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THE MEN OF THE EMDEN.

What matter if you
Be staunch and true
To the British blood in the veins of
you.
When it's "hip hurrah!" for a deed
well done,
For a fight well fought and a race
well run—
What matter if you be true?
Hats off to the Emden crew!
Theirs was the life of the storm-god's
folk,
Uncounted miles from the Father-
land,
With a foe beneath every wisp of
smoke,
And a menace in every strip of
strand.
Up, glasses! Paul Jones was but one
of these,
Hull, Bainbridge, Decatur, their
brothers, too!
(Ha! those pirate knights
In a ring of foes,
When you douse your lights
And drive home your blows!)
Hats off to the Emden crew!
Erect on the wave-washed decks
stood they
And heard with a Viking's grim
delight
The whirr of the wings of death by
day
And the voice of death in their
dreams by night!
Under the sweep of the wings of
death,
By the blazing gun, in the tempest's
breath,
While a world of enemies strove
and fumed,
Remote, unaided, undaunted,
doomed,
They stood—is there any, friend or
foe,
Who will choke a cheer?—who can
still but scoff?
No, no, by the gods of valor, no!
To the Emden's crew—
Hats off!
—Goodwin's Weekly.

Allen Eaton, representative from Lane county, who is making an aggressive campaign for the Speaker's chair in the House, when the legislature meets, has issued the following platform which covers his speaker-ship policies:

"After having served continuously in four sessions of the Oregon House of Representatives I know that at least 25 per cent., and I believe 40 per cent., can be saved in the cost of the Oregon legislative sessions without impairing its efficiency. I know the rules of procedure in the Oregon Legislature are such that men 'outside the organization' or 'unfriendly to the machine' cannot be sure of fair treatment for their bills.

"I know the same rules of procedure permit the most important legislation to go over until the last two or three days. During the mad scramble that follows, bills are passed without proper consideration or understanding.

"If I am elected at the 1915 session, I promise the accomplishment of these two great reforms:

"1.—A reduction of at least one-fourth in the expense of running the House.

"2.—A change in methods of organization and procedure that will produce fewer bills, fairer consideration of bills and of their authors, and more time for important legislation.

"I have made and shall make during this campaign for the speaker-ship, no promises of committee appointments. I should rather be free on the floor than tied in the speaker's chair.

"This statement covers briefly my speaker-ship policy. The main thing is that the next speaker shall have such a policy.

Respectfully,
ALLEN EATON."

The contest for the speakership of the House at the coming session of the Legislature has narrowed down to two candidates—Representative Allen Eaton of Eugene, and Representative Ben Selling of Portland. The contest has been waged with more or less uncertainty for several weeks with indications, as the time draws near for the Legislature to convene, that it can only be settled by the final vote for speaker when the House organization is effected. Mr. Selling is the candidate of the Oregonian, and that paper is leaving nothing undone to bring about his election. On the other hand, Mr. Eaton's strength for the position comes

wholly from the state outside of Portland. The fact that a very strong fight is being made by the Portland paper in Mr. Selling's behalf, to the exclusion of all other candidates, and especially against the candidacy of Mr. Eaton, has caused considerable comment throughout the state, and the impression is gaining ground that Portland, as usual, is trying to gain control of the Legislature for purposes that are not made public. The Times has naught but the best of feelings toward Mr. Selling, but we cannot but help express the opinion that his candidacy is ill advised, and should the Oregonian persist in pressing it too strongly the result will be detrimental to the best interests of the state in the way of legislation to be enacted by the Legislature. Mr. Eaton's qualifications for Speaker cannot be assailed and to this is coupled the fact that the state, outside of Portland, is entitled to the speakership.—Brownsville Times.

"SAY THAT BUSINESS IS GOOD."

The above phrase spoken at least once every hour in the day to your neighbor, or your customer, or your employee or anyone whom you might come in contact with during the day's business will make every week in the Northwest prosperity week. The union Meat Company has issued a bulletin adapted from the Chicago Daily Tribune which carries with it great psychological weight. It is as follows:

"When the basic conditions are right—as they are today—business needs only the right kind of thoughts and the right kind of talk to make it good.

"Here is something to do today:

"Every hour—on the hour—say that business is good. Say it to the man next to you on the street car. Say it to the man at the next desk. Say it to your lunch partner—to your boss—to your stenographer—to your customer—to the man who waits on you.

"Say it to yourself, if you are alone—but say it. Every hour—on the hour—say that business is good.

"The effect of that little phrase, repeated eight times in one day by a million men and women—or more—will be enough to overcome months of pessimistic thoughts and pessimistic talk.

"For business will be good now, today, next week, and right along, if we merely say that it is good and stick to it.

"Constant repetition of the powerful little phrase will generate the unanimous confidence which is what business needs—all that business needs. For your own sake, for the sake of the man you work for and the men who work for you, for the sake of your family and your friends, for the sake of the employed and the unemployed—say that business is good.

"Eight times today, every hour—on the hour—during the business day, say that business is good. Tomorrow and next week remember that you have said it and remember that you were justified in saying it—because there is every reason why business in the Northwest should be not only good but better than ever before.

"We are the market place for the Golden West, and our territory has a better material basis than ever before. Our business is bound to be good if we, all of us, make up our minds to the fact.

"Thought for today:
SAY THAT BUSINESS IS GOOD."

TAXATION AND EXPENDITURES.

Wall Street Journal: People who complain about their taxes might find a useful hint in the report recently filed by the New Jersey board of equalization. The average tax rate had jumped from \$1.97 of last year to \$2.24 for the present year, an increase of 13.8 per cent. The board said:

"The increase is due to the fact that local expenditures have increased in a greater ratio than the sources of local revenue."

