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MEETING "PROSPERITY"

Our campaign aimed to show how "Prosperity" can be brought to all of us is causing considerable thought among some of our readers who have started their scrap book and are going to follow through. There has been many queries concerning the book, "N. T.—It Rocks the Earth," by Claude M. Bristol, the theme of which opened our eyes to the great power existing in every man and woman. In view of the fact that no distributor in Southern Oregon carries this book, we have made arrangements with the publishers to get a limited supply of this result getting book which may be obtained for one dollar. The book will make your study of this interesting theme much clearer, and we positively know anyone who follows through with this theme, gets what they want.

There are several things contributing to the greatness of the United States. But the freedom of its people and the great desire to be self-supporting and independent are some of the reasons. All good Americans do not want a dole, they want a job. They want to earn what they receive.

This independence gives rise to ambitions. To improve ourselves and be independent of others, and have a home and kids and the necessities of life without worrying where they are coming from.

All these are our inherent right. Everyone of us should have a job that would create and give us the things we crave. And they are not impossible to anyone. We can all have them if we think we are entitled to them, and think so hard enough.

A great desire is akin to the mother of invention. If the desire is strong enough, the way will be provided. But the desire, and desire is nothing but a thought, must be so genuine that action will follow in its wake. In other words believe you are going to realize your ambitions and believe it strong enough and you will have the energy to produce the desired result.

What makes any of us want to look our best when going to a party or dance or church or on a trip? Why do we take a bath and spruce up in our best Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes? Why? Because we desire to attract. We want to be thought well of and be respected. This same desire makes us want to have things we are entitled to. If you have made up your mind what you want, (and goodness knows you should do so) keep your thought focussed on this object and give it all the attention you possibly can. Do not have any fears or doubts. Believe in yourself. Believe you have the energy to produce what you want. The way may not seem clear at once, but when the thought is strong enough, the way will be provided. Avenues of opportunity have a habit of opening up at the least unexpected places. Do your part and do it well and your avenue will be opened up. The job is yours. No one else can do it for you.

POOR LITTLE FIRE TRUCK

Poor Little Fire Truck
Don't you cry.
You'll give us service
(Maybe) Bye and bye.

Do you remember hearing about the "Poor Little Rich Girl"? She had so much money she didn't know what to do with it but no play mates and no friends. Maybe our poor little fire truck is something like the "Poor Little Rich Girl." While the poor little fire truck hasn't any money, of course, but it seems that it hasn't any friends, either. No one cares what happens to the poor little fire truck, at least they haven't said anything about helping the little fellow get on his feet.

If—occasion should arise when someone needs the poor little fire truck, everyone in town will be gathering around asking what's the matter? Why don't it work? The answer will be simple. No one cares whether it works or not,

Poor Little Fire Truck
Don't you cry.
Somebody'll be wanting you
Bye and bye.

Mrs. Violet Davidson of Banks, Oregon, visited at the Boyd home several days and accompanied her husband Al V. Davidson home.

Mrs. T. H. Baumberger and Mrs. Ralph T. Baumberger made a hurried business trip to Grants Pass last Saturday.

Vicuna, Taruca, Natives Of the Andean Heights

One of the most thrilling expeditions in the world is a hunt among the high Andes for the shy and elusive vicuna and the still swifter and even more elusive Andean deer, known by its Quechua Indian name, taruca. This is not only because of the extreme altitudes at which these animals live and the physical and emotional effect upon the hunter of the rare atmosphere and the vast landscape, but because of the weariness and speed of these rare creatures and their extraordinary protective coloration, writes Alida Maluk in the New York Times.

The taruca and the Andean camel tribe, of which the vicuna is the wildest species, are the only creatures which inhabit the Andean heights, and they exist in no other part of the world.

Below an altitude of 10,000 feet the taruca dies. Fleet, alert, living in the almost inaccessible fastnesses of the snowy Cordilleras, he is so vigilant that it is almost impossible to get within 200 yards of him. His vigilance is directed against only his own kind, other stags, envious of his following of females.

Vicuna (this, too, is a Quechuan Indian name) is better known as a soft and luxurious fabric than as the rare and vanishing creature whose pelt was once reserved for the shoulders of Incaic princes, and is the most costly of wools. The vicuna is one of the four surviving species of the Andean auquénidos, or camels.

Bands of wild vicuna range the Andean Cordilleras above Arequipa, Peru, and about Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital upon which the present city is built.

