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ADVERTISEMENT THAT LIES IN BEING HELPFUL

When Henry Ford set his minimum wage of \$5 a day for the workmen in his automobile factory some critics said that that move on his part was merely an advertising venture. Doubtless the same thing will be said of the New York department store owners who have decided to close their stores on Saturdays during July and August, giving their employes a full holiday on that day, instead of the usual half-holiday.

We wish that more of our big employers might do that sort of advertising. Motives should not be dissected too closely when good deeds are in question. It may have been the hope of advertising or it may have been self-interest of the enlightened variety that led to this act, but whatever the motive there can be nothing but praise for the act.

Which is not to say that it is one which all employers everywhere can follow. Mr. Ford was perhaps the only automobile maker in the country who could afford to do what he did. Some of the New York dealers may not be able to close all day Saturday. Certainly some of them would be called upon to make a greater sacrifice than those who have decided to close if they did the same thing. And outside of New York it is doubtful whether there will be any imitators. Yet they can all do something to make the work of their employes less onerous during the summer months, and, thank Heaven, a great many of them are doing a great deal.

A "BAD" MEMORY

It is customary to bewail and deplore a "bad memory." Maybe in most cases a bad memory is a matter for congratulation.

The knowledge we need and use stays with us; only that which we do not use slips from us.

Just as the physical organ which is not used, and therefore become superfluous, atrophies, so the knowledge that is not useful or needful to us dies out of us.

It is more than possible that a "bad" memory may be a selecting memory, which is not only useful for what it retains but for what it rejects. In the immense mass of facts which constantly sieve through the mind in modern literature and life it is well that one should suffer from as little bewilderment as possible.

These "bad" memories are often the best; they are often the selecting memories. They may not win in school and college examinations, but they are apt to win in special studies and in the supreme test of practical work and achievement. They are apt to be incomparably superior to the miscellaneous memories that receive and retain only as boxes and drawers receive and hold whatever is put into them.

The best minds are as remarkable for the ease with which they resist and throw off what does not concern them as for the permanence with which their useful truths engrave themselves. They are like clear glass which fluorine acid etches indelibly but which vitriol cannot affect at all.

Colonel Roosevelt admits that he ignored the law, because it stood in the way of his becoming governor. Also the recognized Platt, Barnes and the other bosses as long as they kept him to the front. He says, however, that he always did distrust them and was glad of the opportunity to expose them. Most persons who read Roosevelt's story on the witness stand will conclude that if Barnes, et al, had continued to boost for the colonel he would have overlooked their tendencies to graft on the public. At any rate he admits that he worked in harmony with them for years, knowing all the while that they were corrupt.

Andrew Berkman is about to establish a "school of anarchy" in San Francisco. He probably figures on the advantage of the object lesson furnished by the municipal government in the exposition city.

An inventive genius has got up a machine for buttering bread, but so far as can be learned from the item about the machine, it is futile to hope that it will butter the bread on both sides.

The Cleveland Press interestingly notes that when Forbes-Robertson, the greatest living interpreter of Hamlet, the most elusive of human characters, played the part in Cleveland last week the first floor of the theater with seats costing \$2, was not filled, but the balcony and gallery were both packed, although the price of seats in each was higher than usual. The obvious deduction, says the Press, is that "it isn't persons most appreciative of literature and the classic drama who have the most money." This observer also noted that every seat in the balcony and gallery was filled when the curtain rose, while one-third of the ticket holders on the first floor came straggling in after the first scene. All of which suggests again that the masses of the people would go to see good plays if they could afford to do so and that it is popular prices which are perverting the public taste. Some day, some theatrical manager will be long-headed enough to see that there's money in the best acting in the best plays at prices so moderate that the seats will be well filled all the time.

Fifty years after the end of the civil war the annual pensions paid by this government on account of it represent a per capita of about one hundred and sixty dollars for the maximum number of soldiers commanded by Grant, according to a statistical analysis just issued. Conservative estimates place the number of soldiers in the European war at twelve times the number of the Union forces in 1864. If those nations shall be as liberal as the United States in the matter of pensions they will be paying for the next fifty years a pension bill of over two billion dollars annually. The interest and sinking fund on the accumulated government debts is estimated at another billion dollars a year for a long period. One may judge from these figures how war weighs down posterity.

