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AN INDEPENDENT PAPER.

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Mayor Tom Johnson

Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, is getting into the limelight again, after a comparatively quiet period following his disastrous run for governor. Johnson made a few millions as a traction magnate, sold out his lines to a trust and then became reformer, championing Henry George's single tax theory and many other extreme ideas of government. Three-cent fares, municipal ownership of public utilities and kindred ideas are his hobby. While Johnson has not returned 'the people the millions he now virtually admits he slobbed from them while operating car lines, he has no doubt accomplished some good service since he deserted the capitalistic combine, and turned state's evidence so as to speak. The New York Evening Post said recently of his work:

"Three-cent fares with universal transfers and good government as a side issue," were the credentials of the platform on which Tom L. Johnson was elected mayor of Cleveland. That he has got his incidental good government, municipal authorities agree; the street railway company last night promised the universal transfers; only the three-cent fare remains unattained. The company merely submits the proposal of seven rides for a quarter. That is to be sure, 571 of a cent more than a three-cent fare. But it is a cent and a half lower than the original five-cent, and absolutely lower than any street railway fare in this country today. It sounds almost ludicrous for the dispatches to state that the company has outwitted the mayor. Tom Johnson has not gone about his task with the bluff that whatever gets in the end is precisely what he wanted all along. He pays the penalty by leaving no doubt as to just how far his wishes are realized. But we should like to see a list of American city executives who, in a fight comparable to this, have secured three-fourths of what they set out to obtain for their people."

The Portland Telegram calls attention to the fact that the recent decision of the Oregon supreme court declaring invalid the law providing for a \$300 tax exemption will be a burden to the common class of taxpayers. The gross valuation of taxable property in the state last year totaled \$300,156,685, and the exemptions to approximately \$8,000,000. Another additional expense that will be attached will be the necessity of making entirely new assessment rolls, as many, if not the majority, of assessors have started in to enroll the personal property first, and official knowledge will have to be taken of the force and effect of the opinion. Representative J. M. Shelby, of Lane County, was the author of the tax exemption act. He introduced the bill early during the special session of 1903, but the original became lost, and he had Attorney-General Crawford draw up a duplicate bill and it was railroaded through the process of legislation. After the adjournment of the assembly, however, he discovered to his consternation, that the emergency clause had been omitted and the taxpayers did not get the benefit until last year. Under the clause of the constitution referred to in the supreme court decision the householders of Oregon will receive no more benefit from exemption from taxation for personal property except in cases provided for in the organic law.

Addicks, of Delaware, still attempts to exercise influence in that state, but his schemes will not avail. "Had Addicks defeated Senator Allee for the control of the committee," says the Philadelphia Press (Rep.), "his purpose was to utilize his advantage to effect a deal, if possible, with the regular Republican organization. But while Mr. Addicks, self-devised as he has been for years, firmly believed that he could dicker with the regulars his belief had no grounds of fact. The truth is that Addicks has always refused to see himself in the light in which others have seen him. He declines to recognize the self-stultification to which the regular Republican leaders could subject themselves if after a dozen years of antagonism to him and his methods, they now accept him with open arms."

Judging by the following from the Marquette News it is getting to be a case of hope long deferred etc., down at Coos Bay: "Thursday's Oregonian said advice were expected any day of the letting of the contract for the construction of the first 40 miles of the Drain-Coos Bay road. These advice have been expected for a long time."

Papers like the Oregonian are beginning to write editorials on "Bryan's collapse." But William Jennings comes up smiling for the next round every time just the same.

The annual extension of the Corvallis & Eastern across the mountains is a little behind schedule this year, but it has arrived just the same.

The San Francisco disaster emphasizes the need of a new brand of insurance, the kind that will be paid in event of loss.

Congressman W. A. Smith.
 Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan, who is a candidate for the seat in the senate which General Alger will vacate next year, is famous for his fiery speeches. The congressman who aspires to be a senator was once a newsboy in the streets of Grand Rapids. He now owns the paper that he used to peddle. His first rise in the world came when he was appointed a page in the Michigan house of representatives. While running errands for legislators he formed a resolution to study law. When he called at the office where he had hoped to obtain a clerkship he found a card on the door



saying the members of the firm had gone out of town for a few weeks' vacation. When the lawyers returned they found everything swept and garished and a brisk looking young man installed at a desk diligently reading law. He said he was the office boy at nothing a week and had come to stay. He did and in seven years was a member of the firm.

The Clevelands Today.
 Former President Grover Cleveland is now in his seventieth year and, as the recent photograph reproduced here-with shows, has lost some flesh. Mrs.



