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**A BRIDGE NEEDED.**

The 350 farmers who are isolated from the rest of Malheur county by the Big Bend in the Snake river want the county bonded to build a bridge which will afford them a safe and dependable passage across the turbulent stream. There seems to be every reason why they should have it. Nyssa could not help but profit by it, for the bulk of the traffic from there would naturally come this way because of the Homedale road terminating here. Then Nyssa is the nearest business center to them in the county. There is no doubt at all that these farmers would rather do their trading in their home state and county than in Idaho.

The ferry by which they at present cross the stream is unsatisfactory and at times unreliable. It can be used only when the wind is right and the weather is element. To transact county seat business it is now necessary for these men to go around by Parma, take the train to Ontario, thence to Vale. As taxpayers, they are entitled to some consideration; as prospective customers the townspeople are bound to give them recognition. As fellow citizens in an unpleasant predicament they should be given relief.

The Bend is a rich section of the county, well watered and already has 3500 acres under cultivation. A bridge would encourage settlement in that section, on the balance of the 7000 acres available, thus the entire county would materially profit by such an improvement.

**COURAGE.**

There is small place for the weaklings during these strenuous times. And by weakling we do not refer to the physically frail, there is more to strength than huge biceps and torso, its greatest expression is not that found in exhibitions of bulging muscles. Courage or lack of it is what distinguishes the truly strong man from his weakling prototype.

With courage must go sanity. Fear assails strong and weak alike, but the strong conquer it with courage and sanity while the weak become its victims; losing their mental grip, and are destroyed by their own emotions.

Uncontrolled ambitions on the one hand, and fear on the other, are the factors which are rapidly exterminating Europe's vaunted civilization. Courageous men who have retained their mental poise will restore it, yet the cost must be terrible.

Conflicts of wealth and labor in our own country are the outgrowth of fear; fear of the power of money and fear of the power of labor. One fears the strength of the other, yet it is their weaknesses that will harm them most.

Our local and home life demands courage as surely as the affairs of nations, for out of the amalgamation of communities are nations made. It takes courage to be cheerful when our plans fail, courage to be optimistic in the face of adversity, the strength of courage to hold us true to right principles in the face of great opposition.

The misery felt by the submissive when their ideas have been shattered is the sting of a carking fear that possesses the weak.

There is no place for the weak

ling in this boisterous age, when the struggle for existence has become refined to a battle of wits, where right is might, and right ever wins because it takes courage to be right and stay right.

The weak lie down on the eve of victory, for the strain is greatest at the crisis. The lines of least resistance are the easiest followed, but they lead to oblivion.

A newspaper, if it has any brains, conscience and muscle back of it, must continually decide between doing its duty and injuring its pocket. In any position but that of an editor, the public is able to separate the individual citizen. But if an editor does not please, it is at his pocket they aim. Some people read the newspaper all the year around and admire it, yet give it very little business support. Admiration alone will not run a newspaper. There are too many men who expect an editor to slave in defense of their pet hobbies and notions, advocate their views, and then coolly withhold the business support by which alone a country newspaper can live. Talk about a paper having a public duty to perform and an editor having to work for his principles is cheap when others stand back and extend a lukewarm neutrality. The result is, the editor may starve while laboring for his principles and the cause of right and justice, which is admired but not supported.

In the hour of his great grief, Woodrow Wilson is not thought of as the president, but the sorrowing man. He is the good father, the kind American husband of a noble wife, who has lost the mother of his children, a great helpmate. No party lines nor political prejudice weighs in the people's minds now. They are one loving people who feel the human loss suffered by Mr. Wilson almost as keenly as he. Every American husband, looking into the eyes of his helpmate, knows the grief our president must bear.

Beneath a weeping sky—the rain fell in torrents—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the first lady of the nation was laid gently at rest beside her parents in her home town of Rome, Ga., last Tuesday.

Heaven help the man who imagines he can dodge enemies by trying to please everybody.

**Wanted to Know.**  
"Before I say yes, Henderson," said the fair maiden, "let me ask you—when we are married are we to have a motor car or a horse?" "What's that got to do with it?" he demanded. "Why, I want to know whether I am marrying for wheel or whoa," replied the fair maiden.

**Self.**  
The hardest and most lasting part of the battle of life is the fight that must be waged against self. Self is always the traitor in the camp. Always attacking in flank, always stabbing from behind. Not until self is fought to a finish can there be true victory or peace.

**Cheerfulness.**  
What, indeed, does not that word cheerfulness imply. It means a contented spirit, it means a pure heart, it means a kind and loving disposition, it means humility and charity, it means a generous appreciation of others and a modest opinion of self.—Thackeray.

**Contingent Fee.**  
The Seeress—"You will soon marry a man with loads of money who will give you a princely allowance. Two dollars, please." The Customer—"I'll pay you out of the allowance. Good-by."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Very True.**  
The Phrenologist—"Yes, sir, by feeling the bumps on your head I can tell you exactly what sort of a man you are." Mr. Dolan—"Oh believe it wud give ye more av an idea wot sort av a whimmen me wolfe is."

**Not Necessarily an Epotist.**  
A man is not necessarily an epotist when he tells you that he can marry any girl he pleases. That is the only kind of girl any man can marry.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

**BUSINESS TALKS WITH BUSINESS MEN**

War holds the center of the stage. The people lust for news of war and read it to the exclusion of everything else. Ergo—we must satisfy their militant tastes. Merchants will do well to pander to the sensations of the day. Advertise in an aggressive, militant manner. Put bits of war news in your ads. Make war on prices, war on competition. Strike a popular chord with your business battles and people will heed you.

**A Portrait.**

When he can't get front seats at the theater he growls about the box office discrimination; when he can be decided not to take them after all—for the show can't be a good one, or they would have been gone long ago. We all know the complete pessimist. He is almost as depressing as the professional optimist.—Collier's Weekly.

**Drawing a Bead.**

"Did you follow the thread of her discourse?" "No; I soon saw that she just wanted to string me."—Judge.

**To the Bitter End.**

"Why don't you get rid of that mule?" "Well, suh," answered Erasmus Pinkley, "I hates to give in. If I was to trade dat mule off, he'd regard it as a personal victory. He's been tryin' foh de las' six weeks to get rid o' me."—Puck.

**The Way to Hold Him.**

"Where's your engagement ring, Margie?" "I've hid it. As long as George ain't sure he can get the ring back he won't break the engagement."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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