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Current Thought.

THE BURSTING BUBBLE

During prosperity wheels of business dominate the public's mind. Temptation to earn higher wages cannot be restrained, even at the expense of utilizing time ordinarily reserved for rest and relaxation. People become money-minded and are ruled by the almighty dollar.

Overtime, bonus, piece work—familiar words—that echo today's business reversals. Expensive automobiles, luxurious homes, expensive apartments, the urge to play the stock market, keeping up with the Smiths' era, all contributed to good times. When overproduction of manufactured products was running at its peak, people, as a general rule, cultivated friends, for the greater part, to satisfy selfish ends, and not for the sake of companionship and sociability. Too much stress was placed upon that or this friend's connection that might help them to reach a higher pedestal in the business world.

The frugal type of person saved most of his wages and deposited them at the bank, while the easy-go-lucky kind always spent more than his monthly stipend. Very little time and money was left for other things in life conducive to real happiness and contentment.

But alas! the bubble of prosperity burst and left in its trace empty hopes. Failure of banks caused many to lose their savings, and foreclosure of mortgages caused sorrow and grief to many home owners. Unemployment stamped its unwelcome entrance.

Fate was cruel. But ever since history recorded facts the cycle of hard times followed the cycle of good times. And only after many months of bitter disappointments did people face the grim realization that success in the material world was of short duration.

DRIFT BACK TO THE LODGE

Failure to find jobs, and failure to replenish what was lost in a short time made many people disgusted with fortune building. Their attention reverted to things nature had intended them to follow—living a simple life.

And as castle after castle of dreams shattered, members of fraternal organizations looked up to the lodge with great and profound respect. For the lodge is not concerned with individual success in the material world. The lodge is related to individuals—human beings, who are united to promote a common cause—to help our brothers and sisters in time of need.

Moreover, the lodge work distracted attention of many members from their losses, and made them realize that real friendship is more important than accumulation of money.

Hence, the drift to the lodge room. According to fraternal statistics, lodges have been showing an increased attendance at the meetings and increased interest in the fraternal work. The inner desire to mingle with men and women, boys and girls, on a basis of mutual companionship, and not a desire to promote individual interests (since no jobs could be found), has given many forlorn men and women new hope.

At the present time lodges are confronted with counteracting damage made to our brothers and sisters by business reversals. How successful will we continue to be in this phase of duty?

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

Will our brothers and sisters profit from experience? Many will not. Once the whirlpool of business tribulations shall be forgot.

It is so hard to comprehend why human beings devote almost their entire life seeking the elusive Aladdin lamp, and sacrificing health, happiness and other factors that go to make a contented and happy life.

Accumulation of wealth appears all the more absurd when one realizes that a span of life comprises an average number of years. One hundred years from today only a few now living will be remembered. Why shorten this average number of years with unnecessary worries?

Human nature is hard to explain.

Were we to live in an ideal world, heartaches, sorrows and troubles would be eradicated. Peace, happiness and contentment would prevail.

How Rubber Was First Used

Down in Brazil, several hundred miles up the Amazon river, there stood a great forest of trees, and in this forest were birds and animals—bees, bugs and beetles, etc. All these are protected by nature; they are protected from bugs by their leaves, by other means, and as soon as the beetle gnawed into the tree, this juice would fill up the hole the

beetle had made, and the tree would go on growing as before.

In those days the natives around these forests (who were half Indian and half Negro) happened to find some of this juice sticking on the tree. They cut it off, rolled it together and made a ball, with which they would play games. The first mention of it was made by Herrera in his account of the second voyage of Columbus, wherein he speaks of a ball used by Indians, made from the gum of a tree which was lighter and bounced better than the far-famed balls of Castile.

The way they gather this rubber is very interesting. When it comes from the tree it is nothing but a milky juice. The natives of South America soon discovered that the white man was willing to pay them beads and other trinkets for chunks of this rubber, so they became active in gathering it.

School-Day Memories

Pittsburgh, Pa.—After spending two years at St. Vincent's College Prep. at Latrobe, Pa., I entered Duquesne University Prep. School of Pittsburgh, where I met many new friends. After a few weeks had passed the subjects became familiar and the system of schoolwork became a routine. A new social event known as the "Duke Prep Dance" was held. The last social activity was the class play, "My Uncle From India," held by the senior class in the campus theater. Thus came to a close my first year at Duquesne; another milestone was passed and the Class of '32 had become a friendly, active body.

The fourth and last year began on Sept. 5, 1931. This year the class were seniors; they felt a just pride in their standing and accredited themselves favorably. Since it was the last year in high school, many of the students wished to make up for the activities they had missed in the past three years. The senior class made itself conspicuous by its presence in all sports. The end of each quarter was marked by a new feature—the parent-teacher meetings. Then came the senior prom at Schenley Hotel and then graduation day! The seniors felt proud of all they had accomplished—four years of work were rewarded.

The day passes—the Class of 1932 becomes a memory. The Class of 1932 will always remember their pleasant sojourn at Duquesne while preparing for the Battle of Life.

