsia.

IS IT RIGHT?

A QUEER fight is on in San Francisco. Years ago the city granted to the United Railways what was supposed to be an exclusive franchise on certain streets. Under this franchise millions of eastern capital were brought to that city and invested.

A few years ago politicians in San Francisco decided to go into the municipal railway game. They started in and have been building competing lines ever since. The city is now preparing to tear up the upper end of Market street and parallel the existing car line, where there is no need of additional service.

From an industrial standpoint, the question at issue is this: is it good business for a city to disregard the rights given to a private company by franchise, especially when the existing company can furnish sufficient service?

If investors find that franchises can be set aside at will by politicians, will they be willing to invest their money in large municipal undertakings? How long would a private firm stay in business if it began repudiating its contracts? Not long.

There is no argument but what a city has a perfect right to build all the street car lines it can go in debt for, but is it right to build on streets where by the very franchise it has granted it would be supposed to stay off of?

Actions like this tend to discourage the investor from putting his money into this kind of enterprises, not only in San Francisco, but in smaller places; and from that standpoint the San Francisco fight is of interest to other communities.—Pacific Coast Manufacturers.

Stale Water Not Any Too Good.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Cottage Grove's water may be the finest in the world when it is fresh and reaches us through the city's water mains but I cannot say as much for the water that is allowed to stand along the sidewalk on the south side of Main avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets. This water becomes so stale and foul-smelling that it is positively a menace to health. Infantile paralysis germs develop in just such places and some action should be taken at once by the city to do away with this nuisance.

J. S. BENSON.

Health Officer Enjoying Himself.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug. 14.—(To the Editor.)—The road of the health official is usually a dreary one, unlightened even by an occasional fringe of primroses in the way of public commendation, and is made so by the fact that it is his chief duty to prevent disease and the measures of prevention are commonly distasteful to the public in whose interests he is acting. A successful year's campaign against filth and flies in a city in the saving of many lives is publicly rewarded by a line of newspaper paragraph to the effect that the death rate has been reduced and the item is promptly forgotten, if read at all. However, I am receiving and enjoying my bouquet when I see the people enjoying good health and the doctors with nothing much to do.

W. W. OGLESBY,
City Health Officer.

It would be interesting to know what kind of a car Henry Ford has for his own use.

PRESIDENT CONFERS ON STRIKE PROBLEM

Both Railroad Employes and Employers Are Heard at White House.

Washington.—President Wilson conferred with both parties to the threatened country-wide railway strike in an effort to establish a working basis for a settlement of the differences of the employes and employers.

The president's first conference was with representatives of the men. Mr. Garretson, head of the labor leaders, did most of the talking for the employes. The president asked him for a full statement of the situation as the men viewed it. Mr. Garretson pointed out, it is understood, that the only concrete proposal made in the entire dispute had come from the men, and said they felt that before they took further steps they should be advised what attitude the employers will assume and stand or fall on. He argued that the railroads summoned the mediators to New York and then had no mediation proposal to submit.

Immediately after learning the employes' position, the president summoned the committee of managers and held a long conference with them.

While the managers were at the white house the brotherhood leaders conferred among themselves. The general opinion among them was that the president was putting the burden of averting a strike up to the railroads.

The foremost questions are what shall be arbitrated, if arbitration is to be resorted to, and what form of arbitration shall be adopted. Representatives of the employes maintain that their demand for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime is the only concrete proposition under discussion.

ISSUE IS UP TO PRESIDENT

Men Decline Mediation and President Wilson Asks for Conference.

New York.—The controversy between the railroads and trainmen was laid before the president, at his invitation, after the workers had flatly rejected any form of arbitration. They refused mediation.

The final break came after the men had been in secret session nearly six hours. Reports differ as to the reason for the failure of the negotiations. The men assert they refused to arbitrate because the railroads insisted on arbitrating their contingent proposition. The board of mediation, in a statement, declared, however, the men rejected their proposition, contending that they would not arbitrate even if the railroads waived the contingent propositions.

FARM LOAN HEARINGS SET

Rural Credits Chiefs Will Reach the Coast Early in September.

Washington. — Dates and places have been announced for the first 13 hearings to be held by the farm loan board for compiling information in regard to dividing the country into five districts. The itinerary, so far as worked out, will bring the board to Spokane, Wash., September 4.

From Spokane the board will go to Oregon and California and return across the central part of the continent.

The hearings will be public and farmers and farmers' organizations will be invited to submit information which they think will assist the board in solving the important problem of determining the boundaries of the districts and locating the federal land banks.

PUT MILITIA IN DIVISIONS

War Department Completes Plans for Reorganization and Equipment.

