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ATTEMPT REFORM OF TYPEWRITER GIRL

At irregular intervals appears the Man with a Mission. Soon after he comes and yawns you will hear of amiable, dignified matrons walking the dewy lawn before daybreak without shoes or stockings, so as to "get the magnetism of the earth." Or you will gaze with admiring eyes upon a young thing denying herself luxuries, like corned beef and cabbage, and eating nothing but plain, wholesome layer cake, preserves, pudding and pie, so as to get the "uric acid" out of her system. Sometimes the man with the mission works such a spell on his fellow man as compels him to march the muddy streets, pack a kerosene torch, yell himself hoarse in honor of a candidate he never saw and a principle he cannot explain. He returns home in the small hours disreputably mussed, kicks the cat, and appears at breakfast with a "grout" that can be felt a block away, says an exchange.

The man with a mission makes a great deal of trouble for an already over-supplied world, and it is with the greatest of satisfaction we note him in the act of laying the foundations for extensive trouble for himself. He has announced his intention of reforming the typewriter girl. No chewing of gum, if you please, in office hours. No hair ribbons to make the Marcel waves just a bit more fetching. No giggling; no wearing of open work ones—such are among the regulations a Chicago dispatch recites as about to be advocated by the man with the mission. He doesn't know his subject.

Whatever may be said about the entrance of woman upon business, and considered simply as a subject of debate, there is much to be said on both sides of the question, the fact remains regardless of argument. They're in. There are tens of thousands of well-bred women who take up business occupations from motives of choice or of necessity, who maintain themselves and their self-respect with complete success. The typewriter girl of the conventional newspaper humorist is as artificial a product as the patriotism of a plutocrat. In life she isn't so much their joke. Ordinarily she is rather level-headed, quick-witted, bright, wholesome,

helpful to the employer whom she serves, thoroughly dependable, anxious to be useful and faithful to a trust or a reposed confidence in a supreme degree. Usually she uncompromisingly does a great deal of hard work, and quite as usually she is unpaid for it. That is a snapshot of the typewriter girl, as she clicks out the staccato from the keys of her machine from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If she wants to have her hair Marcelled, let her. You probably would have to, anyway, so make a virtue of it. And if she chews gum, why, give praise to the lord for such blessings as you have and say no more about it.

NO NEED FOR THE SUSPENSION OF RAILROAD WORK

We notice by the Boise Daily Statesman that several electric railways are being rushed to completion more rapidly than ever throughout South Idaho. The contractors are taking advantage of the opportunity of securing workmen discharged from the Harriman enterprises and are glad of the chance offered them. Does this refusal to be scared by a little tightness in the money market indicate the difference between Oregon and Idaho enterprise, or is it because the former state is completely in the grip of Harriman while independent capital is operating in Idaho?

Explain this as you please, the fact remains that there is no reason why work should not be prosecuted on Oregon enterprises now just the same as it was ten days ago. If the Eugene & Eastern electric road had means to build the Springfield-McKenzie line then, they have the same resources now. Because the circulating medium is temporarily scarce should make no difference; workmen are reasonable and will take their wages in bank checks, clearing house certificates or anything that business houses are willing to accept.

The Southern Pacific had no just ground to increase the general apprehension by laying off all the men employed on necessary improvement work. That corporation is doing just as much business today as it was before the money shortage became acute. Its next quarterly dividend will quite likely show a net increase that will be widely advertised for stock market purposes. The railroad is a public service corporation and if the slightest regard for public interests entered into the calculations of the management it would have continued its improvement program without a break.

Eugene needs a new depot worse than ever before and Mr. O'Brien gave his positive word that it would be built this year. The profits of this station alone in the year would put up a splendid structure, and those profits are just as large now as ever. There is not a valid reason for refusing to carry out the pledge made to our business men last summer.

To be brief, the acts of the Southern Pacific cause the average citizen to do a line of thinking that cannot be expressed in a newspaper article without violating certain salutary postal regulations.

MONEY BEGINS TO FLOW WESTWARD

At last money seems to be coming westward from New York to move the big crops of this section. When the golden stream reaches us, which will be in a few days, it is safe to predict that the financial flurry will soon pass into memory.

So far no material injury has resulted, business remains in splendid condition and there is plenty of money in circulation among the people, notwithstanding the shortage in the banks, due to inability to collect credit balances in the East. Work is gradually being resumed on the railroads and other public improvements, and the outlook is altogether reassuring. When the banks are once more supplied with the funds that were temporarily tied up by the Wall street panic, normal conditions will be fully restored. This should be a matter of but a few days, now that the tide of money is flowing westward.

