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The best plan is, as the common proverb has it, to profit by the folly of others. —Pliny the Elder.

LOOKING UP "It's always morning somewhere."

In all directions, this spring, there is to be noted increased activity in the making of gardens. There are few towns in the country now, in which there is not organized effort in this direction.

All over the country this plan has been put into effect and everywhere there has been a distinct advance toward the ideal in the city-beautiful movement.

And the influence of these factors extends farther than merely the improved looks of things. It creates a new spirit. It leads directly to betterment along other lines.

The women who are back of this movement are rendering their cities splendid service. They are building better than they or we realize at this time.

There is no better foundation upon which to build substantial municipal improvement than this very plan which has been mentioned.

And the neighbors will want to keep up with the procession. Soon they will become interested in the work itself without reference to what others are doing.

THE OPTIMIST.

PATRIOTISM

This country is passing through another peculiar experience. This is one of the times when the appeal for the flag, the call to the colors, the battle-cry of freedom—all the stock phrases, are worked overtime.

There is, first, the man who studies the news, who ponders over the conditions, who considers carefully the situation, and who says but little. This man is the country's best defense.

There is, second, the man who orders the bartender to set up another round and then loudly boasts of his patriotism, of the glory of his country, of the terror of its power.

When the Spanish fleets went into action in the war of 1898, there were casks of rum opened upon the decks of the vessels and the men were filled with Dutch courage and alcoholic patriotism.

It is not from the ranks of the noisy, vociferating patriots that this nation draws its strength. It is from the men who are quiet and thoughtful and careful that the dependable defense of the nation must come.

Patriotism is something which manifests itself in the daily life of the citizen. It is not something which can be laid away in the dark except when there is a war or a rumor of war.

There has been a lot of "patriotic" talk in Missoula during the past week. A lot of it has come from men who have been lukewarm in patriotism, to say the least, in the days when there was no talk of war.

This sort of patriotism may deceive a few people, but it doesn't blind many folks to the real conditions. This kind of patriotism is used for public occasions only; it is dragged out for display whenever it will, by chance, make an impression upon the gullible.

Patriotism is a good deal like religion. It is a sort of religion. And it is for daily use and constant application. The man who best serves his country is not always the man who makes the most noise.

A man who will conspire to "job" a city election is not a patriot, even though he buy a round of drinks with remarkable frequency and with each round proclaim his devotion to his country, when there is the excitement of warfare.

The dispatches of the week brought many stories of "patriotic" demonstrations in American cities. In instances, the celebrating crowds encountered Mexican men.

Had these conditions been reversed, would it have been regarded as "patriotism?" When the people of Mexico City had paraded in demonstration and had compelled every American they met to perform some humiliating act, did we consider that as patriotism?

In Little Old New York

New York, April 25.—In the whole lot of men and women who grace the American stage there are no two who enjoy more popularity among players than John Drew and his charming niece, Ethel Barrymore.

The annual parade of New York's "finest" otherwise the police parade, is always well worth seeing. This year the parade is to have several added attractions. In true circus style the street parade will be followed by the big show which will have nearly all the attractions usually seen under the big white tents with the exception of the menagerie.

These could not be dragged away from business for the mid-week dance, and the women were determined to have partners they cast about for them. One suggested that college students might fill the bill.

Arrangements have been concluded for the meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria next week of the 15th annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association.

Old-time playgoers in the metropolis have learned with regret of the critical illness of McKee Rankin in San Francisco. Many years ago McKee Rankin and his wife, who died several years ago, were prime favorites in this city.

Conversations With "Con"

By The Invader.

Butte, April 25. Mr. Editor, The Daily Missoulian: Who am I? Not expurgate at Shell game, or he would have retired on his Graft early.

Tampico, Mexico, April 7.—A shell from beseege canon today exploded far in interior of Slanderer Oil Co. warhorse here.

What innocent wire did Same innocently wir, Mr. Editor, am to blame for amazing activity in lokal Slanderer Oil headquarter, to recruit for war.

Jim O'Leary will be 1st sergt. Cap have explain to me that at other X-bustling far in interior of Jim, like shell did in warhorse of Slanderer Oil at Tampico, wouldn't not do no harmed, becuz it am so damn far into Jim's interior.

Chas Copencarver Cohen am also going along as war poet. Chas decompose following: OWED TO MONTANA VOLLYOUN-TERS.

Onward! Cap and fella, Onward! as to war With our copper collars Turned wrong side before. Fuster, fella, fuster!

Great Falls rough riders. Cavalry will be rise in Great Falls, Mr. Editor, becuz paid-roll up their all patnerize Great Northern and hence am rough-riders to a man.

Some vollyouners, Mr. Editor, am asking important questions of former experience. You won't remember, Mr. Editor, than wen 1st Mont. return from Philippine war, Pat-ternal government bring 'em as fars San Frisky an left 'em there to be it home.

But W. A. am not candidate for senate no more, Mr. Editor, and local vollyouners, am wonder whether, after soldierjerk at Tampa or Chickmawka they will be permit to count the back to My Treasure State.