A good start toward getting together and staying together was made by the Salem businessmen last night. They should go right ahead perfecting the movement and getting everybody in line for a Greater Salem campaign that will make Salem the finest Capital City in the West. It can be done if the people want to do it because cities do not grow up—they are built by the enterprise and loyalty of the people who live in them. It would not be a difficult task to build up a city here twice as large as the present Salem and much better in all respects as a place in which to live and do business. It is worth trying, anyway.

Glorious news—peace is in sight! The two old major leagues are conferring with the Federals and hope for a settlement is bright again. If this happens who cares about that other little scrap across the ocean!

Tom Richardson has gone south to boom Houston, Texas. A good many have tried it before and failed but that's no reason why Tom won't succeed; he is the premier hot air artist of the country today.

The Medford Mail-Tribune has just printed the longest editorial on record. It is entitled, "From Lincoln to Barnes."

Chimney Squabble Bids Fair To Be Taken Into Court

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rejected their proposal of settlement upon a basis of arbitrary reduction of \$125 (or 20 per cent) of the contract price upon the chimney already constructed, plus \$25 representing the expense to which the board was put in the employment of experts to inspect and report upon the chimney, and made a counter offer of settlement by arbitration. Last night's communication from Mr. Hughes came in the form of an ultimatum in which he makes the veiled threat that, unless an amicable settlement of the difficulty be reached on or before Friday evening, April 30, one week from last night, he will ask to be relieved from his contract for the construction of the second chimney and will bring suit for the contract price upon the chimney already built.

Says Specifications Ignored.

On the other hand, encouraged by the advice of G. A. Biogham, the board's attorney, the school board is inclined to stand upon its legal rights upon the ground that the contractor openly, arbitrarily and admittedly violated the specifications in leaving out the hender courses in the chimney and that in many other respects, most vitally, the inside dimensions, the specifications were ignored and are not inclined to settle upon any other basis than that which they have tendered, based upon the recommendation of the experts.

"They take the position that the board expected the chimney to be constructed according to specifications; that, on account of the decreased inside dimensions of the flue, the efficiency of the chimney is 20 per cent deficient, according to the chimney experts, and that, if the contractor is not satisfied with their proposal of reduction of the contract price on the constructed chimney, that it be rejected and ordered torn down and reconstructed according to specifications.

"And what are we to understand by specifications?" Chairman Miles ventured to inquire, in the light of the inside and outside dimensions specified in the contract and specifications. In that the board admitted that they were "up against a snag," but Architect Post, who is drafting the plans and specifications volunteered the information that, while a bricklayer would undoubtedly maintain that the outside measurements governed in chimney and

other construction work there is no question that an engineer would maintain that the inside dimensions of a flue were the most vital and important and should be respected without cavil or quibble.

Costs Will Pile Up.

"We are against the fact that our architect specified both inside and outside dimensions and permitted the contractor to construct according to outside measurement," said Chairman Miles, who was openly opposed to going into court except as a last resort. "Nine chances out of 10 a jury will decide in favor of a corporation and against public interest. The costs in a suit of this character will pile up immensely. Lawyers will not work for less than \$50 per day and all other costs will be in proportion. Good business would suggest to me that a loss of \$50 now would be preferable to a cost bill of \$150 at the close of a lawsuit and it is very evident that the contractor will not refrain from the chimney unless he is compelled to by the courts."

"But I think we have been imposed upon," interjected Director Barnes. "I think so too," replied Chairman Miles. "Our architect is our agent in the eyes of the law and he not only permitted the chimney to be constructed contrary to the wishes of the board but he certified to it as being satisfactory; to him at least, and where are we then? If we could show connivance between the contractor and the architect it would be a big thing in our favor, but I doubt very much if we could. I don't believe it would be a hard matter to guess to whom the costs of the case would be assessed by the jury in 9 cases out of 10."

"If the lawyers are going to arbitrate this matter we had better let the courts do the arbitrating. I believe we have the right to reject the chimney on account of the board, if for nothing else," said Director Buren. "Hughes did that arbitrarily and admits it. I think we had better find out where we stand now as any time on the specifications in view of the new building. If every inch of the way through the superstructure whether it was a matter of \$10 or \$1000, it is a matter of law and principle and I think if the contractor is going to be permitted to dictate to the board and ride arbitrarily over the plans and specifications we had just as well find out where we stand now as later on."

