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A FEW WORDS OF CHEER.

It will be gratifying to the readers and patrons of this Journal to be assured that under its present management it is meeting with gratifying success. Not only is its circulation being increased and extended in this county and beyond, but it is making warm friends in nearly every household that it enters. The commendation that comes to our ears from all directions is shaped in some such words as these: "Your paper is clean; you do not abuse people, and you are liberal to all shades of political thought."

The canvasser we put in the field lately reports this friendly and approving sentiment in every community he visits; it aids him in gathering in business, and he urges the continuance of this generous course.

Let us give a few instances. A subscriber came in from Hubbard to renew. He paid for another year and remarked: "I had intended to stop your paper, I am taking more than I need; but I find your columns so clean, and there is so much in them I heartily agree with, that I shall have to keep it along."

Two leading prohibitionists visited our sanctum yesterday. One of them said: "Your paper is not prohibition; on the contrary it is making republican votes. I know it because I am making the canvass. But it is building up a solid prohibition sentiment, which will be of benefit to us at the proper time."

Six men from Polk county happened to meet in town a few days ago, and they came to the JOURNAL office. They were of different political persuasions, but neighbors, and unanimous in their approval of this newspaper. "A good quality in an editor," said one, "is not to know it all. Others have their forms of faith as well as the newspaper man, and they are just as likely to be right as he. He needs to bear this in mind and avoid all abuse and intolerance." As this is the course carefully pursued by this editor, the bland business manager to whom the above words were addressed smiled hearty acquiescence.

A democrat, and a candidate on the democratic ticket, paid his subscription because our tariff views suited his own. "I don't know whether you are free trade or what you profess to be," said he, "but your talk leans to my way of thinking, and I want to give you my support."

The republican platform adopted at Portland was pointed out to this honest farmer, and these words read to him: "We declare in favor of reducing the annual surplus by admitting free of duty such articles as

cannot be largely produced or manufactured by our people." We remarked: "Revision of the tariff, you see, is favored by the republicans of Oregon; the welfare of the country calls for this, and this policy we advocate."

But not to overstep the modesty of nature while on this subject, we merely wish to inform our friends that the JOURNAL is going right along, making friends everywhere it goes, and adding to its subscription list an average of thirty names weekly. Of course, it is impossible to avoid giving occasional offense, but our experience has been before to-day, that an honest expression of sentiment, a frank and fearless discussion of living issues, and a courteous tone to all, will win, if there is a field open to exploitation. We have proved there is room for this journal in this capital city, and hence we are here to stay.

A SOCIAL CONTRAST.

We publish in another column a pleasing account of the business liberality of Mr. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia. This man is a Napoleon of trade. His business block in the city of Brotherly Love strikes the beholder with amazement at the immense space it occupies, the vastness of its stock, and the many hundreds of clerks employed in its various branches. The business is constantly growing on his hands, more room is taken in from time to time to meet the requirement, and it is probable that at no distant day the limit will be reached beyond which a business enterprise cannot be profitably conducted.

The late A. T. Stewart, of New York, possessed the same controlling talent for business. His manufacturing and mercantile enterprises developed and extended in this country and in Europe, until he had an army of 60,000 persons—men, women and children—in his employ. With such immense means under his control, he naturally accumulated wealth, the surplus profits of his business amounting to \$2,000,000. This immense sum was added to his fortune, until at the time of his death, his possessions amounted to \$40,000,000, according to the statements of some, and to double that enormous accretion, as others figure it up.

And what good did this laboriously hived treasure do? It was gained by starving the thousands of fellow creatures he employed, and bankrupting every merchant who came into competition with him; a system of social war wherein the captives are sacrificed without quarter, and the worst passions wage relentless control. He lived without enjoyment, a mere slave to the routine of money accumulation; and when he died unloved by child or friend, his immense estate went to his lone and aged widow.

But such a responsibility crushed the feeble energies of this old woman, and she sought release from the burden by bestowing it on a kinsman. Is this a wise employment of surpassing endowment? This selfish pursuit of wealth, at the cost of suffering to others, and with no other object but just to heap up? The wise man foresaw this evil, and his modest prayer, was: "Give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me."

A French satirist, observing the unamiable qualities of those most successful in the pursuit of gain, remarked, "We may judge what store fortune sets by riches in studying the character of those upon whom she bestows them." And if all were of the selfish type that we have just depicted, it would justify Douglas Jerrold's caustic fiction that gold shrivels up the soul, and the man devoted to its acquisition has his immortal part reduced to the size and color of a British guinea.

But now and then a man like this Philadelphia merchant relieves monetary success of the odium that would attach, were it the result of mere selfishness. It is an accepted truth that the interest of capital and labor is identical. It does not work that way in the practical school of life, but here and there a man, with larger perceptions than his fellows, is impressed with this law in social science, and his conduct is ruled by moral duty. If we had more Wanamakers there would be fewer labor strikes. Where men are fairly treated they harbor no resentment, and the affairs of life are not retarded with friction.

A decade or so ago, the yardmen, switchmen and lower class operatives of the Baltimore and Ohio road, waited on the president of the company by delegation, to represent that their present rate of pay, 90 cents a day, would not support life. They asked an increase to \$1.25.

Mr. Garrett, the officer appealed to, was drawing a salary of \$30,000 a year beside liberal dividends on the stock he owned in the co-operation. At his death he left an estate worth \$6,000,000. Such an application should have impressed him with its justice, and it would have been only human to treat his applicants civilly and promise to lay their case before the directory. But he chose to get angry at such presumption from these mudsills, and drove them from his presence with the declaration that he could fill their places at the same rate of pay if they were dissatisfied. The men struck; they burnt up millions of dollars worth of the company's property, and when the military were called out scores of lives were sacrificed. This was asking for bread, and being pilled with bullets. The loss was assessed on the property owners, so the railroad company, where injustice was the cause of the riot, escaped scot free. But this instance established the fact that when the wage rate gets down to 90 cents a day, we have reached the danger point.

And this is the controlling issue before the country. Political speakers are dining the ears of their audiences with wearisome talks about the tariff; but the matters of greatest import to the people are a more equitable distribution of the earnings of industry and release from the ruinous drain of interest on borrowed capital. Some few meet the issue as Mr. Wanamaker has done, but others must be forced to it by other means.

A letter from Seth Green, "the father of fishes," to the American Fisheries Society, now in session in Detroit, in allusion to the newly appointed United States fish commissioner, Marshall McDonald, expresses his approval of the common sense manner in which the commissioner has begun his career, and asserts that if he continues in the way he has started out, his work will be a great success and a credit to the United States. Continuing, Mr. Green says the experiment of acclimating California salmon in the waters of the Atlantic coast has been thoroughly tried and has resulted in failure. Further attempts in that direction have been discontinued, and the propagation of this fish will hereafter be confined to the waters of California. He has no doubt that the increase of salmon can be made as large as that of the shad.

SENATOR STEWART, of Nevada, has written a letter, which we find in the Salt Lake Tribune, wherein he says "Utah will never be a state until it is certain the territory is free from Mormon rule." The American people will be perfectly satisfied to have that territory remain in a condition of tutelage awhile longer, but how about Dakota, Washington and Montana? There is no Mormon rule in these political dependencies, still there is no movement toward their admission to statehood. Investing Utah with sovereign attributes is not what is troubling the people; but withholding the rights of citizens from these other inchoate commonwealths causes popular restlessness.

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