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OPPORTUNITY

In the early days of the petroleum discovery a Pennsylvanian, lured by the fortunes being made over-night in the county next to his, sold his farm and moved to what seemed to be the more favored region. He bought land that never produced oil at all, and was not good for anything else.

The purchaser of his farm took his cattle behind the barn to water in a brook his predecessor had partly boarded up so as to divert the flow of an obnoxious scum that polluted the water. This scum had caused the former owner trouble for more than 20 years. He had not been able to get rid of it. He had tried hard but failed.

That scum was petroleum. That stream near Titusville has since poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the pockets of its owners.

We may not all be able to find petroleum in our hog lot or cow pasture, but there is an equally great and gratifying find in store for us if we can but sound the depths of our own intelligence—if we can, through reading and study, discover the peculiar calling for which Nature has skilfully adapted each of us.

That Pennsylvanian who did not know petroleum when for 20 years he was trying to get rid of it as a nuisance was not destined for success in petroleum producing.

A large part of opportunity lies in preparation. The mind must be fitted to meet it.

Few indeed are the men, Americans at least, who have never felt an irresistible impulse to forge ahead, to become leaders in some profession. Such men, if they follow that impulse along the road of preparation, are pretty sure to reach their goal.

The achieve their ambition, not by merely changing one place for another but by diligent, persistent determined endeavor and unremitting study of the profession or business they would master.

There are rapidly approaching conditions which ought to end the war—but will they? The British war debt now amounts to seven thousand millions of dollars and is increasing at the rate of seventeen millions a day. France's war debt is four thousand five hundred millions, Russia's is four thousand millions, and Germany has increased her debt since the war began by three thousand three hundred millions and is assuming a great new loan. Austria has no credit in the markets of the world, is bankrupt, and Italy is in not much better condition. Turkey has been a beggar for half a century. At this rate the whole group will soon be bankrupt, and it's only a question as to which will first find itself unable to pay for provisions and cannon and guns and ammunition and ships. At most it seems that it cannot be long. Armies like snakes, said Napoleon, move on their bellies.

Here is a progress and prosperity item from the Bend Press: "The railroad situation in Central Oregon is again attracting attention. During the early part of the week a local auto company took a large number of engineers and surveyors, with their supplies, out toward Lakeview, and those who knew them say they are the same men who surveyed the line that is now building from Riverside to Harriman. This is another sign which indicates that Central Oregon offers greater inducements to the investor than any other part of the Pacific Coast."

An army of 350,000 in this country which is the lowest estimate made by the advocates of "preparedness" will mean more taxes, no matter whether we levy them indirectly through a high tariff, or directly through the income tax and other departments of the internal revenue service.

No wonder that billion dollar loan is likely to fail. They haven't invited the newspapermen to participate in it.

Anyway there will be no dust to bother during fair week.

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TWENTY-THREE GOOD AMERICANS

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Their work for the navy department will not be done with a blare of trumpets. It will be carried on mostly in secret. The public will never know of the thought and labor devoted freely to the purpose of national safety by Chairman Edison and his 22 associates.

The manner in which these men were selected was admirable. Mere fame had nothing to do with it. Few of them are famous, in spite of their genius. The average citizen knows something of Hudson Maxim, Peter Cooper Hewitt, and one or two others, but most of the remaining names are familiar only in the professions to which the men belong. No mere government official would have chosen precisely this group of specialists, or could have chosen them. They were selected by eleven great engineering and scientific societies, which knew their special fitness for the service expected of them. The only one of the entire number who combined great reputation with the homage of the engineering and scientific professions is Thomas A. Edison, perhaps the greatest of living Americans, who was naturally selected by Secretary Daniels to head the board.

The ready response of these learned societies, and the unhesitating acquiescence of the men they chose, afford inspiring examples of good citizenship. And these are not the only patriots awaiting the word. It's likely that any profession or trade would respond just as promptly and gladly to any call for co-operation in perfecting the national defenses against possible danger.

If those foolish Mexicans persist in crossing the border the revolution down there will end in due course of time because of lack of material for the contending armies.

Are the allies smashing the German line for sure or is it only a bluff to delay that Serbian drive until the Dardanelles are forced?

