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APHORISMS ON WORDS.

Words are the transcript of those ideas which are in the mind of man, and that writing or printing is the transcript of words.—Addison.

We should be as careful of our words as of our actions and as far from speaking ill as from doing ill.—Cicero.

Words are freemen and not the vassals of the gruff tyrants of praise to do their bidding only. They have the same right to dance and sing as the dew-drops have to sparkle and the stars to shine.—Abraham Coles.

Words indeed are but the signs and counters of knowledge, and their currency should be strictly regulated by the capital which they represent.—Colton.

Words are men's daughters, but God's sons are things.—Dr. Madden.

THE LUMBER QUESTION

The National City Bank, New York City, special bulletin on the lumber industry says:

"Reference has been made several times in these columns to the demoralized state of the lumber industry, which has made less recovery since last year than any other important line of business. The manufacture of lumber normally gives more employment to wage earners than any other branch of manufacturing in the country, but many of them are now out of work and the pay of the others has been reduced. The capital invested in sawmill properties and accessories, not including any timber lands, is over a billion dollars. Evidently depression in this industry is of widespread interest and effect, and at this time there are three reasons for it: First, the halt in building operations which are yet considerably below normal; second, the scarcity of ocean bottoms which has seriously curtailed the export trade; and finally and most important of all the great volume of bonded indebtedness upon timber lands."

Commenting, the Portland Evening Telegram says: This is the view of an eastern financier. Without a doubt he has put his finger on some of the sore spots in this industry, but he says nothing about any possible remedy, nor any hope of it. From the experience of practical lumber men in this territory, it can be established that, normally, the export trade consumes about 10 per cent of the output. At present that branch of the trade is nil. Moreover it is a practical certainty that it cannot be immediately revived. It can be established further that in times of good business railroad consumption of lumber amounts to about 40 per cent of the output. Railroad buying is practically at the irreducible minimum. Renewed purchasing by the railroads depends on conditions that may or may not be renewed at a reasonably early date. Practically the selling opportunity of the industry in this section is crippled or circumscribed nearly 50 per cent. For the market that is left there is intense competition; and the only hope for any immediate relief lies in the possibility of business co-operation among the lumbermen which will enable them to get prices above the cost of manufacture.

The law stands in the way, or at least its aspect is so threatening that lumbermen do not dare to help themselves by any co-operative movement for fear of running counter to the law's provisions and incurring penalties. Fruitmen may pursue such course of co-operation, so may onion growers and the managers of other industries really no nearer the soil than the timber industry, which, without fear of consequences, maintain selling agencies, exchanges and the like. The lumberman's case is a case urgently requiring government consideration, if the way can

EPIGRAMMATICAL

H. L. Houston says that taxes are worse than death, for death comes only once, while taxes come ever six months—and the penalty is 10 per centum. (Same genera as Hades).

HOCH DER TEDDY

(Oclair Record)

"Der Kaiser of dis Faterland Und Roosevelt all things command. Ve two und Gott. You understand. Myself and Tet.

"It used to be yust Gott und me, But Tet he come to make it dreer, Und Gott don't count much laterly. Yust me—und Tet!

"Yust me und Tet mit power di-vine, To keep der rest of dem in line, In Bease und var to give der sign. Und sometimes—Gott.

"Myself und Tet der same as pease Der same mit Gott if you shall bease Der same in var, der same in bease. Myself—mit Tet.

"Der eastern hemisbere for me, For Tet der vun across der sea. For Gott der sky, ve vill agree. Myself und Tet.

"A health to me, a health to Tet, Und vun for Gott already yet. Vun Hely Trinity, you see, Myself und Tet.

be found to make it such to some practical effect.

OREGON'S EXPERIMENT

Oregon was one of the first states to adopt a minimum wage law for women. We suppose employers opposed it from a conviction that it would be disastrous. Employers commonly do oppose such laws from such a conviction. Over a year and a half ago the Oregon commission fixed minimum wages for women in retail stores as follows: For those under eighteen, and those over eighteen having less than one year's experience, six dollars a week; for those over eighteen and having over a year's experience, eight dollars and a quarter a week, except in Portland, where they received nine and a quarter dollars a week.

Those do not sound like very formidable wages. The Bureau of Labor statistics, at Washington, has investigated results so far and reported. Fewer women were employed in stores at the time of the investigation than before the minimum wage went into effect; but that seems to have been due to general business conditions and to some particular causes unconnected with the wage law. It does not appear that men supplanted women as a result of the law, or very generally that inexperienced and less competent women supplanted experienced ones.

That the law has not resulted in keeping the wages of women down to the legal minimum is clear from the fact that the proportion of women getting more than the legal minimum is greater than it was before the law went into effect. Before the law went into effect, about a quarter of the girls under eighteen got less than six dollars a week; so, on the whole, the law has somewhat increased wages in that department.

Covering but a single industry in a state that is not highly developed industrially, the evidence adduced by this investigation is not very conclusive; but whatever weight it has is favorable to the minimum wage law.—Saturday Evening Post.

WHY NOT A BOULEVARD?

Now that the county court in accordance with the new state law has placed Bandon in a road district by itself, why not look into the feasibility of a passable road to the beach and perhaps an extension of Ocean Drive to follow the crest of the bluff as far south as the southern boundary of the district?

The Western World has not looked into the proposition and could not assert positively that such a plan is possible, but it does believe that a good county road to the beach and also one along the bluff would be a drawing card for the city and an investment which would bring many times the expense in an increased property valuation. Such a road could be built with the usual road tax money and would be even of more value to the city as a whole than some of the roads upon which tax money from the city has been expended.

The difference between a Portland and Bandon jitney is about \$2.45 in favor of Bandon.

