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DON'T BE A GROUCH

Don't be a grouch, but be genial and carry a smile all the time. It will pay you at the end of the day's work. Grouchiness is a habit of mind acquired unconsciously perhaps, but acquired through cultivation nevertheless, and soon becomes a disease It generally begins with grumbling and fault find-'ing and impatience over trifles that go wrong, and it grows and grows.

The woman who begins to grumble at her husband develops the habit until she becomes a nag and a scold. The man who begins at grumbling at his imaginary troubles ends the possessor of a full grown grouch. If we look back a few years, we find that the troubles that worried us then were not worth worrying about, since we have forgotten them all. Your trouble of today will pass just the same and soon will be forgotten. Then what is the use of being grouchy? The holidays are here and brought with them cheerful times. Let us forget our little troubles and be genial and soon the world will appear genial.

IT WILL COME OUR WAY

According to Mr. A. E. Harris, agent for the Milwaukee Railroad system, who was here for a few days this week, the time will soon be here when Ketchikan will be favored with terminal rates for its fish to the Eastern market by way of Seattle, as he says, the transcontinental lines are working to that

Should the difference in the rates between here, by way of Seattle to the Eastern market, and Prince Rupert and the same market be absorbed by the transportation companies, it would give Ketchikan an equal chance with the Canadian shipping port, and would naturally force the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad to come here for the fish. Then Ketchikan would become the landing port for all the fish in Southeastern Alaska. That is the way it should be, and so long as the fishermen get a fair price for

their fish, it is all they want.

The object of the transportation companies is not to deprive the fishermen of any revenue they may be entitled to, but rather to help them in getting more than they have been getting. If the fishermen can come here and get as much for their fish as they are getting at Prince Rupert, they are their expenses of the trip ahead. This can only be done by the transportation companies by absorbing the difference in cost of transportation now existing. But according to M. Harris, the companies are working to that end, which means that it will soon come our way.

A WELCOME EXCHANGE

The Mount Vernon Herald, published at Mount Vernon, Washington, has just reached our exchange table. The Herald which is in its thirty-second year of existence, is a well edited sheet, newsy and well gotten up. The Herald is the paper which the late editor of the Ketchikan Daily Miner, Richard Bushell, Jr., acquired an interest in and his name appears as Business Manager with Eugene Larin as Editor. The Progressive-Miner wishes Mr. Bushell success in his new venture.

Money is not everything. At least money will not stop war. Ford with all his millions does not seem to acomplish very much along that line anyhow, not according to late reports. He might have done better with his money had he distributed it among the needy. He would at least have avoided being ridiculed.

TALKING THROUGH HATS

(From the Portland Telegram)

"Any one who says we can be beaten in 1916 is talking through his hat," said Woodrow Wilson president of the United States, dropping into the easy vernacular of the Democratic national commit

tee which he entertained at the White House. We are regaled, too, with a word picture ofthis true Democrat thrusting his hands in his pockets and getting right down to simplicity with the boys.

Now the Telegram isn't a bit inclined to be finicky and has been at various times an openly expressed admirer of Mr. Wilson and his utterances on all important questions; but right here it wishes to remark that this particular dispatch ought to have been censored.

Not so much because it reflects an appearance of aping that great commoner, Jefferson, who received the British ambassador in an old dressing gown and slippers down at the heel, but because it calls to mind that remarkable document, the Democratic platform of 1912, built undeniably of "planks to get

While on the subject of "talking through hats" we offer in evidence, lest we forget, this last shred of that famous scrap of paper:

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