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EDITORIALS

It is now admitted that the Panama Canal will be closed to shipping for the rest of the present year, and it may take considerably longer time to remove the obstruction caused by the sliding of 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth in the Galliard cut. It is understood that shipping interests have been given information of the nature of the situation, and it is probable that most of the 100 ships now at the canal awaiting passage will be ordered to their destination by other routes.

MASSACHUSETTS LEADS

The Republicans of Massachusetts have led off in demonstrating how the party is to be restored to power. The platform recently adopted in the Bay State is convincing proof of the essential unity of political thought among the two bodies who divided the vote in opposition to Wilson in 1912, and the strongest and wisest leaders of Massachusetts progressivism have publicly declared their cordial adherence to the Republican party once more.

The spirit of conciliation which produced this result was widespread among both Republicans and Progressives. Mr. McCall, the candidate for Governor, and Senators Lodge and Weeks were cordial in their approval of the progressive planks submitted by Mr. Bird and Mr. Walker, and the state convention, without dissent, adopted the result. In good faith the reunited Republicans of Massachusetts will now proceed to elect a Republican Governor and to carry into effect the pledges upon which that election will be secured.

So it will prove to be, we predict, in the nation. The absence of highly controverted personal issues will enable the anti-Democratic majority in the country to unite upon principles. Their candidate will be a man whose character will coincide with the platform declarations. The country is to be redeemed next year; and Massachusetts this year leads the way.

Commercial clubs of Oregon, Take Notice

At Otway, Ohio an organization was recently formed with a title as follows: "The Farmers' and Merchants Commercial Club." Does that not suggest that the farmer is getting the recognition to which he is entitled? Where does the country and small town merchant get his money? Why from the farmer of course. He is the back bone of the community. The towns having Commercial Clubs and similar organizations progressive enough to invite the farmer to membership are to be congratulated. And be it noted that where the business men of small towns go out on excursions in autos and visit the neighboring farmers a much better relation exists and much more money is available to the householder. Think it over!

DIED
 Thomas M. Price, Oct. 12, 1915.
 Mr. Price was born in Johnson County, Tennessee, May the 11th 1856, and was in his sixtieth year.

He was educated at the Masonic Institute, in Mountain City and also took a course at Milligan College. He came to Oregon in 1884, and was married to Minnie E. Parrish Dec. 24, 1890.

He was buried by the I. O. O. F. lodge of Richmond, by the side of his mother, in Waldron cemetery.

He leaves a wife, one son, Edward M. and one brother, Russell D. to mourn his departure.

He was a resident of what is known as Wheeler County for more than thirty years, having resided on the ranch where he died since his marriage. For some time he was in the sheep business on Parrish Creek, but in later years turned his attention to farming.

In his younger days he was a member of the Christian Church, and had been a member of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F. lodges.

Mr. Price, or Tom, as he was familiarly called, will be missed by many friends, who extend sympathy in this time of bereavement to those who are left.

W. H. O.

Accumulating a deficit at the rate of a million dollars a day, was the record of this administration during the first 11 working days of the month of October. During July, August, September and the first half of October, the administration incurred a deficit of \$43,000,000. By changing its form of daily statement of treasury conditions, the administration has made it impossible to compare the present conditions of the treasury with its conditions under Republican administration. The comparisons which many newspapers were making every week were not at all complimentary to this administration.

The following ten commandments are offered for the guidance of catalog house patrons.

- 1 You shall sell your farm products for cash whenever you can, but not to us, as we do not buy from you.
- 2 You shall believe our statements and buy all you need from us, because we want to be good to you although we are not personally acquainted with you.
- 3 You shall send the money in advance to give us a chance to get the goods from the factory with your money; meanwhile you will have to wait patiently for weeks as that is our business method.
- 4 You shall apply to your nearest city to aid you in building good roads so that you can conveniently get the goods from the depot, for we do not build country roads.
- 5 You shall buy church bells and church fixtures from us and forward the money in advance, for this is our business method, and you shall collect from the business men in your city as much money as you can for the benefit of the churches, for it is against our rules to donate any money for country churches.
- 6 You shall buy your goods from us and be your own mechanic in order to drive the mechanic from your vicinity, for we wish it so.
- 7 You shall induce your neighbor to buy everything from us, as we have room for more money—the less money you have in your community the sooner we can put your local merchant out of business and charge you any price we please.
- 8 You shall look often at the beautiful pictures in our catalogs, so that your wishes will increase; and so you are not in immediate need of the goods, otherwise you might have some money left to buy some necessary goods from your local merchant.
- 9 You shall have the merchant who repairs the goods you buy from us, book the bill, so you can send the money for his labor to us for new goods, otherwise he will not notice our influence.
- 10 You shall in case of sickness or need, apply to your dealer for credit, as we do not know you nor care to.