The taruca cling to the high Andes and are best sought at from 12,000 to 15,000 feet. Because of their protective coloration, it is difficult to see them, except in flight or when silhouetted against the sky.

Halifax Explosion Left Many Killed and Injured

The Halifax explosion which occurred in the harbor of Halifax at nine o'clock on the morning of December 6, 1917, was caused by the collision of the French line steamship Mont Blanc with the Belgian relief steamship Imo.

The Mont Blanc carried a thousand tons of munitions and was bound in from New York. This ship had almost passed through the narrow leading from the outer harbor into Bedford basin to the northwest when the collision occurred. The Imo, westward bound, was just putting to sea.

The collision occurred because of misunderstanding of signals, and the efforts of both ships to avoid each other were unsuccessful. The Mont Blanc was pierced on the port side, and a few minutes later flames burst from the wreckage.

The monstrous energy suddenly released by the blast swept irregularly over the country about Halifax, destroying practically all of the older part known as Richmond; and the terrific heat from consuming gases of the munitions swept over a vast area, leaving most of this district in ruins.

The number killed was close to 2,000, and injured about 3,000.

Parchment Paper of the Ancients

Parchment was the paper of the ancients and also of those who maintained the literary tradition in the dark ages. Monks in gloomy monasteries spent their lives in writing and rewriting the religious narratives and philosophical and scientific papers which were studied by the clergy, observes a writer in the Chicago Tribune. The painful labor and the cost of the parchment made the contents of those massive books extremely valuable. It was logical, therefore, that they would be bound in fine, heavy leather covers, made by hand and carved with decorative borders and center designs. Skins from sheep and lambs (vellum), cattle, pigs, or goats (morcoco) were used in book binding. Skilled labor and material expense involved make leather bound books costly. Leather binding is a rare and exclusive art. Mechanical binding and cheap cloth covers made it possible to sell books at low prices.

Early Color Psychology

An early psychological use of color was demonstrated by Lord Nelson, admiral of the British fleet and hero of Trafalgar. In 1805 before his ships closed in with the enemy off the Spanish coast, he had the bulwarks and companionways of his ships, the powder buckets, gun carriages, and some of the guns, painted a brilliant red. With this accomplished, blood that followed the hand to hand fighting of naval battles in those days would be far less noticeable and consequently less discouraging to Nelson's sailors.

Wrote Famous 'Annie Laurie' Song

This famous song, "Annie Laurie" was written by Annie Laurie's lover, William Douglas, of England, Scotland, about the year 1705. She was the daughter of Sir Robert Laurie, first baronet of Maxwellton. Douglas' courtship was unsuccessful, as she married a Mr. Fergusson of Craigdarroch in 1709. The music was written by Lady John Scott, about the year 1835. The first authorized publication of the song was during the Crimean war in 1854, to aid the wives and families of soldiers.

Society of Cincinnati Named for Roman Farmer

Early in 1783, when the War of the Revolution was over but before the army was disbanded, Gen. Henry Knox presented to General Washington, then at his headquarters at Newburgh, a short distance up the Hudson from New York city, a plan for the organization of a society of men who had been officers in the Colonial army.

It was to be dedicated to the perpetuation of the memory of their services together in the founding of the nation, observes Alice R. Rollins in the Los Angeles Times. The plan met with the commander-in-chief's sincere approval and after some preliminaries the Society of the Cincinnati was formed. The name, according to the papers of organization, was derived from that of the illustrious Quintus Cincinnatus, the Roman farmer who was called from the plow to rule his nation.

The society was "to perpetuate the remembrance of the vast event (American independence) and the mutual friendships formed under the pressure of common danger" and to give "an incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse, instead of a blessing." Its ideals were further stated clearly in the articles: "An unalterable determination to promote and cherish between the respective states that national honor or so essentially necessary to their happiness and the future dignity of the American empire."

Those who were eligible to be members of the original society were the officers in Washington's army and those of our great ally, France.

Word 'Uncle' From Latin

'Uncus,' Meaning a Hook
When we speak of paying a visit to "uncle" we mean we are going to visit the local pawnbroker and "pop" something to raise money. No doubt the pawnbroker has come to be looked upon as an accommodating "uncle" who lends us cash when we are in a tight spot. But that is not how the word "uncle" originated in connection with the local money-lender. It had a different beginning, notes a correspondent in Pearson's London Weekly.

"Uncle" was not used here in any benevolent sense. It comes from the Latin word "uncus" meaning a hook. When articles were deposited with the pawnbroker long ago, a hook was employed to lift them. Many of the pawnbroker's regular customers were students, and they gradually brought the word "uncus" into common speech as a reference to the pawnshop. This degenerated into the modern "uncle."

