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OUR NICE LITTLE LIES

Katherine Pope writes an interesting essay on the advantages of deceit, or the use of tact, the introduction of which is:

"Men, whether deservedly or not, are accounted more truthful, less given to deceiving ways, than women. I sometimes wonder if their women intimates never tell them that not infrequently this lauded honesty of theirs looks to the less blunt sex most undesirable, not to say grossly stupid, grossly brutal."

The common confusion of lying with tact may easily be carried too far. There may be some tact in some lying, but there is no lying in true tact. The highest tact is in absolute truthfulness.

There are little lies that seem justifiable. You see an ill friend who looks worse and tell him he looks better. It makes him feel better. Maybe he actually becomes better as a result. It is a lie that does nobody harm and does some good.

But there are few lies that have so good a motive. If we told no lies except to help other people, this would be a strangely truthful world.

We pay compliments to please others, but the ulterior motive is to ingratiate ourselves into their affections. We make ourselves agreeable by feigning feelings and opinions that we do not really possess. We try to make ourselves liked not for what we really are but for what we only pretend to be.

No, it would be far better tact, and far easier, to be than it is to pretend to be.

By pretense we go a long way around to reach a point that by sincerity we might reach by a direct route.

A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARD

New methods of locomotion have in the past always brought about great industrial, social, even national changes, says one of our farm exchanges. When the sailing vessel superseded the caravan it spelled the doom of Turkey, Arabia, and Persia. Steam drove sails off the ocean and gave England and Germany a world trade for which they are now battling. The railroads opened America and knit firmly together a nation made up of parts separated by deserts, mountains, great rivers and savage tribes. The telegraph, the cable, electric traction have built our cities and stimulated our commerce.

Will the auto-truck and electric railway do for the country what the street car and auto-truck have already done for the city? It seems probable. A man living twenty miles from town is no farther away by auto-truck than the man living three miles away is by four-horse team. Its coming will enlarge the neighborhood, weaken the small roadside villages, make strong trading centers of more progressive country towns, and these, linked by electric traction service, will have a solidarity of interest now unknown.

This is not all prophecy. It is happening in the east. It is bound to happen here in the northwest. These changes are sure to bring about many re-adjustments, not only in our business life, but in our social, and educational life as well.

The constitutional convention of New York has voted down the proposition for a single-chambered legislature. The Empire state isn't going to depart in that matter from the ideal of a representative body which the forefathers adhered to. Oregon is not so hide-bound in the matter of tradition and about next year the people will vote the upper branch of its legislative body out of business forever.

The Wall Street Journal remarks, "When the editor of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger points out that 'Germany herself at the Hague conference caused the rejection of the proposal to prohibit the supply of war-material to belligerents by neutral countries,' it looks as if there is another country subject to 'certain internal troubles'."

Harry Thaw is sane. So was the last jury that tried him.

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The Liberty bell was in Salem today and it was greeted with glad acclaim. It afforded an opportunity to renew one's patriotic fealty to American principles of government and popular liberty, and thousands of people took advantage of the occasion. The old bell proclaimed the freedom of this country and the formation of a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." That was over a century ago but the spirit which caused its tones to ring over the republic just struggling into existence is as strong as ever. American thought and ideals and new world institutions come nearer dominating the world than ever before. When old Andrew McNair rang the bell to chronicle the signing of the Declaration of Independence on that fateful Fourth of July its tones were heard around the earth, and they are echoing still in every truly loyal heart.

"The old state house bell is silent,
Hushed now its clamorous tongue,
But the spirit it awakened
Still is living—ever young"

Commission form of government is a good theory for a city if the commissioners are honest and capable men. The councilmanic form is satisfactory also if the councilmen measure up to the proper standard. That's about all there is to a much-discussed question.

There is a disposition on part of certain Oregon newspapers and politicians to make any kind of disposition of those Oregon & California railroad lands just so the action is not in accordance with Former Governor West's views on the subject.

The contention that there was no mob violence to influence the jury in the Frank trial is sustained by the gentle spirit with which the news of the commutation of his sentence was received, observes the Philadelphia North American.

Bryan asserts that he represents the true views of the people regarding the European war and that the newspapers are all biased one way or the other. We presume the moral is, read the "Commoner" in order to get the true dope.

General Greene cleared South Carolina of the British in the revolutionary war by his masterly retreat, and even Washington frequently back-tracked to good advantage. Possibly the Russians have been reading American history.

And only as far away as Jackson county they need rain!

STATE NEWS

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WOMAN'S HAIR REACHES TO KNEES

A Year Ago Was Threatened With Baldness. Tells How She Made Her Hair Grow.

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RING OUT LIBERTY

There was a tumult in the city
In the quaint old Quaker town,
And the streets were rife with people
Darting restless up and down—
People gathering at the corners,
Where they whispered each to each,
And the words stood on their temples
With the earnestness of speech.

