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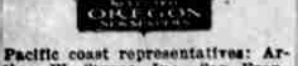
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TOWARD THE ETERNAL

Arthur Schnitzler, famous Viennese dramatist, tells an interviewer that he is very well satisfied with the existing universe, except for the fact that man's span of life is altogether too short. The interviewer, thereupon, asks him if he would be content with a life the length of Methuselah's; and Schnitzler tells him that he would not.

"What," he asks, "are a thousand years compared to eternity?"

Probably most of us have much the same notion as Schnitzler, and this can hardly be encouraging to the medical specialists who are using every resource to add a mere ten years or so to our life expectancy. They can expect scant thanks for that. Nothing less than an eternity of living will ever satisfy us. We call ourselves religious, and profess an abiding faith, but death remains a mystery which we are not willing to solve. Bruce Catton, feature writer says.

This, of course makes for unhappiness. If we could once become reconciled to the fact that life is short and its joys fleeting, we could get along with a great deal less misery. That would seem to be the reasonable thing to do. We cannot live forever; why not admit it, make the best of it, and look for peace and contentment in the days that remain to us, instead of bustling about making ourselves and our fellows miserable by trying to cram the earth and all the heaven into a few short decades?

Unfortunately, or otherwise, we are not reasonable creatures. There is in us somewhere a wholly irrational spark of divinity that refuses to concede that we are made of clay. Our imagination gives us a glimpse of the things that might be possible for us if we were only given the time to accomplish them, and we can never be satisfied with anything less. Immortal life, universal brotherhood, never ending peace, happiness for every human being—these are some of the glittering dreams we have built to plague ourselves.

The quick years pass and generations of men vanish and are replaced by their children, but always these dreams remain. And from being creations of our own desire, these visions end by becoming our masters. They compel us up and on, plague us, make us unhappy, keep us from resting—and little by little we bring them toward realization. We lift ourselves by our own boot-

straps. Our discontent with life as it leads us to the colossal task of remodeling it into what it ought to be. Nothing less than eternity and infinity will ever satisfy us; and that extremely unreasonable attitude is precisely the reason why we may look on the future of the race with hope. We are climbing because we are too fine to accept any place other than that of master of all creation.

HOOVER'S WISE MOVE

No president-elect in years has made a move of such wisdom as has Mr. Hoover in undertaking a tour of the South American countries prior to his inauguration.

The next president is thoroughly familiar with Europe and Asia. He knows the background of our international relationships in those spheres. About South America, he does not know so much; so, like a shrewd business man, he goes down to familiarize himself with it before taking office.

There are 60,000,000 people in South America, and we in the United States are rather profoundly ignorant about them. Mr. Hoover's voyage will not only enlighten him; it will help to clear up our own lack of knowledge. And that is one of the finest things a nation's leader can do for his people. Misunderstanding is what breeds trouble. To remove it is to accomplish a great service.

MILLION-DOLLAR INCOMES

Two hundred and eighty-three Americans enjoy incomes of more than a million dollars a year, according to figures just released by the internal revenue bureau. That total represents a gain of 52 during the past year.

These figures ought to provide all sorts of people with material for comment. The radical will declare that they prove that our wealth is concentrating in the hands of the few and that the common man, as a result is getting the muddier end of the stick. The conservative will say they prove that we are more prosperous than ever before, and that the wealth of the few reflects an added increment on the part of the many.

The evangelist can doubtless build a screed on this luxury-loving generation, with a few well-chosen references to the decline and fall of Rome.

All in all, the internal revenue bureau deserves our thanks for making these figures public.

If you argue with a fool, listeners wonder which is which.

With John on a railroad, the Coolidge family may still enjoy travel without paying fare.

Another good memory test is the guarantee of the man who sold you the second hand car.

A specialist is a doctor who treats troubles that can wait until you have time to visit him.

These modern kids may kiss more times than we old-timers did, but they kiss less girl.

