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**THE EFFECTS OF CHAUTAUQUA**

Pausing for a few moments to express a personal view of the worthy impulse which caused some thirty or forty Bandonians to work in harmony and with enthusiasm to the end this community should this year experience the benefits of the chautauqua and the stimulus of the ideals and aspirations engendered, one is heartened by the knowledge that after all the aim and aspirations of American community life are not wholly wrapped up in sordid pursuit of the almighty dollar.

Yet, although the sacrifices and efforts of our local boosters are framed and directed towards the service of an ideal, they are indirectly dealing with one of the fundamental principles of business. The man who buys a suit of clothes deals with business as does the man who builds a house, buys an automobile, a musical instrument, or any other commodity, but in this day we are considering business as something of greater moment than these purely material things.

We are realizing today that the business of a community consists of more than stores and goods, manufacturing plants, railroads, boats, and wholesale houses, for after all the very foundation of all our business life is the men and women in it; and anything that arouses and inspires and uplifts the men and women of a community, that causes them to think more of themselves and to recognize their individual responsibility as well as their opportunity, cannot fail to bring about greater prosperity in the community.

We Bandonians are realizing today that a better community morally and intellectually is a better business community also. It is impossible to better the community intellectually and morally and not at the same time make the community better commercially.

Our citizen who is caused to think more of himself will take better care of himself, he will clothe himself better, he will want a better house to live in, he will want to ride in an automobile, he will want choice music and books, and at the same time he will become more liberal; he will think more of the rights of others; he will think more of his family, more of his children, and, too, he will think more of his neighbors and his community as a whole.

Anything that will bring about higher ideals and a greater spirit of neighborliness and co-operation among the people of Bandon and community is a good business asset, and as the efforts of our local business men who stood back of the chautauqua this year were directed and shaped wholly in conformity with the spirit of these ideals, Western World feels it should extend the hand of fellowship to our fellow townsmen, and express to them the appreciation of a community which recognizes the unselfishness of their labors.

### A WRONG IMPRESSION

No matter how careful a newspaper might be in reporting the hap-

penings of a community, it is bound to incur the displeasure of some. Just now Western World is being criticized by at least one person for having said in last week's issue that it is only natural to believe the burning of the Two Mile school house was the outgrowth of the recent trouble in the district. He seems to think the statement infers that someone in the upper part of the district was responsible for the fire.

This person is reading into the statement something which is not there and something which is neither inferred nor intended. The statement meant just what it said and nothing more. The article in which it was made further read that there is apparently no cause for suspicion against any particular person. That in itself should be sufficient to offset any inference that might have been taken.

Surely it cannot be said that this paper has been prejudiced in favor of one side or the other in the unfortunate controversy which has given the Two Mile section so much undesirable publicity. We have given space to columns of contributions from both sides. Not because we wanted to keep up the fight but simply to give all parties concerned equal privilege to air views. We have had absolutely no interest in the affair, aside from the general welfare of the community at large, and we are still neutral.

Far be it from Western World to intimate who burned the school house. We have not the slightest idea. However, circumstances do indicate that its destruction was the deliberate act of some human agency. For this reason it is hoped the authorities will make a thorough investigation and if the fact is established a determined effort be made to hunt down the guilty one and see that proper punishment is inflicted.

With such criminals at large neither life nor property is safe in any community.

### WAR'S INFLUENCE ON YOUTH

What is to be the result of the influences growing out of this war upon the millions of children in our land? Is the work of the past quarter of a century in behalf of peace and good will to be undone by the revival of the war spirit? No doubt this is feared by many. The heart of the average boy responds almost instantly to the sights and sounds connected with the pageantry of war. Even now thousands of little lads are marching about with imitation rifle and drum and wooden swords and guns. Like their elders, they have fallen for the present under the spell of the martial god, says an Eastern exchange.

