

WILL SOMEBODY EXPLAIN?

Will somebody explain why the regular fire whistle in Reynoldsville borough usually waits until the fire company gets to the scene of the conflagration before blowing? If it is due to lack of telephone connections, or to lack of system in sending in alarms, or to carelessness, the members of the fire companies should take measures for its correction. And while they are at it, it would be greatly to their own and the public's advantage to establish a code of signals by which the operator of the whistle could designate at once to the public and firemen the exact section of the town from which the alarm was sent.

THE WAY OF MONEY.

Where does our money go to? As much money has been made in Reynoldsville as in any town of its size in the state and yet, by a rough estimate, there are not over fifty men in the community worth over five thousand dollars each. Collectively we have seven hundred thousand dollars deposited in our banks—but it represents the small earnings of five thousand people who have never been able to make their money work for them. Not that they haven't tried. Reynoldsville cash has flown to Arizona and Alabama, to Mississippi, Missouri, Michigan and Massachusetts, to Idaho and Indiana, to copper mines in Montana and the coffers of shysters in Wall street—not to mention a couple hundred thousand dollars invested nearer home. And for all their risk and trouble ninety-nine per cent of our people have for reward—an immense account in the bank of Experience. The money lost by Reynoldsville investors in the past fifteen years will pass the half million dollar mark, and this does not include large sums in concerns still operating but paying no dividends. We have plunged with the freedom of gamblers; the merchant with his thousand, the laborer who had hoarded a hundred, the widow with even less, threw in their money in the great blind pool called corporation business and waited trustfully for the dividends promised. We are waiting yet and learning to our cost that speculation is not a poor man's game.

PROSPERITY'S RETURN.

Sensation is so necessary in modern journalism that exaggeration enters even into reports of matter-of-fact business reports. Newspaper readers should take with a grain of salt the daily stories of resumption of business on a scale equal to the booming days of 1906. The victory of conservative policies in the recent election gave the signal to resume the progress that had been checked by the money panic of 1907; but it will not and cannot restore at once the activity of long continued prosperity. This is the work of time and will be impeded by the necessary re-organization of enterprises wrecked in the panic last fall. Reynoldsville is a notable example. A growing demand for commodities will have an immediate beneficial effect on the local woolen mills and tannery, but before we can enjoy a return to the flush times of 1906 a year must be spent in training new employes and putting the silk mill in shape for full operation; some one must take over the "steel plant" from the present holding company's hands; the upper brick plant must be bought before a piece of clay can be burned; and thousands must be spent in re-equipping the glass plant before a cent of money can be earned. These are not pleasant things to consider, but they are facts our citizens must face and the quicker they awaken to the true situation and assist in the general re-organization, the better it will be for Reynoldsville business and property interests.

THE ONWARD MARCH.

It would be hard to find a town that has faced the depression of the past year with a braver front than Reynoldsville. In the midst of her wrecked industrial ambition, the town went resolutely forward in making public improvements and at no time has the local Business Men's Association been idle. That the latter organization has not attempted to organize new stock companies for industrial exploitation, as past boards of trade have done, is not due to lack of opportunity but to the conviction that such uninvestigated projects are not for the permanent good of the community and all propositions of the kind have been promptly tabled. The officials have been, and are now, using every effort to interest really meritorious companies in Reynoldsville. In good time their work will bear fruit and when a proposition is accepted the public may rest assured it will be one of proven worth.

Might may not make right, but right usually makes might.

LETTER FROM HAWAII

U. S. A. C. Colorado, Honolulu, Hawaiian Ter., Sunday, October 18, 1908. As no mail steamers have come in since before we arrived, and will not before we leave, I will write again and probably for the last time in this port. We leave with the seven other cruisers on the 22nd for Magdalena, have battle practice, finish about Dec 1st, and take a three and one half months cruise, visiting Panama, Callao, Peru, Galapagos Id., and Coquimbo and Talcahuano in Chile, returning to Magdalena by March 15th, have record target practice and return north, arriving at Frisco about the first of May. I have been ashore since last writing and had a very enjoyable time. I hired a horse, but remembering with pain my last experience in this port on a horse, I obtained a carriage instead of a saddle and traveled in comfort. I was accompanied by Bourbon and our aim was the Nuuanu "Pali". Nuuanu is the name of a valley and Pali is the Hawaiian name for cliff. This Pali is six miles from the city proper and 3210 feet above it and is reached by a fine macadamized road; the valley, as nature designed it came to an abrupt end at the Pali, where is a sheer drop of 1200 feet. In recent years a road has been cut into the cliff and one can continue on to the other side of the island.