John J. Balkovec Jr.,
No. 26, SSCU.

Slovene Band to Broadcast From Station KQV June 20, at 9:30 P. M.

Comments on Programs Urgently Solicited

Presto, Pa.—The Thomas Run Slovene Band of Presto, under the capable direction of Stephen Rice, will bring one-half hour of radio entertainment on Station KQV in Pittsburgh, beginning with Monday, June 20, at 9:30 p. m., daylight saving time. The band certainly will appreciate any comments or requests for their programs, because you, as the listening audience, are the ones that will keep the band on the air. Just drop a card or a letter to KQV, Investment Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

We sincerely hope that Slovenes will tune their radios next Monday evening, June 20, at 9:30 p. m., and listen to those old-time marches, polkas and waltzes.

Ferdin B. Demsher,
No. 4, SSCU.

OMISSION

Among the letters of congratulations sent to George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, Cleveland, O., on their pep night meeting held June 3, was the one from Pathfinders Lodge, No. 222, SSCU, of Gowanda, N. Y., which was inadvertently omitted in the write-up of last week's issue. Many members called the writer's attention to the slip, for which the scribe is thankful.

Truly Ancient Coins

In a dispute in New Zealand as to the oldest coin in the country, one man produced a Roman Gordian 1 of about 240 A. D. and another a Julius Caesar, 102-44 B. C. and a Constantine, 279-337 A. D.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

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Anton Vessel, 819 W. Birch, Chisholm, Minn.

Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIEFS

A pleasant surprise. Jack Grahek, graduating from Ely (Minn.) Junior College, received the American Legion award for scholarship and athletics at the commencement held recently. No intimation as to who will receive the award is given until the evening of graduation exercises, a feature of the Legion method of presentation. The award is made after a study of the students for a period of time.

Burglars beware. While alighting from his automobile after a drive home to Cleveland from Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Frank Oglar, Slovene merchant and member of Lodge No. 173, SSCU, was told to "stick 'em up" by a bandit, who pointed a revolver at him. To which request Oglar complied, and then, under a pretense of reaching for his pocketbook, he let his fist wander into the burglar's nose for one of those snappy "haymakers" that come flying through in a fraction of a second. The sudden impact dropped the would-be bandit to the ground, causing him to drop his automatic revolver. Oglar lost no time in recovering the pistol, but found it minus any bullets. In his hurry to get away, the bandit dropped a letter, through which the police traced the man.

In a futile attempt to save his friend, John Platek, 14, caught while swimming in a strong undertow, John Kovach, 12, lost his life when he plunged into the choppy waters of Lake Erie off Edgewater Drive, Lakewood, O. Both of the boys were carried away from shore and disappeared beneath the foaming surface of the water. Joseph Urbanuk, 14, was almost the third victim as he tried to save his two companions, as the strong undercurrent tripped him into the water. However, help given him by other boys near by saved Urbanuk's life.

Fire completely destroyed the dwelling of Mrs. Matt Pouchnik in Mesaba Mountain township, near Eveleth, Minn. The entire home and its contents were burned to the ground, while the adjacent barns and sheds were saved from the flames by the quick work of local firemen. Fire was caused by a defective stove pipe that fell into the wood box at the Pouchnik home.

Louis J. Kirn, Slovene of Milwaukee, Wis., was given the highest honor at the graduation exercises of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., held Thursday, June 9, when he was chosen to command the graduating officers. Mirko Pavlic, another Slovene, of Rittman, O., also received his diploma and became an officer in the U. S. Navy. (Cleveland Journal.)

INDIAN SHORTS

Regular Monthly Meeting to Be Held Thursday, June 16

Chicago, Ill.—Regular monthly lodge meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, commencing at 8 p. m. sharp, at our regular meeting place, 1615 Blue Island Ave. It is important that all members be present. Further plans for the summer will be made. Come one, come all. Bring a new member with you, also your dues, your ticket money, and a few good ideas.

Picture this, and you will readily realize what a strong will power Steve Gatz has. Steve unfortunately is one of the many who is without a job. On Monday morning he left home to go to work on a farm, where his job of cultivating the field started at 5 a. m. and lasted until 5 p. m., after which he left the farm to go home, with good intentions of returning the next morning. Tuesday morning came, Steve tried to get up, but somehow his feet would not move for him. There he was, standing by the bed, intent on going to work, but physically unable. To make a long story short, Steve went back to bed again, it being the logical thing for him to do.

Secretary of the Indian Lodge has moved, and his new address is 1316 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill.

Leo Moore,
Secretary, No. 220, SSCU.

ILLINI STARS

Chicago, Ill.—Illini Stars Lodge, No. 211, SSCU, will hold its next meeting on June 21 at Berger's Hall. It will start promptly at 7:30 p. m., instead of the regular time of 8 p. m., and terminate as soon as all important business has been taken care of.

