



GREED

If any writer were big enough to gather up all the thousands of stories of the stock market crash, he would have material for the Great American Novel.

For the bull market, and the catastrophe which ended it, represented all that is best and worst in the American character: our optimism, which is at once our strength and our weakness; our restless desire to better our condition by any available means; our worthy ambition and our unworthy greed.

One of the best of the market stories was told me by a celebrated surgeon whose name I can not reveal.

"I work hard for my money," he said, "and have never speculated. However, the fever got me finally, like everybody else. There was one particular stock which was a favorite in my city. Bank presidents and boot-blacks were in it together; it went up by leaps and bounds.

"Against all my traditions, I bought several hundred shares. It continued to climb; I had profited of many thousand dollars.

"One night my wife saw me making penciled calculations on the margin of the newspaper. She said I ought not to be worrying about stocks, and she urged me to sell out

and never think about the market again.

"I argued that by holding on for another ten points we could pay for the wing which she wanted to build on the house.

"While we were still talking, my little girl came in to ask my help on her Latin lesson for the next day. It was the translation of Aesop's fable of the dog and the bone. The dog, you remember, saw his reflection in the water and, thinking it was another dog whose bone he would steal, reached down with open jaws and lost his own bone.

"The moral of the fable was, 'Greed usually results in the loss of everything.'

"That night when I went to bed I could not sleep. The fable kept running through my mind. First thing next morning I telephoned my broker to sell me out. It happened that the stock went up a few more points, but a couple of weeks later it dropped like a shot. I was very lucky, and had sense enough not to think I had been smart. You can bet that I am done with speculating forever."

I hope that when this editorial is printed we may be in the midst of good times, with increasing business and a rising market. In that case, some young man may see it and appreciate the reminder that "greed usually results in the loss of everything."

Teachers College at Bowling Green, spent years persuading the state authorities that beautiful surroundings in a school had a definite cultural value for the students. He has built on top of a hill, overlooking a wide, lovely valley, a group of buildings, including gymnasium and stadium, which are the most perfect examples of classic Greek architecture I have ever seen.

The pure beauty of line which above the field exhibit stir the deepest artistic sensibilities. Around each of the buildings flanking the stadium is a deep frieze in the Greek manner, depicting athletes in action. These bas-relief figures are colored, the way the ancient Greeks used to paint their statues. We see statuary in museums in pure white marble but do not realize that the originals were painted over the stone in natural colors.

Dr. Cherry has created a thing of beauty which will be a joy forever to the youth of Western Kentucky.

TOBACCO

All the way across the state I passed through the burley tobacco country, the tobacco fields plowed and harrowed and almost ready for transplanting the plants from the canvas-covered seed-beds. Cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the increased prosperity of the burley tobacco growers. Up to a few years ago only the Virginia bright tobacco was used in cigarettes. Then the American Tobacco Company developed and promoted a cigarette made of the burley leaf. And now many of the popular brands are made of this Kentucky-grown tobacco.

HORSES

Approaching the Tennessee border there were more horses and fewer motor cars. South of the ridge the country resembles the blue grass region of eastern Kentucky. It is wonderful pasture and hay land, in which live stock flourishes. There are no pines in the region around Gallatin, Tennessee, where Opie Read grew up. Cedars are the only native evergreens. It is ideal horse country, and a group of wealthy men have established an estate of twenty-eight square miles on the north bank of the Cumberland River, where they keep their saddle horses and a fine pack

hounds for fox hunting, and enjoy life as it used to be lived on the old English estates.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

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An application has been filed with the secretary of state for a ballot title for an initiative measure to repeal the law which provides for the enforcement of the prohibition amendment to the state constitution, the purpose being, as stated by the applicant, to leave the enforcement of prohibition to the federal authorities. This measure is not intended to repeal the law to enforce the Volstead Act, which was passed by congress to make the 18th amendment effective, because Oregon has not enacted a law for the enforcement of that act. The purpose of this proposed measure is to nullify the state prohibition amendment. It can have no other purpose.

