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WISDOM.

Wisdom is the only thing which can relieve us from the sway of the passions and the fear of danger and which can teach us to bear the injuries of fortune itself with moderation and which shows us all the ways which lead to tranquility and peace.—Young.

As for me, all I know is that I know nothing.—Socrates.

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance.—Spurgeon.

Well, God gave them wisdom that have it, and those that are fools let them use their talents.—Shakespeare.

GLAD TO GET BACK

Since returning from a rather extended (but not extensive) visit, it is only natural that my friends are interested to know how things look on the outside, and what I think of Bandon and community since visiting elsewhere. The subject is almost too general to be answered briefly but in a few words I can best express it by saying that I am satisfied to get back to Bandon. One friend suggested "that I might be satisfied but not contented." And he hit the nail square on the head: Satisfied but not contented.

Satisfied that conditions are no worse generally in Bandon than in any other community that I visited; satisfied that under normal conditions Bandon is the best little city of them all; satisfied that the Coquille valley has more natural resources to the square mile than any other section of its size in the northwest; and, best of all, satisfied that the people of the Coquille valley are just as progressive, as energetic, as industrious, and (O yes) just as moral and religious as people are anywhere.

But not contented until every manufacturing wheel is again turning at full speed; until every resource of the community has begun to develop; until the roads are hard-surfaced and the streets are improved; until the Coquille valley is known as the busiest, the best and the most wholesome place on the continent; until Bandon is the liveliest little city on the coast and the Western World the best country newspaper that its publishers know how to produce. Yes, "satisfied but not contented" is right.—Ed.

CIVILIZATION VS. ENVIRONMENT

At this time when the national thought, or perhaps better said, the more clamorous portion of it, appears to be favoring greater national defense, perhaps a few words on our boasted civilization are not amiss.

For the past 1915 years that portion of the earth's inhabitants known as Christians have been prone to speak of their progression and ever widening environment as a superior civilization—a standard, if you please, by which the other and more numerous portion of the earth's inhabitants have been classified as semi-civilized, partly civilized and savages. The classification apparently has been simple; merely according to a scale of environment proportions approaching in all particulars that enjoyed by the Caucasian race. But after all is not the Caucasian just as savage, just as much the brute at heart as his semi-civilized vassals? We have but to turn to Europe for our answer.

Yet after all, what is our boasted civilization? Has it physical characteristics that are transmitted from generation to generation by heredity, or is it merely the summing up of the thoughts and efforts of the peoples of the ages, transmitted from generation to generation by word of mouth or concrete examples; which would perish were its means of transmission destroyed?

The preponderance of evidence is to the latter. Civilization is a matter of environment. The son of a sav-

Here's a Man With \$15,000 to Invest; What Opportunity Would You Suggest?

Here is a chance to display your knowledge of the resources of this community and perhaps be instrumental in bringing into the community a man with ten to fifteen thousand dollars to invest.

Western World during the past six months has received numerous letters from all parts of the country asking about Bandon and Coos and Curry counties. These letters are from people who have visited the Exposition at San Francisco and have read the brief prospectus circulated there by Western World. A number of these inquirers have since visited here, several have located in the Coquille valley and others are coming to investigate.

But here is one letter that has the immigration editor of the World stumped. It might be answered a dozen different ways and since this individual doesn't claim to have all the knowledge of the community stored away in his brain, he is going to ask the readers of this family journal to help him out.

Here it is: "Western World, Bandon, Oregon. Dear Sirs: Would like to know something about the resources of your country, price of the best land and the climatic conditions and so forth. What industry could one engage in with a capital of ten to fif-

teen thousand in order to have an income of two to three thousand per annum. Thanking you in advance, I remain, yours truly, * * *"

What industry would you suggest to this gentleman? Surely you have something in mind that you would like to tackle if you had that amount of money to work on. Well here's a man who evidently has that sum and wants to invest it. Wouldn't this be a good place for him? In order to not overlook any opportunities that might be offered this gentleman Western World asks every reader who has a suggestion to write it down and send it in to "The Immigration Editor, Western World, Bandon, Oregon." You may sign your name or just your initials, or not at all, just as long as you give your suggestion. These suggestions will be incorporated in a letter and forwarded to the gentleman who wants to know. And then, just for publicity's sake, they will be published.

Remember, this is not a real estate scheme, for the Western World is not in that business. It is merely trying to interest new people in this community. Here's a chance to talk to one with money to invest. You may have just the right idea and your suggestion may bring him here. LET'S HAVE IT.

EPIGRAMMATICAL

Everard H. Boyle says the reason why one considers some people uninteresting is because they usually take up about two hours of your time trying to demonstrate to you that they are.

AUTOS AND PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

(By Samuel Wood)

A few years ago, in a public address, (among other "foolish and impossible things") the writer made the following statement: The automobile, while yet in its infancy, has already proven its efficiency and power as an individual means of transportation. With the development of the public highways and the perfection of the flying machine this generation may witness the passing of our present railway passenger system, and this passing will put the means of transportation into the hands of the individual.