For some days past the trend of the European war has been to indicate that it might end where it begun—in the Balkan states.

Oregon is to have a "fire prevention" day on October 9th. But old Jupiter Pluvius seems to have beaten us to it.



Rippling Rhymes By Walt Mason

LOSING GROUND

Old Booze is slipping slowly; some day his graft unholy will fizzle out or burst; then all of us will totter to hydrants for the water to slake our raging thirst. Old Booze his grip is losing, for workingmen are choosing to leave the suds alone; long years of earnest thinking has shown them how the drinking good men has overthrown. Not sentimental speaking, not lurid platform shrieking, has brought this thing about; not irony or scoffing, not frantic John B. Goughing, has put Old Booze to rout. An age of competition won't stand for the condition that Barleycorn entails; the world a weary stage is for one who blows his wages to open kegs of nails.

Employers plead no longer with one whose breath is stronger than is a gas exhaust; they say, "You're quite too frisky; you're touching up the whiskey, and so your job you've lost." No sentiment is wasted; if they suspect he's tasted a pannikin of beer, they fire him through the transom, his luck is also-ransome, he's in the street named Queer. So men of sense are quitting the touching up and hitting of all the drinks that foam; they drink from babbling brooklets, and have their savings booklets, and happy kids at home.

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DO YOU FEEL HEADACHY?
LOOK TO YOUR STOMACH

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At such meeting every policyholder of the Corporation who is of the age of twenty-one years or upwards and whose policy has been in force for at least one year last past, shall be entitled to cast one vote in person or by proxy. FORREST F. DRYDEN, President.



A Galley o' Fun!

WATCHING POLITICAL STRAWS.
"I have just been attempting," remarked the editor of the Houndtown Glad Shout, "to take a vote of my subscribers to find out how they stand on the Trust question."

"Ah!" replied the victor, who had dropped in by appointment to see the speed with which the edition of the Glad Shout was printed on the Washington hand-press, "you do it with a view to learning beforehand, if possible, how the presidential election will go?"

"Well—er—not exactly! The state committees of both parties offer to send file plate-matter, either for or against Trust, free of cost. I hardly know which to get."



A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

The Ward Heeler—Last time you voted for two plunks an' dis time you kickin' fer a five spot; what d' ye mean by doin' de party dirt?

The Voter—Begorra! Oi got a good job now an' Oi don't give a dum whit or Oi vote or not!

IN LOVE'S NET.
When overhead are summer skies
With cunning, crafty finger
Love spreads a tempting paradise
Where two may sweetly linger.

He hangs his net within the shade
(The crickets low are singing)
And baits it with a witching maid,
Slow, swinging, swinging, swinging

O Love! entangled in your weave
I wish no Eden dearest—
A hammock, nook, a Summer Eve
And I, the Adam, hear her.

ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
Husband—Oh! don't be so particular! I assure you the people who go to the ball game won't care what you wear.
Wife—Indeed? What very peculiar people they must be!

HAD HEARD OF THEM BEFORE.
Teacher—Yes; the Constitution was adopted in 1879. Now, Johnny, can you tell us anything about the principles of American liberty?
Johnny—Geef! I should say I could! Pap 's been runnin' fer office ever since I kin remember.

IN THE COMING ERA.
First Citizen—My wife and I haven't voted for fifteen years.
Second Citizen—Not interested in politics?
First Citizen—Oh, yes! deeply interested, but we're paired.



A SURE THING.

Silas—Hiram says he really expects 'er sit elected ter de office of constable this time, fer sure.

Joshua—He does? Why, what's his politics? He hain't fer expansion nee free silver.

Silas—Oh! they say he's got a scheme ter make the foreigner pay all the internal revenue tax. He sprung it down ter the store the over evenin' an' it took like hot cakes.

OF COURSE NOT.
"To vote for your bill," said the Congressman, "I would have to stuff myself."

"Just so," said the lobbyist, blandly. "And, of course, we don't expect a man to stuff himself for nothing."

A DEFINITION.
Rhetoric Teacher—What is meant by poetic license?
Scholar—The permission claimed by the educated to use language such as they would ridicule if used by the uneducated.



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