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THE MAGIC OF OPTIMISM

Optimism is being coined into good money; it supports thousands of people industrially; it is employed as a therapeutic agency for which thousands of wonderful cures are claimed with apparent justice; it creates great religious sects; it has only recently stilled with its magic oil the troubled waters of one of our greatest financial panics; and, in short, it has become the principle of conscious or sub-conscious action for millions of human beings.

It is used as every other force, from steam to piety, has been used in America; it is put to work; it is made to be useful; it plays a part in the everyday life from—well, from the dining table to the church.

Scientists set themselves to demonstrate the value of cheerfulness, hope, courage, joy in such a material and matter-of-habit thing as eating and drinking, for instance. Horace Fletcher, preaching the gospel of optimism in eating, secured hundreds of thousands of readers, and tens of thousands of devoted followers, from army generals and college professors and captains of industry and clergymen to laboring men and women.

Elmer Gates, of Washington, and Dr. Cannon, of Harvard, and Chittenden, of Yale, and Kellogg, of Battle Creek, prove by experiments that worry interferes with digestion; fever-thoughts produce actual, tangible, analyzable poisons in the human system. The stomach will not execute or secrete the necessary digestive juices if your mind is worried, angry or gloomy.

During the financial panic—and at last checking it—far-sighted business men and newspaper editors, touched by the new spirit of optimism, set themselves against the tide of depression by determined efforts to make people in general see the strengthening and recuperative power of optimism—of faith and courage. "Look on the bright side" became a text of many sermons, of editorials, of letters to the press, of button-hole badges, of printed cards that hung by the thousand behind the desks of businessmen.

In other words, this new optimism, when tested by a condition, not by a mere theory, "made good"—the acid of reality showed it to be true metal and not pinchbeck. To use a helpful and forceful phrase of the vernacular, "it delivered the goods." It worked, in the pragmatic sense. And it is working right along among us everywhere in America today.

LOW RATE GRANTED

No news that has been received by the people of Oregon during the last twenty-four months is so important as the announcement that the trans-continental railroads will make a rate, beginning March 1st and continuing until April 30th, from Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Winnipeg and other similarly situated towns, to all main line railroad points in Oregon for $25.00, says the Portland Commercial Club Bulletin.

The people of no state in the Union have profited more by these one-way tickets than have those of Oregon during the last four years. The rate from Chicago is $33, from St. Louis $30.50, with a proportionate low fare from all points in the United States. This should add many thousands of actual settlers to the population of Oregon. These are one-way tickets, and if travellers desire to return to their former homes in the older Eastern States they will have to pay full fare.

Every commercial club and advertising bureau in the state as well as every real estate firm, should begin immediately to advertise these rates. Every citizen of Oregon should write personal letters to old friends and acquaintances, reminding them that the rate is good to their town. But the ticket must be bought to the point of destination—it is just as cheap to the most distant Oregon point as to one just over the border of the state.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE'S VIEWS

Following is the way Senator LaFollette talks of the Oregon senatorial situation in his new magazine:

"Thornton Haines is on trial for advising the commission of a crime, and Frank Hitchcock, who is also widely accused of advising the commission of a crime, is guilty of one equally heinous.

"It is said Hitchcock has actively endeavored to induce the legislators of Oregon to violate their promise to support the candidate for the United States senatorship receiving the most votes at the primaries.

"If both men are supposed to be guilty, the only difference between them is one of courage. For Hains' crime, if he is found guilty, the law provides a penalty. The one charged against Hitchcock is unpunishable.

"We decline to suppose that Hitchcock is guilty. In view of the impossibility of legal vindication it would seem that he can do no less than deny the aspersion."

Goodwin's Weekly makes a timely argument in favor of Republican government when it says that while by executive order the soldiers in Cuba are folding their ensigns, embarking for home and turning the fairest and richest island in the world back to the rule of its own people, the congress of the United States is voting $800,000 to the unfortunates of Sicily and Italy, two ships are detailed from the great fleet wiith rush orders to reach the scene of the cataclysm with their supplies, and the tender is that, if desired, the whole battleship fleet will be turned into hospital ships to help succor the maimed and the starving. In the meantime, the American Red Cross Society is upon the ground at work, while every city and hamlet of the great republic are collecting and hurrying forward their contributions. The world, it seems to us, ought to have a pretty good opinion of the United States, and beyond our country and people a rather high opinion of the efficacy of free institutions in moulding the character of a people.

Listing receipts and expenditures and explaining them in plain English much as a railroad president reports to his board of directors, Gifford Pinchot, forester, has just made a retrospect of the work of the United States forest service for the fiscal year 1908. For the administration and protection of the 159 National forests in seventeen states and territories and Alaska, the government spent $2,526,098.02, or about one and one-half cents per acre. Permanent improvements, including the construction of 3400 miles of trails, 100 miles of wagon roads, 3200 miles of telephone lines, 550 cabins and barns, 600 miles of pasture and drift fences, 250 bridges and 40 miles of fire lines cost $592,169.19. Telephone wire to build approximately 400 miles of additional lines was shipped to the forester, but with the funds available before the close of the year the work of construction could not be completed. Some of this work was done on each of the forests in the United States.

