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FISHERMAN'S LUCK

Mr. Hoover fished for five hours the other day without getting a bite. The reason was, he is just a candidate and not a president. If Mr. Hoover should be elected, two fish would bite where none bit before. Those Oregon fish know their presidents from candidates. The chances are Al Smith couldn't catch any fish either.

What we can't understand is why a candidate for such a high office as president wants to fool around fishing when the time is so short. To paraphrase the Bible (provided it is not considered wrong to do so) these candidates ought to be "fishing for men" instead of fishing for fish.

There is something human even about a candidate. He likes the reporters and photographers following him around. He likes to let people know he fishes, wears old clothes and walks through woods and into streams just like all of the common people. As an excuse for the pomp and dignity he must display on the platform, he gets down to earth like the rest of us in between times.

There is a serious side to this rather light reasoning. It is this: man is by origin and nature a fisherman, a hunter, a woodsman. Such vacation jaunts as are now being engaged in by those in high and near high estate are merely expressions of the original man climbing and hunting and casting stones and sticks. Children display these traits openly and vigorously. Grown-ups call them "vacations," and get by with them beautifully.

TUNNEY'S RETIREMENT

Gene Tunney, world's heavyweight boxer, has quit the ring. No one can blame him too much for his decision. It is no more against a man to quit the prize ring than to quit Wall Street, quit the farm, the movies, the store or the profession after he has made enough money to live comfortably. Tunney certainly has done that.

Tunney will go down in history, if he goes down at all as the boxer who was a gentleman and a scholar. Whether the manly art of boxing helps or hinders humanity; whether two humans beating up on each other before 20,000 spectators for a purse advances the cause of civilization or retards it—these are indeed moot questions. One thing is sure: Tunney fought fair and according to the rules as he understood them. Any man is entitled to retire at any time he wants to do so. That is his right. It is just as good sportsmanship to quit clean as to go on and make a fool of one's self.

WHAT WAS HIS DUTY?

A Los Angeles father turned his 19-year-old son back to jail after the son had been released on parole and violated it by again issuing worthless checks. It seems to us it was a father's duty to do as this man did. No doubt it meant pain and anguish; no doubt such a step brought great humiliation to the family. But the father probably did what many fathers should have done but didn't. Recognizing the wholesomeness of justice under the law, and knowing of the son's proclivities to defraud, he could not consistently shield his own son in continued wrong-doing.

There is too much of this bad-check business anyhow. Man may become heated and slay, hungry and rob, angry and devastate, careless and destroy, but he can not defraud without some degree of premeditation.

Commercial cheating, forgery and worthless check-writing are products of low, base and vile minds. Only the degraded "low brow" will stoop to cheat and deceive his fellow-man in the ordinary transactions of life.

When the law is too lenient, boys about the age of 19 are likely to repeat their offenses. The best method is to punish them severely when shown to have been chronic offenders. The first offense is cause for mercy. Repeated offenses do not warrant probation until the culprits have learned their lessons.

"Candidates are now appraised by liquid measures," Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot. They should be also sized up by dry and square measures.

Mexico eliminates her candidates by the bullet. America exterminates her's by the ballot.

HITEON SCRATCHES

Mrs. Cora Mezentine spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith of Metzger working on the county picture library.

Mrs. McCord and daughter Mae of Portland called at the Struthers home Sunday.

Mrs. Sophia Olson of Portland is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jenny Davies.

Threshing is over in Hiteon and the farmers are pleased with the large yield of grain.

Hiteon school house is dolling up for September with a new coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Dralla and children left Monday morning by auto for Chicago.

GERMANY IS WORKING

If there is any one thing that impressed me more than another, as we motored through Germany from north to south and east to west, it is the fact that her people are working early and late.

Not only is she blest with a rich agricultural soil, but the people have cultivated it until it is a vast garden, with just enough wooded tracts to insure her rainfall; and speaking of trees, when one is cut down another is planted.

Everywhere we saw men, women and young people working in the fields; in Wurzburg, the workmen rebuilding a new street were at work—not getting ready—by 6 o'clock in the morning, and were still at it 12 hours later. A people at work are a happy people, and will forge ahead both economically and spiritually.

What really interested me more, though, was Germany's romantic scenery—her old cities, with the houses staggering down the narrow crooked streets, their colorful tile roofs, drunken in artistry and all askew and fascinating, with protruding dormer and eyebrow windows; the battlemented walls and towers shouting of historic sieges and wars of the middle ages; her vineyard-clad hills, topped with castles old and hoary, and her rich treasures of art and antiques.

Those were the things which we traveled thousands of miles to see and enjoy—and what a treat they were! Along with them were the strange and the humorous happenings thrown in to break possible monotony, such as the great bath towels, as big as a sheet and ten times more bulky; the thick puffs on the beds, which we, not being used to, dump in the corner of the room, probably much to the horror of the maid in the morning; the adding of ten, fifteen, or twenty per cent to one's hotel bills in lieu of tips—a custom which our own country might well adopt; and besides these, and enough more to fill a book, was the real friendliness of the people, always willing to offer help, answer questions, and direct us along the right road—yes, going out of their way to do so.

Then there's the eternal liquor question. Germany is a great place for beer and wine drinking, and yet, I saw in all our many miles of travel only one drunken man, and he was being hustled off by two policemen and might have been sick or crazy.

Most men and many women carry canes in Germany; and you should see the tramps—the old and the young, single, in couples, and in crowds, going along the roads with knapsacks on their backs, and out to see the country as nature intended it should be seen—except it is a slow method.

One more thing: Germany is a "spotless country." People are eternally cleaning, sweeping, scrubbing and washing. One usually credits Holland with this fine trait, but seeing both for we "did" the Netherlands, too—the prize for cleanliness goes by all odds to Germany.

These are just a few of my "impressions" after nearly five weeks in Germany and Holland.

ERNEST DUDLEY CHASE.

Garbage collectors are complaining of glass in garbage fed to hogs. No hog likes glass, not even a road hog.

METZGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Owen are vacationing at Elesea Lodge on the English Bay, B. C.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Devil's Lake—Extensive building improvements being carried on here.

Myrtle Point—Highway department clearing county roads of trash and bits of metal by electrically operated magnet.

Sherwood—100-acre cucumber crop being harvested in this section.

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