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Keep out of politics and if you can't do any better, steal hogs.

Hold up your brother's hand, but not with a gun.

The devil is an experienced demagogue and ought to belong to one of the political parties of this day.

The man who bothers us when we are busy is a bore; the man who won't be bothered by us when he is busy is a crank.

The successful newspaper man must write something the people will read whether they like it or not.

Men boast of their independence. We have a few of these fellows in mind that a little battery will make frisk around like a spaniel.

Don't repeat slander about your friend and neighbor—if you will listen to it—especially when you believe it to be false.

It is a happy thought hit upon by the Royal Institute in Great Britain, which is training its deaf mute occupants as barbers.

Some people use their imagination for their own good and that of mankind. Some people's imagination use them, making liars, slanderers, and tale bearers.

No man or woman is equipped for life who has not learned to say No; but it is to be said kindly as well as firmly, if its lesson is to be made impressive.

Never be afraid to own the truth, let the consequences be what they may. Ever keep truth for your motto and guide, and you will surely be the gainer in the end.

Perseverance and tact are the two great qualities most valuable for all men who would mount, but especially for those who have to step out of the crowd.

Never condemn your neighbor unheard; every story has two ways of being told, and justice requires that you should hear the defence as well as the accusation.

It is a great mistake to imagine that success without effort will ever make a man or a woman happy. What we cease to strive for ceases to be success, and gradually becomes more and more worthless.

You must be sure of two things. You must love your work, and not be looking over the edge of it, wanting your pay to begin; and the other is, you must not be ashamed of your work, and think it would be more honorable to you to be doing something else.

When you have a mind to repeat some dirty story you have heard about your neighbor, stop, think twice before you speak, and then keep your mouth shut until you reconsider it. You may not do your neighbor any harm, but you will yourself.

Oregon is being filled with new-pier grave-yards. In the last year nearly every county in Oregon has had a burial, and several more severe cases of consumption are reported. Among others Jefferson, Junction, Drain, Eugene, Springfield, and even Albany have had their experiences in this line. —Albany Democrat.

The people of Lebanon cannot give too liberally of their means and energy and influence in the furtherance of educational interests here; but they can expend too much money on the snide shows such as visit small towns. They ought to get the kind of cold comfort that is not refreshing even in summer.

The city papers are all right if you want them, but it's the local paper that advertises your business, your schools, your churches, your numerous societies; sympathizes with you in your affliction and rejoices in your prosperity. In short, it is the local paper that mentions the thousand and one items in which you are interested during the year, and which you do not find in the city papers.

Cause and Effect.

Depression and discontent prevail to a greater extent now than for many years in the history of our country. For these there are causes and the effect naturally follows. The people have ceased to practice economy in private as well as public affairs. \$60,000 expended by congress in the burial of one Senator, but gives the tax-payers of this country an inkling of the prodigality and excesses practiced by those in authority, a part of whose statesmanship should be to set for the people examples of reasonable expenditures.

When a millionaire senator dies his family should bury him at its own expense. This is the practice followed by the families of the private citizen and poor man. The people of this country cannot be justly nor legally taxed for such expenditures and it is an outrage on justice and reason that such are made. If Congress can legally appropriate money to defray the expense of burying one of its members then it stands to reason that it appropriate for the burial of a private citizen, and if for one private citizen then as justly for the burial of all.

Mr. McKinley goes before his republican audiences and without blushing boasts that while the last congress is called the billion dollar congress that this is a billion dollar country and can afford such congresses. These are causes—they tend to depression and dissatisfaction. Appropriations by the legislatures of the several states are, in many instances, prodigal in the extreme. Even in those states where there is such an array of Alliance members, in whose asserted platform is economy and reform in private as also in public expenditure. Take for instance the legislature of Texas, largely Alliance and reform men, where \$15,000 per year is appropriated for a state encampment that a useless and pompous militia may have an opportunity of displaying to the public gaze a red tape inutility; and \$4,000 expended for one picture. These are causes.

Then nine-tenths of the people, regardless of their vocation or

means, could by the practice of economy reduce their annual expenses 25 per cent. To many people economy is a stranger—they seem to be ignorant of the first principles pertaining to it.

Many expend money recklessly, buying things on a credit that are absolutely useless, and of necessities they often buy more than the demand requires, and waste much after getting them home. They are reckless in the use of articles after so purchased. These are causes.

The effects are depression, discontent, scarcity of money and hard times, such effects as naturally follow such causes as water seeks its level.

There are a great many men born in the world who imagine they were born with genius and lie down on the sofa and wait for an inspiration until some other fellow—who thought himself a dunce—rises by hard labor to a competency, buys the sofa and leads the waiting genius out by the ear. This is not a joke; it is a fact.

The people's party of Kansas expended \$1100 in a campaign which resulted in the election of five congressmen, eighty-four legislators and one United States senator. This party has decided to expend \$10,000 this fall and if success keeps pace with the money expended the party will elect every officer in the state.

Compared with other nations in size of debt the United States stands eighth on the list. France heads the great international procession with a debt of \$6,427,000,000, or over four times our own. Italy's debt nearly trebles the American, and amounts to \$4,362,000,000. Russia, with a debt of \$3,731,000,000, and Great Britain with \$3,440,000,000 are not far behind. As compared with European nations the United States is one of the most economical governments on earth. In wealth, population extent of territory and moderate taxation it exceeds all others, and no nation compares with it in the extent of its resources, none can equal its capacity for annihilating its debts.

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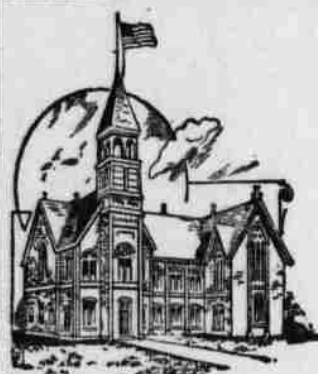
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