Incidentally, when lifts were instituted and the hook discontinued, we altered the phrase to "up the spout," spout being the slang term for a lift.

And in case you don't know, the two brass balls over the single one in the pawn-broker's emblem are supposed to represent the odds against regaining your property—two to one against.

Swords Treasured by Japanese

Good swords are one of the most honored of traditions in Japan. When a blade is to be cast, many ceremonies must be performed. A maker of good weapons not only wins financial reward, but is remembered and honored for generations, as Europeans venerate Antonio Stradivarius for his violins. Once, says a writer in the Washington Post, the Japanese sword was the weapon of the knights. Serfs and peasants were forbidden to own one. It was part of the code of the knights they allow themselves to be killed rather than draw swords against persons unworthy of the honor. When a Japanese nobleman felt that his code of ethics demanded he commit suicide to "save his face," he chose death by his own sword as the most honorable means of killing himself. A proficient Japanese swordsman could cut a man's head off in the same motion as he used in drawing his sword from its sheath.

Value of Leaf Mould

The chief value of leaf mould is in adding humus to the soil. For example, a sandy soil has not the capacity to retain soil moisture on account of its coarse open texture. The addition of humus changes the texture completely, making it absorb a larger amount of rainfall and during dry weather to draw larger supplies from the subsoil. Its addition to clay soils loosens all such, making them more easily worked and prevents baking and cracking during hot dry weather. Its value as a fertilizer is chiefly nitrogen, it lacks phosphorus and potash (the latter chiefly).

Height of Mastodons

Mastodons were only 9½ feet tall at best. That makes them smaller than modern African elephants. The hairy ancestor of bald Indian elephants, the mastodons did have fierce-looking tusks that stretched seven and eight feet from their heads. They were massively built, with short legs and very flat foreheads. Mastodons vanished into history only yesterday, geologically speaking. Scientists say they roamed the earth "until a few thousand years ago."

KERBY NEWS

be of interest to many readers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ruth of Huntington Park, California and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Mayfield of Brawley, California, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. George Horn and family at the Maple Court Auto Camp. All were former neighbors and friends in California. Mr. Ruth is a science teacher in a Los Angeles city high school. They have been traveling the east and central states this summer.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ruth of Huntington Park, showed a group of amateur pictures at the Kerby church. A number of people were present to enjoy the pictures which were natural color slides and also moving pictures. Some of the subjects were of Niagara Falls, the Central states, Boulder dam, Imperial Valley, Boys and girls summer camps and many other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones and daughters, Myrtice and Phyllis spent Tuesday at Crescent City, visiting Mrs. Jones niece, Mrs. Earl Tesch who is ill.

Mrs. Leo Hassler, Winifred and Lee Hassler and Mrs. Jones Caza and daughter Roxylee spent the week end at Quincy Calif., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler and family. Mrs. Chandler is Mrs. Hasslers daughter. After returning on Tuesday Mrs. Hassler and children left for the hop yards.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cooper and children spent last week end in Grants Pass attending the Adventist camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Prevatt are the parents of an 8 1-4 pound daughter born Monday morning at Grants Pass. The baby has been named Darlene Mare. Mrs. Prevatt was formerly Bertha Houck and made her home with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bigelow in Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin and daughters Gwendolyn and Dorothy and Mrs. Martin's brother, Clarence Murphy of Shafter, California were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogue. The Martins were looking after mining interests.

Miss Fay Tyce has spent the past few days at her home in Kerby. Fay has been staying with Mrs. John Ulrich this summer. Mrs. Ulrich has been spending a few days with her husband who is employed with the Forestry service at Crater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Young returned to Pistol river on Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean. Frankie McLean returned with them for a few days visit.

Howard Williams, uncle of Mrs. Clay Ramsey, has gone to Pistol River for a few weeks visit. Mr. Williams makes his home with the Ramseys.

Dorothy Gibson of Selma is a guest of Mabel Wittrock during this week. Both are former Kerby high graduates and have spent the past year in college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wittrock left Sunday for San Francisco to take in the fair. Ed Dailey has charge of the Wittrock store during their absence.

Mrs. Earnest Elroy and small son of Vancouver, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elroy. She is a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy. Her husband is with the navy and is stationed in Alaska.

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"Does your husband help about the house work?"
"He does now that I have secured a pretty maid."

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