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AN INDEPENDENT PAPER.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

President Is Right

There will be no division of opinion on one subject discussed by President Roosevelt in his Harrisburg speech yesterday. His remarks were timely and to the point. On the subject of child labor Mr. Roosevelt said:

One subject which every good citizen should have at heart above almost all others is the matter of child labor. Everywhere the great growth of modern industrialism has been accompanied by abuses in connection with the employment of labor which have necessitated a complete change in the attitudes of the state toward labor.

This is above all true in connection with the employment of child labor.

In Pennsylvania you have made a beginning, but only a beginning, in proper legislation and administration on this subject; the law must, if necessary be strengthened, and it must be rigorously enforced. The national government can do but little in the matter of child labor, though I earnestly hope that that little will be permitted to be done by Congress. The great bulk of the work, however, must be left to the state legislatures; and if our state legislatures would act as drastically and yet as wisely on this subject of child labor as Pennsylvania has acted within the present year as regards the subjects I have enumerated above, the gain would be literally incalculable; and one of the most vital needs of modern American life would at last be adequately met.

Decent thinking people will coincide with Mayor Wright, of Tacoma, that the fining system by which the women unfortunates of that city are subjected to regular fines, consequent on their occupation, should be abolished, and will be after the first of the year. Better keep such things in the shade, at least not advertise to their wives, daughters and the world that there is enough of such vice in sight in Tacoma to produce a revenue of \$40,000 a year for the city from the regular system of fines in vogue.

The Willamette Valley Co. wants an extension on its gas franchise—of course, so their morning newspaper organ states today. In 90 days they will be asking for an extension of the electric railway franchise. It's the rule that governs practically every private corporation of this nature—always asking for favors and special privileges and then after they are granted meeting the complaints of their patrons with the old Boss Tweed query: "Well, what are you going to do about it?"

At last the president of the Mormon church has been arrested charged with having plural wives. In his examination before the senate committee hearings on the Smoot case President Smith admitted that he had five wives, but it seems to have taken the Utah officials a good while to learn the fact. Apparently they would not have discovered it at this time had not another child been born to Smith's fifth and last wife.

It sounds queer to read in the dispatches that the South is shipping ice to New York to relieve the ice famine. The South is associated in our minds with heat. Modern inventive genius, though, has made it possible to make ice without regard to outdoor temperature.

Wm. Forester, of Milwaukee, a freshman of the University of Penn-

sylvania, was hazed the other night, following the day of his admission. He was thrown down a flight of stairs, sustaining a fractured skull, and was struck in the eye by another student's fist, the blow from which may cause loss of its sight. The dispatch naively adds that "an investigation probably will be made by the faculty."

We have read Mr. Hearst's letter of acceptance and conclude that Chas. E. Hughes is a boddler and a corporation tool. Also we have perused Mr. Hughes' epistle to his Republican friends and it has convinced us that Mr. Hearst is an anarchist, and an enemy to good government. If we were a New York voter we should probably go fishing on election day.

The Louisville man who gave his infant son seventeen names to show his gratitude to the members of the fire company that rescued the child from a burning building, probably never thought of the handicap he was placing on his offspring. The most astonishing thing of the entire matter is that the child is still living.

W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, coyly states that he would not reject the United States senatorship if tendered him on a golden platter by the next legislature. It is to laugh!

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Perhaps there is nobody perfect, but if so, there are a lot of badly fooled people in the world.

The luxuries that we haven't got seem to cause more distress than anything else.

A positive person loves tolerance—in other people.

The "easy payment" plan was named by some one who had never tried buying things that way.

Some girls plume themselves wonderfully on escaping being engaged during the summer season; it is so common, you know.

It is truly sad when a man is lone some because other people are particular.

Some people grumble at the heat to keep in practice so that they can kick gloriously at the cold.

There is more pure punishment to the human race in a mosquito, rated at the square inch, than in any other created thing.

Alone.
 Slowly he walked from room to room. Gazed on the buds that had lost their bloom. Gazed on the vacant chair. No one to reach for his pocketbook. No one to call him down. No one to give him a pleasant look—Wife was out of town.