EDISON'S GREATEST GIFT TO HUMANITY

Thomas A. Edison has a boon forthcoming for the workmen of the world. When Edison makes a promise of an inventive achievement, the world gives respectful attention, for Edison is a doer among inventors. He has spent a busy career in giving to the world many of its most valuable inventions. He has brought electrical invention to a degree of perfection hardly dreamed of as possible. Now he proposes to revolutionize the building of houses of the cheaper grade for workmen. His plan is to mold a house out of concrete at a trifling cost, which will endure forever. He is designing iron frames

for the casting of a house that will be large enough to be occupied by three families. These frames will cost \$30,000, but thirty houses can be cast in them, so that the cost of each house would be \$1000 net. Edison declares that a house of this character can be moulded in twelve hours, and, so far as foreseen, would still be standing when Gabriel blows his trumpet.

Edison is emphatic in the belief that concrete will be the building material of the future. He certainly has evolved something of moment to the people of moderate means. A concrete house, indestructible, that would not be an everlasting drain for repairs and betterments, and that can be built at a very low cost and with such dispatch will be a genuine godsend to that numerous body of humanity whose worldly possessions are limited.

If it were anybody but Edison making such confident claims the world would be skeptical. But the wizard of Menlo Park has the confidence of the world. When he says that a thing shall be done the world has learned to take him at his word without question. Undoubtedly he will "deliver the goods." It requires no great stretch of imagination to see great rows of concrete houses dotting every city in the land, giving an appearance of substantiality and durability that the cheap house of today can never have.

GROWING WEST IS MAINSTAY OF COUNTRY

All the financial editorials, interviews and news articles of the New York newspapers have pointed to the soundness and strength of "the West" as the greatest of all grounds for public confidence. "The West is prosperous," "the West is serene and quiet and busy" are among the phrases that, like a recurrent refrain, have been used hundreds of times in the Eastern press during the last several days.

And there is no doubt whatever that the reference to the West has carried reassurance and cheer to men who might have become seriously alarmed by the flurries in Wall street.

The West will note these appeals to its genuine, solid strength, to its real prosperity—a prosperity based on labor and its results, on honest and prudent banking and business methods, on production and commerce. It hopes that Wall street and its organs in New York will remember these spontaneous and eager references to conditions in Oregon, in other grain, fruit and lumber centres and great markets, and take to heart the lesson of the contrast between the methods that save and the methods that endanger and destroy prosperity.

Stock gambling, "chains of banks" started by and for manipulators and reckless borrowers, juggling with securities, illegal loans, loose and vicious financiering—these are the things that caused the Wall street slumps and collapses. The relief and salvation, on the other hand, have come from men and principles that represent work, savings and honest investment, careful methods of using credit, intelligent and conservative application of capital to new enterprises.

When in the future the West rebukes stock gambling and reckless speculation, it will behoove the gentry in and around Wall street to display humility and a willingness to learn and profit by sound advice. The gambling and frenzied financiers who have been in the habit of sneering at the ignorance and slowness of the West and its failure to appreciate the beauties of windy speculation, should sing low after their recent experiences.

SENATOR FULTON WILL CAMPAIGN FOR OPEN RIVER

Senator Fulton is in Portland, arranging to leave for Washington, to be present at the opening of congress. In conversation with the editor of The Guard yesterday he stated that he intended to make a special effort to secure the opening of the Willamette river to navigation as far as Eugene, by government appropriation. While the first important work to be done would be the securing of free locks at Oregon City, the senator would not neglect the upper river even at the coming session. He was confident that he could secure funds for a thorough examination and survey as far as Eugene, and this would form the basis for future operations and appropriations. In the opinion of the government engineers in the Northwest, a canal should be constructed from Harrisburg to Eugene, but this matter could not be fully decided upon until the engineers have made their surveys and estimates of the work necessary to be done.

Senator Fulton declares that the opening of the river is the one great work necessary to solve the transportation problem in the Willamette valley, and that the campaign to that end must be waged without ceasing until success is accomplished.

Senator Fulton is taking the right course and The Guard trusts that he will be backed by every commercial organization in Western Oregon; by every business man and producer. An open river from Eugene to the ocean will bring prosperity by augmenting every source of wealth and adding thousands to our population.

CORPORATE GREED MENACES THE COUNTRY

Russell Sage, who piled up a colossal fortune in Wall street, always operated individually. He held to the rather old-fashioned notion that corporations were a menace to the business interests of the country. He believed that it was the right of an individual to amass a great fortune, and that this could be done without injury to the country since the possession by any person of vast wealth was but temporary. Death soon caused the distribution and frequently the disappearance of such fortunes, while corporations, growing rich and powerful, gathered wealth that was added to as the years rolled on. In time the great corporations might become more powerful than the government itself. Russell Sage's hard common sense is now apparent to every person who is capable of grasping the big economical problems of the time. For example, Standard Oil has been piling up dividends aggregating \$40,000,000 a year for 10 years past. The corporation has absorbed in that time the principal railroad lines of the country, ocean steamship lines, the copper mines and great financial institutions. With allied corporations like the steel and coal trusts, the handful of men at its head practically control the industries and the finances of the country. They are able to make times good or bad; to dictate legislation and intimidate officials. The country now is feeling the force of the displeasure of the money barons, who are also the corporation magnates.

