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## EDITORIALS

### Ballinger's Position.

Whatever may hold true of individuals, the people at large are not likely to lose confidence in any public official without good reasons. Conditions are not as they were forty years ago. Party spirit is not so narrow, bigoted and unreasonable as it was during the two score years after the war. But if a public official has lost the confidence of the people the most graceful thing to do is to resign.

Having carefully watched the investigation during the early months of the year it seemed to us clearly that Secretary Ballinger had given sufficient reasons for the public to regard him as an unsafe person to deal with the questions of conserving our public utilities and the News Letter so stated.

Of course it was expected that the Congressional committee appointed to investigate the conservation entanglements would bring in a verdict exonerating the Secretary of the Interior. But that verdict did not change public opinion. Nor has President Taft been able to reinstate his secretary into confidence of the public. We have reason to believe that a large proportion of the people who have watched the course of the "on-pleasantness" from the beginning will endorse the following clipping.

Secretary Ballinger in his annual report made admirable recommendations for the conservation of the country's natural resources. They were in full accord with the ideas of the leaders of the conservation movement.

However, in his public speeches, of which that just delivered by him before the Commercial club of Portland is a good example, Secretary Ballinger displays the bitterest spirit toward the conservationists and their activities.

The only reasonable explanation of this anomaly is that the head of the department of the interior now gives effect to the conservation policy not because he desires to do so but because he is forced to this action by public opinion and by the president. Meanwhile he vents his spleen upon the leaders of the conservation movement because of the important part they play in molding the public opinion to which he is obliged to yield.

The attitude of Secretary Ballinger in this matter tends to deprive him of credit and honor for even the good which he does, since it is clear that much of this good is done reluctantly and contrary to his own inclinations.

Chicago Daily News.

### THREATEN FEDERAL BUREAUS

Humane Society Contemplates Prosecution for Vivisection of Dogs at National Capital.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Prosecution for alleged vivisection of dogs by the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture and several of the government bureaus here is threatened by the Washington Humane society.

### Keeping Promises

In no work is there greater need for keeping promises both in the spirit and the letter than in connection with farm transactions. The business farmer whose "word is as good as his bond" is the one who has the confidence of his neighbors and is looked up to with respect by all.

The keeping of promises in business transactions is the "sheet anchor" in the establishing of credit among one's business associates. The world of business places a great deal of value on promises. The bank note is a written promise. It says on its face, "I promise to pay." This same promise is found on the United States issues of bank notes, on the face of which is a promise clearly stated.

Not only in business transactions but in the every-day life the keeping of a promise should be looked after with great care. Whatever you do, keep your promise. The man who breaks his promise even in little things is pretty sure to break them in larger things.

It is a good plan when making a promise as to dates to jot it down in a memorandum book so that no mistake can be made. When a promise is made to meet a party at a certain place, such a promise should be kept the same as when it involves the payment of money. It is a question of debt and the obligation is not cancelled until the debt is paid.

That man whose promise can be relied on is the one whose influence is far reaching in the community in which he lives. The home is the place above all others where a promise should be fulfilled.

### Putting Off

"Procrastination is a thief of time." That big word is a thief; a big thief, for it steals something more valuable than money or jewels, or fame or anything retainable. Time is the stuff that life is made of. Any habit that steals time robs you of life itself.

Maybe procrastination doesn't shorten your life—reckoned in days or years—but if it steals valuable time it robs you of that which, if used rightly, would make life the more worth living.

The habit of putting things off is the worst ever. Some things should be put off—worry, hasty judgement of your fellows, unessential nothings is while urgent matters wait—but putting off a bad job never made it lighter, putting off an unpleasant task never helped matters.

Go where you will, you can find men who have for years been putting off the task of getting their machinery under shelter. It rusts away in the open. They have been putting off trimming the orchard and it has become worthless and an eyesore. They have been putting off fixing up the home until the boys and girls have become attracted by better living and have left for the city.

Some folks you know have been putting off all these years saying nice things to the dear wife who has slaved to help buy more land. When the funeral is the order of the day they heap the casket with flowers wet with tears. How much better to have given the loving tokens in life.

Some folks you know have been putting off getting a pure bred sire for the herd and flock and the years have slipped silently by and the livestock is no better today than it was in the beginning. Procrastination had robbed them of good stock and the enhanced value it would be today had they not neglected breeding up.