We do not share, however, in the fear that all this will leave any serious or lasting effect in the life of the child or youth. Once

"The tumult and the shouting dies, The captains and the kings depart,"

the excitement, and the enthusiasm for war, we believe will depart with them. Never as at the close of this unspeakable war will peace have seemed so welcome and so blessed a gift of heaven. Never will war have looked to mankind so accursed and cruel a foe as when a thousand bells ring out the glad tidings that peace has once more stayed the sword and stilled the murderous cannon. Then, this is our confidence: Men will feel that war has become too hideous a tyrant and destroyer ever to be again summoned into the councils of nations.

It is this confidence that war is to become the most detested thing the world can experience and so made practically impossible for the future, that almost reconciles us to its horrors. It is at least some comfort amid these sad days to feel that war is being tried at the bar of the great heart of mankind and that the only sentence that can be passed upon it is one which will condemn it to everlasting shame and contempt. When the hour of peace arrives, as it must: when the days return of a growing friendship between the nations of the earth, that reaction will carry us all back—children, youth and men—to a love for peace greater than humanity has ever known before.

### AFRAID OF CURRY

Judging from sentiments expressed by some of the tourists stopping in Bandon enroute from California by auto, they are of the opinion it is

not safe to loiter along the way through southern Curry county, lest they be arrested. It seems the prosecuting attorney of Curry is getting a reputation for keeping busy, and tourists are being warned on both ends of the line "to look out for the Curry county officials." The latest criticism directed against the officials there is for the arrest of a man named Gorman on suspicion that he stole an old auto crank from a Wedderburn man. Gorman had to secure legal advice and return to Port Orford for trial, where the case was dismissed. The crank is said to have been valued at about 50 cents.

Curry deserves to be congratulated for enforcing the law, yet good judgment should be exercised in arresting travelers as the people of this section want to encourage travel over the coast road.

Every household should can more vegetables, fruits, meats, fish, and other perishable food products this fall than ever before. Nothing should be left to waste. Commercial canned goods are apt to be very scarce the coming winter as many articles are not being canned on account of the shortage of tin. And the world needs every ounce of food stuff grown to keep the masses alive for another year. The government urges that every household assist in the great campaign of conservation by utilizing all perishable food stuff that in ordinary years is apt to be wasted.

Perusing the columns of a British publication we find a solemn discourse on the American slang expression, "can" the Kaiser; and learn for the first time that the slang "can" is an adaptation from the American habit of canning everything from meats and vegetables to fruits. The publication, therefore, insists the British version (as the English say tinned instead of canned) can be properly expressed by the use of "tin" or "hermetically seal" the Kaiser. Evidently the youthful pastime of tying a tin can to a dog's tail is peculiarly American.

Fewer men will be drafted from Oregon than from any other state in the Union. What a splendid record for loyalty. Known throughout the country for its progressive (sometimes called freak) legislation, this state is looked upon as the most democratic of democratic commonwealths. What a satisfaction to know that in the path of its ultra-progressiveness it has developed a higher degree of patriotism.

The secretary of agriculture has approved co-operative road work plans on fifteen forest road projects in the state of Oregon, which involves \$1,114,194 of Federal money. This is matched by a similar sum of state and county money.

Eggs are as low as they will be this summer. If you haven't already put down your winter's supply, do so now. The high cost of feeds will cut down the supply of eggs next winter. Don't be surprised if they go to a dollar a dozen.

Lightning caused 23 per cent of the fires in the National forests of Oregon and Washington in 1916. Careless campers were responsible for almost as many more.

The forest service has specially prepared photograph and wood specimen exhibits which are loaned to public schools and libraries on request.

Nearly one-half of the population of Oregon obtains its drinking water from the National forests of the state.

Next Monday we will know who the new Sammies are.

The government inspectors of steam vessels, Captain Edithofer and Geroge Weldin, who were in Bandon Wednesday of last week, gave the tug Kihyam a rigid inspection. They found everything in first class shape and gave her their official O. K. This was good news to the Port officials as there had been rumors, according to the Coquille Sentinel, that the Port tug was in bad shape, that her main shaft was bent,

## Ballarat Sam

By M. QUAD  
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The day I arrived in Adelaide, Australia, I was twenty years old and my pocket contained a dollar for every year I had lived. I had exactly \$4 to begin life on in this colony, but was a healthy youngster, with no fear of the future. Luck was with me from the start. On the second day after landing from the steamer I hired out to a sheep raiser, who had a ranch on the Murray river, near its junction with the Darling, and on the third we started off up the country.

