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**POISE**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

THE man who sold me my ticket at the Grand Central station was wrinkleless and placid in his appearance. He came into the office just as I arrived, and relieved the clerk who had previously been there. He removed his coat deliberately and hung it up without haste or agitation, straightening the collar and smoothing out the wrinkles in the sleeves. He adjusted his tie carefully and brushed back his hair, speaking to a fellow clerk in the meantime, all the while oblivious of the gathering line behind me.

When he was ready to wait on me, he went at the job without haste or agitation. He confirmed my reservation calmly; he made out my ticket slowly; he consulted all sorts of tables and guides with a deliberation that revealed the fact that he was not influenced by the passage of time. He was unmoved by the irritation of the woman behind me who wanted to catch the six fifteen train.

When he finally had everything looked up and written in and posted together and calculated and the ticket slipped into its outer clothing, twenty minutes had passed. The man had poise; he had self-control; he knew that the line behind me would keep up all day and all night and he was not going to allow a little thing like that to worry him. If the woman did not catch the six fifteen train there was another going later.

And this state of mind explained why his cheeks were so round and his brow so unfurrowed and his actions so calmly deliberate. He could go on doing his work for ninety years without a nervous quiver; he would always seem uninfluenced by the rushing crowds constantly going by him.

I am not sure that he was not overdoing this self-control a little, but most of us could take a lesson from him. We worry too much. We rush into things headlong and do them badly. We lose our heads in a crowd or in stress of one sort or another or in meeting the unexpected because we do not center our attention upon the main business in hand. We are thrown off our balance by little things; we have no poise.

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**Standing Alone**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
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IT TAKES courage and strength to stand alone. Most of us find it easier to go with the crowd. The fact that the custom has become common is adequate reason for most people to follow it, whether the custom be smoking cigarettes or wearing a mechanical little gun Arabic cur over the forehead. Women do not wear tight skirts and silk stockings in winter because these are more comfortable or sanitary, but because other women wear them. They are afraid to stand alone.

These are days of unrest and revolt, and there is very little doubt that drinking and gambling are pretty prevalent. When most young fellows offer an excuse for these irregularities it is mostly the illogical alibi that every one else is doing it, and that he should not be criticized since he is as good as the average.

"Isn't it wrong?" I ask. "Doesn't it injure you and your work?" "Yes," he replies, "but—" He hasn't the courage to stand alone. He lacks the nerve to admit that he has principles that make it impossible for him to do some things any longer with himself.

Franklin had been arrested for stealing from his employers' store and he asked me to come and see him. "Why did you do it?" I asked. He had been brought up well, he had no particularly strained circumstances and he had always borne a good reputation.

"I could use the things," he answered, "and I knew some of the other fellows were doing it."

He was following the crowd, or thought he was. He had no strength to stand alone.

If France could make the franc and the whistle quit jumping up and down it would be in a fair way to well come settled conditions.

**Your Conversation MALMAISON**

When Napoleon's ambition led him to divorce the unfortunate Josephine, the unhappy empress retired to "Malmaison," a country house a short distance from Paris. "Malmaison" means "unhappy house." It was in the gardens of this residence that the famous portrait of the empress was painted. Malmaison is now a museum where intimate relics of the great Cyprian are preserved.

**PROSPECTS OF PROJECT**

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**Umatilla Project.**

This is a new program that we must get behind to bring success. We cannot mull in our tents or languish in our devotion. A new spirit must and will take hold of our activities. Battles are not won without the high spirit of patriotism. Faith in our cause is the first element of success. To re-establish our faith is our duty now and there are many assurances of faith returning. During the period of agricultural depression we fell into the dumps. We razed many temples we had built. Some of us sought other gods and the promised land seemed greener over the hill. Some wore crepe and wept over ashes of disappointment. But sure as men rise from altars of of faith, so are the people of this community rising now to new hope and new determination to achieve what they once sought and thought was here.

**Incidental Factors**

Other factors, not our own, are contributing to our future possibilities. The growth of the Pacific Northwest is being promoted by tremendous forces. Lumbering has assumed enormous proportions. Oriental trade is developing. Coast manufacturing is growing. Western cities are increasing in wealth and population by leaps and bounds. Hydro electrical development is granting "white coal" and commanding attention of the government and big eastern capitalists. Its scope is unlimited. Three big railroad lines and chambers of commerce of the large cities of the coast are spending several millions of dollars in advertising the Pacific Northwest throughout the east. This month they will reach 21,000,000 people through magazines and newspapers east of the Rockies. In addition to this Frank Branch Riley has just been sent to the middle west and Atlantic seaboard to deliver 300 lectures with stereopticon views on farm life and the scenic splendor of Oregon. Dining cars will feature Northwest products and movies and show windows in large cities will display Northwest resources. Trans-continental highways, years in the making, are now open and widely advertised, through highway associations, and thousands of tourists will this year pass through our project.