Canada seems to be pushing far ahead of the United States in the matter of public ownership of public utilities. Alberta proposes to construct a public telephone system and is selling $2,000,000 worth of bonds in London; Winnipeg has awarded contracts for more than $1,000,000 in civic power plants to cost $5,000,000 with all equipments; Edmonton is investigating a plant to develop a great power scheme for use at Athabasca Falls, 150 miles away; and the premiers of three provinces are discussing a plan of public ownership of the great grain elevators throughout the West. All these schemes are selling their bonds at high prices in New York, Montreal and London. Public ownership of public utilities is a vital necessity if the people are to be freed from corporate ownership of municipalities.

The Oregonian editorially adds its mite to the county division discussion as follows: "Those residents of Lane and Douglas counties who are figuring on having the legislature create a new county composed of territory taken from both these counties might do well to ascertain whether the legislature has authority to take such action. One of our constitutional amendments prohibits the legislature from creating a municipal corporation by special acts and the courts have held that a county is a municipal corporation. While this particular point has not been passed on by the courts, it might very easily appear that the legislature can create a new county only by means of a general law under which the people of the territory affected might propose and adopt the new county project."

In nine cases out of ten a breach of promise suit is nothing more nor less than blackmail under another name, and very often the ratio is even higher than that. This in the cases of where women sue men, but when a man sues a woman for breach of promise it is even worse. The other day a New York physician brought suit against a wealthy woman for breach of promise and claims damages in the sum of $150,000. That is a high-minded man for you, and add to this the woman in the case is about double the doctor's age, it makes the present case without a parallel in the history of civil jurisprudence.

Here is a list of the big buildings Eugene has assured for this year: Federal building, $60,000; Y. M. C. A., $50,000; new grade schoolhouse, $40,000 ;city hall, $75,000; new hotel, $60,000. Besides this there will be the extension of the electric road to Springfield and quite likely over several new streets in the city, a large amount of street paving, and the usual list of new business blocks and residences. Never was the future so bright for Eugene as it is today, and the city's population will reach the 15,000 mark by next New Year's day—if you only continue to boost.

The morning paper charges the city council with unbusinesslike methods because they were forced to sell bonds at a lower than they should have brought. And yet these bonds were advertised in the usual way, and were investigated by all the leading buyers of the country, the trouble being that all purchasers were warned by interested parties in this city to let them alone. The knockers, not the council, have caused this heavy loss to the taxpayers. Eugene has suffered on this account, and every man with sense enough to think for himself knows where the responsibility lies.

Over fifty years ago—away back about 1850-5—a very considerable proportion of the pioneer settlers of Lane county and the Willamette valley came the "plains across" from Missouri. And from many personal acquaintances we know they were good people. There are few of them left, very few. But won't that statement of Governor-elect Hadley ,of Missouri, that there are ten million acres of uncultivated land there capable of cultivation, for which settlers are wanted, surprise you?

The Guard's year book will be issued early next week, and we confidently say, judging from the first forms that have come from the press, that it will be the most creditable issue of its class ever sent out from Eugene. The edition will consist of seven thousand copies and only a limited number will be for sale at the business office, as the circulation of the edition is practically arranged for in advance of publication.

A California judge granted a divorce on the complaint of the wife that hubby would not talk back to her. "Silence is terrible," she told the judge, and he thought so, too. Anyway, no woman is likely to be divorced for that cause.

The Greater Eugene will be a reality by the end of the present year; that is, we will ere the close of 1909 have a real city in all respects that will continue growing from year to year until it ranks with the leading interior cities of the West.

LANE COUNTY INFLUENCE SHOWN IN COMMITTEES

Salem, Jan. 19.—In the appointment of the senate committees this morning Bingham, of Lane county, secured the chairmanship on assessment and taxation, and secured a place on commerce and navigation, irrigation, industries and revisions. All these are very important committees. Miller, of Lane and Marion, is chairman of the insurance committee and is a member of the committees on county and state offices, game and railroads.

The chairmanship of the committee on taxation and assessment is considered very important, as there is a strong tendency to reform in this state. Reformers claim that Oregon and Rhode Island are most backward states in the Union in this regard; and that chairman of the committee has more influence in the current legislation than any other individual.

The places that Bingham and Miller hold in the senate, added to that of Lane members in the house, make the University county's delegation specially strong.

Henry McKinney, the University graduate from Baker, has the following committee honors: Commerce (chairman), irrigation, mining, railroads.

BINGHAM INTRODUCES TWO BILLS IN SENATE

Marriage Laws Also Come Before Legislature, and May Pass

Salem, Jan. 19.—Among the measures Senator Bingham, of Lane country, introduced in the senate are two as follows:

S. B. 53, Bingham—To amend the attachment law by requiring the plaintiff to make affidavit that the defendant is an absconding debtor or that he is disposing of his property or that he is a nonresident and that the attachment is not for the purpose of delaying or defrauding creditors of the defendant.

