

PUBLIC OPINION

COMMENT OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS—COMMERCIAL HONESTY.

Washington Herald.
As individuals we are inclined to resent deeply any charge that we are not quite honest in our commercial dealings with foreign countries, but very frequently observers in foreign lands have come back to tell us that stable foreign trade unless we change we can never hope to establish a permanent present methods and establish a higher code of commercial honesty.

According to Professor Rowe the merchants of South America are anxious to buy American goods, but they find that commercial relations with the manufacturers of the United States involve greater risks than dealing with the merchants of England, Europe or Germany.

The American consuls in South America, while they do not charge dishonesty on the part of the United States merchants, do complain that we take no pains to please South American customers. The popular idea seems to be that anything is good enough for South America.

Improvement by Steps.

New York Globe.
In the old primitive days, when each man carried his own weapon and avenged his own wrongs, it may be easily imagined what reception would

have been given to anyone proposing that on a certain day everyone should lay aside his arms. Every hand would have clutched its sword the tighter. Not until courts (arbitration tribunals) for the settlement of personal disputes has long been established was it possible to enforce regulations against dueling and the like. The new internationalism, if human nature is read aright, must develop in the same order. Legalism must precede, not succeed, any real disarmament—the first is the horse and the other the cart.

The world is being welded into an economic unit—already there is measurable financial and commercial amalgamation. Railroad builders have "conquered more territory with a coupling pin," as Mr. Boice has remarked.

Business Conditions.

Philadelphia Ledger.
The seat of optimism at the present time is in the West, and the confidence and hope of the people of that section, which is coming to be of very great importance in the national economy, do not seem to be disturbed by a late and cold spring, undoubtedly of a more or less mischievous influence upon this year's crops.

will not materially change economic conditions.
Good judges of the iron and steel business believe that some relaxation will soon ensue. A few weeks ago it was announced that several railroads had concluded to retrace and would buy less material. It is stated now that the building trades are feeling some backing influence, and the result is reflected in a lessened demand for iron and those things which are made of iron.

It is the part of wisdom for every mariner to study the weather and note the direction of the winds. In that way is trouble seen betimes; in that way untoward results can be avoided. Whatever the immediate future of business, it is tolerably certain, if the past is any guide for what is to come, that a slackening of activity is to be expected; and, if it is not too sweeping and wholesale, it should be contemplated by sober-minded men in a tranquil spirit.

The Unabridged Dictionary.

Ohio State Journal.
The dictionary is a highly interesting book. It treats comprehensively of a greater number of important subjects than any other volume extant. You may complain, possibly, that there is not in every article a sustained interest, but you cannot successfully contend that for general information it has any equal.

To illustrate, the unabridged dictionary on the stand at our right happens to be open at the two pages which begin with "gout" and end with "grading." Glancing down the first column we find that the goutweed is a European herb naturalized in the United States and useful in treating gout. That knowledge is likely to come in handy some time, though less probably in the case of editors than almost anyone else.

column we discover, what we had never known before, that gradian is nothing more nor less than cornmeal ground by hand. Hereafter, when we desire the real handmade product, all we shall have to do will be to ask for gradian muffins and insist upon the waiter's bringing them to us.

Killed Herself With Morphine

MARTINS FERRY WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE TUESDAY MORNING.

WHEELING, July 10.—Mrs. Bert Hutchinson, wife of a well known Martins Ferry mill worker, died Tuesday morning at her home on First street about half-past ten o'clock as the result of taking poison with suicidal intent. The poison was taken some time during Monday night and in spite of the efforts of two physicians the woman died at the hour stated in terrible agony.

Some time Monday afternoon she came to Wheeling and went to a physician who prescribed morphine tablets for her as the statement of a peculiar physical condition. She went to a Wheeling drug store and got 36 tablets of one-fourth grain each.

Some time before midnight she took nine of these tablets or two and one-half grains at the same time. A little later members of the family found her lying on the bed in her room suffering terribly and Drs. A. W. Diven and E. V. Arbaugh were hastily summoned. The physicians worked, a couple of hours during the night without making much headway against the poison.

This morning they were at the home again and worked with the woman till after nine o'clock but the poison had penetrated the system before they reached her early in the evening and she died about half-past ten. The deceased was about thirty-two years of age and is survived by a husband and one child.

During the last few days Mrs. Hutchinson had been despondent Monday afternoon she threatened to take her own life but the husband did not think she meant it till he discovered she had taken the morphine.

Dr. Diven, who is also the county coroner, announced at noon yesterday that there would not be a coroner's inquest as members of the family were satisfied she had taken the poison herself with intent of ending her life. There will be an inquest this afternoon and all the Martins Ferry physicians will assist in it.

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Men and Women

Mayor Pfaff of Ashland, O., has voted an ordinance increasing his salary from \$1,100 a year to \$1,500 on the ground that his job is not worth \$500 to his city.

Frank Hamlin, who was recently chosen attorney to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners of Chicago, is the son of the late Hannibal Hamlin, vice president of the United States in the first Lincoln administration.

Kaiser William keeps four chefs—Schliedenstucker, a German; Harding, an Englishman; an Italian and a Frenchman—so that he can have his meals for the day served in the style of whatever nation he may happen to fancy.

President Newman, of the New York Central railroad, is director in 119 companies, while Senator Depew is interested in but 64 corporations, and John D. Rockefeller holds only one directorship, that in the Standard Oil Company.

Charles Terry Treadway has been elected president of the Bristol, (Ct.) National Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward Butler Dunbar. Mr. Treadway, who has been vice president of the institution for some time, is only 29 years old.

Prof. R. C. Crawford, of the University of California, has rediscovered the comet recently located by Professor Daniel, of Princeton University, in the constellation of Taurus. He says the comet will be nearest the earth on July 25, when it will be 70,000,000 miles distant.

Miss Elizabeth Ney, a noted sculptor, has just died at Austin, Tex. Her father was a nephew of the distinguished Marshal Ney, of France. Among the great men who sat to Miss Ney were Von Humboldt, Von Liebig, Jacob Grimm, Schopenhauer, Joachim Garibaldi and Bismark.

Mrs. Helen W. Rogers, chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court, of Indianapolis, has left that city for a tour of Europe with a view to studying juvenile court and probation work in some of the European countries. She will stop in various American cities before sailing, including Philadelphia.

W. Romaine Paterson, the English novelist, who writes under the name of Benjamin Swift, has taken up a task that will occupy him for some time. His intention is to make a study of the development of civilization from the earliest times unto the present day, with special reference to



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