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THE MEASURE OF A MAN

A man is often judged by what is seen of him during his ordinary public apearance among others. In the business and social world he may appear as a suave and admirable character, well-liked by all his associates, but his true character is only known to his wife and the other intimates of his own home. There he is his real self. The author of what follows we do not know, but his language covers the meaning we wish to convey will be quite plainly evident after reading it:

"In the home the man lays aside his mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, cur or king, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says of him; whether it crowns him boss or pelts him with bad eggs. I care not a copper what his religion or his reputation may be: if his babies dread his homecoming and his better half swallows her heart every time she has to ask him for a five dollar bill, he is a fraud of the first water, even tho he prays night and morning until he is black in the face and howls hallelujah until he rocks the eternal hills.

"But if his children rush to the front door to meet him and love's sunshine illuminates the face of his wife every time she hears his footfall, you can take it for granted that he is pure, for his home is Heaven and the humbug never gets that near the great white throne of God. He may be a rank atheist and red-flag anarchist, a moron and a mugwump; he may buy votes in blocks of five and bet on the elections: he may deal 'em from the bottom of the deck and drink beer until he can't tell a silver dollar from a circular saw and still be an infinitely better man than the little cowardly humbug who is all suavity in society, but who makes home a hell, who vents upon the helpless heads of his wife and children an ill nature he would inflict on his fellow men, but dares not. I can forgive much in that fellow mortal who would rather make men swear than women weep; who would rather have the hate of the entire world than the contempt of his wife; who would rather call anger to the eyes of a king than fear to the face of a child."

THEY PUT IT OVER

The curtain has been rung down on what is probably the worst deal, the most flagrant violation of the shipping act, and the most irregular almost scandalous, transaction in the history of the United States shipping board. It is a deal that bears all the ear marks of a fixed determination, for some reason or other, of four members of the shipping board to sell the Admiral-Oriental line to Dollar at any cost, to get rid of the ships at any price and particularly to Dollar.

There has been no end to protests against the sale and the manner of its consummation. The most powerful members of congress protested against it. A congressional committee denounced the deal. Court action was invoked to prevent it. Even the president, after the contract was signed, finally discovered that something was wrong with his majority on the board, and he made gestures against the sale—too late.

Dollar, the successful bidder, helped prepare the specifications on which the bids were to be submitted. The local interests bidding for the ships, though the law says they should have preference in all sales, had only seven days in which to get together, make ther arrangements, prepare their plans, formulate their bid, and send it to Washington. The local interests outbid Dollar by hundreds of thousands of dollars. But Dollar got the ships.

The sale to Dollar creates a shipping monopoly on the coast. Sale to the local interests would have created no monopoly and it would have left the ships in the hands of local owners. But Dollar got the ships.

Sale to the local bidders instead of Dollar would have put several hundred thousand dollars more in the treasury of the United States. Bu tDollar got the ships.

It is no wonder that members of congress protested. It it no wonder that a congressional committee denounced the deal. It is no wonder that court action was invoked. It is no wonder that the president, finally found out, when it was too late, that something was wrong with his appointees on the board.

The action of the majority members in the Dollar deal, if followed in the future, will bring forth another government scandal.

And worse than that, it will in all probability, sound taps for the American Merchant Marine.—Oregon Journal.

BACK TO HIS WALLOW

The mere conviction of Carrol, host at the bathtub party, is not the big thing in that miserable business.

The big thing is the realization that an undraped girl in a bathtub of champagne was turned to for amusement, and that 500 persons attended the party.

When you contemplate it, do not these thoughts rise: what is life? What is decency? What is left of morals? How far above the animal was the host and how far above the animal were the guests?

Where are we drifting, when degradation becomes amusement? What is the status when these things are planned as the motif at a party to 500 guests of so-called parts and prominence, some of them nationally known? What would the opinion be of this bathtub party among those sires from Virginia to Massachusetts, who brought this republic out of the fire and dedicated it to good works How big is the percentage and how far down the scale have morals swung since then, and is the descent to go on?

The defense lawyer, combating the perjury charge before the jury, contending that if Carrol did deviate from the truth in testifying befor the grand jury, he 'lied like a gentleman," to protect his friends. How can there be a way to lie and still be a gentleman?

Is it not a libel on genuine gentlemen to contend that there is a way to lie like a gentleman or to class the host at so degrading party as a "gentleman"? Was the host a gentleman, or a swine?—Journal.

BOOSTING THE HOME TOWN

Quite often we get good sound advice to the effect that we ought so far as possible to buy goods made in America. It is the theory of the protective tariff advocates that when American goods are bought and consumed the money goes to keeping American workers employed and American capital active.

And if it is true, as it undoubtedly is, that we ought in the same measure favor the goods which are manufactured and sold in our own community. For just as we are in favor of building up American industries as a whole, we should strive for the progress and prosperity of the town or city in which we live.

It is a good rule, therefore, to patronize the business men of our own community and to purchase so far as possible goods manufactured in the home community. A great many American cities feature this home consumption campaign. They ask the people to buy from local merchants, and they ask the merchants to push, so far as possible the goods manufactured at home. And communities which feature this patriotic rule are always numbered among the most progressive. Their business slumps are few and far between, and they are often prosperous and progressive when communities with less civic consciousness are floundering in the slough of depression.

