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## A REMINDER OF OTHER DAYS

A Wall Street writer says that the air is filled with rumors of mergers, and new exploitations, and that those whose memories run back fifteen years or more are reminded of the mergers, one after another, by which there was a taking over of plants under general management and control. Industries and interests were gathered in with a sweep that was astounding because of the amounts of capital involved, the prices paid to get control of properties and the problems that the farseeing could then apprehend.

This period was followed by one of reaction in which those with a cure for the trust evil had their say, and prosecutions and decisions came and new laws in a bulk that staggered, resulted till there was cry that no man knew when he was within the provisions of law in the conduct of business.

New ideas are today at work in these proposed mergers and exploits that tend to fill the industrial and financial atmosphere with rumors, and in due time there may show up some originality it would seem from all the changes through which business has passed there could be small hope to witness. Business is going on, though, building upon new lines from year to year. It will be interesting to live some years hence and witness the methods then in force.

## WHO IS DOING THE BUSINESS?

We have a vast supply of canned phrases to the effect that the big business of the country is done by the big concerns, and these phrases have long been the chief stock in trade of agitators and politicians.

But it is not true at all that the big business is done by the big concerns. Nine-tenths of it at last is done by little concerns.

Some vital facts in this connection are set forth in a report just issued by Vice Chairman Hurley of the Federal Trade Board.

This official report shows that only nine out of every twenty-five business concerns earn more than \$5000 a year. One concern in fifty does a business in excess of \$1,000,000 a year, and the number whose profits amount to that sum is exceedingly small.

Not more than 462 business enterprises in the whole country do a yearly business of \$5,000,000, but this does not include banks, railroads and public utility corporations, which receive large sums of money though sometimes earning very small profits.

Figures are given to show that a large percentage of the business of the country is struggling along under the burden of debt and annual loss, either to fail ultimately or reach a profitable basis.

Just by way of having something to do besides get out a daily "Once Over" column, get a sob story from the Commercial Club or cover a tanners' convention Rex Lampman has found time to publish a volume of his extra prime "Once Over" copy. There are fifty-six pages and a cover of unique design on and through which, to be specific, appears a production of Howard Fisher's laughable caricature statue of the originator of "The Alibi" and the "Once Over." The little book is of the salt of the earth and can only be obtained direct from Mr. Lampman for one dollar's worth of conversation or fifty cents in cash.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "A man is wise in his own generation when he doesn't waste time in trying to combat the arguments of contemporary fools." The Inquirer's philosopher seems to have gotten next to some of the wisdom of Solomon who in all his attention to the affairs of the world about him found time to write to some length about fools and their folly, both of which have been pretty much alike in all ages of the world.

The Ford jokes seem to have been switched from the auto to the peace ship.

Newspaper science is a wonderful thing. Here comes an inventor who has an infernal machine that, controlled by electricity, will fly through the air at the rate of 300 miles per second, and can be timed to explode in the solar plexus of any warlike nation. The story has front page space; it's printed, therefore it's true. But heretofore meteors and such like trash, loafing along through the air at a snail's pace of 50 to 200 miles per second, have been burned to a crisp just by hitting the atmosphere. That the same fate will befall the new invention is unlikely, because it has already been thoroughly tested in the fires of imagination.

German people are starving to death—in the news reports printed in the allied newspapers. Probably the Germans themselves would be surprised to hear how badly they are pinched for food.

News dispatches say that a pet squirrel on board Henry Ford's peace ship died of starvation. With fifty-three authors, poets and "journalists" on board any energetic squirrel should be able to find a few nuts.

Some bright editor has discovered the reason for Colonel Roosevelt's clamor for a greater army and navy. He can't live always and doesn't want to leave us entirely unprotected.

More lumber mills are resuming operations every day and those now running are putting more men to work. It is one of the signs of returning prosperity in the Northwest.

Between Colonel Roosevelt and the diplomatic correspondence of this epoch the dictionary business is getting a look-in all right, says the New York Telegraph.

Wilson's watchful waiting seems to have won another victory in the complete acceptance of the American demands by Germany.

And now the reading public must suffer from another epidemic of those crack-jaw Russian names.

The Russians seem to be coming back again.