On our visit to the Pali we drove out the Nuuanu Valley, past groves of coconuts, bananas, pine apples, sugar cane and many other tropical fruits, past beautiful residences, Japanese and Chinese districts, and finally up in the valley, the superb scenery of cloud wreathed mountains and water falls, jungles, and a fine view of the city. When the Pali is reached one can imagine almost what it is to be up in a balloon if it were not for the fearful breeze coming in from the sea. Below lays a rich fertile valley covered with plantations and farms, beyond the sea rolling in with a thunderous noise of the heavy surf. Of course it was somewhat difficult at times to navigate that horse, but the craft responded to the tiller ropes nobly and aside from grounding on a few shoals and uncharted rocks (we not possessing charts) we made port in fine shape. The engines were heated a trifle, judging from the sweat running from the legs, but after a good rub down and put in dry dock at the livery she was ready to take two more blue jackets to the Pali. Bourbon and I made numerous notes of the Pali and also ransacked all the libraries in town for information on that subject. Bourbon intends to sell an article to some magazine. We are beginning to make ourselves known for the tour of the world we will make later on. For supper we had some "poi." You may think it is pie, but if you can imagine purple cream of wheat, that is what poi looks like; as to its taste it is very unlike anything I ever before tasted. The natives call it "one finger" or "two finger" poi, according to whether a good mouthful is thick enough to stick to one finger or if it takes two. Poi is made of the roots of the Tara, a plant growing like an onion, leaves like a lily and roots like a potato. The roots are beaten into a pulp and cooked and there is poi, the national dish.

The Navy Department is making strong preparations for a large naval base at Pearl Harbor, about eight miles east of here. I believe if there would be fine work it would be at the navy yard, provided the government did not employ cheap Jap, Chinese or Kanaka labor. The climate here is the finest God ever created but unless a white man is sure of his daily bread this is no place for him; too much cheap labor. The people here are fine, just as courteous and kind as can be, and the Pacific fleet loves this port. The whole eight armored cruisers are here now, also the seven destroyers, after the sixteen battleships it is the most powerful fleet in the navy. The people here like the Pacific fleet immensely as is demonstrated by the balls and social entertainments given us.

This afternoon there was an outrigger canoe race between men of the ships of the "Big 4". I have not learned the result. The French cruiser "Catiat" is here from Tahiti, she is small and has the enormous ram customary to the older types of French vessels. It is a matter of conjecture as to the usefulness of a ram in modern warfare. Well I think I will close, hoping to hear from you soon after we arrive in Magdalena.

DUNCAN M. DUNSMORE.

The above letter was written to D. M. Dunsmore, of West Reynoldsville, by his son, who is an electrician on the Colorado.

Wasn't it a shame that the east end Socialists worked so heroically for a ticket that polled less than 600,000 votes in the whole union election day—only four per cent of the total vote.

Show us the man who follows the "lines of least resistance" and we will show you a man who will live and die in a situation of magnificent inconsequence. The man who takes what comes and lives in contentment, who goes not after anything, neither wealth nor pleasure, may be a highly respected citizen—and that's all he ever will be.



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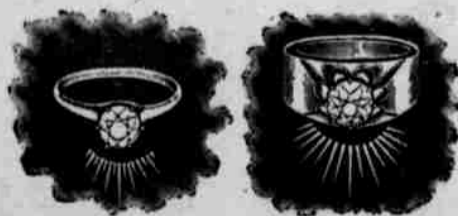
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