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Members of the Ontario Commercial Club are planning a "get acquainted" tap to the neighboring towns in Malheur county and the Idaho side. So that the communities invaded may be apprised of their presence in town, a brass band is being organized that is guaranteed to toot. Nyssa will welcome the boosters from the bustling neighboring town, and will feed them on cheese, prunes, pigs' knuckles and other delicacies for which the town is famous. Nyssa will also show the Ontarians the particular fertile spot where grow the majority of the products of Malheur county.

Here is a pretty good game for use at church socials next winter. It is called an "Avoirdupois Party." All the girls are weighed and the weight written on slips of paper and put into a hat, then the young men must draw them out. The gentlemen are supposed to go to supper with the lady whose weight he draws, paying for it at the rate of half a cent a pound. It is very exciting so far as the young men are concerned, especially if there are a few hefty ones in the gathering.

When you hear a man sneering at the local paper because it is not big, cheap and newsy as the city papers, you can safely bet he does not squander any of his wealth in assisting to make it better, and that generally the paper has done more for him than he has for it. The man who cannot see the benefits arising from a local newspaper is about as much value to a town as a delinquent tax-list.

BUSINESS IS CONFIDENT.

The New York Times has taken a nation-wide poll of business men. Inquiry was made as to business during the six months ending June 30 as compared with the same period last year, and the prospects at the opening of the second half year.

Facts and opinions were gathered from bankers all over the country; from the heads of leading railroads and manufacturing concerns; from merchants in various lines and in scattered communities, and from correspondents who canvassed the situation in localized industries. The poll shows that after the elimination of local conditions are eliminated there is a feeling of decided confidence in the immediate future.

The Times says that, except in spots, there is no falling off in the business of this year from that of 1913, and in many cases improvement is reported. The railroads, as a rule, expect a big increase in traffic. The steel trade is recovering from its slump, and the conservative Iron Age says the corner has been turned at last.

Automobile manufacturers report business booming. Some of them have already sold their output for the season, and others are putting up new factory

buildings. Cotton mills have been somewhat busier this year than last, and the hardware business, which got into the doldrums a year ago, is beginning to get out of them. The boot and shoe trade shows a loss of about 15 per cent, and the stove business fell off slightly, but the bulk of it is done in the latter half of the year.

Throughout the reports the new laws enacted or to be enacted by congress crop up repeatedly. This is especially true of the bankers, who are without pessimism and predict a prosperous fall and winter. In the Middle Northwest they describe the prospects as "brilliant."—Portland Journal.

THE HOME TOWN

THE man who lives only for himself will soon be living alone.

Down in Oklahoma a man went into a store to buy a saw. He saw the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65, the dealer said.

"Good gracious," said the man, "I can get the same thing from Sears, Roebuck & Co. for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house just the same."

"All right," said the customer, "You can sent it along and charge it to my account."

"Not on your life," the dealer replied. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mail order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied. "Now 2 cents for postage and 5 cents for a money order."

"What?" "Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money order to a mail order house, you know."

The customer, inwardly raving, kept his agreement and paid the nickel.

"Now 25 cents expressage." "Well I'll be—," he said, but paid it, saying "Now hand me that saw and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Oklahoma and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for that saw."

Whereupon the dealer hung the saw on a peg and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.67," he said. "It has cost you 2 cents more and taken you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price in the first place."—Square Dealer.

Value of Love.
 A wife who practises what is commonly known among the fraternity of husbands as "hurt look," indicating that a tear shower is about ready to fall because her beloved has not acquiesced wholly in her desires and plans, the other morning said at the breakfast table after her husband had declined firmly but surely to buy an automobile of a certain type, "John, don't you love me any more?" "Uh-huh—I guess so; but not \$3,000 worth."

Bear Your Own Troubles.
 Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of tactfulness, and consume your own smoke with an extra draft of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints. — William Oslar.

Necessity for Belief.
 A man lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing about many things. A sad case for him when all he can manage to believe is something he can button in his pocket, and with one or the other organ eat and digest. Lower than this he will not get.—Carlyle.

No, Indeed.
 Mrs. Kawler—"So you think that Mrs. Jones is in an unfortunate position." Mrs. Blunderby—"Unfortunate! My dear, I wouldn't be in that woman's shoes for all the wealth of Creosote."—Boston Transcript.

His Specialty.
 "Did you hear about Muggins taking up settlement work?" "Yes; he usually works his creditors for fifty cents on the dollar."

Her Reason.
 Little Emma Blase—"I wish you and papa would get divorced." Her Mother—"Divorced? Why, dear?" Little Emma Blase—"Little Myrtle Wayupp's papa and mamma are, and she sees each of them six months in the year, and I don't see you and papa at all."—Puck.

Afflicted Britishers.
 Few people are aware that there are 34,660 persons stone blind in the United Kingdom, 150,000 whose vision is so defective that they cannot read, and no fewer than 1,000,000 sightless human beings in the British Empire outside these islands.—London Mail.

For Your Plants.
 Instead of buying expensive jardinières for your potted plants, simply paint the ordinary flour pots and saucers with a flat oil paint in a color to harmonize with the color scheme of the room they are in. Flower pots painted a green-blue or a Chinese blue are wonderfully quaint and decorative.

Establishing Public Right-of-Way.
 In order to establish a public right-of-way over a new road at Herham, Surrey, England, a bridal party recently walked through it. In olden times it was customary when making such a claim to carry a dead body through the road.

Ravages of Noxious Insects.
 The 350 useful plants that grow in France are attacked by 6,000 species of insects and 2,000 cryptogamic diseases. These cause a loss that is estimated at \$600,000,000 a year, the total revenue from these plants being today \$1,800,000,000.

Diplomacy.
 Old Gentleman—"Well, my boy, and when does your birthday come?" Boy (who has been cautioned not to fish for compliments)—"Oh, it passed by a long time ago a year near Saturday."—Life.

Sign Did the Work.
 "Don't knock on the glass with your hand; you might hurt it. Use a sledge hammer." That's the ironic notice to be read on the window of a New York vermin exterminator's shop. Inside the window are three or four ferrets, trained to hunt rats. Before the shop owner put the sign on the window tapping on the glass to arouse the ferrets was one of the favorite sports of the neighborhood.

Artistic Evasion.
 They were two little children and they were painting pictures in their school books. One youngster finished a cow in blue, and then remembered never to have seen a blue cow. "Never mind," encouragingly said the other, "we will say the cow is cold."—Exchange.

Try Waxed Paper.
 If a piece of waxed paper is placed under the centerpiece on a polished table it will prevent the linen from adhering to the table in hot weather, as well as prevent a stain from cold water or an overfilled vase or rose bowl.—New York Press.

White Spots on Wood.
 Oftentimes, when placing a vase of flowers on a table, we found that some water had run down the vase, leaving a white ring. After trying several things to remove the color, spirits of camphor finally solved the problem.

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Business Talks With Business Men

D ID you ever stop to think what your ad in the newspaper is doing for you? When you close your store in the evening and go home to your family, not thinking about your business at all, then it is that the paper is being pored over in hundreds of homes—the homes from which your trade is drawn. There is your ad doing its work silently, but surely, and if you have taken the pains to make it attractive its work will be all the more effective. This is repeated over and over again, and is no doubt what inspired some writer to call newspaper advertising "a silent salesman."



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