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OUR POLICY

To support such measures as are unquestionably for the good of Mason County as an entire community, rather than such propositions as are in favor of the individual interest, or of one section as against another. And likewise to earnestly and consistently oppose all things that are not for the good of the County as a whole.

BUSINESS? FINE, IF WE MAKE IT SO.

Business is the barometer of our every-day existence and whether or not business is good or bad has to do dominantly with whether or not we are tranquil in mind or uncomfortable in anxiety. This is not the ideal view of life, in fact it is essentially material, but none the less it is true. Daily, hourly, men meet men almost uniformly with the greeting, "How's business?" Women do not put it in these words but largely their conversation is about interests and conditions that are intimately related with the ups and downs of business. This state of mind is elemental. In some form or other business holds all that affects our material living. And however altruistic we may be, it remains that physical being is sustained primarily by physical production.

Just now business is bad. Even we who have little to do with exchange, the buying and selling, the producing and consumption of that which makes for big business can not but be aware that all is not well in the world of trade and barter of all sorts and in all countries. Everybody is talking about it and not all are talking cheerfully. In itself this may be bad business, but it is very natural conduct. It is anxious expression among ourselves concerning that in which we are vitally interested. And after all it may not be altogether bad business to take note of discouraging phases. It may lead to such accord of judgment, such agreement of sentiment, such concert of endeavor as will quickly bring about a betterment of conditions. That soft of anxiety is wholesome, the anxiety that provokes to action. But just to be pessimistic and gloom about in idleness or make matters worse by contention of interests among individuals or classes, instead of getting together in mutuality of interests, makes bad matters worse.

The end of the old year approaches and the advent of the new appears in the offing. It is a time for invoice and balance sheets. Analyzing retrospect, a casting up of old accounts, and then thoughtful, discerning, looking forward program in opening new accounts, constitute a proper attitude of mind. Experts tell us that the worst of the present is much better than the bad of other like periods in history. That makes for fortitude. They also tell us that we have really weathered the storm and now ride in the harbor fairly safe if some restless, impatient, inconsiderate elements of us do not start commotion of sufficient proportions to rough up the waters and rock the boat dangerously.

This being the case, it seems a time to sit steady and smile. After all there is a real consolation in the reflection that poor business is simply a condition precedent to good business.

CONGRESS ADDRESSES ITSELF TO GRACEFUL DEMISE

There are several matters of importance for early attention of Congress and Congress is in session. That would seem to promise action, but in reality it doesn't. This is a dying Congress and its demise is due with the inaugural. That is a fact that may or may not add to the rejoicing of this season of joyousness just a people have respect or disrespect for the solons now in the shadows of solonial dissolution. Yet Congress is not sick. Its going will be by execution of law, constitutionally applied, and the character of the execution in no degree precludes the full functioning of this body to the very conclusion of its life.

That being the case, Congress can have a try at establishing peace by formal proclamation or resolution; can repeal all war legislation not by that act automatically repealed; can take up the budget bill which President Wilson killed for them; can start tax revision; can do something about immigration, the canal free tolls matter, revision of Federal Trade Commission Act. These and like matters are at its disposal, even action on the League of Nations covenant if President Wilson will again send it over. Then there is relief for the farmer and the financier, with further concessions to industry and helpful boosts to commerce.

Congress can do one or more of these things by forgetting all the others and putting the Congressional mind hard to it. But Congress will not. Constitutionally doomed to die with the dying administration, Congress will devote the remaining days of life to the graceful leaving of it. But with the new deal will come the new Congress, full of life, eager, enthusiastic, earnest. The President will early call it to the saving of the country and promptly it will respond. Meantime the country will just have to live on faith, hope and charity.

SMUGGLING REDS.

It is frequently remarked that the place to examine immigrants is at the port of debarkation, so that the undesirables may be saved the return trip. But examination at the port of debarkation will amount to nothing until we have the right kind of examiners there to protect the interests of the United States. The Wilson administration has had too much sympathy for the class of agitators the United States does not need.

WILDCAT STOCK.

The Treasury is the holder of \$50,000,000, par value, of stock of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. It would tax the wisdom of the most astute financier to guess the value of this stock today if it were sold on the market, in view of recent disclosures of Shipping Board transactions.

That labor take up voluntarily a proportionate part in the bearing of living cost reduction is a natural suggestion coming from the employing class in industry that does no violence to the logic of the situation.

Prices are going down, and the income tax is going up to meet them.

