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DEMOCRACY AND COURTESY

A writer who has been "autohoboing" over the country for the past four years, and who has in that time covered pretty thoroughly the main roads and the towns situate thereon in 33 states, tells woeful stories of the discourtesy and incompetence of the merchants and hotelkeepers.

Not all the bad ones are in the small towns, either. One of his stories runs:

"A rather distinguished English journalist who has been lecturing in the country, the best and most thoughtful of good fellows, was buying cigars at a small side-street shop in New York the other day, and as the clerk slammed down the change, Sir John abstractedly said, 'Thank you.' The clerk retorted: 'What the hell you getting sarcastic about? I give you your change as quick as I could.'"

An article in another magazine by a diplomat's wife says: "The relations between people and their servants in Denmark are very civilized. The servants understand that respect does not mean servility, and the most aristocratic of the Danish landowners makes a point of giving a great dinner on the anniversary of any of his old servants, at which his family and friends assist without a trace of condescension."

Somehow or other in America people have never learned that each and every one of us is in some degree a public servant, and that "respect does not mean servility."

We are so afraid of servility, so afraid some one will think we are not so good as some one else, that we are afraid to be courteous.

If we could but learn that lack of respect, courtesy, friendliness, if you will, to the other fellow is based on lack of respect for one's self and one's own job!

It is the biggest business man who is most unassuming. It is the woman whose family had servants for generations who is not afraid to be as courteous and respectful to them as she would have them be to her.

Surely respect and courtesy should be universal in a democracy.

A LESSON FOR CRIMINALS

It was a grewsome New Year's party that was given Cook County Jail, at Chicago, on January 1. Sheriff Peters invited 200 inmates to attend the execution of a prisoner who had murdered a man and his wife. The invitations were compulsory. They were given to the "pick" of the 600 inmates—those who were considered the most hardened.

"I think it will have a good moral effect," the sheriff explained. "When they are released from jail they will have something to remember."

They will, indeed. And many a one of those 200 prisoners, when moved hereafter to commit some violent crime, will see rising up before him that dreadful New Year's spectacle, and will be deterred by fear, if not by conscience.

A few years ago public opinion might not have tolerated this sort of thing. Now the public is in a sterner mood. Bitter experience with law-breakers has led to a belief that "coddling" criminals does not pay. There is no desire to be unjust or cruel, but there is a strong desire to emphasize the harsh side of the law rather than the merciful side.

Excessive harshness, of course, is to be avoided no less than excessive gentleness. As a temporary recreation, however, from a sentimentality which obviously encouraged criminals to more flagrant defiance of the law, the present tendency toward severity may have a wholesome result.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Fifty years ago today the University of Michigan admitted its first women student Miss Maddie Stockwell, of Kalamazoo.

Samuel Gompers, the veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, celebrates his seventieth birthday anniversary today.

Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Trenton, N. J., today celebrates the twentieth anniversary of his ordination.

Many Presbyterian clergy and educators will journey to Albany Ore., today for the inauguration of Dr. A. M. Williams as president of Albany College.

Senator Robert L. Owen, mentioned as a presidential possibility, has accepted an invitation to address a State convention of Democratic women of Oklahoma, to be held today at Oklahoma City.

The case of Truman H. Newberry of Detroit, and numerous others indicted on charges of fraud and corruption in connection with Mr. Newberry's election to the United States senate in 1918, is to be called for trial today in the Federal court at Grand Rapids.

Minneapolis, Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association.

Spokane, Montana Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

Lexington, Ky., Kentucky Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.

Toledo, O., International Shipmasters' Association.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans

Trotting

Opening of ice race meeting at Mt Clemens, Mich.

Boxing

Joe. Thomas vs. Sammy Krause, 12 rounds, at Columbus, O.

World's Debt Is Now Two Hundred Billion Dollars

NEW YORK, Jan. 26—A. P.—The world's debt was estimated by the National City bank at two hundred billion dollars as compared with forty billions in 1914.

Within the last ten years the manufacture of substitutes for leather has become an important industry. The chief ingredient of the substitutes is cotton.

To wind the great clock in the tower of the British House of Commons it formerly took two men working three afternoons a week. An electric motor now completes the task in twenty minutes.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Cleanings from the Press of the Valley

All Towns The Same—

To make farm life attractive is good for Salem. The more boys and girls who stay on the farms the faster Salem will grow, remarks the Statesman. Salem will grow just as fast as she can have orchard and garden and farm- and livestock products to manufacture and ship.

Salts and Ipecac—

"Why man, on the battlefields, there were only two prescriptions used, salts and ipecac, would you call that experience on the fields of battle?" yells Pat. And the Lewis bill, prompted by a sense of patriotic reward was laid at rest.—Oregon Voter.

Coming to the Coast?—

President Wilson is reported to be coming to the Pacific coast for a long rest. If he stays out here long enough to get acclimated, he won't mind much the still longer rest he will take beginning in March, 1921.—Oregonian.

Essential Difference—

The essential difference between an American and a Red is that the American would clean it up and the Red would blow it up, comments The Oregon Statesman.

Good Life—

We cannot control the evil tongues of others, but a good life enables us to despise them.—Thompson. — Exchange.

For Overtime—

There are some people who think that the creation should have been finished in five days instead of six, with double time for overtime.—Exchange.

Oregonian Remarks—

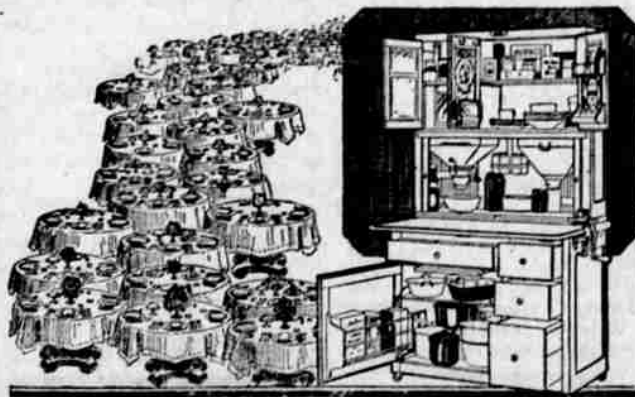
From Albany comes the story of a thief tossing back into the bedroom a husband's rifed trousers as the wife awoke. And men "fall" for that!

All Schools of City Gather Rags And Paper for Victrola

All the schools of the city are still in the market for old rags and paper which they are shipping to a Portland firm to raise money to buy a victrola. The school securing the largest supply according to the number of students is to receive a \$10 prize and the second highest \$5. The students from the various schools of the city have been out again today doing a big business. The Democrat made an incorrect statement Saturday about the plan as it was reported that but one school was in the contest while it really includes all the schools of the city.

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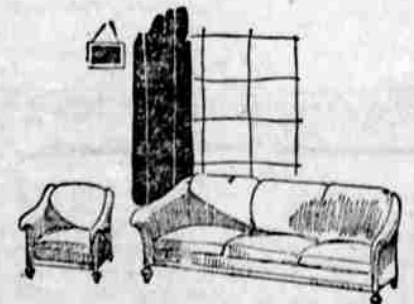
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