If you lose money you can earn more. If you lose health possibly the doctor can restore it. If you lose your home you can build another. If you lose time by putting off where can you ever get that time back? Look about you. See the men who get little or no schooling in youth. They hoped to make up for it after corn husking—but never did. Time flies—away—never comes back.

### The Silver Lining.

It is beautiful—cheering—the silver lining to the black and terrible storm cloud. You can't help but look at it—not because you have hay down or grain that isn't in shock—but because that bright contrast commands attention. And there's something in human nature that reaches out with an everlasting longing for the bright and the cheerful things in life.

Some of our friends have seen the storm clouds in all its fury—not the storm cloud in the sky but that storm cloud that darkens every life sometime—when the bright outlook is darkened, when the air castles are shattered by the terrible lightning strokes of reality and adversity, when the lover's smiles are turned to tears when faith has turned to doubt, when joy is drowned in sorrow, when fortune has slipped away, and man is prone to listen to the advice of Job's comforters who said—"Curse God and die."

These storm clouds are no joke. It is senseless to say to those in the gloom that all is well, that no cloud exists, that it is imagination. No indeed, these troubles are real. Lovers will weep over their misunderstandings as long as the world stands. Folks will mourn the loss of loved ones until called up yonder; hearts will ache over the revelations of truth that lightens the dark places and reveals traitors instead of friends. Troubles are real and there's no use lying about it to those deep in the mire of gloom.

The thing to do is to point to the silver lining. Turn the clouds wrong side out and show that on the other side the sun shines with its silvery reflections. Point with cheer upward to the light, or the place where light will emerge in time. This is better than to ridicule the discouraged ones. Some folks are chronic grumblers. They seek dark things through force of habit. They have trained their minds until they have become morbid.

"Be of good cheer," said the Master more than once under different circumstances. And that's a mighty, good cheer—for the cloud has a silver lining though you may not stand where you can see it.

We create most of our troubles by worry. We are unwilling to await the growth of events, the natural clearing away of the storm.

Be of good cheer—for it is infective like sunshine. It starts growth of the best in man. Evils grow in the dark, in the despondent, in the downhearted. Hope, truth, virtue, everything good grows better in an atmosphere of good cheer. You can't recover a lost fortune by having the dumps about it. You can't get back health by harboring the blues, you can't disperse clouds with more clouds. Be of good cheer and the silver lining will soon show.

### Getting Up Steam.

Water must register 212 degrees of heat before it will generate steam. Two hundred degrees will not do it. The water must first boil. If 212 degrees are reached, as high a temperature must be maintained it work is to be accomplished. Once the water is heated to 212 degrees a greater pressure can be maintained with less fuel. Luke warm water will not run anything.

A great many people are trying to move through life by trying to get a pressure of steam that is almost at the boiling point and wonder why they are stalled and cannot get a head. Too many are trying to run their life trains

under two hundred to two hundred and eleven degrees of heat and are perplexed to know why they fail to get anywhere. Luke warm water won't make steam. And luke warm enthusiasm never has accomplished much.

The idea must boil, and must be converted into live steam to get results. On the other hand too much steam given to the engine will cause a great effort for the work needed. The inventor to overcome this puts on the engine what is known as a governor. In the game of life we need to use a governor all the time to control uniformity of speed. This means saving energy. Get up steam and keep it up, but learn to control that steam.

### Keeping Well

Of all the current mode of drugs healing, some are freakish, some fanatical, some dangerous. But they have, together, done this one thing; they have shown the old school practitioner that a man is a complex being, and that no amount of tinkering with his body will satisfy his heart, calm his mind, or heat and empower his soul. Health is physical, mental, emotional, psychic, moral, executive, and spiritual. Omit any factor and you imperil the whole.

A tonic bath or a subliminal consciousness may keep you well. But you must first know where you are—on the surface or at the center. Which, with you, are stronger—muscles or ideals? Don't imagine that ideals have any right to absorb you, leaving your muscles to wither away. But the place to focus your hygienic study is where you most enjoy being. You won't begin to know what health means until you chuck overboard for good and all the symptoms—illness, woe-begone-willies, germ-geremiahs, pepsin-paralysis and hygiene of horrid-candum. Choose your doctor by how he cheers you up. And if his remedy isn't pleasant, it doesn't fit. Maybe you need exercise, maybe you need raw food, maybe you need re-education of the brain cells; but whatever you need you will desire. Bitter medicine is for bogymen.

