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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took their chances and chances of this mortal life like men. Kingsley.

The Value of Good Roads

The Saturday Evening Post of last week has an article on the importance of good roads to the country. It is called forth by the organization in Washington of a new national organization called the Association for Highway Improvement, in which the appended list of officers and directors shows the high character of the organization and its importance to the future of good roads.

The president of the association is Logan Waller Page, director of the United States office of Public Roads; the vice president, W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central lines; the treasurer, Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States; the chairman of the board of directors, Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad.

The board of directors includes, in addition, B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco lines; Dr. E. J. James, president of the University of Illinois; James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad; Bryan Lathrop, Lincoln Park commission, Chicago; Lafayette Young, United States senator from Iowa; John A. Stewart, president of the International League of Highway Improvement; W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway company; J. W. Jones, president of the Touring Club of America; James S. Harlan of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Robert P. Hooper, president of the American Automobile association, and George C. Diehl, chairman of the Good Roads board of the American Automobile association.

The author of the article, Mr. Thomas F. Logan, states that it is the consensus of opinion of the directors of the new organization that the United States loses about \$8,000,000,000 a year as a result of poor roads. Inasmuch as Oregon is one of the most pitiful examples of bad roads, Oregon's proportion of this \$800,000,000 is easy to calculate. Mr. Logan shows that the present cost of hauling in the United States is 23 cents per ton per mile. While in Europe it is but 2 cents a mile. He quotes Professor Latta, of Purdue university, as stating that there is an annual increase of \$5.00 per acre in territory where roads have been improved.

It is inexplicable that the state legislature of Oregon is accomplishing so little on the good roads matter. It is no defense on the part of a legislator to say that his constituents do not seem to be demanding good roads. They would demand good roads, if they knew the value of them. It can easily be shown to be a matter of dollars and cents to every man, woman and child in Oregon. The good roads matter must be fought out in Oregon and victory achieved for the growth of the state.

Steam Roller on Rock Road

The Coos county commissioners have ordered a ten ton steam roller to be used in constructing rock roads in Coos county. The roller is expected to reach here shortly and will be first tried out on the Myrtle Point road. The road from Myrtle Point to Coquille is to be given another covering of crushed rock first.

The commissioners also decided to do considerable work on the Coquille-Middle Fork road and to hasten the completion of the Marshfield road to Shingle House Inlet. The latter road is now underway and will reduce the distance about one mile besides eliminating the steep hill on Coal Bank Inlet.

The commissioners will meet again April 14th to accept the alterations in the court house. The east end is being remodeled to provide a new court room and a jury room. E. G. Perham has the general contract and Willey and Schroeder the plumbing contract. The work will cost about \$2,300.

The timber cruisers to cruise the county have not been chosen yet from the hundred or so applications. —Coos Bay Times.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and cure your cold while you can? For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

An Old Acquaintance.

Verily, the unprogressive citizen is a tough nut to crack. Solicit his support for any improvement, no matter what, and, in the language of the street, there's nothing doing. But the first fellow to raise the price on his lots, the lots he steadily refuses to improve, is this same unprogressive cuss. Should some one desire a right of way across his land, ye gods, the price he wants paid. And subscribe to such a project? Not he. Around he goes, saying there is nothing in the proposed development and he tries his darndest to put the undertaking on the bum. When, in spite of his efforts, the project is accomplished, he is the first man to take advantage of it to fill his own selfish desires.

The unprogressive citizen is an old acquaintance, but, confound his selfish hide, not many love him. —Coos Bay Times

Why Do You Worry?

"Why do I worry? Because I cannot help it. You would worry if you were in my place." How many times has this little conversation been repeated, one friend chiding another for the puckered brow and frowning look, the mood of depression, and the anxious, wearied, careworn slump of mind and body together, incidental to a habit of worry. True, it is easy to say to one who is overborne by the burdens she is bearing, that worry will make her load no lighter. She knows this, yet while

she concedes that worry is doing her good, she goes on as if she were climbing a hill and slipping back at every step or groping through a thick fog, unable to free herself from the smothering clutch of this fiend. Three-fourths of the women patients in a certain insane asylum were said to have reached their morbid estate and the loss of mental balance through the influence of worry. Worry is really waste. It wastes nervous tissue, is the enemy of happiness, and a prolific cause and aggravation of ill health. —Christian Herald.

John W. Sickelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children, they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

Clean Up Day.

Spring is here, and it is time to "clean up" the city. Why not have a "clean up" day in Bandon? More will be accomplished in this way than by any other means. If a certain day is set apart for such work, then somebody will start the ball to rolling and then everybody will follow suit, whereas if the proposition is left to each individual to clean up his yard, back alley or street when he gets ready, there will be very little accomplished.

Let's get busy and set apart a certain day for cleaning up and we will have a city, beautiful. Who will be the first to suggest a day, and plans of procedure?

We all want a clean city. We can have it if we will but say so.

Reno's Chief Industry.

Moral decency in Nevada undertook to get a bill through the Legislature of that state which would relieve it of the stigma that attaches to the Reno divorce business. The bill was killed. The sentiment of Nevada's lawmakers was for the maintenance of a divorce clearing-house at Reno, which promises to become available for the matrimonially dissatisfied of all the earth; provided, of course, they are people of wealth and are willing to spend their money.

We refuse to believe that this action of the Legislature is in line with the major public sentiment in Nevada. It may be that in Reno the business interests, so-called, are in love with the dollars which the polygamously inclined wealthy of the country are willing to spend there, and that they refuse to have any action taken which will drive trade away. In fact, it seems that a preponderance of such sentiment in that city is what saved the infamous Nevada divorce system from going by the board in the Legislature.

It is a remarkable and, to the average American, not an agreeable state of affairs that any American community can so surrender all semblance of decency and moral respectability and thus consent, for the consideration of dollars, to be used as a sort of manhole to a social sewer. —Portland Telegram.

Thinking Themes.

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

How potent and everlasting is Beauty! "Great captains with their guns and drums" fade and vanish, but Mona Lisa still smiles. One day I went into the old Pinakothek, the art gallery in Munich, and camped before a picture of Mary and the Child with St. Jerome and Mary

Magdalene, by "Ghent Master" (14th c.). It was a picture of the most beautiful kind, for no other woman than Mary it took my eye. Her face, after waiting more famous and artistically more worthy long years, but

"Wherefore I have left the face, it shall be not fairer to me?"

After all it is with pictures as with women, you like what you like, and there's an end on't.

I suppose what first drew me was its rich, warm tone, so mellow-tinged. And then it was so sweet and graceful and tender; distinct too, drawn sharply, each color plain and pure, red that was red and blue that was blue. The heads of the figures all leaned, flower-like. The hands were exquisite; Mary held her babe boy with little, slim, tapering fingers as if he were light as air; and Magdalene's finger tips clasp the vase so daintily!

Somehow, sweet and reverent thoughts seem wrought into it all. Once, long ago in Venice or in Friuli a man had beautiful imaginings, pure, angelic dreams, and expressed them in this paint. And the grace of them was waited down 400 years—to me. Meanwhile strong walls have fallen, and violence, lust, wrath and ambition have not known how to perpetuate themselves like these tender conceptions.

Of all the treasures the Emperor Hadrian brought from the East and heaped up in his palace and gardens at Tivoli, nothing has escaped destruction except a species of syringa, still blossoming, faithful to his memory.

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