"I am in favor of arbitrating amicably out of court rather than go into court and unnecessarily incur expensive litigation, unless we know exactly where we stand and what chance we have of winning," said Director Whit. As it was all matters pertaining to the

STATE NEWS

Roseburg Review: According to the weather report of William Bell, the local observer, the thermometer last night dropped to 35 degrees above zero. This is considered unusually cold for Douglas county at this time of the year. Although there was a slight frost in certain parts of the county, the fruit was not damaged.

Pendleton East Oregonian: More than \$500 has been paid out by Umatilla county within the past two days as bounty on coyotes. Yesterday a total of \$252 was paid by Clark Salling and today up until 2 o'clock \$270 had been paid out. Elmer Cummings, of Touchet, Washington, alone received \$129 this morning for 43 scalps; Tom Joe, of McKay, brought in 4; William Eldridge of Helix, 3; C. A. Michael, of Pilot Rock, 7; Thos. Rabburg, of Milton, and Sherman Crayn of Cayuse, 1 each; J. W. Noble, of Pendleton, 6; J. L. McCullough of Echo, 13 and Frank Killian, of Helix, 12.

Evidence of the value of advertising presented by the Medford Sun: "Officers of the Baptist church believe that it pays a church to advertise the same as any business house or professional man and will give it a trial. They have an ad in this paper. Churches in the east and middle west advertise and often run one third and half page ads."

The Vancouver Columbian pays this tribute to one of Oregon's most progressive towns: "Cottage Grove, Oregon, aims to abate by ordinance spitting on the sidewalk, accumulation of rubbish, laxity in handling garbage and the dog nuisance. A town that will pass and enforce such an ordinance will become a desirable place to reside, as the filthy will either reform or move out, leaving the town to those who want to be decently clean."

Coquille Sentinel: The new chamber of commerce at Portland is going to send a representative down here to show our local commercial club how to make its work more effective. The big city organization proposes to co-operate in every possible way with the local organizations all over the state.

O. A. C. faculty members will form exclusively the cast of a minstrel show at Corvallis tomorrow evening, to be given as a benefit for the students' loan fund.

"Freight from Portland by the all river route is being tried out," says the Hermiston Herald. "In all instances it has proven as quick as by rail and very much cheaper."

The Port Orford Tribune believes the time has come for Curry county to undertake an annual county fair, and it urges that action be taken to hold a fair this year, by way of making the start.

M. E. Smithson of McMinnville Wins Prohi Spielfest

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by Dean F. S. Mendenhall of the college of music. Alfred A. Schramm-de-lighted the audience with a tenor solo while immediately after the orations were concluded the Ladies' Glee club rendered two much appreciated selections.

Delegations from the colleges interested were present with pennants and yells. Students comprised the greater portion of the audience and the atmosphere, for a "dry" crowd, was full of ginger. The keenest attention was given on the orations, and it was conceded to have been an exceptionally interesting and close contest. The line of thought expressed by the orators showed a tendency to grapple with a solution of the big problem rather than harp on the effects.

Excerpts from M. E. Smithson's oration, "Social Unrest and the Liquor Problem":

"Two problems face the American people, the discontent of the laborer and the liquor problem. They are national issues and demand the attention of the keenest thinkers."

"No problem can ever be solved until the cause as well as the effect is eradicated; social unrest cannot be solved by force. Unemployment, low wages, poor living conditions and other forms of oppression are in themselves results, not causes."

"Liquor causes 90 per cent of the crimes committed; 70 per cent of the orphans are its dreadful product; the state institutions for the dependent and socially unfit must be maintained by taxes, which impose a burden on the laboring man. The traffic charges him a double toll; it takes his hard-earned money for direct consumption, and his money indirectly as taxes to support the dependent classes."

"Prosperity is the laboring man's salvation in times of want; waste, his curse. Prosperity's right hand is industry; its left, economy. The laboring man is today recognizing the liquor traffic, not capital, as his enemy. Laborless everywhere are opposed to liquor and urge their federations to oppose by voting against it."

"The laboring man's only capital is his vitality, and his efficiency. Destroy those and he is helpless; the welfare of the laboring man unless the abolition of liquor is necessary. The saloon has been tried and convicted; why should it be left to increase the lives of the coming generations?"

chimney controversy were made a matter of record and the case was left in the hands of the building committee to continue negotiations through the attorneys.



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