



OPEN MIND AND THICK SKIN.

Coming to work Monday morning, with a heart full of peace and good will, I found two letters on my desk. "Sir, I long have been a reader of your pieces, but your last editorial was the best you ever have written. I have cut it out and am going to frame it and hang it in my office." The other letter referred to the same identical editorial: "Sir, Much of the time I have agreed with you, but after reading your last week's effusion I bid you farewell. Such a bunch of honey!" Being naturally a sensitive person, I suffered from criticism in my early days. Once, when an article of mine contained a blunder for which the editor received caustic letters, I felt so sick I stayed in bed all one day. But as time went on I developed a philosophy as to criticism and so, it seems to me, must every man who is going to get anything done. The first article in that philosophy is that you can't please everybody, and that much criticism, good or bad, is entirely unimportant. You like blondes, and I like brunettes; you like fiction, I like biography; you like Eugene O'Neil, I like Ed Wynn. No one can satisfy us both. Anyone who tries it will be colorless and futile. Second, one can not be guided too much by the public because the public is so changeable. Every public character of any influence has been popular at some time in his career and unpopular at others. Wellington, after the battle of Waterloo, was worshipped by the English people almost as a god. A few years later he had to put iron shutters on his windows to keep these same people from throwing cobble stones through the glass. Third, criticism is good for us, we need it, no matter how well meaning or careful it may be. One time when John Morley was being severely handled by the English press Gladstone said to him: "Take it from me that to endure tramping-on with patience and self-control is no bad element in the preparation of a man for walking firmly and successfully in the part of great public duty. Be sure that discipline is full of blessings." Finally, and in the last analysis a man has to do his best and go forward. A famous old English schoolmaster had this motto, of which I am fond: "Never explain, never retract, never apologize. Get it done and let them howl."

So, readers, send me as many letters as you think I need. I try to keep an open mind. And a thick skin.



HINDENBURG Fourteen years ago the American and Allied armies were making desperate efforts to check the advance of the "Hindenburg line" on the Western front. Germany came nearer to victory in the Spring of 1918 than at any other moment of the whole war. Today Americans and the Allies are rejoicing that General Von Hindenburg, after seven years as President of the German Republic, has been re-elected for another seven years! Nothing could demonstrate better the fact that we were not making war on the German people but on the Kaiser and his system. Hindenburg has won the respect of the whole world. If he lives out his new term he will be 91 before it is finished. A grand, tough old man!

VOTERS The United States has a population of about 125 million. Germany has a population of less than 63 million—about half as many as we have. The largest vote ever polled in the United States was 36 1/2 million, in the Presidential election of 1928. About half of Americans eligible to vote did not trouble to go to the polls! At the Presidential election in Germany on March 13 there were more than 3 1/2 million votes cast! Half our population, but more votes out than any election has ever brought out in America. Now somebody ought to find an issue that will bring all of our 72 million qualified American voters to the polls next November.

MONEY Money, the economists tell us, is anything which people freely accept in payment for services and commodities. A accordingly the "wooden money" which the Chamber of Commerce of Tenino, Wash., has issued, is really money, though it is printed on plywood. A local bank failed, with "frozen assets." To relieve the distress caused by so much of the community money being tied up in the bank the Chamber of Commerce issued "script" certificates, based upon the expected 25 percent dividend out of the bank's assets. And because Tenino is in the lumber country, its people cleverly got a lot of publicity

veying alternative routes for a seal-level canal across the upper part of the Florida peninsula, connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of Mexico. I can think of nothing that can be done so cheaply that will be worth so much. It will be valuable not alone to Florida, but to all of the Gulf states and the ports and the rest of the Atlantic seaboard in making commerce quicker and easier between the eastern states and the Gulf states. Our experience with canals has been uniformly good. Some of the canals which were built before the railroads are regarded as obsolete today, but it was the Erie Canal, from the Hudson River to Lake Erie, which opened up the West when it was finished in 1823, and so long as it is kept navigable it keeps railroad rates down between the West and the Port of New York. The Panama Canal has more than paid for itself and its value to the nation is recognized by everybody in the world. It is to be hoped that the Nicaragua Canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific will shortly be begun, making water communication between our two coasts even speedier than now.

Ms. Talkalot (at musicale)—Oh, Mrs. Gossippe, I had so much to say to you, and now the pianist is through. Mrs. Gossippe—I'm just dying to hear it. Let's—encore him.

First Senator—Is the new Senator Whozis regular? Second Senator—Is he regular! Say he agrees with nobody! Bundoso—Did Mayor Thompson Williams's recent political speech bear fruit. Doughty—I'll say! Hecklers pelted him with both the hen and grape varieties.

by printing this script on wood. Numismatists—which means coin collectors—are interested and have bought specimens of this wooden money for more than its face value. Its only drawback is that it isn't accepted as money outside of the territory served by the Tenino business houses.

TRAVEL

To make it easier for Americans to travel, some of the big Atlantic steamship lines are offering a plan whereby anybody can pay for his European trip on installments. Pay a quarter of the cost of the tour in cash, and then one of the big finance companies will put up the rest of the money and the tourist can pay it off in ten monthly installments. Of course, the finance company wants to know all about the people it does business with on that basis, and of course the tourist pays interest on the deferred payments; but it looks like a good scheme. Any kind of travel that takes one into strange lands where people have different ideas about life and different customs and manners is good for anybody. The only really intelligent people are the ones who realize that the whole world is not just like their home town.

CANALS

Government engineers are sure to exceed 20 fish in any one day, and 30 pounds and one fish in any seven consecutive days. That part of the DESCHUTES RIVER known as Crane Prairie, beginning at the impounding dam on said river to a point 200 feet below said impounding dam and all tributaries, except Snow creek, to that part of the said Deschutes river, and also excepting that part of said Deschutes river from the mouth of Snow creek to Lava lake, closed for a period of years ending April 14, 1942.

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Potato Prices Rally; Onions Still High

Oregon State College, Corvallis, March 23.—Potato markets from March 10 to 18 experienced the greatest rally in months, due largely to the prolonged season for old crop potatoes as a result of damaging frosts in the southern early crop districts, according to the Oregon State college extension service. The carlot movement increased and prices at shipping and terminal markets advanced from 10 to 20 cents a hundredweight. Klamath and Deschutes No. 1 Russets brot \$1.25 to \$1.40 a hundredweight at San Francisco during the sport. Onions are still aristocrats in the vegetable kingdom with Oregon growers getting as high as \$7 a hundred for U. S. No. 1 Yellows in mid-March. Sales of northwestern apples to foreign markets have been curtailed by the movement of new crop Australian apples into European markets and the "empire first" policy of Great Britain. Northwest producers of dried prunes find their stocks moving slowly due to disruption of foreign trade and heavy stores of low priced California prunes and other dried fruits.

"Your friend Lawyer McFee does not seem to rise very high in his profession." "No, he's one of the few who prefers to stay on the level." "Goofoo—I would like to see a dog-wood cane." Clerk—Certainly, sir—one with the bark on it? Mrs. C. L. Keithley of Pendleton was an over Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones in this city.

AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING AND FISHING

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