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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### A Modern Nursery Rhyme

Baby, bye,  
Here's a fly!  
Let us kill him, you and I,  
Ere he crawls  
Up the walls  
And dire ill befalls.  
I believe on those six legs  
Are a billion typhoid eggs!  
There he goes  
On his toes  
Tickling baby's nose!  
Now we must run right away  
For the antiseptic spray,  
To sterilize  
Where the fly's  
Little microbes stray!  
Only think, 'neath his two wings  
Lurk all sorts of hard-named things!  
Every fly  
Fresh supply  
Of these horrors brings!  
So we have to analyze,  
Neutralize, and immunize,  
Vaporize,  
Sterilize  
Just to fight the flies!

—Carolyn Wells in Christian World.

### BANKERS WARN AGAINST THE PROMOTER

Unless all signs fail, the one certain result of the European war is going to be a general stimulus to American industry. Our mills are running to full capacity; our crops are bumper ones; our banks are gorged with money; our people employed at good wages and constantly shorter hours, making things for Europe to eat, and wear and shoot. We shall have great prosperity.

With prosperity comes the promoter, trying to get some of that prosperity without working for it. He will have great schemes to make you (and himself) rich. You first—then himself (or vice-versa.) Fakes by the thousand will follow the wake of prosperity, all seeking to separate you from your money. The warning is particularly opportune now: Beware of the promoter.

If you are offered any scheme to make money, take it to your banker. If it offers over 6 per cent turn it down on general principles. The promoter finds poor picking when you take his proposition to the bank man. Ask the banker: Would you go into this with the bank's money? And if he wouldn't—don't you.

Years ago a Western concern organized a bank and offered the stock broadcast. It was a clever scheme—a good scheme and a profitable one. It had much merit and should have come to a better end. But it was too good, and the promoter could not stand the prosperity it brought him.

Two hard working miners got interested and sought the advice of their banker. He advised against it. "But it pays 10 per cent and you only 4; and, besides, they say the stock will double in value in a year." "Yes, all that may be true," said the banker, "but you're not strong enough to take the risk and for the possible profit you can't afford to chance a probable loss. They went in

and in less than six months the bank went broke, and the miners nearly went broke with it—they had plunged. Today that stock lies somewhere in tin boxes, mute evidence of what happens when you go against the advice of your banker.

A certain steamboat captain never earned more than a hundred dollars a month, and yet in the course of 25 years he was able to raise a family, dress and educate them, provide a handsome home, clear of debt for them, and leave his widow with enough to support her in comfort for life—all this on a hundred a month. He saved half he earned. The secret may have lain with the wife, or with him, or with both; but the result was there just the same. What this man did you can do. He stuck close to the bank; bought his home and paid for it by degrees, carried a fair amount of insurance, never tried any schemes, and held fast to what he got.

The really big things are not hawked about the streets like vegetables. The big deals are not for the "dear public." Henry Ford never offered his stock broadcast. A certain New York undertaker (now bankrupt) did. Standard Oil never went with hat in hand, seeking those who would buy. Big things are for the few; little things for the many.

You worked pretty hard for your money, and it ought to work for you; not overwork, but just keep comfortably busy. It will work right faithfully, for compound interest grows apace; but if you work it too hard, it will, like the faithful old horse, keep going for a time, but eventually fail you. Do not try the impossible. For per cent with safety is better than ten per cent with risk. Don't lose your principal trying to get big interest. You must sacrifice one of two things: principal or income. Keep safe and your income will be small but sure; but if you seek large returns, you must of a certainty jeopardize your principal. Better reach your goal by little jumps that land you on the ground each time, rather than take flying leaps in the dark. Thrift consists in leaving some good things alone. The promoter is one. His best scheme is not good enough for you.—American Bankers' Association.