And there seems little or no hope for future relief. Rockefeller, Rogers, Morgan and Harriman will die in due course of time, but other shrewd men will be trained up to fill their places and the great corporations they organized will go right along gathering into their coffers the wealth of the nation.

The time will come when the great mass of the people will unite in the demand for rights not circumscribed by corporate influence—for laws not made in the interest of concentrated wealth. Why not fight the battle now as well as at any other time?

Fraud is common in pool thread. The quality is good, but the length of it is difficult to determine, and the shortage is attained by making the wood cylinder larger, says Our Country. For example, large spools stamped as carrying 500 yards have been measured and found to contain 250 yards, or even less. Bacon is wrapped in six papers, and all six are weighed and sold to the customer as part of the avoirdupois. Sausages are wrapped in oil paper the same way. Weights are manipulated by a concealed balance. The spring balance is the most easily handled by slipping the graduating balance upward. This form of scale is much used by peddlers, who, if they buy, slip the face downward. An authority on this subject says that 10 per cent of the scales are fraudulent throughout the country. Doubtless it is to be believed, but there is a direct and immediate compensation. Those who swindle in this cheap way are in turn swindled, and the scales of justice, if not those of trade, maintain their inexorable balance.

Here's another thing for New Yorkers to get busy on. The state commission of education says its percentage of illiteracy is many times greater than in France, Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia or Japan.

The girl who was decided by Burne Jones, the artist, to be the prettiest in the world, has been married by a Chicago broker. We have always heard that there was no sort of a chance that a Chicago broker wouldn't take.

Who was it that said women liked to be bossed by men? Three hundred of them employed in a La Porte (Ind.) glove factory went on strike because their forewoman was discharged and a man put in her place.

No better panic preventative and confidence tonic is known than prompt payment of small obligations. Five dollars in circulation does more good than five million hoarded. Paste this in your hat.

Former Senator Marion Butler offers the old Farmers' Alliance scheme of government warehouse receipts for agricultural products as a sure-cure for all money troubles.

And at least one out of every ten senators and representatives can be counted upon to produce a sure-cure "equally as good."

There may be honor among thieves but among cold-blooded captains of finance, never. When the Title Guaranty & Trust Company, advertised widely as a Ladd concern, robs its depositors by squandering their money and closes its doors, Mr. Ladd, instead of trying to save the institution that relied solely on the prestige given solely by his name and wealth for drawing business, disclaims all responsibility for the transactions of the concern and is found to have a mortgage on about all of its assets simply lent his name to the basest of uses, the robbing of small savings depositors, and seems to have been amply paid for doing so, viewed only from the mercenary standpoint. It is the bankers themselves who are responsible for the apparent widespread unrest among depositors of which they complain.

We must respectfully take issue with General Booth, of the Salvation Army, who says indifference toward religion is growing among Americans. He probably has been misled by indifference toward those who profess and do not practice. There never was a time when the liver of his religion was more highly or more generally respected.

The financial stringency is much more severe in the East than in the West, and this fact will drive more people to the Pacific coast than ever next year. The West with its vast undeveloped resources is the Mecca of the Easterner, tired of cold winters and hot summers, of worn-out soil and financial and labor troubles.

So many "pieces" are being printed on "the faults of our currency" that a hit might be made by writing up its good points. To the average man—whether of the Roosevelt or Bryan brand—its most conspicuous fault is that it is too hard to get, and that fault is beyond the reach of legislation.

State Treasurer Steel's career in office has turned out a good deal as many persons believed it would when he was elected. He was admittedly the candidate and tool of certain financiers in Portland, who desired to have the use of the state funds for speculative purposes. They accomplished their purpose and now the taxpayers are holding the sack.

Flapdoodleism is about the only justification the society reporters have for referring gushingly to a brown young Hawaiian woman, who has been "blowing in" her money in Gotham's gilded restaurants as "Princess Kawanakoa." She has no more right to the title of princess than to that of pope.

Don't get worried or excited. Eugene is the best town in Oregon outside of Portland, with the best county in the state back of it. With a united, pull-together effort we may go right ahead with the building up of a city.

Secretary Metcalf will ask congress to appropriate \$125,031,399.80 for the navy for the next fiscal year. Must expect some bargain sales or else he would have added 20 cents and made it even dollars.

Another thing to be thankful for—it is announced upon what seems to be good authority that Evelyn Thaw will not be a witness at the next trial of her husband.

Surely the profits in the distilling business ought to be sufficient without "knocking down" on Uncle Samuel, as a bunch of the makers of "the stuff" have been caught doing in Virginia.