New York Letter

By Lucy Jeanne Price

New York. — What will become of the cabarets under prohibition? That was the question anxious New Yorkers and still more anxious out-of-towners asked each other even a few short months ago. The general prophecy was that they would struggle a while and then gaspingly fade away. One more little joke of the soothsayer! The poor one did. Or else they clung on through cultivating a state of amnesia as regards the eighteenth amendment—and a day to lucky in outguessing the enforcers of their kiljooy. It took something more than coffee and a desire to stay out late at night to enable anybody to live through them, much less pay for the privilege. But the good ones—ring-side seats are, if anything, more at a premium there than in those b.p. days, and the joie de vivre within their flare of lights is as joie-ous as it ever was. Jammed to the guards pretty nearly every night and on holiday nights or pre-holiday nights, the guards themselves are hardly sufficient to keep the jam within bounds. They've had to make them a bit better than in the old days, but they've done it. They are not only holding their own place in the job of cheering the public but they're substituting for the pseudo cher of the past.

An honest man and an honest wife are proven to the world in Francis Hackett's dedication of his new book of essays. It reads: "To my Wife, Signo Toksvig, whose lack of interest in this book has been my constant desperation."

Raymond Hitchcock is finding Broadway too peaceable since the "Roaring Forties" have had to calm down under prohibition and additional traffic police. So he's turning back to the interest of his earlier days. He is going to take hold once more of the old Chinatown theater in Pell street, of which he was one time the backer. He abandoned it several years ago after a long war had killed off two of his best actors. But apparently it is the renewal of long war rumors down there which have revived his interest. He will produce Chinese classics there and he will not venture to display any of the "Chinese" plays which have been impressing uptown audiences during the past two or three seasons.

From a Thanksgiving dinner of the "Well Fed Husbands" Association, one would naturally be in an expansive mood and be interested in some way of expressing one's thanksgiving to the world in general. John Murray, not being truly a "well fed husband" because of having no wife, was a special guest of honor at the dinner, and he felt keenly his obligation to the feminine world in general after leaving the banquet. Consequently — "My girl wanted that fur coat so I went and got it," he told the policeman who arrested him a few hours later for smashing a Sixth avenue store window and extracting the coat therefrom. The officer, not yet that day having been well-fed, was unsympathetic.

Anyone who believes that New York is hard hearted ought to say a oto William George Jordan, the bachelor who wrote "Little Problems of Mar-

ried Life." Mr. Jordan uses a crutch, and the other day when he had been walkin' ga bit more strenuously than usual, he paused to mop his brow. While mopping with one hand, he held his hat in the other. And a kindly passerby dropped in a quarter.

"Young Visitors," the story by the nine-year-old Daily Ashford, has proven itself exceedingly better material for a play than most of its readers believed it could be. As produced at the 29th Street Theater, it has the interest of a phantasm, which comes close enough to reality to be really good burlesque of actual life. It takes one a few minutes to get into the mood of it, but after that, it was decidedly enjoyable.

It seems the natural thing to think of the Atlantic Ocean as a not very populace place—so far as human beings are concerned. But one of the large steamship companies has recently announced figures showing its average daily human population to be 2,800,000 persons.

CLAIM EMIGRANTS ROBBED BY N. Y. STEAMSHIP AGENCY.

A systematic scheme for robbing poor and ignorant foreigners purchasing steamship tickets, has apparently been exposed by "Magyar Banyaszlap," a Hungarian weekly, published in New York, which printed in a recent issue the affidavit of a man who was employed as a confidential clerk by a New York banker engaged in the steamship ticket and money forwarding business. While thus employed, he states that he saw foreigners, shamefully cheated and robbed by this firm, and was compelled, himself, to take part in it.

This banker, says the affidavit, spent thousands of dollars advertising in foreign language papers. When a reply was received, the customer was promised service in securing all necessary passports and tickets, and informed that he must make an advance payment of \$30. A week before sailing, he was brought to New York, and there again assured that everything necessary to his departure would be attended to, while at the same time a few more dollars were collected for various imaginary services.

The affidavit further states that while offices for conducting ordinary business were maintained on the ground floor, there was also a secret office in the basement. A few hours before the time of departure, after the emigrants' natural impatience had been goaded to frenzy by their being told that the necessary permits and tickets could not be obtained—though they were already in the firm's hands—they were herded into the basement

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office and informed that accommodations had at last been secured, though at an increased rate.

Enclosed securely behind steel bars, says the affidavit, and armed with revolvers in case of attack by outraged customers, the affiant and other clerks, at the specific instructions of their employer, sold the half-frantic emigrants their tickets at an excess of from \$25 to \$30, and forced each one to buy 2000 kronen at from three to four times the normal rate of exchange, and 200 lire at twice the current rate. Most of the customers fully realized that they were being cheated, says the affidavit, but, desperate to get away, usually paid these last-minute overcharges.

Besides printing this affidavit, "Magyar Banyaszlap" now excludes the banker's advertising from its pages, as do "Amerikai Futar," the first paper to attack him, and "Elore" and "Amerikai Magyar Nepszava," all Hungarian New York papers.

Stang is by no means of modern date, being well-known in the classic ages of Greece and Rome. Numerous examples occur in the writings of Martial, Arifphones, Terence and others.

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