Death and taxes have a few points in common, but in some cases death is painless.

Letters Reflect Attitude On Whiskey And All-Night Dances

From various sections of Klamath, from residents and old-timers, and even from cities outside of Klamath, have come letters of comment on the campaign against drunken drivers, all-night dances, gambling houses and other forms of vice, by the Evening Herald and Klamath News.

Some have been signed, some not; but, because they reflect the attitude of the people, all—both pro and con—are printed herewith.

With one exception, these letters commend the two Klamath dailies for their stand. The exception is a satirical letter, well written, and smacking of sarcasm and humor, which has been sent to this paper under the protection of anonymity. Despite that fact, it is printed in full.

Following are the letters:

Trinidad, Calif.

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Dear Sir—I read your editorial in the News regarding the all night dance at Merrill, and I want to shake hands with you. That editorial should be worth millions to the fathers and mothers that are compelled to sit practically helpless and see their boys and girls corrupted by these ventures and beasts who are feathering their nests with the poison they are selling to these poor dupes who are silly enough to buy it and drink it.

I have children and grandchildren who live in Merrill and I naturally feel a deep interest in that community and know that the citizens in that part of the country are number 1. But they must have help to stamp out the cure you speak of. It is not so easily done as some people imagine. The thing to do is for the good citizens of Klamath county must together, organize and serve notice on law breakers that the articles you have written mean just what they say, and no half way business. There should be no compromise with the lawless element but a fight to the finish and let the chips fall where they will.

The kind of business you speak of has got to stop or this country will soon be in a sad state. Just as sure as we are living the law is being violated here in Trinidad every day and every night. Many men and women are saturated with alcohol at Saturday night dances and have to be taken home.

An this is prohibition! The good old U. S. is "dry"! Well, may God in Heaven have mercy on a country that is wet. How any man or woman can support prohibition in the face of facts that are staring them in the face beyond me. The ministers all over the United States could get up and condemn Smith because of his stand against prohibition, but did we hear one of them condemning the bootlegger; not so you could notice it for they knew Hoover would get the bootleg vote, and that is all they cared about.

I have said before, and I will say now and I will continue to declare, that prohibition is a monumental failure and the way things are going on in Merrill is only a small sample of what is going on all over the United States.

(Signed) John B. Griffin, Trinidad, Cal.

Klamath Falls, Ore.

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Dear Sir: I have read thoroughly your series of articles appearing in the News, and I am firmly convinced that it is either wild propaganda placed into your paper to take up space and relieve the monotony of the insipid editorials, which the suffering public, strange to say, continues to endure, or else that these verbose achievements of the journalist's art have been penned as the result of a misunderstanding.

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O yes, and then there's the Altamont dance hall. Really Mr. Dennis, it stands to reason that if there were such a den of vice as you see in that dance hall, in America, the League of Nations would take the matter into its hands; thousands of Americans would emigrate, ashamed to acknowledge their native land because such a place existed there; why, the very sage-brush which innocently grows around the doors of the Altamont would curl up its leaves in mortification. Hundreds of people find an innocent and harmless amusement in dancing at Altamont and there is no just cause why, just for a personal abhorrence of dancing, a man in your position should condemn so violently an inoffensive recreation.

Now, Mr. Dennis, just one thing more. I shall not write long about it, for I know that you must soon get busy and compose another story, perhaps on "The Sunday School, a Menace to our Community". Pardon the satire; I just couldn't help it. What I was going to say is this. Why pick on the younger generation? I know lots of fellows that have "gleek, oily hair", who haven't much money, but the money they have is certainly not earned from "violation of laws" as you insist. All of these

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Sincerely, Earnest, Merrill, Ore.

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Dear Sir: I wish to most heartily congratulate you upon your editorial concerning drunken drivers and Merrill all night carousals on Saturday night. I am greatly rejoiced that somebody has spoken in no uncertain tone upon the matter and sincerely hope that something good may result therefrom.