If the proponent of this measure had the fairness which should characterize a good citizen, he would not put forward such a measure, but would propose a clear-cut amendment to repeal the prohibition amendment to the state constitution instead of simply nullifying it. He puts forth the argument that certain features would remain, but the remaining features would simply produce confusion, and that is the exact intent of the whole proposition. The people will not vote for

an amendment which declares one thing and for a law which declares another, if they understand what they are doing. The measure is intended to make it easier to get booze. It is intended to help along the only argument which has been produced against the 18th amendment, to-wit: That it can't be enforced. It is a trick of the wets—simply a trick.

The proponent of this measure says that if the people will vote as they drink the measure will carry. He insults the good people of Oregon by intimating that they are a lot of hypocrites. He intimates that a majority of the people of this great commonwealth are encouraging moonshiners, bootleggers, and home-brewers in the violation of the constitution and the laws. He may believe this. He is a young man. He must have been a mere boy when the state voted dry, and he probably does not know the conditions which then prevailed. He may be swallowing the lies circulated by John Barleycorn's henchmen. However, it is probably true that some people will "drink wet and vote dry." There are men whose appetites for liquor lead them to hunt up the bootlegger and buy moonshine from him, but who know the awful effects of drinking alcohol and who would do what they can to save the rising generation from the curse which has befallen them. Such men will vote dry. But the wets try to bully them into voting as they drink.

necessary number of petitioners, we will have the whole fight for a dry state fought over again. It is time that we begin the counter-attack. No time is to be lost. "The battle is not to the strong alone. It is to the vigilant, the active, the brave," as was well said by that old Revolutionary patriot, Patrick Henry.

Farm Acreage, Values Reported for Oregon

There are 55,153 farms in Oregon having a total acreage of 16,548,678, and a total value, including land, buildings, and implements and machinery, of \$673,413,678, according to a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of the Census. These figures are given in detail for each county and minor civil division within the state. This is the first federal census report to show these figures by minor civil divisions.

Of the total farm acreage 17.6 per cent, or 2,906,324 acres, was crop land on which crops were harvested in 1929; 7 per cent, or 1,154,744 acres, was crop land which lay idle or fallow; and 0.7 per cent, or 111,451 acres, was land on which the crops failed to mature or were not

harvested for any cause. Pasture land with a total of 11,378,824 acres, representing 68.8 per cent of the total farm acreage of the state, included 816,803 acres of plowable land, 2,619,478 acres of woodland, and 7,942,543 acres of other land. In addition to the land cropped and pastured, the total land in farms included 502,737 acres of woodland not used for pasture, and 494,598 acres not in forest, pasture, or crops, including the land occupied by house yards, barnyards, feed lots, lanes, roads, etc.

The total value of farm land and buildings was \$630,827,927, of which \$128,881,093 represented the value of all farm buildings, including the farmers' dwellings, which were valued at \$72,527,906. The value of farm implements and machinery, including farmers' automobiles, was \$42,583,751.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shively and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker returned home Sunday evening from a trip to Portland. They returned around the Mount Hood loop highway and reported the mountain road very beautiful with rhododendrons and apple blossoms in great profusion.



KENTUCKY

I motored across the state of Kentucky from Louisville southward into Tennessee a few days ago. The Dixie Highway, short route from Chicago to Florida, runs through the country of Abraham Lincoln's forebears. I spent a night at Elizabethtown, county seat of Hardin county, just a few miles from Hodgenville, Lincoln's birthplace.

Twenty-two years ago I went to Hodgenville on the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth, February 12, 1909, in company with Theodore Roosevelt, whose last official trip as President of the United States was to lay the cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial. Even as recently as that there was not a single automobile in Hardin county, and no roads that a car could negotiate, if there had been any.

To judge by the brisk trade in the attractive shops of Elizabethtown and the patronage of its modern hotel, Hardin county today, like the rest of Kentucky, is immensely more prosperous than in 1909, in spite of drought and hard times. The automobile has done more for rural America in twenty years than any other single agency in a hundred years.

CAVES

Southward from Hardin county the Dixie Highway runs through the great limestone ridge where water-holes and ponds drain thru

the earth into buried caverns. Mammoth Cave, largest of them all, in whose subterranean river swim fish without eyes, has been taken over by the Federal Government as a national park. There are hundreds of similar caverns, competing for tourist trade by signs along the highway. A surprisingly large number of people pay admission to get the eerie sensation of descending into the earth's interior.

BEAUTY

Dr. Henry H. Cherry, president of the Western Kentucky State



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