It may be very human to say "I told you so," but really Jacob Schiff, the New York banker, accomplishes no good by reminding the public that he predicted the recent panic in January of last year.

That riding test for army officers is not regarded as a fit subject for jesting by the ten per cent who are expecting to be retired in advance of the age limit for failure to stand it.

Heirs of the late George Washington are preparing to go into the courts with a claim for the whole city of Cincinnati. Wonder if this is another whack at Boss Cox?

That new Vanderbilt kid—son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jr.—need have no fear for his future. If he lives he will inherit something like \$60,000,000.

"Fighting Bob" Evans says of the cruise of the big fleet under his command: "You won't be disappointed in the fleet, whether it proves to be a feast, a frolic or a fight."

Should We Send Our Fleet to the Pacific?

By JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, Representative from Mississippi.

I THINK sending our fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific is a VERY GOOD WAY OF TRAINING OUR NAVAL OFFICERS AND SAILORS to the work of handling ships on fleet.

THEY MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE DOING THAT AS DOING VIRTUALLY NOTHING.

By MARTIN B. MADDEN, Representative from Illinois.

I think there is just as much reason why the north Atlantic fleet should be sent to the Pacific as that the army should continue its maneuvers.

What we need in our navy is the HIGHEST POSSIBLE DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY, and if to obtain it we must send the fleet to the Pacific I am in favor of it.

THE FACT THAT SOME ARE LED TO BELIEVE THAT JAPAN MAY CONSIDER THE MOVE A HOSTILE ONE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN A MOMENT'S THOUGHT.

By CYRUS A. SULLOWAY, Representative from New Hampshire.

I wish we had three times as many vessels to cruise in Pacific waters. We should know whether our so called battleships and cruisers are cheeseboxes to be destroyed by our enemy or whether they have CAPACITY AND ENDURANCE to stand up against anything that floats.

THE CHILDISH TALK OF EXPENSE IS DEVOID OF PATRIOTISM, NATIONAL PRIDE AND DUTY. WE HAVE GREAT INTEREST AND THE SAME RIGHTS IN THE PACIFIC THAT WE HAVE IN THE ATLANTIC.

By JOHN F. LACEY, Representative from Iowa.

CERTAINLY THE DEMONSTRATION OF OUR NAVAL POWER IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN COULD NOT FAIL TO STRENGTHEN OUR PRESTIGE THERE.

The most vital effect of sending the fleet there would be the demonstration of OUR POWER TO SPEEDILY TRANSFER OUR NAVAL STRENGTH FROM ONE OCEAN TO ANOTHER in advance of the completion of the Panama canal.

No Man Lives For Himself Alone.

By Cardinal GIBBONS.

WHEN it is a question of charity, THAT VIRTUE KNOWS NO RELIGION. Charity knows no faith nor nationality nor color. The only question we have to propose to ourselves is, "He is the victim of SUFFERING humanity, and it is our duty on such an occasion to extend to him the right hand of fellowship and of mercy."

The religion that Christ presented to us was not merely for admiration, but for an example that NO MAN IS SUFFICIENT UNTO HIMSELF. The bonds of social intercourse are as closely intertwined as are the physical bonds of the human body.

WE MUTUALLY DEPEND UPON ONE ANOTHER. OF WHAT AVAIL IS ALL RICHES TO A MAN IF HE HAVE NO FRIEND TO GRASP HIM BY THE HAND, NO COMPANION TO CHERISH HIM, NO SERVANT TO MINISTER TO HIM? IS NOT SUCH A MAN POOR AND MISERABLE AND BLIND AND NAKED?

What would it avail any of you to possess the coal mines of West Virginia and Pennsylvania if there were no hardy sons of toil TO MINE THOSE COALS and carry them to the marts of commerce? What would the entire wealth of the Island of Manhattan avail you IF THERE WERE NO ONE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU?

We must help one another to THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, thus making life's burden the easier to bear. Do not say to me: "What have I to do with my brother? Am I my brother's keeper?" You ARE your brother's keeper, and you will be responsible to God as such. We would all of us today be groping in the DARKNESS OF IDOLATRY if we were not our brother's keeper, and we would be deprived today of the inestimable blessings of our civilization.

NEWS NOTES

Forgers are taking advantage of the clearing house certificate plan at San Francisco and are placing a lot of bogus certificates on the market.

One hundred and five inmates, mostly insane, of the Kane county almshouse at Batavia, Ill., escaped from the institution during a fire Saturday. All were captured after a long chase by a posse except one

woman. The meeting of the state board of fish commissioners Tuesday afternoon noon decided to bring legal proceedings against the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific companies for the condemnation of eight acres of land situated along Tanner Creek, near Bonneville, which the state desires to convert into a hatchling station and feeding grounds for the propagation of salmon.