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CONTENTMENT.

Contentment comes tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes.

A man once offered to give his farm to anyone who could say he was perfectly contented. To each applicant he said, "What do you want of the farm if you are contented?"

Contentment is what we are going to have as soon as we get a little more.

It is said that there was a contented man once in Gresham, long ago, but he left no records because he refused to be interviewed by the reporters. He had all the publicity he wanted along with other things. Then he died.

Contentment is a big white light which shines from a person's soul where it has settled down. It enables him to look at a 1916 model auto without a wink or a sigh. He may have a thousand dollars or he may have to draw his belt tighter for breakfast, but whatever he has it is enough. If he eats crackers and cheese he does not yearn for pie, and if he is served by a butler and a host of other snubbers he does not weep over the breakfast table because the egg shell doesn't contain both egg and chicken.

Contentment enables a woman to wear an Easter hat, bought a week after Easter and to spend a joyful afternoon at the home of a friend instead of taking a fifteen mile ride in a jitney wearing a gown which sits on her husband's mind like a mortgage on the homestead; or breaking through a jam at the church door to discover whether or not the reigning society leader remembers her name.

Contentment does lots of things. It enables a man to sit on the sidewalk and watch a fellow being saw six cords of wood; it enables the farmer to so conduct his business that the deputy county assessor asks no questions but allows him to fix his own value on the farm; it swells the savings account at the bank until it is large enough for a trip to the fair and takes the barbed wire out of cross-grained dispositions; it causes two friends to ask for a short loan where only one asked before and makes old age a peaceful, happy journey where everything is greased for the occasion.

If there was more contentment in the world we would have fewer millionaires, more people going fishing, less appendicitis, more education and fewer loopholes. We would have to hunt harder for our statesmen and not spoil men fully qualified for dog catcher by electing them to high offices. Contentment is a myth.

DRY ENGLAND.

The attention of the British public today is concentrated on the question of abstinence from intoxicating liquor. It is doubtful if the biggest headlines chronicling military activity could divert attention from the all-absorbing topic of the possibility of a dry country.

That some drastic measures are contemplated is beyond question, but opinion is divided as to whether the prohibition is to be total. Opinion is growing that if employes be deprived of their right to drink employes must take their medicine along with them.

It is believed that the cabinet is in favor of total prohibition, which, under the defense of the realm act, it has the full power to enforce without any further explanation.

The electric fan and ice cream will soon be sucking the dollars from our pockets. Come to think of it, we don't long for the "good old summer time" as badly as we thought.

King George has promised to quit drinking. Probably Queen Mary had something to do with the "morning after" effect upon his majesty.

A California writer says the Golden state is the Garden of Eden. Wish he would look up Adam and ask his opinion of Oregon.

Prayer of the school kid to Father Time: "Say, Mister, can't you sorter shove them vacation days along a little faster?"

RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

History has told us that no being is more merciless to his fellows than the religious fanatic—that even the most degraded types of criminals come nearer living up to the example of the meek and lowly Nazarene in-so-far as gentleness is concerned, than he. The most deplorable crimes of all times have been committed in the name of religion.

Centuries ago the crusaders murdered unnumbered thousands of Turks in order to reach the tomb of the Prince of Peace, who must have looked with pity upon the murderous scene. Today the Turks are killing thousands of the followers of the gentle Christ, and in the name of religion. I thought of the hideous atrocities torture their minds today, and their murderous acts prove that history repeats itself. From this it would seem that the life of one cruel thought is as long as human life itself.

In this free country the spirit of religious tolerance and brotherly love seems to grow from year to year, but there are, sad to state, religious fanatics in our country who are just as vicious as the murderous Turks, and who are only held in bounds by inferiority of numbers and the demand of the vast majority for religious freedom.

It is one of the mysteries of human life that any man who professes to follow Jesus of Nazareth can find justification whatever for harboring vicious, murderous, mongrel thoughts.

THE MERCILESS GOD OF WAR.

"You do not kill, you murder." This statement, which is said to have been made by a Prussian officer to his British captors is indeed well based if the estimate that losses resulting from the European war in killed and wounded and missing has already amounted to 6,000,000, with Germany figuring as the heaviest individual loser, is anything like correct. The word "appalling" loses its force when one contemplates such a useless sacrifice of life and health, to say nothing of the paralyzation of industry and the suffering of millions more of women and children from the pangs of hunger and the ravages of disease.

When the people of Europe, and particularly the women and men who are opposed to warfare, realize that losses of this character have been sustained, with even greater losses promised during the heavy fighting that is certain to come during the summer months, it may be that they will rise in force and demand that the reign of carnage cease. With such numbers being hurled into the "jaws of death, into the mouth of hell," it is remarkable that even the bravest and most patriotic men found in the ranks of the various armies can obey orders to thrust themselves into the shambles much longer.