Remember Good Roads day at the Bridge Carnival, North Bend, October 7, 8 and 9.

And some people have cut the weeds.

Civic pride is a great asset.



Amidst the Debris and Flotsam

With the ebb and flow of the ocean's tide the flotsam is awash, and great changes are wrought. Likewise in the affairs of men there is a current which may be likened unto the flow of the tide. To the man who would wrest the laurels of success there is but one recourse. He must anchor his ship of fortune so securely that the ebb will not carry it out upon the rocks of destruction. By Hiram M. Clam

"We'll Gather at the River" is bound to be a popular song in 1916.

I'm a well-wishing Willie Consumed with wit; Yet know I am but deluded. I've taken my quill! To ramble a bit; And find the thought has eluded.

The bread of repentance we eat is oftentimes made of the wild oats we sow in our youth.

A Bandon girl and a 'Frisco whirl; There's none who can exceed her! She'll throw you down—or 'round and 'round, And yet you cannot leave her.

"I know," said the clam to his neighbors, as the digger pulled it forth from the mud. "That I'll be served on the table of a millionaire." And the restaurant cook passed the bivalve over the counter to a negro bootblack.

Said C. R. Wright, "I'll just sit tight, For I'm the government man. I'll leave to Dan, All the work I can, For he likes to work at night."

"Many a cow stands in the meadow and looks wistfully at the common," said a wise Dane of yore; but judging from the experiences of Pound Master Holman the Dane was evidently off the track. Frank says the cattle "get there," and are not a bit wistful about it either.

The biggest fish are in the sea, The river, lake or brook— We know it 'coz we saw 'em when They wriggled off the hook.

A flow of words is no proof of wisdom, and also assumptions of wisdom oftentimes prevents one from becoming wise. Hence whether, where and herein. Ah 'um!

You'll laugh, I know, To see me so: I really must explain; No Mama's boy, Nor Faunterloy Am I, nor yet insane. Nor do I pull This lamb of wool, Or fly this toy baloon Because with me Such joy agree, As you will learn quite soon. My legs are long; My calves are strong; I shave 'most every day; I'm past eighteen, But yet am seen With infants oft at play. Of circumstance And curtailed pants

PHILOSOPHICAL CHORDS

(By a Railsplitter)

If you want toilet articles go to a drugstore, but if you want medical aid go to a doctor.

Beneficiaries of our present industrial system fail to grasp the full meaning of modern progression.

We are voting our children into bondage from which it will take one greater than Moses to lead them out.

A boy can never see which side his bread is buttered on except at the table—and then it doesn't matter.

Tho' our repete be neither exceedingly great nor ignoble, still with the "changing days ever changing our ways," we will forever continue a life of progression.

Political changes but follow political changes in our blind effort to restore the business equilibrium without disturbing vested wrongs.

Young man, get married. Your wife will not only do her share of everything else but act as scape-goat for all of your short-comings.

The time will never come when government will be abolished but the time may come when men will largely be a law unto themselves.

Let us practice the old custom revived by C-L-E-M—try all patent medicine on a dog first. But be sure that the cur either sucks eggs or belongs to a neighbor.

Coercive government is only necessary in proportion to the imperfections of the individual, and as

A victim; mama's pet. The reason why? For fear I'll buy A doggoned cigarette!

Prophets are often without honor where they should be best known for some goods seem more attractive when a foreign label's shown. I'll admit mail order catalogues will oft beget a wish, for one must use a shining bait to lure the wary fish; but if you really knew which side your bread was buttered on, you'd do your trading here at home with Ernest, or Bill or John; for you'd find their goods were honest, and you wouldn't have to wait—so why not patronize your friends who don't charge any freight?

These other merchants out of town, do you suppose they care a jitney for the little burg, or ever do their share towards building roads, supporting schools, or paying in their tax?

Their only interest in you is quite pecuniary; with your dollar in their pocket, you can go to—Tipperary. Just think of this next time before you go and shop by mail, and give Prosperity a chance to camp upon your trail. "See and examine." "Safety first." Let these your slogan be. Give the merchants a chance, and Bandon goods will suit you to a "T."

At this time of the year, when wife has gone to the Exposition (Hip, Hip, Hooray!) men are often left to care for the house. The following hints are therefore given with the object of instructing them in the elementary problems which they will be called upon to face. To scramble eggs—Take a hatchet, carefully chop the eggs in two. Scooping the remains up in your hands, mix them thoroughly with lard or other fat. Place in a stewpan or on the uncovered stove; run off "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier" twice on the playerpiano or the graphophone (or both if you have them) practice the fox-trot once around the room and the eggs will be done. Flavor with cayenne pepper and Worcester sauce. To feed the canary—A week's meal for the canary can be arranged as follows: Take seven butter dishes and fill with seeds, bread crumbs, etc. Add a few worms, a dash of paprika, grated cuttlefish one and a half pint of salad oil. Place in the bottom of the cage and replenish every Monday. In case hubby gets lonesome or finds his diet is not agreeing with him he should either remember his numerous acquaintances who need visiting or eat at a restaurant.

"Hello Hiram, where'd you get all that old stuff?"

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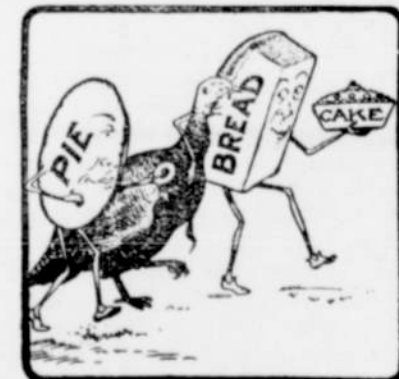
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