Nothing about the house looked right. Nothing was quite in place. Really the rooms were an awful sight. Verging upon disgrace. Sweeping seemed here a long lost art. Pictures with dust were brown; Everything looked indeed the part—Wife was out of town.

Yes; it was fine for a day or two. Not to be teased about. But ere the first long week was through Novelty all wore out. Out with the boys all night had lost. Charming that it held of old; Fun once furious now was a frost With no one at home to scold.

Why did he wear a smile as long As a bill for a brand new dress? Why did he warble a tender song? Let you could never guess. Well, it's simple as Mary's lamb, Easy enough, you will say. He had received a telegram She would be home next day.

Something to Learn.
 "I understand he is going farming next year. Does he know all about it?"
 "Not yet. Why, he thinks that the way they raise a garden is by putting jack screws under it and giving them a few twists."

Easier Than It Sounds.
 "What are the duties of a congressional investigating committee?"
 "They are sent out to actively engage in not seeing and not bearing and to report lengthily and wise on their success."

Coin There.
 "I don't know about meeting that fellow. I think he has hayseed in his hair."
 "Never mind about that. He hasn't any in his pocketbook."

Indiscriminate Abuse of Corporate Interests

By ROBERT B. ARMSTRONG, Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

BECAUSE there have been some startling disclosures of corporate rapacity and individual greed it has become the popular thing to denounce those individuals who co-operate their capital and vilify the vehicle BY WHICH THEIR CAPITAL IS MADE USEFUL to the community and its citizens. A man who asks for fair play for those who unite their capital in the convenient form of a corporation is always regarded as an apologist. I do not appear in that role. In business, as in all things else, there is but one measure, and that is the old fashioned standard of honesty of our forefathers. The individual or corporation that departs from that standard should be as drastically punished as any public official WHO IS RECREANT TO HIS TRUST. That a number of individuals or a score of corporations are deserving candidates for such punishment does not justify an indiscriminate assault upon the corporation AS AN INSTITUTION or the individual who directs it.

There is too much unhealthy legislation and not half enough healthy respect for the laws we have. In the wave of socialism and anarchy which is now approaching us there should be one bulwark to which an honest corporation or an honest citizen can look at all times with confidence. When the courts lose the respect of decent Americans, THEN INDEED MAY PATRIOTISM SHUDDER and anarchy and socialism grow bold.

WHEN A HIGH EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OF THIS COUNTRY PUBLICLY DENOUNCES THE DECISION OF A JUDGE OR A COURT, THAT ACT CLOSELY APPROACHES ANARCHY.

A Poem for Today

EPISTLE TO A YOUNG FRIEND

By Robert Burns

I LANG has thought, my youth-ful friend,
 A something to have sent you,
 Though it should serve me
 Lither end

Than just a kind memento.
 But how the subject-themes may gang
 Let time and chance determine;
 Perhaps it may turn out a sang.
 Perhaps turn out a sermon.

Ye'll try the world soon, my lad,
 And, Andrew darg, believe me,
 Ye'll find mair than an uez squad,
 And muckle they may grieve ye:
 For care and trouble set your thought,
 Ev'n when your end's attain'd;
 And a' your views may come to naught.

Where ev'ry nerve is strained.
 I'll no say men are villains a';
 The real, harden'd wicked,
 Wha hae nae check but human law,
 Are to a few restricted;
 But, ock! mankind are unco weak
 An' little to be trusted;
 If self the wavering balance shake,
 It's rarely right adjust'd.

Yet they wha fa' in Fortune's strife,
 Their fate we should nae censure,
 For still th' important end of life,
 They equally may answer:
 A man may hae an honest heart,
 Tho' poorth'ly starve him;
 A man may tak a neebor's part,
 Yet hae nae cash to spare him.

Ay free, aff-tha' your story tell,
 When wi' a bosom enemy;
 But still keep something to yourself,
 Ye scarcely tell to any;
 Conceal yourself as well's ye can
 Frae critical dissection;
 But keep thro' ev'ry other man,
 Wi' sharpen'd, sly inspection.