After the meeting all members will leave in cars for Forest Preserve, where they will hold a wiener and marshmallow roast. There will also be music and pop, and everyone will make merry. All members who wish to have an enjoyable evening should come to this affair. Don't forget the time—meeting commencing promptly at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

I would like to have all members who are back in their assessments to pay what they owe at this coming meeting if possible.

The outcome of the Illini Stars election for delegate and alternate for the coming convention is Richard Zaveritnik, delegate, and Charles Jezek, alternate, both of whom received 26 votes each. Stanley Grum of Comrades, No. 193, and Andrew Spolar of No. 220 received no votes.

Charles Jezek, Sec'y.

TWO POPULAR BOOSTERS WILL BE UNITED

Two popular members of Collinwood Boosters Lodge, No. 188, SSCU, Cleveland, O., will say "I do" on July 2, the date of their wedding. They are Miss Alice Srakar and Mr. Anthony Laurich. Laurich is an ardent supporter of Collinwood Boosters' bowling and baseball teams, having participated in both in the past.

There's a Reason

Nip: "I hear you and Grace are a happy married couple."
Tuck: "Yes, the judge has just promised to give us a divorce."

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT

Notice is hereby given to all subordinate lodges and individual members of the SSCU having any grievances, or desiring to make any complaints against any lodge or individual member of the SSCU, and to all those lodges and individual members desiring to appeal from the decisions of the Supreme Judiciary Committee or the Supreme Board of the SSCU, and to lodges and individual members who wish to petition the Convention for special aid, or for modification of any ruling by the Supreme Board, to file all such complaints, appeals, petitions and applications in the Office of the Supreme Secretary of the SSCU at Ely, Minnesota, not later than July 15, 1932.

All such complaints, appeals, petitions and applications should be submitted to the Supreme Secretary in writing, and the signature of the complainant, petitioner or appellant shall be certified to by the seal and signature of the officers of the subordinate lodge.

No complaints, appeals, petitions or applications will be reported to the Convention unless they have been certified to by the local officers and filed with the Supreme Secretary on or before July 15, 1932.

ANTON ZBASNIK,
Supreme Secretary SSCU.

THE MAIL PLANE

Out of the night comes the mail plane,
Into darkness to go once more;
Over low hanging fog, over mountains high,
Following a moonlit shore.

In my dreams I follow the mail plane,
Across deserts, meadows and lea;
Though no longer I can hear the motor,
And the lights I no longer can see.

But in dreaming I follow the mail plane,
Carrying its cargo of joy and tears;
Carrying bits of dreams of yesterday,
To bring back the bygone years.

A letter for a lonely mother,
Who waits beside a country gate;
Oh, hurry in your silvery winging,
That the message won't come too late.

Someone has written forgiveness,
To a heart that has suffered alone;
Someone is asking for a lost friendship,
Someone begs to come home.

Each message is precious to someone,
Though the message bring sorrow or tears;
One message brings happiness, hope and love;
One brings back vanished years.

So, onward, go in your tireless winging,
And though sleet silvers your fling wings,
Go onward, brave pilot, into the darkness,
For the happiness your mail plane brings.

Christine Troya,
Berkeley, Cal.

G. W.'s Mark Another

Cleveland, O.—Saturday, June 11, was another marker of success for the George Washington Lodge by putting over the G. W. baseball social. The social was well visited by the local English-conducted lodges, namely: Spartans, Comrades, S. Y. M. C., Betsy Ross and St. Aloysius. Frank Lenarsic with his enchanting dance music certainly kept the floor occupied.

The social broke up in the wee hours of the morning and a grand and glorious time was had by all.

The G. W. committee wishes to advise the G. W. members that they may look forward to another "Pep Night" to be held sometime in September. Plans for another "Pep Night" are now being made and will be discussed at a special meeting to be held at the St. Clair Bathhouse July 14.

Frank "Samson" Drobnic,
No. 180, SSCU.

First Indian Reservation

An Indian reservation established in 1758, at Indian Mills in Burlington county, New Jersey, is supposed to have been the first such reservation established within the limits of the United States.

Break Even

Cleveland, O.—Zeke & Sons-G. W. team won a game and lost one last week. On Tuesday they trounced the S. Y. M. C. by a score of 8 to 6, in which F. Radel served on the mound as the winning pitcher, allowing but nine hits for six runs.

On Friday the Zeke & Sons-G. W. aggregation was on the short end of a 9 to 2 score. Jarkewitz yielded 16 hits to the Orels, while Jeraj, opposing moundsman, permitted but 8 hits. Betson, G. W. diminutive third baseman, was the first batter to face Jeraj, and for an opener hit the first ball pitched into deep left field for a home run.

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"Lefty" Jaklich,
No. 180, SSCU.

No "Thundering Elephants"

The expression "like a herd of thundering elephants" is not true to real life. Elephants move in most cases almost without sound to man. "He pushes his way noiselessly through the brush, his large head making an opening through the vegetation, which closes again immediately behind the jungle animal," says a traveler.