## Books For Children at Public Library

The following new books for children have been received at the Salem public library since the first of the year:

American Boys' Workshop.

Beard, D. C., Handicrafts for Outdoor Boys.

Beche, Katherine, Story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Brady, C. T., On the Old Kearsarge.

Brown, Alice, The One-Footed Fairy.

Caldwell, Randolph, Picture Books.

Nos. 1-4.

Camp, W. C., Danny Fists.

Cared, S. J. D., Story of Sonny Sahib.

Crane, Walter, Baby's Opera.

Dawson, Jenn, Boys and Girls of Garden City.

Dodge, Mrs. M. M., Rhymes and Jingles.

Esquemelin, A. O., Buccaneers of America.

Goodloe, Carter, College Girls.

Goodloe, F. J., Heroes of Peace.

Goodloe, F. J., Visitors of Peace.

Green, E. M., The Land of Gentry.

Grey, Zane, Last of the Plainsmen.

Hevlyer, William, Bartley, Freshman Pitcher.

Howells, W. D., A Boy's Town.

Hull, Eleanor, Boys' Cuckoo.

Kling, Charles, To the Front.

Leah, Edward, The Jumbies.

Mahie, H. W., Ed., Heroines Every Child Should Know.

Motkins, J. J., How to Play Baseball.

Mother Goose, Mother Goose Illustrated by Kate Greenway.

Muller, Margaret, The Elsiebeth.

Pack, H. Y., Adventures of Mabel.

Porter, L. S., Genevieve.

Pyle, Howard, Twilight Land.

Remick, G. M., Jane Stuart's Chum.

Richards, L. E. (H.), Toto's Merry Winter.

Schupp, Orskar, William of Orange.

Smith, Gertrude, Stories of Peter and Ellen.

Steedman, Amy, When They Were Children.

Steenenson, Augusta, Plays for the Home.

Tilston, Mrs. M. W., Sugar and Spice and All That's Nice.

Tomlinson, E. T., Three Young Quinquennals.

Waller, M. E., Daughter of the Rich.

Warde, Mrs. E. S. (P.), Gypsy's Cousin Joy.

Willmot-Buxton, N. M., Jeanne d'Arc.

## UNDER THE SNOW

Under the snow our loved ones lie,  
But their souls are where they never die.  
Lonely and chill is the winter air,  
As softly the snowflakes gather there,  
Covering all from mortals view  
Of that which hurts us, yet comforts too.

Yes, under the snow, the pure white snow—  
Those we loved and cherished so,  
But there are memories pure and sweet  
Of those whom e'er long, we hope to meet.

But if we go to that home above  
We must receive the Saviour's love,  
Trust Him and serve Him with our might,  
And He'll receive us and give us light!

If not privileged thus to go  
And view their bodies beneath the snow  
We can almost see them in our thought,  
And the soft covering the snow has wrought.

But while it is so sweet to know  
Their bodies resting under the snow,  
Kept from sin and every harm,  
Sorrow, sickness and all alarm—  
Yet thro' love and faith 'tis sweeter far  
To view them where they really are.

## No Boats Will Ply On Upper Willamette During Present Winter

Steamboats would be plying up and down the Willamette river between Eugene and Portland, if the drawbridge of the Oregon Electric railroad near Harrisburg was in condition, according to C. E. McGinnis, a Eugene attorney. Mr. McGinnis was recently in Portland and received this information from Captain A. B. Graham, president of the Oregon City Transportation company.

The company intended to have the boats make two or three trips a week to Eugene during the winter, according to Mr. McGinnis. It is not probable that the bridge will be fixed in time to allow the passage of the steamships.

The drawbridge of the Southern Pacific company is in condition to be operated to allow the passage of the boats but the Oregon Electric bridge, crossing the Willamette, is not in working order.—Eugene Guard.

## Portland Police Idle Since Town Went Dry

Portland, Or., Jan. 8.—The Portland police aren't half as busy since the state went dry.

Figures announced today at the end of the first week of prohibition, show that only 195 arrests were made by the entire police department during the first seven days. The first week in December shows 425 arrests, and that was a small week's business. The decrease is principally in "drunks." The first week in December 285 were arrested for drunkenness and thus far in January the police blotter shows only 85 similarly charged. This includes 40 or more arrested last Saturday, still carrying Friday's "tag."

