

CHARACTER SKETCHES.

NO. 9.

HERE is a man in this town who would be one of its most popular citizens if it were not for his distressing pessimism. He is young, well educated and enjoys good health. He ought to be as happy, if not happier than the majority of men; but he is always miserable. He started out in life with a determination to reach certain goals at specified times, and because he fell, like most of us do, a little short of his expectations, he became sour, and he is now dragging himself along in a discouraged sort of way, with a clouded brow and diseased brain. Things no longer look bright to him, although the earth is just as fresh as ever, and the manifestations of nature have lost none of their beauty, and there are just as many good things in life to be attained and as much enjoyment to be found as before. When other people look to the future and with the eyes of hope see happiness and success and prosperity in store, he shuts his eyes and predicts all manner of evil things. Everything is going wrong, according to his notion. The devil has got politics in his grasp, and there is no longer any honesty or purity of intention in man. Business is in a wretched state and is constantly growing worse. The country is going to the dogs. He never sees any good in anything, and wherever he turns he finds only discouragement.

For every instance you can cite to prove that there is some good in the world, he will bring a dozen proofs that it is irredeemably bad. For every hope you may entertain he has a poultice of discouragement. Apparently his only delight is in being miserable, and he tries his best to make other people miserable.

Pessimism—usually crowds out pure and lofty sentiment, and with the development of this quality there has been with him a corresponding growth of envy. He experiences no pleasure at the success or good fortune of his best friends. On the contrary, he is inclined to become more sour every time he hears of anybody's success.

He has acquired the idea that he only is deserving, that other people merit no reward, and berates providence for rewarding Tom, Dick and Harry while he, who ought to receive so much, gets nothing. He will not admit that the other fellows who achieve success earn it honestly. And he hasn't got ambition enough to pitch in and hack success out of life as most people have to do. He lays back complaining of adversity while opportunity goes trooping by.

This man carries his long face and assertive melancholy around with him, and his presence usually has a depressing effect even on the most hopeful and convivial spirits. He is not a man men like to meet. Just what he is coming to I do not know; but no person who goes through life preaching misery and inveighing against everything can expect to attain marked success. Unless he stops finding fault and begins to look up and work with spirit like other people, his luck as he calls it will continue to grow worse.

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IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.

A well known writer in Washington, D. C., has in course of preparation for THE COURIER a series of articles coming under the general head of "An Ethical View of American Politics," divided as follows:

1. "Origin of Political Parties in the United States."
2. "Localism and Nationalism."
3. "Political Mistakes."
4. "Trend of American Politics."

The above articles will be supplemented by one on "Civil Service," the whole making a most interesting and valuable compendium of political information.

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OUTLOOK FOR NEBRASKA.

THE outlook for the substantial industries of Nebraska is encouraging. The great business of the people of this state is agriculture and stock raising. Our products are necessities. The demand under the present circumstances must increase more rapidly than the supply. The prices of our produce will tend to get better through a period of years. We have a rich soil, a favorable climate and in the greater portion of the state sufficient rainfall to insure either a reasonable or a bounteous return for the farmer's labor. During the past year, on account of the short crops, low prices and extraordinary conditions prevailing in financial affairs, we have experienced trying times; but the people of the state have sustained themselves well under the circumstances. Their obligations have been met with almost usual promptness. The prices of good farming lands have remained firm. With ordinary good crops and better prices which we may reasonably hope for, in a few years the people of this state would be practically independent. Such reverses as we have experienced during the past year have their favorable aspects. They check over confidence, unwise speculation and extravagance; teach industry, frugality and the exercise of judgment. Getting on in the world is largely an individual matter. Success comes to those who work for it intelligently and faithfully. The resources of the state are great, our people intelligent and industrious, and better and more prosperous times are absolutely certain to come. The amount of debt upon the land may seem large, but it averages but little more per acre than the annual rental in countries of the old world of inferior natural resources. The charges for interest and taxes are not large per acre. Gradually but certainly in all the good agricultural portions of the state, the apparently large burden of debt will disappear and the land owners will become what they are in other and older portions of the world—wealthy and independent. Our reverses will only be temporary. A better acquaintance with the resources and conditions of the state which we will obtain as time passes, will enable the people to utilize them to better advantage. Another decade will add materially to our wealth, population and importance and influence as one of the states of this Union of Magnificent Commonwealths.

R. E. MOORE.

A WOODEN HEADED BANK EXAMINER.



It is learned that the movement to secure the removal of Bank Examiner Griffith is still active; but the Griffith "pull," including the influence of jail birds, newspapers and Omaha bankers, is active in his behalf, and the effort to secure the removal of this officer of the law who has brought discredit upon himself and the law he represents is up-hill work. Retribution is sometimes slow. Punishment for the aiders and abettors of Bank Wrecker C. W. Mosher is not being meted out with rapidity but there is good reason to believe that most of the guilty ones will be reached in the end. And Mr. Griffith can hardly hope to escape, although he may defer the fall of the blow. In the meantime he holds his office to the disgrace of Nebraska and the government. He is a magnificent monument to the advantage of a strong political pull.

"AMONG THE BREAKERS" AFTERMATH.

The management of the recent production of "Among the Breakers" in this city, noting the criticism of some over particular persons that real breakers ought to have been provided, point triumphantly to Frank Polk and Sam Low, with the belief that every candid person will admit no better selection could have been made.

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