



The Point of View

That it all depends upon the point of view is illustrated by a little incident that Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska tells. It will be remembered that the last legislature of Nebraska enacted a law requiring all the saloons of the state to close their doors between 8 p. m. and 7 a. m. Despite the pressure brought to bear to induce him to veto the bill Governor Shallenberger signed it.

The governor spoke at a Fourth of July celebration in a northwestern Nebraska city this year, and in the evening he was introduced to a cowboy—a typical reminder of the old days, who wore chaps and had a big "45" strapped about his waist. When the introduction was made the cowboy thrust his hands in his pockets and remarked in a surly tone:

"Well, you're the guy that turns off the booze at 8 o'clock in the evening, are you?"

"No, sir," retorted Governor Shallenberger, "I'm the guy that turns it on at 7 o'clock in the morning."

"Well I never looked at it that way, governor; shake!" exclaimed the cowboy.

And the two shook hands.

Easily Figured

Having in mind promises made us before election we called upon our representative in congress for the purpose of protesting against his advocacy of the new tariff law.

"You told us you were in favor of revision downward," we remarked.

"Quite true," replied Hon. Rupert DeSmudge. "And I desire to call your attention to the fact that while we reduced the tariff on pepper 50 per cent, and the tariff on paprika 75 per cent, we increased the duty on cotton goods and woolen cloth only 25 per cent. A little figuring will convince you that the average of reduction is very much downward."

Not being much of a mathematician we could not make adequate reply on the spur of the moment. Later we happened to think that Hon. Rupert DeSmudge drew \$7,500 a year while we drew \$960, the average being \$4,230, but that still left us considerably short.

However, we didn't think of it until after we had voted to re-elect him.

Language Needed

"Who's the most profane man in this village?" asked the stranger as he registered at the hotel and then wiped the perspiration from his brow.

"That's ol' Bill Morrow," replied the landlord. "What'n th' name o' sense do you want 'ith the most profane man?"

"I merely want him to talk about the weather for a few minutes," replied the overheated traveler. "I've exhausted my vocabulary."

Anniversary Thoughts

"When a man is forty-six and don't care, he doesn't feel his age.

And we known one man who has just cut the forty-sixth notch on his stick whose wants run not in the direction of riches or power.

But he would like to have a barlow knife and the ability to enjoy its ownership as much as he enjoyed the ownership of the first one he ever had.

And he would like to again ex-

perience the delights of wearing a pair of new boots with pretty red tops and bright copper toes.

And he'd like to take just one more "bellyguttin'" slide down the slippery bank of the old swimmin' hole with as little care for the proprieties as he had about four decades ago.

And he'd like to spend one more day snaring suckers in Walnut creek with as little sense of responsibility as he had in the old sucker-snaring days.

And he'd like to have a chance to live over the last thirty-six of those forty-six years.

But he'd rather be forty-six and situated as he is than to be as old as some men he knows who are multi-millionaires and have nothing but dollars.

It isn't years that make a man old.

School Days

Now soon again the bell will ring To call the kids to school, Where they may figure, write and sing

And study many a rule. Vacation time is o'er today— Each boy is full of cares, For gone's another chance to slay The Injuns, wolves and bears.

Grammatical

"I see that the dealers have raised the price of coal again," said Commonly.

"For goodness sake!" shrieked Murray Lindley, who is something of a purist. "For goodness sake do not say 'raised the price;' say increased the price." You and I will have to raise it."

Helped

The man was visiting his old home after the lapse of many years.

"I remember that Bill Smithers went west to grow up with the country. Did he manage to rise in the world by his own unaided efforts?"

"Well, no; Bill riz all right, but he had help. There were more'n a dozen men had holt of the rope."

Different

"Biggerly has been fined for violating the speed laws."

"I didn't think that old auto of his could travel that fast."

"It wasn't that. Biggerly's machine broke down on a busy street and they fined him for blocking traffic."

Maybe

Before you denounce the tariff, think it over. Perhaps the framers made the duty on blankets very high, expecting that the increase would make us so hot we wouldn't need such heavy blankets, thus effecting a saving to us.

Perhaps!

Just Wait

Watching the marching hosts go by on Labor Day, we turned to a gentleman standing by in order to converse with him. There was a peculiar sneer upon his face, which puzzled us.

"This is a proud day for the toilers," we remarked.

"Yes," replied the man who wore the sneer. "It is real amusing to watch them march so proudly, espe-

cially when I contrast them today with what they may be tomorrow."

Naturally we wanted information, and we asked for it.

"It is this way," continued the man. "Today they march as if they owned the earth. Tomorrow a lot of them will appear before me and I will enjoin them from doing several things they are boasting about today. I am a judge on the federal bench, and those marchers had nothing to say about my appointment, and can do nothing to have me removed."

Dangerous

"Jenkins is something of a banquet orator, isn't he?"

"Yes, but he'd make a mighty poor railroad man."

"Why do you say that?"

"He always runs past his signals whenever he gets on his feet to talk."

Brain Leaks

A fit of the blues often makes the victim feel pious.

Love that lasts seldom makes much noise about it.

Man is never alone when in company with a good book.

A Sunday contribution will not atone for a Monday sin.

Money will build a mansion, but it takes love to make it a home.

Yesterday's mistakes are atoned for when we profit by them today.

We get little credit for being good when there is no temptation to do wrong.

When labor votes as it marches the biggest share of its troubles will be over.

A lot of men claim credit for good judgment every time they make a good guess.

Labor Day is a great holiday, but Election Day offers the worker his best opportunity.

A lot of men talk about the golden rule in tones that listen very much like sounding brass.

A lot of church members expect that when they pay the preacher he will be good for all of them.

What a good thing it is for most of us that money is not the only thing that will purchase happiness.

We have an idea that we know a man who would give a thousand miles of railroad for the ability to digest one good, square meal.

SENATOR GORE OF OKLAHOMA

Seldom, if ever before, has a legislative body witnessed so remarkable a feat as that performed by the blind senator from Oklahoma during the recent session of congress. In a rash moment Senator Lodge had cast doubt on some of Senator Gore's statements in regard to the large earnings of certain cotton and woolen mills of New England.

Knowing from personal experience how unscrupulously figures and facts are often cited in a running partisan discussion, the Massachusetts scholar may have felt entirely safe in challenging the statistics given offhand by a man deprived of the use of his own eyes. He misjudged his opponent. Depending solely upon his memory, Senator Gore covered his protectionist critic with confusion by repeating in detail from the report of the bureau of corporations of Senator Lodge's own state the official figures covering the capitalization, surplus, net earnings and dividend rates of a large number of Massachusetts mills. He did the same with fifty cotton and woolen corporations. Probably no public man since Henry Fawcett, who became postmaster general in Gladstone's cabinet in 1880 after having been sightless for twenty-eight years, has possessed so infallible a memory.—New York World.

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