Washington.—The war department has completed a plan for the organization of 16 complete divisions of organized militia in the United States, and in doing so has figured exactly what additional organizations each state would have to furnish to add to those already called into service by the president's order for repelling invasion along the Texas border.

The far western states are combined in the 16th division, and the shortages which they would have to make up are as follows: California, one ambulance company; Oregon, nothing; Washington, one troop of cavalry, one battalion and two batteries of field artillery, two companies of engineers, one ambulance company and one field hospital; Montana, nothing; Utah, two batteries of field artillery and one company of engineers; Idaho, nothing; Nevada, two troops of cavalry.

Chinese Troops Rise Against Japs.

Tokio.—Chinese troops have attacked the Japanese garrison at Chengchiatum, between Mukden and Chaoyangfu, and have killed or wounded 17 Japanese soldiers and killed one officer.

RUSSIANS COMMENCE NEW GALICIAN DRIVE

Lemberg is Main Objective in Determined Rush of Czar's Soldiers.

London.—Reaping the fruits of the capture of Stanislau, Russia's invading armies in Galicia have begun a whirlwind drive on the whole 150 mile front from the Brody region in the northeastern edge of the Austrian crown land, down to the Carpathian foothills. Using Brody as a base and pivotal point, the Muscovite army chain is swiftly rolling up the Teuton forces northward in the direction of Lemberg, the Galician capital, simultaneously widening the wedge they have driven by taking Stanislau between the Austrian leader's main force and his extreme right wing.

The Austrians' line along the Stripa, which they have held since early in September, has crumpled and General von Bothmer is in full retreat along the whole front, according to latest information received by the Russian general staff.

The Russians have successfully negotiated the last natural obstacle between them and Halicz, namely, the Bystritza river, which empties into the Dniester eight miles to the south.

The capture of Nadvorna strengthens the left wing of General Letchitzky, and completes the isolation of the Austrian army in southern Galicia. The Austrians were endeavoring to reorganize this army for the defense of the Pruth.

ITALIANS CAPTURE MORE POSITIONS

Rome.—Italian troops have scored further victories south of Goritz crossing the Vallone and carrying the western slopes of Monte Nadlogem, it was officially announced. Italian detachments have occupied Oppachiasella.

The Austrian stronghold, Goritz, has become an advanced base for the Italian forces to strike at Trieste, the principal commercial port of the dual empire.

The Italian advance guard is now within 20 miles of Trieste, although doubtless the intervening hills have been carefully entrenched so that prolonged resistance may be expected.

On the Carso plateau and to the east of Gorizia along the Isonzo front, the Austrians have suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians.

BRITISH MAKE NEW GAINS

Germans Seriously Menaced on Both of Their Wings.

London. — Indications that a new general attack by the British toward Bapaume is near came in the news that they had gained 300 or 400 yards on a front of nearly a mile northwest of Pozieres and that heavy fighting was going on all along the line.

The British gains take them nearer to both Martinpuich and Courcelette, key positions on the Bapaume road.

The allies now hold a strong grip on the German third-line trenches, the point of the wedge driven in a week ago having been broadened and deepened. The greater part of Maurepas is now in French hands, while to the south they are in the outskirts of Clery. The Germans are now menaced on both wings, trying to hold Clery and Combles, both of which are pillars of their lines.

Seattle Shouts for Prohibition.

Seattle.—A mass meeting of Seattle citizens which filled the arena Sunday afternoon expressed with a unanimous vote approval of the Washington prohibition law and of the work of Mayor Hiram C. Gill and Chief of Police Charles Beckingham in enforcing the law. Governor Ernest Lister stated emphatically that the state was better off under prohibition. The meeting was called by the Seattle Ministerial federation to discuss more stringent enforcement of the law.

Demand Made on Railroad for Cars.

Salem, Or.—Convinced that business interests in Oregon tributary to the Southern Pacific company face disaster and ultimate bankruptcy unless immediate measures to relieve the growing freight car shortage are adopted, the Oregon public service commission demanded that the company furnish needed facilities to Oregon producers and shippers.

Order to Move Militia Rescinded.

Washington.—Orders for the remaining mobilized units of the national guard to proceed to the border have been suspended by the war department. No official explanation has been made, but it is known that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation has been the moving consideration.

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North Bound	South Bound
No. 16—1:37 a. m.	No. 13—1:37 a. m.
No. 18—9:40 a. m.	No. 15—7:03 a. m.
No. 20—1:35 p. m.	No. 17—3:16 p. m.
No. 14—4:32 p. m.	No. 19—7:32 p. m.
No. 48—8:10 p. m. (from Divide only).	

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