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**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer was engineer in an electric light plant in Detroit. Charley Murphy the base ball millionaire, was a reporter on the Cincinnati Enquirer. Thomas H. Ince, the motion picture magnate, was a comic opera comedian glad to get \$50 per week. Chas. Weegeman, owner of the Chicago Federal base ball team and a string of restaurants, was a waiter in a quick lunch room. And so it goes. The list could be strung out to a column's length. Therefore, when you hear a boy or a man complain that he has no chance, take him by the hand and tell him a few things. There never was a time in the world's history when there were more opportunities for the young man of push and energy to get to the front. There never was a better time when a little determination and intelligence would provide a man with a competence in a few years. This is particularly true in the farming business—for farming is a business. The young man of today who will take hold of a farm with the idea of making it the best farm in the country and who will work intelligently for ten years with that aim in view, will not have to work for the remainder of his life.

**PAYING IT BACK**  
There is a small town in Wisconsin called Waukon where an ordinance is being enforced that might interest the rest of the country. A day has been set aside each year which is designated "Bring it Back Day." Those who borrow money, those who borrow property, those who borrow anything that is borrowable, are supposed on this particular day to bring it back and if they do not comply with the municipal edict the town marshal goes after the borrowed article and brings it back anyway—that is, if he can get it.

In Kansas, the "Pay Up Week" celebration has been a fruitful success and this week of the 52, almost every body who is in a position to make restitution, does his or her best to do it. Debt is the secret foe of thrift. The debt habit is the twin brother of poverty. The great trouble of the country is the credit system. An unknown man can with scarcely any trouble obtain credit. This encourages many to go wrong. People who have credit and do a credit business buy more than they need. To keep clear in the eyes of the world, operate on the cash system. This is not always possible. Some people have to depend on credit to exist, but when they are in this position they must understand that they are standing on the brink of disaster. In both of the above cases laws have been enacted that seem foolish, but there is logic in both. In neither case will the laws be held constitutional but at the same time they encourage some people to do the right thing and pay up. A small debt, many argue, produces a friend. This is why credits are so easily obtained. But it must be remembered that a large debt creates an enemy. The pay up week and the bring it back day are not foolish after all. There is so much method in such legislation that it should not be ridiculed. The first step in debt is like the first step in falsehood. It must be followed up until you are hopelessly involved. Pay up, Bring it Back, keep yourself clear. The way then will be free from obstacles.

**SHIP YARDS ARE BOOMING**  
The most remarkable change since the time of the Napoleonic wars has come suddenly in American shipyards. The last day of December, 1914 closed one of the poorest years in the American ship yards in a decade. Today, every shipbuilding concern from Bath, Maine, down to Newport News in Virginia, is working to its fullest capacity, says the New Republic. One of the largest companies has orders sufficient to keep 6,000 men employed full time for two or three years. Contracts have been closed for forty eight ocean vessels, and negotiations are pending for sixty more. Prices have been advanced fifteen per cent, although that fact is not significant. A British firm has placed an order for the building of two ships in an American yard, a thing never before heard of, and is likely to order

two more. Apparently the American merchant marine has entered upon another period of expansion. The ships, ordered and those for which marine architects are now drawing plans, embrace not only passenger vessels for the coastwise trade, but freighters for the Pacific and South American service, big cargo carriers for the transatlantic business and oil tankers to go anywhere and everywhere.

**HOW HE GOT THE CROSS**  
All prizes for brevity and a few more, go to a Baden peasant who for some time has been with the forces in Flanders. His wife has just made public a few laconic letters from him. The first reads:  
"Dear wife: I am still alive and have received your bundle. If the boy is bad, spank him. Greetings, Adolph."  
Shortly after came a second:  
"Dear Bertha: I am still alive, which surprises me very much. If the boy still is naughty, spank him again."  
Greetings, Adolph

The third communication was in the form of a photograph of Adolph's troupe, showing him decorated with the iron cross. No mention however was made of the medal, and the picture merely bore on its reverse side this brief note:  
"Dear Bertha: I was wounded but am well again and tomorrow I go to it again. If the boy is naughty, box his ears. Greetings, Adolph."  
Perplexed, the wife wrote to her husband demanding to know how he had obtained the iron cross and received the following illuminating reply:  
"It was very simple about the iron cross. The major ordered me to stand still and the sergeant-major pinned it on. Greetings, Adolph."

**FROM BORROWER TO LENDER**  
Switzerland is borrowing \$15,000,000 in this market. Negotiations are on foot for a loan to Uruguay. Italy promises to appear here soon in quest of a large loan. These are additional to a long line of borrowings from other countries.  
As the money is wanted to pay for purchases of American supplies, all will be accommodated and there will be room for more. Our excess of exports over imports since Dec. 1 amounts to around \$437,000,000, and not over \$150,000,000 of this sum was needed to meet our current invisible indebtedness to the outside world. Nearly \$290,000,000 was left for repurchases of our own debt held abroad and purchases of new foreign debt contracted here.

Never in our own history, never probably in the history of any other country, has a nation moved at such a pace as this from a debtor toward a creditor position.

**CHEER UP**  
Exceptionally low food prices during the coming spring and summer with consequent favorable effect on the cost of living is predicted by Mrs. Juliana Heath, president of the National Housewife's league. "We will get a bigger loaf of bread for a nickel because of the nine hundred million bushel crop of 1915," she said. "Meat prices will be lower because of the heavy importations of Argentina beef, suspension of foreign exports and a heavy spring production. Cheap eggs should come for the same cause."

**SPRAYING FOR LICE ON STOCK**  
Using an ordinary hand sprayer, spray stock with Blackleaf-40, one teaspoonful to each gallon of water plus whale oil soap at the rate of one ounce to each gallon of spray. Apply thoroughly to all parts of the infested animal and repeat seven days later to catch those forms which may have escaped in the egg state, say the O. A. C. authorities.

**SOMETHING TO MEMORIZE**  
In the Dark  
Oh, in the depths of the midnight,  
What fancies haunt the brain  
When even the sigh of the sleeper  
Sounds like a sob of pain.  
A sense of awe and of longing,  
I may never well define  
For the thoughts that come in the shadow  
Never come in the shine;  
And the old clock down in the parlor  
Like a sleepless mourner, grieves,  
And the seconds drip in the silence  
As the rain drips from the eaves;  
And I think of the hands that signal  
The hours there in the gloom  
And wonder what angel watchers  
Wait in the darkened room;  
And I think of the smiling faces  
That used to watch and wait,  
'Till the click of the clock was answered  
By the click of the opening gate.  
They are not there now in the morning  
Ever and anon not there,  
But I know they keep their vigil  
And wait for me somewhere.

—James Whitcomb Riley

**LODGE DIRECTORY**

**Masonic.**  
Bandon Lodge, No. 130, A. F. & A. M. Stated communications first Friday after the full moon of each month. Special communications Master Masons cordially invited.  
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Missionary Society, Friday, 2:30.  
W. B. SMITH, Pastor.

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11 a. m. . . . . Preaching  
7:00 p. m. . . . C. E. Frayer meeting  
8:00 p. m. . . . . Preaching  
Wednesday 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting  
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