There are some in Merrill who are as much disgusted with the situation as you are. But we seem to be in the fix that some other things are. We can't seem to reform conditions from within and must, it seems, await until something is done by someone from without.

The public officials have sworn to uphold the law and enforce it in every particular. Public opinion aroused to the dangers of this menace by your direct-to-the-point articles in your papers will demand these officials to do their duty, or put other men in office who will enforce the law.

You are doing a fine work for the community, through your articles, Mr. Dennis, and a vote of appreciation should be tendered you by all the law abiding citizens of "The Empire Awakening".

Yours very truly, EVERETT O. NORD, Merrill, Oregon.

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Have been reading your editorials in The Klamath News and wish to let you know that the good citizens of the entire county stand back of you.

More power to you. Sincerely yours, GRACE WESTBROOK, (Mrs. Burr)

Honorable Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an editorial written by you concerning the violation of the liquor laws in your county and especially near Merrill. I wish to congratulate you upon the stand you have taken. If every newspaper editor in the state of Oregon would take the stand that you have, public sentiment would without a very short time, be so aroused as to cause a strict enforcement of the State Prohibition Law.

About the most that the officers can do is to give the people what they want. If the people want the laws enforced, the officers will do it; if the people are lukewarm or opposed to its enforcement, then of course, the officers are helpless but whatever an officer does, he is usually in had with one faction or the other. I believe that such a stand taken by you if followed by other newspapers throughout the

country would produce wonderful results.

I wish you success in the fight that you have started, and I hope that Klamath county will come to your assistance which I am quite sure that they will. Your work there has long been needed and I am sure that you will have no cause to regret the action that you have taken if followed up vigorously.

Yours very truly, W. T. MILLER, (District Attorney, Josephine County), Merrill, Ore.

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

My Dear Mr. Dennis: Please accept my congratulations for your many stand, I will stand behind you.

Yours Truly, Elias Moore, (Signed), Klamath Falls, Ore.

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My Dear Sir: The first week of my permanent residence in Klamath Falls has been very happy and I am sure the main welcome was due in no small measure, to the campaign against vice which has been carried on in your newspapers.

It is nice to know that one may get all important news in the local papers without wasting valuable time hunting through a lot of local news in Portland and San Francisco papers. Having had some direct and much indirect experience with newspapers, I think I have the right to say your papers are already in advance of this growing little city.

Faithfully Yours, (Signed) Vera Haig, Merrill, Oregon.

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Dear Sir: I wish you to know that we heartily approve of your editorial "The Death Trap" in The Evening Herald and Klamath News.

It is with shame that we must credit an outsider with the interest and nerve to take up this fight which should be ours. However, since you have undertaken it we know that there are many Merrilites who stand behind you in this worth-while clean-up.

Yours for success, MR. & MRS. WM. T. JINETTE, Klamath Falls, Ore.

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S. P. Announces Start of Work

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feet in size, and in addition will install a Gantry crane for the unloading of heavy machinery from freight cars.

Near the unloading platform a warehouse of concrete and sheet iron construction will be erected. This will act as a storage warehouse.

Put in Scales
The company is also installing new track scales south of the viaduct on Sixth street. After the new scales are ready for use the ones used now, which are located north of the viaduct, will be taken up.

The Southern Pacific has started using three new late model passenger buses on its stage line. Two will operate regularly between Klamath Falls and Ashland and the third is available at call for private parties and special occasions.

Specialty Built
The new buses have individual, highly upholstered seats, electric heaters for comfort in winter travel, specially designed bodies, and high powered motors.

Announcement that Southern Pacific crews had started work on the improvements here, and of the installation of the scales, was made yesterday by S. R. Berry, local agent for the company.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Violet rays are what make the sky blue, Prof. H. W. Wood of Johns Hopkins university said at the National Academy of Sciences today. The rays coming from the sun, are scattered, and hence more of them remain in the air.

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