It always affords the egot (and it has been said that every man is an egot) a certain amount of pleasure to be able to say: "I told you so." However, the following from the Sunset magazine will prove interesting to automobile and good roads enthusiasts:

In one July day 33 transcontinental motor parties sought accommodations in the little hamlet of Springfield on the National Old Trails highway. From the middle of March to July 1 almost a thousand cars—981 to be exact—crossed the Colorado bridge at Yuma on their way to the two fairs. During July the number of west bound parties over this road almost reached five hundred, and five was the average number of persons per car.

Over the Lincoln highway during July more than two thousand cars came west. Camps were strung along the roadside from the Missouri river to the coast. Over the National Parks highway, via Spokane and Seattle more than 850 motor parties were reported during July.

In all probability more than four thousand cars carried twenty thousand persons to the exposition during July alone, with a minimum of six thousand persons in sight for August. In July at least 200,000 paid admissions at the San Francisco fair were traceable to the motor traffic, transcontinental and western.

If this uncivilized section of the world had had roads over which motorists could have traveled without getting stuck in the sand or shaking the liver out of themselves and their machines over these outlandish plank roads, people back east might have been talking about our unsurpassed climate and natural resources this winter.

Coos county is entitled to state aid in highway building; but first we must show our good intentions.

Some newspapers apologize for their paragraph columns. We don't; we print patent medicine ads for those who don't like the paragraphs.

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Our regular services are as follows: Public worship each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Epworth league at 7 p. m.; prayer services at private homes on Wednesday evenings; a cordial invitation is extended to all.—Rev. C. Mayne Knight, Pastor.

PHILOSOPHICAL CHORDS

(By a Railsplitter)

The contented man is a dead one. * * * *
Desirable citizens—lawyers and undertakers. * * * *

The contractors of war debts should foot the bills. * * * *

If it is a bouquet hand it to me now; if a lemon save it for my grave. * * * *

Thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.—Barbarian. * * * *

Many sorrows are the result of wilful acts hastily done without first counting the cost. * * * *

Many people learned their first prayer on their mothers knee, others when touched by the grizzly mitt. * * * *

Our present system offers the child of tomorrow a condition where disappointment, poverty, and starvation dwarfs the body and damns the soul. * * * *

If a man in a lifetime succeeds in expressing, either by action or speech one single idea, which is absolutely original and true, he has done well. * * * *

Personal responsibility has not only made the man a man, but constantly stimulates efficiency; and it is the dynamic force behind the great wheels of progression. * * * *

Political leaders of England may prove their boasted statesmanship in the matter of conscription. They should urge the application of the principle first to capital and wealth, second and last to labor and life. * * * *

Equality does not mean an equal division of wealth but rather an equal opportunity to create wealth, under a system that will guarantee to the individual the full product of his toil. * * * *

Mott Osborne, the reform warden of Sing Sing, is too humane—too far ahead of his time. He believes that civilized methods should obtain behind the eternal walls of Sing Sing. And just for that he will, no doubt, lose his official scalp. * * * *

There probably never was a time when dissatisfaction and discontentment was so general among the masses. This condition seems to have struck terror into the hearts of many of our leading business men and public officials, but if we are willing to accept the governing spirit and move forward with the tide of moral progression, if we are willing to lay aside personal interests to the extent of making conditions better for the whole people, there is nothing to fear. * * * *

Universal dissatisfaction and discontentment is far from being an omen of impending revolution or political retrogression; for the forces that are now stirring society to its very bottom generates that power which makes for better laws, better administration, better working conditions for labor, better product, a freer field, a more general access to the raw materials, the curtailing of monopoly, the abolition of special privileges, and in the end a more equal distribution of wealth. * * * *

HYMN OF LOVE TO THE OLD PUMPKIN PIE

(Apologies to Ernst Lissauer)

Blackberry pie and apple tarts we love the same with all our hearts; raisin pie and Banbury buns, give us of these a million tons; but one dessert; but ONE we love, 'tis yellow and rich as moulten gold, and we hope to find it in heaven above on alabaster counters sold— PUMPKIN PIE.

The manna that fell in the wilderness sufficed to stay grim hunger's stress—we wouldn't have cared for such a mess; Ambrosia, too, might have tasted good to the gods who craved their daily food. Had the apple of gold been baked in a pie, all sliced and spiced, we'd never sigh for a single bite; nor had the fruit of Eden's garden a pudding made, 'twould not have been the stuff to suit our appetite; we wouldn't trade Hesperian pie itself for one slice on the kitchen shelf of— PUMPKIN PIE.

Miss Muffet to her curds and whey is welcome—take the dish away or let Jack Horner with his thumb from Christmas pastry fish a plum. The Queen of Hearts likewise may cook the famous tarts the Knave once took, while blackberries four and twenty strong may lend to certain pies a song, but for pure flavor, rich and nice, just let me have a generous slice of— PUMPKIN PIE.

Oh! wad some power The giftie gie us To see some folks Before they see us.—Puck.

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