You can put a rational philosophy of Health into six words, forming an acoustic:

- Hygiene
- Evolution
- Ambition
- Love
- Trust
- Harmony

Hygiene is physical, Evolution mental, Ambition executive, Love emotional, Trust spiritual, Harmony psychic and moral. Each of these must form a clause in your health insurance policy. It will pay you, financially, to take an hour, a day or a week of rest and learn to forestall the doctor and druggist by incorporating these principles in your everyday life.

### Taxes, Just and Unjust

Does the taxation of improvements help make wealth or prevent it? When a man swears to the assessor that the thing taxed is worth only so much, would he be willing to sell at that price? That's a fair question for the board to ask. When a man honestly gives in all his taxable values the assessor is apt to disbelieve him and raise it on general principles. It may not be possible to find a system that will make all men honest and truthful, but when a system makes perjurers of a great majority then it needs reforming.

### HUGHES RENTS CAPITAL HOME

Justice Lurton, Also Supreme Court Member, Finds Residence in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Two new members of the supreme court of the United States who have been house-hunting in Washington have found homes after long search. Associate Justice Hughes has leased a residence at Twenty-fourth street and Massachusetts avenue, Northwest, and Associate Justice Lurton has leased that at 1721 First street, Northwest.

### FRANCIS JOSEPH IS EIGHTY YEARS OLD

Relatives of Austria's Aged Ruler Celebrate His Birthday in Little Town of Ischl.

Ischl, Upper Austria, Aug. 18.—Francis Joseph, the emperor-king of Austria-Hungary, is eighty years old today, and all the country is celebrating, while here in this little town scores of the members of the house of Hapsburg are assembled to do honor to the head of the family. Ischl is richly decorated in Alpine fashion with garlands of pine and juniper and all the beautiful mountain flowers, and this evening great bonfires will be lighted on many mountain tops.

So many of the aged ruler's relatives are here that he had to receive them in groups at the imperial villa, where he has been living for more than a month. The first to congratulate the emperor were the members of his immediate family. These included his two daughters, Archduchesses Gisela and Marie Valerie, their husbands and children, Archduchess Elisabeth Marie, the daughter of the late crown prince, with her two children, and the emperor's only surviving brother, Archduke Ludwig Victor. Then came the other family groups in the order of their right to the throne.

At 3 o'clock a grand dinner was given by the emperor to all the adults of the imperial family in the Kursaal. The guests numbered 76, all members of the house of Hapsburg. The children had their own festive table in the villa.

During the day the emperor received messages of congratulation



Emperor Francis Joseph.

from all the rulers of the civilized world and from hundreds of other persons in foreign lands as well as in his own dominions where he is so deeply beloved. He seems to be in robust health and has been taking long walks daily and going on deer hunts whenever the weather permitted.

### FEVER REVEALS BIG STEAL

Discrepancies Found in Accounts of Clerk, Who is Dying Ignorant of Discovery.

New York, Aug. 18.—Adolph Gabriel, confidential clerk for a New York leather company, is dying of typhoid fever in his uptown residence, unconscious of the fact that an examination of his books, made since he became ill, has revealed discrepancies which led a Supreme court justice to issue an attachment against him for \$36,000.

Gabriel had been in the employ of the concern for ten years, and such confidence was reposed in him that no examination of his books had been made in several years.

According to his employers, it was discovered soon after he fell ill that he had filled in several checks for amounts greater than were indicated by the stubs, or by the cash book. An examination followed, and showed, it is alleged, that he had converted the difference to his own use, between September, 1907, and July, 1910—at least \$36,000 being missing.

Most of the money is believed by officers of the leather company to have gone into unsuccessful ventures in Wall street.

### ONE DEAD; AUTO IN CREEK

St. Louis Man Killed and Three Companions Injured When Machine Strikes a Bridge.

St. Louis, Aug. 18.—Charles G. Morris was killed when an automobile in which he was a passenger missed the approach of a small bridge in St. Louis, turned over and fell into the creek beneath. Three of his companions, badly injured, are in a hospital. Morris was found under the machine. His head struck a log.