The Thinking Power
 By WILLIAM BLAKEMAN

Something over a hundred years ago, when Europe was making one of those advances in new lines of thought which have marked different stages of intellectual development, when a crop of great French thinkers—Voltaire and others—were attracting attention, a wealthy Parisian lady conceived in some degree those ideas intended for the amelioration of women that are in vogue during the present day.

Mme. Drivaux did not follow the lines of the present movement, wherein women contend for equality with men. Her idea was that women were capable of higher intellectual development than men from the fact that they are made of finer texture. Her plan was to utilize the brute force of men by making it subservient to the superior intellectual faculties of women.

Mme. Drivaux, who possessed an enormous fortune, purchased an island in the Mediterranean sea, upon which she proposed to carry out her idea. She had no difficulty in founding her colony. Some of her colonists were of noble birth; others were commoners, but all were intellectual. She called for men volunteers who must join with a full understanding that the women were to do the thinking, the men to serve as protectors.

Mme. Drivaux's idea in separating her colonists from the rest of the world was that she might make an absolutely fresh start, untrammelled by existing institutions, laws, customs. But a perfect shaking off of the present in order to inaugurate a new future is very difficult. A weak spot in the founder's purpose was that among the hundred women she took with her there were three each of whom was loved by a man. These men, unwilling to part with those they loved, enrolled themselves among the masculine force who were to do the fighting and laboring. Thus at the very outset did the canker-worm get into the roots of the tree that Mme. Drivaux had planted with so much thought, trouble and expense.

Mme. Drivaux had enlisted every man colonist herself, taking care that he was not opposed to her scheme or unwilling to accept the direction of the women, looking to his muscles rather than his brain for his share of the work. But these three "misbegotten knaves," who had joined for the purpose of getting possession of the women they loved, deceived her by being the loudest in their advocacy of her plan and their promises to be obedient and patient laborers and soldiers.

Marriage was not forbidden in the colony, but every man who married was obliged to promise that he would obey his wife. Moreover, he was obliged to agree to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, looking to his wife for guidance like an obedient husband.

Now, the three marplots who had joined the colony were much put out at having to leave Paris for a considerable time in order to save for themselves the women they loved. Even on the voyage they put their heads together to devise a plan for being revenged on the colonists for the sacrifice they were obliged to make. Naturally it was easy for them to get control of the other men colonists, for the latter being content to let the women do their thinking were not disposed to think for themselves; consequently, associating with men who were disposed to lead them, they naturally followed.

"Now, it so happened that soon after the colony was established a ship stopped at the island loaded with a fierce band of Arabs from the African coast, bent on plunder. Mme. Drivaux called upon the men to attack the invaders and drive them away. Jules Champnois, one of the three men who had been plotting against the success of the colonial scheme, said:

"We are ready to drive these men away, but we would be pleased if you would give us a plan of attack. It is our part to do the fighting, but your part to tell us how. Shall we take the offensive or act upon the defensive? Shall we use guns or shall we rely on our bayonets?"

Mme. Drivaux looked scornfully on M. Champnois, stamped her foot and told him to drive the rascals away without asking any further questions.

The women who were about their chief were much frightened. "This colony is organized," continued the men's spokesman, "on the plan that you women do the thinking and we men the work and the fighting. Our portion of the good things we have is for doing these alone. It is not just that we should be called upon to think and fight. If we must do both, we can't see wherein you are superior to us, and we call upon you to surrender the leadership in our favor."

The Arabs were stealing up on these poor women while the men were standing idle.

"We shall be murdered!" "Cowards! Do your duty!"

These expressions on the further approach of the enemy gave place to "For heaven's sake save us and you may have everything!"

"Reign the thinking power or perish!" cried Champnois.

"We resign!" replied a hundred voices. "Follow me!" and turning, he led the men against the enemy, who ran to their ships and sailed away.

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 Department of the Interior,
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 Oregon, September 4th 1915.
 Notice is hereby given that Edgar B. Enyart, of Spray Oregon, who on August 31st 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 0484 and on August 26th 1915, made additional Homestead Entry No. 015348, for lots 1-2-3-4, NE 1/4, & SE 1/4, Sec. 31, T. 9 S. R. 25 E. & lot 6 Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 25 East, Wagon Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter U. S. Commissioner, at Spray Oregon, on the 21st day of October, 1915.
 Claimant names as witnesses:
 Ed Templeton, Clarence Templeton, Eugene Spray, Robert E. Wright, all of Spray Oregon.
 H. Frank Woodcock, Register.
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