As the blast Atlantic surveys
Lash the wild Newfoundland shore,
So they beat against the State House,
So they surged against the door,
And the coughing of their voices
Made a strangely painful sound
'Till the quiet street of Chestnut
Was all choked with sound.

"Will they do it?" "Dare they do it?"
"Who is speaking?" "What's the news?"
"What of Adams?" "What of Sherman?"
"As bad news they won't refuse!"
"Make room, way there!" "Let me inside!"
"I am stifling!" "Gentle there!"
"When a nation's life's at hazard
We've no time to think of fear!"

So they surged against the State House
While all silently inside
Sat the "Continental Congress"
Truth and reason for their guide,
Over a simple scroll debating
Which, though simple it might be,
Yet should shake the cliffs of England
With the firmness of the free.

Pat aloft in that high steeple
Sat the bellman, old and gray;
He was weary as the minutes
And his long watch wore away,
So he sat, with one hand ready
On the clapper of the bell
When his eye should catch the signal
The long-expected news to tell.

Soul! Soul! The dense crowd quivers
Through all its length and breadth
As the boy inside the portal
Hastens forth to give the sign,
With his little hands uplifted,
Breezes fanning with his hair,
Hark! with deep, clear intonation
Breaks his young voice on the air.

Hushed the people's swelling murmur
While the boy thus gravely
"Ring," he shouts, "Ring! grandpa,
Ring! oh ring for Liberty!"
Quickly at the given signal
The old bellman lifts his hand,
Forth he sends the good news, making
Iron music through the land.

How they shouted! What rejoicing!
How the old bell shook the air,
Till the clang of freedom ruffled
The calm gliding Delaware.
How the bonfires and the torches
Lighted up the night's repose
And from the flames, like fabled Phoenix,
Our glorious liberty arose.

That old State House bell is silent,
Hushed now its clamorous tongue,
But the spirit it awakened
Still is living—ever young;
And when we greet the smiling sunlight
On the Fourth of each July,
We will ne'er forget the bellman
Who rang the earth and sky,
Bring our liberty (Independence)
Which, across time, shall never die.

CIVIC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL CLUB IS READY FOR BUSINESS

Director Elliott Completes Organization and Outlines Extensive Campaign

At the last regular meeting of the executive committee of the civic department of the Salem Commercial club, at which the School Superintendent O. H. Elliott, as chairman, was left in the matter of clean up, Director Brown of the department for the coming year was called upon to present a report on the work with a view to the committee's approval. It was also decided that the regular meetings of the executive committee will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 12:15 in the Commercial club rooms and the next regular meeting of the department will be held July 20. Business will be transacted during the lunch hour.

The work of the department has been divided by among the several committees of divisions, with the chairmen of each respectively, and assistants selected by the chairmen as follows:

Municipal affairs—T. B. Kay, who was made chairman of a committee to have charge of all municipal affairs, security, sidewalks and other matters pertaining to city affairs. Mr. Kay's committee consists of the chairs in charge of H. W. Hirsch and Walter Stolzfus.

Parks and playgrounds—O. C. Brown was made chairman of the committee on parks and playgrounds and comfort stations. Mr. Brown has invited Professor James Cloyd and Dr. Gertrude Moskowitz to assist him in the work of this committee.

Outdoor and night meetings—Dr. R. N. Avison was asked to organize a committee to render any assistance possible in obtaining a new charter for the city of Salem. To this committee was also assigned the making of arrangements for the discussion of topics of local interest. Dr. Avison has appointed as his assistants L. H. VanWinkle, J. H. Lasterman, Dr. Carl H. Elliott and Roland K. Page.

Automobile and public utilities—Fred Mangis was asked to organize an automobile association and to consider all matters affecting public utilities including safety first, fire protection, insurance and all postal matters. This committee also includes O. J. Wilson, William Brown, Curtis Cross and D. Misner.

Social service center and education—O. M. Elliott was asked to organize the section for social service and education, including also health, sanitation. Mr. Elliott has appointed as assistants in this work Mrs. O. Buren, R. A. Howes, Rev. Richard F. Tasker and Mayor H. O. White.

Has Wife's Permission To Serve On New Board

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DELONG-ARMSTRONG WEDDING.

Thomas Delong, of Hoquiam, Wash., and Miss Zella Armstrong, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Armstrong, of the City hotel, in Gervais, were united in marriage Friday, July 2, 1915, in Salem, by County Judge Bushey.

After the ceremony they returned to the bride's home, where they remained over night, and left Thursday for their future home at Hoquiam, where the groom is employed and has a house all furnished for his bride.

Miss Armstrong came to Gervais with her parents about 10 years ago and has grown to womanhood in this place, where she has a host of friends who wish her happiness.

The groom is said to be industrious and of excellent habits, two essentials to happiness.—Gervais Star.

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