These accounts read like stories of old but they are absolutely true. Fight now, and they cannot help but contribute to our welfare. Without doubt the Pacific Northwest, and that's us, will henceforth rival Los Angeles and California in the public eye. Three-fourths of the electric power in the United States is here of which no small part is our own Umatilla Rapids. The big timber of the nation is in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, all around us. Pacific ports and Oriental trade will soon rival the east and already prophesies are being made as to which city will rival New York on the western shores of commerce. All must contribute to our growth and development and marketing resource or our products.

**Political Factors.**

National or administration attitude toward farming is another factor of hope. The president's commission in its third report, criticizes old incrustated institutions, concerns the work of the Federal reserve banks, the Interstate commerce commission, the tariff commission, farm legislation, the duplication and jealousies of governmental departments and bureaus, and in general reveals an attitude of helpfulness and understanding of farmers and their problems, which portrays a real purpose in the president to get at the oot of the trouble. The president has asked for and almost commanded congress to pass farmer legislation this month. Secretary Hoover has said that it is not over production, but poor distribution and under consumption, that is hurting the farmer. Others are rapping the profiteer and railroad rates and the tariff, all of which is making sentiment for the return of our great basic industry, which has suffered a collapse since the war greater than was ever known in history.

Much more might be said. There are many things to read. Some of you have become so hedged about with hopelessness and grinchiness that none of it will arouse hope or renewed activity in you, but that a new day is coming for us cannot be doubted. It is up to us to be awake in the morning.

State highway commission contracts for 5 1-2 miles new road and resurfacing of eight miles on John Day highway south of Condon.

**Sees His Own Monument Unveiled**



Tom Wilson, the earliest guide in the Canadian Rockies, and Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, wife of the secretary of the Smithsonian institution, were present at the trail riders' pow-wow at Yoho camp, B. C., recently when the above bronze portrait tablet was unveiled to commemorate Wilson's many years of pioneer work in marking out Rocky mountain trails. Wilson, now sixty-five years of age, and living at Enderby, B. C., reached Lake Louise and Emerald lake, Yoho, in 1882, and was the first white man to see these lakes. The tablet is fixed to a huge boulder in the center of some of the loveliest scenery in the Canadian Rockies.

**Player Brings Big Price**



Here is Earl McNeely, new center fielder for the Senators. The Washington club paid \$50,000 for him when they took him away from the Sacramento (Cal.) club.

Study of the juvenile delinquency records indicates that today use of the trunk strap is confined to trunks.

Sometimes a man finds a girl after his own heart only to find later that she really was after his pocketbook.

Feminine fashions keep the dressmaker's shears going at a busy clip, to say nothing of the barber's shears.

**Father Sage Says**  
A politician is a feller who gets something from you an' lets you realize he's gittin' it; a diplomat gets it without your realizin' it.

**LEISURE**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
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POWELL had a job that kept him busy eight hours a day and on the side he was attempting to get some necessary reading done to fit him for a promotion.

"I'd like to do it," he assured me, "and I know I should, but I haven't a minute's time."

"Keep a record of how you spend your time for a week," I said to him, "and then come back and see me." He brought the record in rather shamefacedly at the end of the week. "I don't work as much as I thought," he said.

It was quite as I had supposed. He was wasting half of his available time in foolish or unprofitable things. He had leisure, but he used it to no advantage. He was helped by it neither to be a better nor a more efficient man.

You can tell more about a man's character by the way he spends his time than anything else. Vacations test a man's moral fiber much more than the regular routine of daily work. During his leisure hours one is not under restraint or direction. He may do as he pleases.

"The real test of living," a recent writer says, "is what the individual does with his day's leisure. It is going to be a much more difficult task of our civilization to learn to use leisure wisely than it has been to learn to labor efficiently."

The gum-chewing habit encrutes the globe, so that other nations know how hard it is to get a wad off the shoes.

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**Silk and Lace Unite in Fall's Varied Blouses**



When one wants to dress up a bit for afternoon or evening, there is nothing quite so convenient as a pretty blouse. New ones for fall in cheerful colors, are all made in the overhouse style, with sleeves more or less short, and decorated with lace or embroidery of beads, or other ornaments. The styles are greatly varied but most of them slip over the head and fasten with a snap fastener—and that is all there is to a change of toilette.

The blouse pictured is of dark red crepe de chine with emplacements of wide filet lace at the front, and narrow val lace used for edgings and insertions. It has ties of narrow ribbon.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of Edgar A. Smith, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Edgar A. Smith, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present the same to me at the office of W. J. Warner, my attorney, at his office in Hermiston, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 17th day of December, 1924.

ROBERT O. HORNING,  
Administrator.

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