After all, it is the community in which we live that shapes our character and the characters of our children. If the community is clean, progressive, with a fine sense of civic pride, and with good local institutions, we are apt to be happy and progressive ourselves. And to form such a community we must keep the civic consciousness alive and, as far as possible, keep our money at home for local development.

OREGON LAND SETTLEMENT BUREAU WORK SUCCESSFUL

After traveling to the Pacific Coast looking for a location, J. A. Bergoletti formerly of Pennsylvanit has at last found in Oregon the farm he desires. Moving to California he was not satisfied and wrote to the Land Settlement department, in which the Oregon State Chamber cooperates with the Portland chamber. Following some correspondence, W. G. Ide called on Mr. Bergoletti in San Pedro, California and furnished him with reliable information concerning Oregon lands.

Under the guidance of the Land Settlement department, Mr. Bergoletti purchased a place on the Pacific highway on the Rogue river near Grants Pass. Since that time his son and a farmer neighbor from San Pedro have come to Oregon and bought adjoining acreage. All of them paid cash for their investments.

Calling at the office of the Land Settlement department in Portland recently Mr. Bergoletti expressed great appreciation for the services in aiding him to find the home he desired, and announced that they were all so well pleased with the success of their venture that they were installing an irrigation pumping system for their joint holdings paying cash for this also.

That Oregon appeals likewise to other Pennsylvania farmers is borne out by the letter just received by Mr. Ide from Joseph McCluan of that state who wishes to invest about $10,000 in an Oregon poultry farm. The father of five children, Mr. McCluan seeks an opportunity offering them a good future. He has been assured that Oregon offers all he could wish for and has sent him descriptive literature of the various parts of the state where he can do well in the poultry business.

SARTORIAL SEQUENCE

First a snowy wedding gown,
Next a traveling suit of brown,
Evening frocks built low and high,
Follow soon, and by and by,
Comes a bunch of sporting clothes--
Riding togs an dheather hose;
Then a flock of bathing gear,
Daring things of fabrics sheer.
Last, but not the least recruit,
There's a little divorce suit.

—Argus-News.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

Southern California bathing beaches hold their annual bathing beauty parade accompanied by five brass bands. Seems superfluous to require a brass band at such an exhibition. Unless it was to keep the crows away.

France is proposing to tax titles. As most of the nobility of the present have nothing else but the title, except a few married to rich Americans, the income from that source would be told in cyphers.

A writer has got us guessing. He says that if the North Pole is at the top the south pole must be at the bottom of the earth, Or are there two tops and no bottom, or two bottoms and no top? Now go ahead and discuss this problem.

Lenin's widow in Russia is seeking refuge in England to escape assasins, she says. Better cover the face of the dead husband lying in that glass coffin.

Reported that fifty thousand California auto will pass thru Oregon the present season. The Californian who once visits this delightful region is sure to come again and again.

Some journalistic folks tell us if a dog bites a man that is not news, but if a man bite a dog it is news. Anyway, the dispatches tell from Copenhagen that king Haakon was recently bitten by a dog. And as he is a noted person we thus presume that the news gatherers made an exception in his case.

Motorists on the highway are warned against picking up pedestrians unknown to them and giving them rides. In many instances these have proven to be holdups and many well-intentioned persons have been robbed. It may appear selfish, but self preservation comes first.

The reason you haven't time for the things you ought to do is because you spend so much time doing what you ought not to do.

South Africa is again agitating severance from Great Britain and getting up an independent nation of its own. However the tight little island has a knack of getting hands on things, and once it does is tenacious to the end.

There is a still small voice which hinders many a parent from becoming a true pal to their children. Without that confidence between the two the youth must get its teachings from other sources, sometimes good, often bad.

Chicago bricklayers have "conconsented to continue work for another year at the old wage of $12 a day. We have always kicked ourselves for not learning to lay bricks instead of rattling around in an editorial chair.

If those who early laid out the village of Portland could have seen what a great city it was destined to be, the present generation would not have been compelled to vote for four and a half million dollars to widen the streets and bridges, as they have just done. Never too late to mend, but often that is expensive.

We wish to inform the London scientists who announce the discovery of vitamin "D" in orange and lemon peel that they are not up-to-date. Experience with a banana peel on the sidewalk discloses the whole word— "D-amn" —long ago.

Colonel Williams of the Marine Corps accused of intoxication at San Diego, was found guilty by court martial. The penalty impose was demotion by four members in the promotion list, a sentence not realized by the civilian, but to a marine officer of much moment.

The Supreme court of Wisconsin decides that a man's nose is a legal search warrant. Sheriff who "smelled booze" on an auto seized it and confiscated it after finding the stub. Suit was brought for illegal confiscation, but the court held the opposite.

You may tell the young people of the present day there is nothing worth while in listening to indecent dramas on the stage, in looking at nasty pictures on the silver screen, or in reading salacious ltierature, but so long as you crowd them for a place to all this yourself they will never have faith in your sincerity. Youth will reason that if you indulge these things, why not they?

That the Ford motor company intends to make the use of its machines universal throughout the world is shown by the fact that there are now 300 studetns attending the technical school at Detroit from all parts of Asia and points in the Indian Archipelago. These young men are trained to go forth and operate service stations and traveler having trouble with his flivver need not even know the language of the country he may be in to have all his knocks and rattles attended to by experts.