The appalling fact can be applied to all the states. The census returns go back to 1860. They show the average per capita levy to be more than three and one-half times what it was at the earlier date. Or course, the tax rate per \$100 also increases. Yet, notwithstanding the enormous increase in amount of the tax levies and the increase in population and wealth, the average per capita indebtedness of the states, counties and minor civil divisions has steadily increased.

What do the people get in return for this increased taxation? When a man's business expenses increase faster than the returns, the bankruptcy court awaits him. But in the public business there is no thought of cutting expenses according to means. The tax rate is to be adjustable to fit the expenses. This is good business to the politician; but to the people who pay the bill the effect is, as Shylock said: "You take my life when you take the means whereby I live."

Kings should shear their sheep, not skin them. But so long as the people permit their affairs to be conducted without any idea of economy or anything approaching a budget system, they are sure to be skinned. Isn't it time to demand a real reform?

Special invitations have been sent out over the county for tomorrow evening's affair and a large attendance is anticipated. Several of the club's active members will be in Portland attending a meeting of the

Oregon Irrigation Congress, and it is safe to say that if Heppner did not have a commercial club, there would be no representation for Heppner at this meeting. A fight is now on for better railroad service, being waged by the organized commercial club. Many things were brought to Heppner in the line of civic improvement in 1914 that were brought largely through the work of the club. Bigger and better things are in line for Heppner and Morrow county, and a live commercial club in Heppner will be the hub around which all these improvements will take place. Are you a member of the Heppner Commercial Club? If not, tomorrow evening will afford you a fine opportunity to sign up.

If you want to live in the kind of a town like the kind of a town you like, you needn't slip your clothes in a grip and start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, for there's nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town. It isn't your town—it's you. Real towns are not made by men afraid lest somebody else gets ahead. When everyone works and nobody shirks, you can build a town from the dead. And if while you make your personal stake your neighbors can make one too, your town will be what you want to see. It isn't your town, it's you.

Tough times! In New York city more than a hundred pickpockets have been obliged to give up their calling and lead an honest life, on account of the hard times. Formerly these thieves could nip a half dozen pocketbooks and retire to ease and comfort for a month. Now the times are so hard that the most industrious pickpocket, after riding fifty or sixty pocketbooks, will realize only about \$15 a week, and that is getting down to such an insignificant amount that many of them have decided to become honest until business improves.—Exchange.

A recent expert on advertising said: "The merchant who is looking toward the largest success can no more do without newspaper advertising than he can do without his sign, his store windows, his courteous clerks, his reputation, and the thousand and one other things that go to make up advertising." And in the face of this and other evidence, it is like pulling hen's teeth with a stake puller to make some merchants believe that a dollar spent in newspaper advertising isn't charity.

Christian Church Notes.

Subject of discourse next Sunday morning: "Sanctification." Evening theme: "The Drawing Power of the Cross."

Christian Endeavor 8:45 p. m. We expect next Lord's Day to see in the church and Sunday School some of our faithful members who have been away for the holidays.

All members of the church are urged to attend the prayer meetings this week. The meetings Thursday and Saturday will be held in the Federated church. Friday's meeting will be in the Christian church.

The Women's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Handsaker last Tuesday afternoon. A large number of members and friends were present. A very enthusiastic and enjoyable service was held. After the program a social meeting was enjoyed. Light refreshments were served. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. W. G. McCarty.

Especial attention is called to the lectures to be given in the church each night next week by Bro. G. K. Berry of Portland. It was our pleasure to hear this course of lectures and can recommend them to everyone who wishes to know something of the great movements of history.

Belgians Still Need Aid.

London, Jan. 5.—"Words fail me to express my deep appreciation of the bountiful generosity of the American people to Belgium," says Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, in a letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium.

"After all that has been done and is being done by them," the Cardinal's letter continues, "to help us in our trouble, it might appear unseemly on my part to ask for more; but our distress is so real and the misery caused by the war so great that I cannot but look to the future with anxiety."

The letter closes with an appeal to the American people "to continue to keep their hearts open to us."

Possibilities of Invasion.

London Punch. English village worthy (discussing possibilities of invasion)—"Wull, there can't be no battle in these parts Jarge, for there bain't no field suitable, as you may say; an' Squire, 'e won't lend 'em the use of 'is park."

Keeping Up With War News.

Life. "Mother, where are Helicon and Parnassus?" "Ask yaur father, Johnnie. He keeps up with the war news."

Example of Thoughtful Tact.

Life. Jones—"Has she any tact?" Bones—"Tact? She's the kind of woman who'd send a wrist-watch to the Venus of Milo for a birthday present."

B. F. Keeney, county assessor of Lane county, is in the city for the Third Annual Poultry Show. He is serving as judge.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE AT THE FAIR STORE

FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY, In order to make room for the large incoming Spring Stock We will offer goods at reductions which will astound the public.

Domestics

Outing flannels, all colors, 10c to 12 1-2c vals. - 7c
Calicoes, 6c and 7c grades at only - 4 1-2c
Bleached muslin, 12 1-2c quality now - 8c

Underwear

For Men and Women. All 75c grades at 39c

Shoes

Shoes

A great reduction on Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes.

Hosiery

We offer all grades of Hosiery at prices that can NOT be duplicated by ANY mail order house.

Clothing

All Men's Suits reduced 33 1-3 per cent.

SPECIAL

MEN'S \$20.00 OVERCOATS AT \$9.98
Chinchillas are also included in this great bargain.

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