Butte's latest census I derively going misinformation, Mr. Editor, from Honorable Cornelius F. Kelley, who have employ me, as Honest Japanese sloop swamper highly recommend by Slanderer Oil Co. to snoopy around of evenings after dark and see if any prominent citizens x-leaving against posts.

Well, Jim Murray and me was at San Dago with our families, wen senses were took, and Tom Harris were living in San Frisky with his ball nine. Our return nacherally has made a difference.

A similar error here With seeing me of simile error which arose in lately campaign in Missoula, Mr. Editor, and was dooly reported to Con Ly Jhonny, and he, his weakly visit to Sixt Floor Sanctum.

Frisco Will Profit by Canal



CHARLES M. SCHWAB.

San Francisco, April 25.—That there will be a vast extension of shipping through the Golden Gate when the Panama canal opens, is the opinion of Charles M. Schwab, president of

the Bethlehem Steel company. Mr. Schwab, who is now in this city, has just authorized an expenditure of \$2,000,000 on the Union Iron works here, which is controlled by the Bethlehem company.

"I wish I could make my opinion of San Francisco and the wonderful future in store for this city famous the world round," said Schwab, when asked what he had to say for the town.

The opening of the Panama canal augurs much for San Francisco. If our company did not think so, it is self-evident that, instead of expending large sums in rebuilding the Union Iron works and standing ready to extend unlimited money still further to extend it, we would be pursuing a vastly different policy.

There has been some talk about the Bethlehem Steel company constructing a fuel plant on this coast. The difficulty in this is the fuel situation. There is no system as yet for the reducing of iron ore with oil fuel. But, after all, California can't expect to have everything.

CANAL WILL BRING NEW YORK BLESSED WITH PERFECT THIRTEEN

NEW YORK EXPECTS TO BECOME FOREMOST GRAIN MARKET IN THE COUNTRY.

New York, April 25.—Within the next year, according to a committee of the city's produce exchange which has just completed a careful study of the subject, New York's former prestige as the greatest grain market of the United States will be restored.

For several years past the volume of grain passing through this port has been decreasing and this movement has been reflected in a declining volume of transactions on the local exchange.

The two factors are expected to combine to bring about a renewal of activities that will give New York once more a leading position among the great grain-markets of the world.

One of these is the great state barge canal which is to be completed within the next few months at a cost of \$140,000,000. It will be ready to handle shipments by the end of next year and will enable grain cargoes to be shipped in one bottom without breaking bulk, from Fort William, Port Arthur and Duluth, a distance more than half as great as from New York to Liverpool.

Another factor is the new water transportation system which is being developed. This is the "Hull" of subscribers, to translate difficult calls and to keep her temper under abuse.

South American vessels can most readily obtain return cargoes. Along with this new development is expected to come a big revival in "option trading" or dealing in grain futures, which has been at a low ebb for a long time and it is confidently expected that the big grain exchange which at times has taken on the appearance of a deserted village will return to the vociferous activity which characterized it in earlier days.

Drawing a bead. "Did you follow the thread of her discourse?" "No, I soon saw that she just wanted to string me."

Patriotic but Cautious



MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY AND HIS WIFE.

The marquis of Londonderry, who is one of the leaders of the rebellious Ulsterites, and his extremely wealthy wife have taken every possible means for the protection of their vast property holdings in the north of Ireland.

UNLUCKY NUMBER OF FAULT-LESS TELEPHONE GIRLS NEW YORK'S BOAST.

New York, April 25.—That New York has 13 perfect telephone girls was shown recently by the returns from an efficiency test conducted here.

These girls passed with 100 per cent to their credit. The art of being a successful telephone operator as shown by this trial is far more difficult than most persons imagine and it is one that women master more readily than men.

Years ago men and boys were employed by the telephone companies, but it was found that girls were so much more efficient and generally more satisfactory that they soon supplanted the male employees altogether.

After a girl is accepted by a big company she is "sent to school." That is, she must learn all about the operation of the switchboard, must become proficient in "telephone geography" and become familiar with the rules and etiquette of the telephone business.

Her speaking voice is trained and her power of concentration developed. Then she is ready to answer the "Hull" of subscribers, to translate difficult calls and to keep her temper under abuse.

This is frequently the hardest of all. Thousands of girls who have risen from the ranks of operators now hold responsible and well-paid positions both with the telephone companies and in other lines of business.

One of the advantages of the telephone business is that a girl does not lose her position, except for cause. There are no dull times when employees may be laid off.

Among the 13 perfect telephone girls who took the recent examination there was one who has been in the employ of the company for 20 years. Others have been in the service from four to 13 years.

Many of the girls simply took the examination to prove themselves out—those who had been long in the service to show that they were not getting rusty in any phase of their work and that they were powerful enough to demonstrate that they had acquired sufficient knowledge to hold any position that they might apply for.

OLD DUTCH VILLAGE ON THRESHOLD OF CITY. New York, April 25.—Within sight of New York's skyscrapers there remains an ancient village which is now much as it was before the revolutionary war began. There, literally just around the corner from a busy and modern thoroughfare, remains the residue of the first settlement of white people on Long Island.