If Hillsboro has many citizens as loyal to its institutions as a gentleman the Express editor heard of the other day, that town is bound to prosper and grow, in spite of wars, war prices and free trade. This loyal Hillsboro booster was on his way to Forest Grove after night in an auto, when he met with an accident that injured him severely and painfully, if not seriously. The accident occurred nearer this city than

Hillsboro and the injured man came to Forest Grove and took a train back home for surgical attendance. He may have suffered considerable pain and ran the danger of getting his wound infected by delaying the seeing of a surgeon until he got home, but he was so imbued with the spirit of home patronage that he never even thought of patronizing a Forest Grove surgeon. Oh, that Forest Grove had a few such loyal boosters!

People who want to see the Express prosper and grow should remember when they have any printing that the Express has a well-equipped job printing plant, in the hands of competent printers. Also remember that the Express can print your legal notices just as legally and cheaply as any other Washington county paper. The editor appreciates the words of encouragement spoken to him daily by citizens, but it takes more than verbal encouragement to buy paper, ink and beefsteak, pay wages to employes and rent to the landlord. The Express is not a beggar, but wants a chance to earn its way.

A Chicago judge having decided that Lord Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays, we are led to wonder if some jim-crow judge is going to decide that Samuel Clemens did not write "Tom Sawyer" and "Huck Finn."

### Will You Help?

Members of the Forest Grove M. E. Church have organized a Conservation Society and the members thereof are asking citizens who have castoff clothing, clean rags, worn shoes, rubbers, etc., that can be repaired and made useful to save them for the society. "Clean gunny sacks will be placed in every home where one is welcome and, when full, taken away and replaced by empty sacks. In this way it is hoped to get many useful articles that would otherwise be either in the way or destroyed. These salvaged articles will be given to needy people or sold and the proceeds used for missionary and charitable purposes. If you want to help, notify the pastor.

### W. C. T. U. COLUMN

Mrs. K. B. Penfield, Editor

The reception given to Mrs. Mallet of Portland at the home of Mrs. Marcelliot on Friday last was one of both profit and pleasure to the W. C. T. U. and their guests. The Crusade Psalm was read by Mrs. Frost and then a song by Mrs. Mallet brought all in touch with the occasion. Mrs. Mallet touched on a variety of topics, but spoke chiefly of the amendments to be voted upon this fall. Among them the one for care of illegitimate children, property rights of women, women on trial juries and the cigaret law. Upon all these and others every voter should become intelligently informed. She classed the W. C. T. U. as the specialist in the church, because in its 40 departments of work it aims to place in charge some one fitted or trained for that work which deals not alone (as many seem to think) with the use of intoxicants. The question came up of the new "Junior National Guard," an organization of boys between the ages of 14 and 18, now in Vancouver for a week's training. The general consensus of opinion was not favorable to such a movement at least among W. C. T. U. women. We note the "Oregonian" favors the buying of rifles

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for these tidbits and urges the citizens of Portland to contribute.

Mrs. Mallet's evening address on "Patent Poisons" was given to a fair-sized audience, considering the many other attractions. Mrs. Burns offered prayer and music was furnished by members of Mrs. Williams' chorus.

One item given by the speaker to the effect that we have in this state 1600 insane persons in the asylum and 4000 feeble minded, any one of whom, is liable to become insane, and that a large proportion of these owed their condition to drink and drugs, either through heredity or otherwise, seemed to make a strong argument for a more rigid enforcement of laws relating to these things.

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### CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Hancock & Wiles have \$25,000 to loan on farms. 1-tf

The Express prints butter wrappers with non-poisonous ink.

Eva Booth, Ed Boose and C. L. VanKoughnet have been appointed by the court to fill vacancies on the election boards in their respective districts.

A number of public-spirited Forest Grove women will give a dancing party at I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening, May 6th, for the benefit of the local band. Tickets, 75c the couple.

H. A. Kuratli, candidate for the republican nomination for county clerk, was up from Hillsboro Saturday, looking after his fences. He says he found them all right in this section.

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