One evening I was building a fire to cook supper by, while McCall, the overseer, went to secure a lever with which to raise a wagon off its wheels. I was thus alone for a few moments. Suddenly a man burst out of the thicket and came running up to me.

"For God's sake, young feller, give me a bite to eat!" he said as he stood before me. "Don't be afraid of me. I'm a sheep herder who has been lost in the bush for three days and a half."

I stepped to the wagon and handed him a piece of bacon, some hard crackers and a handful of tea, and after he had placed them in his pockets he continued:

"Young feller, do me a greater favor still. Lend me your pistol and knife until tomorrow, when you will pass my station, and, furthermore, do not mention to any one that I was here. Do this and you will never regret it." Then he hurried away.

Just as McCall came back with the lever there was a clatter of hoofs, and I looked up to see five mounted men ride into camp. They were in the uniform of the patrol, and the appearance of the men and horses showed that they had had a long ride of it.

"Well, Captain White, what is it?" asked McCall, who seemed to know every one of the five.

"Been after Ballarat Sam again," was the reply as the captain dismounted.

"And lost him, eh?"  
"Yes, curse the luck! We struck his trail near Dobby's yesterday morning, and he led us a chase of fifty miles during the day. We killed his horse about dusk last night and had him surrounded in the scrub. He got out, however, and we did not get his track until about noon today. We followed to the creek two miles above and there lost it."

We continued on up the country and finally arrived at the ranch, and for the next six months I was hard at work as a sheep herder and neither saw nor heard much of the outside world. Then one day I was called to report at headquarters and upon my arrival found a couple of visitors there—two gentlemen who had lately arrived from England. They had come out to Australia to go into the sheep business, but would leave it in care of an agent. They hired me and a number of others, and we began work with them.

One evening we had finished supper and were grouped about the campfire when one of the dogs barked and we looked up to find ourselves covered by five rifles.

"Hands up or you are dead men!" shouted a voice, and every one of us quickly obeyed the command.

The five advanced, each keeping his rifle leveled, and when I could see the man who had spoken I at once identified him as Ballarat Sam, the man whom I had befriended months before. He recognized me almost as quickly and, taking a step forward, he said:

"Well, boy, you did me a good turn that day and I'll not forget it. Move over to the left. Now, then, gents, who are you?"

All our arms were in the wagon, and we were helpless to offer any resistance. The first thing they did was to despoil their captives. After they had robbed the two gentlemen of everything they had of value and helped themselves liberally to our stores in the wagons Ballarat Sam shook hands with me and said:

"So you didn't inform the police you had seen me that day?"

"No, sir."  
"Well, you were mighty kind to me, and I am going to return the favor. Take this hundred pound note and save it for a rainy day, and here's the finest pistol and knife in Australia. Probably some day you will see me hanged, but whatever is said of me you can vouch for the fact that Ballarat Sam never forgot a favor or failed to get even with an enemy."

Columns of matter were printed in the Australian newspapers concerning Ballarat Sam and his crew of outlaws during the next year, and his picture was posted everywhere and a large reward offered for his capture dead or alive. The authorities were bound to get him, but he seemed to bear a charmed life for a while, and, although arrested several times, he always managed to escape by some ruse or other. Finally he was surrounded by a patrol numbering forty policemen and taken prisoner, and when brought handcuffed to Adelaide the entire population of the town turned out to view the famous bushranger. I happened to be in the city at the time and witnessed the hanging, and probably I was the only one in the vast crowd that felt a pang of regret. He went to his doom with a smile, and after it was over the timid ones in Australia breathed a sigh of relief.

Ballarat Sam was a bad man, but he had played fair with me. Have you paid your subscription?

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