## Policeman Officiated at Birth of Baby Boy

Portland, Or., Jan. 8.—There was nobody but a policeman to officiate at the birth of Baby Nelson is happy today just the same.

Answering a frantic cry for help, Patrolman J. W. Morelock last night dashed upstairs into a three story tenement building. In a cold, damp, unfurnished room he found a young woman, alone and in agony. He tried to telephone for help. He couldn't get it quick enough. He lighted a gas stove, took off his coat and stood his ground like a true officer.

Fifteen minutes later when an ambulance arrived, an eight pound baby had been born.

## American Survivor Says No Warning Given

Washington, Jan. 7.—Consul Garrels, at Alexandria, Egypt, cabled the state department today that he had affidavits from Charles H. Grant, American, and 20 other survivors of the Persia.

Within a world of sin and strife,  
Until we, too, do better lie,  
And meet them in the "sweet bye and bye."

So we will leave them as we go,  
Under the snow, the pure white snow.  
R. J. S., Route 4.



## SELFISHNESS

Jim Kickshaw has a touring car, in which he journeys near and far. There's room for seven in the same, and Jim might bring to many a dame who seldom has a chance to ride, pure happiness ten cubits wide. But Jim would rather ride alone, than take some poor old gent or crone. He'd take a banker or some skate who's made a pile in real estate; he'd load his car with damsels fair, and still insist there's room to spare. He'd gladly take a joyous crew, to whom such rides are nothing new. But there are men with spavined limbs, and poor old dames with worn-out glims; and crippled kids who sit and sigh, as gorgeous cars go whizzing by; and mothers, tired until their hearts just yearn for rides in choo-choo carts; and maiden aunts who'd trade their hair for three long breaths of country air. But these will never ride with Jim; they're poor, and don't appeal to him; the men don't wear their whiskers straight, the women's hats are out of date, the kids have seedy pinafores, from rolling round on unwashed floors. There's nothing in it, any way; you haul the poor for half a day, and all you get for it is thanks; they have no assets in the banks.

sinking, say there was no warning of attack, and that none saw a submarine. Garrels said that the officers and crew started for England before their affidavits could be obtained. The state department believes that they wished to confer with the admiralty before swearing the circumstances of the sinking.

Amanda King of Salem, C. J. Seibel, Dick, Tom and Elbert Tate, Marion Hunt, Lester and Frederick Barrows, Earl Downing and the Misses Helen Hunt, Genevieve Patton, Ella Walls, Edna Tate, Georgia and Rachel Hunt and Clarica and Alice Downing.—Stayton Mail.

## PROF. GAUNT WILL RUN

It is stated as a positive fact by those who know, that Prof. W. C. Gaunt, of the Stayton schools, has announced himself as candidate before the republican primary for county school superintendent.

The present incumbent, W. M. Smith, has had the office for three terms, and it is not known whether he will be a candidate.

Prof. Gaunt will come before the people well equipped for the position. He is thirty-five years of age, has been in Oregon nine years, all of which have been spent as principal of Scotts Mills, Hubbard, Gervais, Capital Normal, Stayton, and Stayton. Prof. Gaunt came from Indiana and has five years of teaching to his credit in that state.—Stayton Mail.

## BRIEF NEWS BY WIRE

Yuba City, Cal., Jan. 8.—A year ago Judge K. S. Mahon of Sutter county, advocated the use of divorce coupons on marriage certificates. Now he demands gift evidence before he'll grant a divorce, which he hasn't done for six months.

Seymour, Ind., Jan. 8.—Lonesome for her lover, who had been quarantined for smallpox, Goldie Anderson, aged 19, voluntarily exposed herself to the disease and was quarantined with him.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 8.—Using a butcher knife, Mrs. Samuel Rokenen today beheaded her four day old baby, and then attacked her nurse, Miss Labelle, who, however, escaped with only slight injuries.

Tokio, Jan. 8.—Emperor Yuan Shi Kai, of China, was reported here today to have fallen suddenly ill with apoplexy. Though the story was unconfirmed, his illness was said to be serious.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—The first battles of the Chinese revolution against Yuan Shi Kai's monarchy broke out today on the outskirts of Shanghai, according to cablegram received here this afternoon.



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