The sacred love o' weel-plac'd love,
 Luxuriantly indulge it;
 But never tempt the illit rove,
 Tho' naething should divide it;

Corpse Weighed 400 Pounds.
 Five thousand people of all classes gathered at the cemetery in Anderson, Ind., to witness the burial of Joseph Roden, a farmer, and perhaps the heaviest man in Indiana. Eight hundred Red Men escorted the funeral procession. A casket wagon bore the body, for no hearse would admit the coffin because of its size. It was three feet wide, twenty-eight inches deep and seven feet long. There were ten pallbearers, but sixteen men were required to lower the coffin into the grave.

Baby Born; Firemen Called.
 A. E. Church, fireman of engine company No. 6 of Los Angeles, Cal., was agreeably surprised when, with his company, he made a hurried dash to his own residence in response to a supposed alarm of fire only to learn that neighbors had attempted to notify him that he had just become the father of an eight pound baby. The telephone message had been misunderstood.

Runaway Stampeded a Funeral.
 A team of runaway horses at the funeral of John Woolan at Lima, O., caused the fatal injury of John Redrup, their driver, and the serious injury of six pallbearers.

They Had Ears.
 Pilny tells a story of Africans, which he says was well known in his time, the members of which had ears so large that they lay down upon one as on a mattress and used the other for a cover, first carefully stopping up the aural orifice with cotton or wool to prevent the rain from entering.

Trailing Arbutus.
 The trailing arbutus is mentioned by two or three Latin writers of the time of Virgil as symbolic of welcome. At Roman feasts, particularly in country houses, the arbutus was sometimes hung above the door to indicate a welcome to the guests.

The Ell.
 The ell in use in cloth measure was at first the exact length of the forearm of Edward III.

I waive the quantum of the sin,
 The hazard of concealing;
 But, ock! it hardens n' ethin,
 And petrifies the feeling!

To catch Dame Fortune's golden smile,
 Ambitious wait upon her;
 And gather gear by ev'ry wile
 That's justified by honor;
 Not for to hide it in a hedge,
 Nor for a train attendant;
 But for the glorious privilege
 Of being independent.

The fear o' Hell's a hangman's whip,
 To haud the wretch in order;
 But where ye feel your honor grip,
 Let that be ye your border;
 Its slightest touches, instant pause—
 Debar a side pretence;
 And resolutely keep its laws,
 Uncaring consequences.

The great Creator to reverse
 Must sure become the creature;
 But still the preaching cant forbear,
 And ev'n the right feature;
 Yet nae'er with the profane to range,
 Be complacence extended;
 An' theist laugh's a poor exchange
 For Deity offend'd!

When ranting round in pleasure's ring,
 Religion may be blinded;
 Or if she gie a random sting,
 It may be little minded;
 But when on life we're tempest-
 striv'n,
 A conscience but a canker—
 A correspondence fix'd wi' Heav'n
 Is sure a noble anchor!

Adieu, dear, amiable youth!
 Your heart can ne'er be wanting!
 May prudence, fortitude, and truth
 Erect your brow undaunted;
 In plowman phrase, "God send you
 speed!"
 Still daily to grow wiser;
 And may you better reck the rede
 Than ever did th' adviser!

Needn't Bother Him.
 "Can you direct me to Mr. Sullivan?"
 "I am calling on all your patriotic citizens."
 "You needn't go to him; he's the ward boss."

Surer Way.
 "Poor duke, they put him out of misery."
 "What! Did they kill him?"
 "Oh, no, they found him a rich wife."

Probably.
 "He can't count straight to save his life."
 "Maybe he used to be head bookkeeper in a crooked bank."

To Insure Purity.
 Till sausages grow on bushes
 We will suspect, I fear,
 Most any brand the dealers hand
 To us for many a year.
 And what we need, I plainly see,
 Is something like a sausage tree.

Hazy In History.
 "Was it Hamlet who first said, 'There is something rotten in Denmark?'"
 "I believe so."
 "What roused his suspicions?"
 "I don't know. Perhaps he was trying out his play in a district where they raised storage eggs for the market."

To Make Shoes Wear.
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