Cleveland posed for the camera at the same time that he did. Time and grief over the loss of her daughter Ruth have given to her countenance a more serious expression than it had when she was mistress of the White House.

Ups and Downs.
 "Smith is not the fellow to put up a front."
 "No; unless Mrs. Smith gets her back up."—Puck.

Homely Hygiene.
 It's often mighty hard to tell. The ways of drugs an' t'her; Sometimes they help you to get well. Sometimes they make you sicker. —Washington Star.

The Inner Life Of Old Age

By Professor FELIX ADLER



WHEN the physician speaks the whole world listens. He is the CUSTODIAN OF HEALTH, the savior of life, and life and health have never been rated more highly than in this age, when the confidence in another life is abating. He is the alleviator of pain and a kind of father confessor and priest. He is reticent, and the seal on his lips makes him a professional expert in KEEPING HIS OWN COUNSEL.

No wonder, then, that the whole world listens when the physician speaks, as Dr. Osler has done in his "Counsels and Ideals," a somewhat scrappy collection of his writings. The author seeks to impress splendidly idealistic views of life. The student, he urges, should not consider his life as a business, but AS CONSECRATED SERVICE, and the practice of his profession not as an art, but as a science. He enjoins travel, friction with other minds and what he quaintly terms "quinquennial brain dusting"—that is, he should go back to school, as it were, every five years.

He advises, too, the threefold classification of cases into the clear cases, the doubtful AND THE MISTAKES. To have a private notebook, in which we would put down our mistakes in plain black and white, would be an excellent method for all.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SUCCESSFUL AND THE UNSUCCESSFUL MAN LIES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE POWER TO LEARN FROM HIS MISTAKES.

The attention paid to Dr. Osler's remarks on old age was as remarkable as the remarks themselves. They eclipsed for a time in the newspapers foreign and home news of the greatest interest, for thousands and tens of thousands of people have come to regard this life as the only one, and with grim determination THEY WANT TO KNOW THE FACTS about it. There is something heroic in their attitude. The beginning and end of life have ever been enshrouded in darkness, and now if a deeper shadow has fallen on it, if only twenty years are worth dignifying with the name of life, they want to know it. So when the PHYSICIAN speaks they listen.

Then, too, though he spoke only of science and literature, Dr. Osler expressed a real tendency in the industrial world. The old, nay, the middle aged, are crowded out, and those who can keep up the pace and even with feverish energy ACCELERATE IT are preferred. This is one of the gravest problems of modern civilization. There is a third reason, the prevailing physicalism, that maintains there is a complete parallelism between a man's physical and his mental strength. But this is not completely true, and there is no reason why we should capitulate and consider that OF NECESSITY mental decline follows on physical.

Some men blossom early, some late. There is no reason why we should not blossom late, or, if we have already blossomed, should not have a SECOND TIME OF BLOSSOMING. The synthetic powers of the mind, which we call judgment, depend on the store of experiences that we have gathered, and this we cannot learn from text books, BUT FROM LIFE ITSELF.

Men sometimes picture life as a gradual ascent of a hill followed by a descent. I would rather consider it as a steady riding from one terrace to another into the higher, freer air. Old age is friendly to our MORAL growth. It frees us from our carnal passions; it brings peace and increases our disinterestedness. It is the time of being, not doing, and what are all men's doings, their universities, their railways, their canals, their industries, but the GROVELINGS OF PETTY BEINGS on the ant hill?

Old age may not be able to do anything, but it may bring a radiant presence into the household. It may take a second youth by identification with youth, and then we shall learn to distinguish between the outer shell, all withered and scarred, and the beautiful INNER LIFE. I say this may be. I know that there are plenty of old men who are old fools, but it depends upon what sort of old age you will have.

As you approach old age approach it as you would the altar with a gift, for if you can do little the intent to serve is more than the actual service.

AS PENELOPE SAID TO ULYSSES WHEN HE RETURNED FROM TWENTY YEARS OF WAR, "IF THE GODS WISH, THEY CAN SO TRANSFORM OLD AGE THAT IT WILL BE THE FINAL ESCAPE FOR MAN," AND WE MAY REGARD IT AS THE LAST AND THE HIGHEST AND NOBLEST TERRACE OF OUR LIVES.

A Poem for Today

CLOCKS AND KISSES

By Heinrich Heine



TELL me who first invented the clocks,
 Chasing the hours and the minutes in flocks?
 That was some shivering, sorrowful man!
 Deep into midnight his reveries ran,
 While he counted the nibbling of mice round the hall,
 And the notes of the death-watch which ticked in the wall.

Tell me who first invented a kiss?
 O, that was some smiling youth, mouth full of bliss!
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 'Twas all in the beautiful, fresh mouth of May;
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