S. B. 54, Bingham—To require that in suits of railroad companies to condemn rights of way, if the suit results in judgment for the defendant and the plaintiff appeals, the money deposited by the company shall remain in the hands of the clerk pending appeal.

Marriage Bill.

The proposed requirement that men shall be subjected to a medical examination before receiving a marriage license, has been incorporated in a bill introduced in the state senate by Senator Cole, of Umatilla county. The bill requires a certificate from a physician to the effect that the applicant was examined within 24 hours of the time he applies for a marriage license and that he was found free from any infectious disease.

The measure intended to give the wives equal rights with husbands in the property accumulated during marriage will not be introduced. The measure was drafted, but the sponsor was talked out of the idea and convinced that women are sufficiently well protected now.

No one has as yet introduced the pet measure of Mrs. Dr. Adair, the sterilization of the criminal insane. Inmates at the asylum are indignant at the very idea of the bill, and hope it will not be introduced.

Other Measures.

Senator Turner Aliver this morning introduced a bill to appropriate $15,000 for the eastern Oregon Agricultural experiment station at Union. He proposes to enlarge the work there in several ways and to make the appropriation a continuous one, so that work will not be interrupted as it has been in the past.

A bill has been introduced making it unlawful for the proprietor of any billiard room, pool room, soft-drink establishment or other place of amusement to permit a minor to engage in any game of pool, cards, dice or other game of chance. The penalty prescribed is a fine of $25 to $100, with no imprisonment provided for.

Legislative Notes.

Senator Nottingham is father of a bill which is designed to enable voters to register while absent from the state.

L. D. Mahone is striving for a record as the champion bill manufacturer. Thus far Representative Mahone has introduced more measures than any of his colleagues.

Among those present are R. A. Booth, of Eugene, ex-state senator and Dr. W. Kuykendall, president of the senate in 1905.

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FROM COLORADO

Denver, Colo., Jan. 19.—Charles J. Hughes, Jr., a Democrat, was elected United States senator from Colorado today to succeed Henry M. Teller.

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JONES ELECTED U.S. SENATOR ON FIRST BALLOT

Olympia, Jan. 19.—Wesley Jones, republican, now congressman from this state, was today elected to succeed United States Senator Levi Ankeny. The vote for Jones was 128, Cottrill, democrat, 6; Goodyear, democrat, 1; absent, 2. Jones was elected on the first ballot. The vote in the house was taken shortly after noon and the vote senate at 1 o'clock.

Jones was nominated in the house by L. O. Meigs and in the senate by S. J. Cameron. The vote will be canvassed at a joint session tomorrow noon.

STAGE HORSE IS DROWNED IN SWOLLEN SHARP'S CREEK

C. M. Smith, stage driver, had the misfortune to lose one of the big horses belonging to F. J. Hard by drowning while on his regular trip with the mail last Friday into the Behemia mining disrtict.

Owing to high water in Sharp's creek Smith did not take the stage, but packed the four big bays with express and carried the mail on the saddle with him. The trails around the fords were successfully made until this last short stretch. Instead of turning on the trail as usual the head horse plunged into the roaring stream and it seemed like all powers could not hold the others back, for the four horses are particularly attached to each other and will not be separated in pasture or in any other place.

Smith cannot tell how, but after getting a good ducking with the mail he got two of them out, one getting across, but one (the best, of course) could not overcome the current and went down stream with its pack, consisting of a quarter of beef and other goods for the Vesuvius mine. The poor animal was found dead nearly five miles below. The horse that got across stayed out until morning, then came back to find its mates.

Many Trees Fall

Another event of the trip for Smith was the falling of many trees. One nearly a foot through, while he was trying to move it, caught him, fastening one leg under it for nearly two hours, while as best he could with an axe that he had he chopped away until he cut himself loose.

Ordinarily the road into Behemia is good, and each year improvements have been made for the better. Formerly there were ten fords, but new roads have been cut until now only two remain, which will probably be cut out this year.

From the red bridge, where they leave the railroad, it is about seventeen miles to thte mining district through heavy forest. Wind seldom falls the trees, but with the fall of snow they became top heavy, and owing to their great height and little soil other than rocks for them to plant their roots, with a little weight on top they easily give way. Between twenty and thirty of them, varying from two to five feet in diameter, fell across the road and made travelling bad enough for one trip without the casualties that attended the trip Smith made on Friday. F. J. Hard, who is supervisor for that road district, has put men at work and they will soon be in good condition.

The snow of last week was heaviest in the valley, while very little fell in the mountains of Bohemia.

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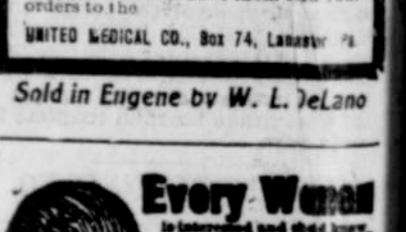

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