The revolting scenes enacted daily should alone be sufficient to bring an imperative demand for peace, and even revolt in the armies.

CLEAN-UP DAY.

Clean-up day is coming along on the wings of time and there are some faint indications that it will arrive in Gresham sometime early next month. Perhaps it wouldn't do to become too clean all at once, for there would be no microbes left, no flies, nor disease. If there were no disease there would be no one die and when we wanted a funeral we would have to import a subject. The village hearse could then be used for a jitney, and the fare would be cheaper than to the graveyard. Life would be one long dream of delight and death would be a joke unless brought about by accident. We are going to have that clean-up day though, and take the chances.

A New York tramp broke into a public bath house, took a bath, then strolled into Central park and went to sleep. He was arrested and taken to jail on a charge of burglary. We would send him up for life on three charges: Burglary for taking the bath; robbery for stealing a nap; and murder for killing time.

The average woman's idea of being robbed of her rights is in being asked to remove from her dome of thought the Easter creation of flowers and feathers in order that those behind her may be able to see the flicker pictures.

Marriage by proxy is a success in Holland and is being planned in France. Divorce by proxy or by any other method is not needed, the war is attending to that part of the business.

Just before day luck changed and—got worse." The Gresham cannery won't take beans this year, nor any other kind of vegetable.

Wonder if the secretary of state ever "winks" while ordering a loganberry at the soda fountain?

Get it firmly fixed in your mind that it would be a bad mistake to vote down the bond issue.

WHERE THE STUDENTS GOVERN THEMSELVES

Student self-government is a new departure in Oregon and is proving a success at Brownsville where Elmer F. Goodwin, the newly-elected Gresham high school principal is now engaged. Mr. Goodwin was the first principal in Oregon to adopt the new method, which is proving such a success. The following is taken from the Brownsville Times and was read before a Parent-Teachers' association meeting by Cecil Howe, a member of the senior class and president of the Brownsville high school students' organization:

The Brownsville high school is, we believe, the only high school in the state of Oregon that is governed entirely by the students themselves. It is my pleasure this afternoon to tell you briefly something about this new form of school government. We have enjoyed its advantages for five months, in which time it has stood every test and proven to be the best government for girls and boys who have completed the grades and learned the real purpose of a high school education.

What does it mean to be educated, anyhow? We believe it means more than to be able to solve correctly problems in algebra, demonstrate theorems in geometry and to translate Latin or German into the English language. Students should learn to govern themselves and to know the value of time. We have learned both in the last few months. Let me tell you something about our plan.

Just five months ago our principal told us that if we were willing we could govern ourselves and do as we pleased. He said the high school faculty were willing to turn over to the students the government of the high school so far as order and discipline were concerned. We were a little surprised to find a teacher or teachers who were willing to turn us loose without a policeman near, or any one with the authority of a teacher to look cross at us, speak cross to us, or rap the desk with a pencil or ring a bell if we made a noise or disturbance. However, we were willing to try any new scheme of school government to get rid of the teacher, and especially one that suggested that we could do as we pleased.

So, a constitution and by-laws were prepared which was similar to the constitution and by-laws of any well-governed body. This constitution and by-laws provided for certain officers and their duties. Some of these officers were as follows: president of the Brownsville Students' organization, and other officers, such as vice president, secretary, treasurer, chief justice of the Students' Court and eight assistant justices, and a sheriff, as well as eight censors whose duties I shall mention later on in this paper.

This constitution and by-laws with all its provisions which were simple and plain was presented to the student body, who were requested to sign it voluntarily, if at all. It was understood that there was nothing compulsory about the signing of it by the students, but it was not to go into effect until signed by every student, and the president of each class in the high school for those classes. Every student who signed the constitution and by-laws pledged his or her honor to be governed thereby.

Our motto as set forth in the constitution and by-laws is: "Time is money." This motto means everything in a government like we have here. Any merchant who would employ a student, or any one else, to clerk in his store, would certainly give that clerk access to the money drawer at all times, even in his absence, and that trust would not be betrayed by any one worthy of the position. There is not a student in this high school who would take from that money drawer, money belonging to someone else. If then, "Time is Money," the student who interrupts his schoolmate who is trying to study his lesson, takes his schoolmate's time, which is the same as taking his money.

And so we respect the money drawer of our schoolmates during study hours, and we also see to it that every student properly conducts himself or herself while in the school building, on the premises or in the jurisdiction of the school. "We do as we please, but please to do right."

The Mexican bandit, Villa, is keeping up the pace with King George and promises to make Mexico dry at the end of the war. But suppose he doesn't win?

Miss Sprigg seems to have arrived, but sometimes she weeps by reason that her hat wasn't on straight. She is now smiling seductively in the direction of the early strawberry crop.

The "American" language has at last been officially recognized, but it was done in Turkey. We are getting to be quite popular in some countries.

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