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PLEA FOR GOOD TIMES.

Business Talk for Business Men
WHO ARE MAKING THE WORST OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.

Recently *Press and Printer* published an article by Barnhart Bros. & Spindler that is worth repeating. Here it is: "Hard Times? Come again no more!"

We all sing it, we all hope it, but do we know what hard times are? We sing it while we eat beefsteak at twenty cents a pound, oysters at fifty cents a dozen, and three kinds of bread at the same meal; we shout it while we smoke cigars, two for a quarter; we think it while we stretch our legs on comfortable Brussels carpet, before a blazing grate, with well groomed boys and expensively clad girls around us; we shout it to our neighbors across our smooth lawns, or through our plate glass windows; we groan it as we read our morning and evening papers, our plentiful magazines and our costly libraries; we dream of it on our soft and springy beds, while our coal-fed furnace keeps the whole house warm; we mander about it in our well-equipped offices, shout it through our telephones, ring the changes on it as we send telegrams and take expensive summer outings. We meet in our political, social, literary and business conventions and ring the changes on it while we are spending fortunes with railroads, hotels, restaurants and places of amusement.

And yet, in these days we do not know what hard times are; we think we do, but we do not. The writer knows of a time within his remembrance—and he is no patriarch—when, in one of the richest parts of one of the most favored states of the Union, the whole town of some two thousand inhabitants possessed altogether no over \$300 in money—all exchange was by barter; there was no cash payment because there was nothing to pay with. Among the best and richest families (and there were many who thought themselves well to do) beef steak was a once-a-week visitor; round beef was a luxury; oysters were an unhealthful delicacy; corn bread was the usual, wheat the rare food; the cheapest pipe tobacco the dissipation; cold bed-rooms, scanty wood fires, woolsey and calico were in the house; 6x8 window panes were helped out by hats, old papers and rags; a weekly paper was an extravagance, and served several families. Ten books made a good, fair library; beds were slatted or corded; rag carpets were occasional, ingrain scarce, and Brussels a tradition; the sole vacation was a ride to the annual picnic in the one-horse shay; nobody had time, money or heart for conventions or amusements. We men worked from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. (the aristocrats shortened the time by two hours (and the women worked at all hours).

And yet it is doubtful if there was in those times such a universal spirit of unrest and discontent, such a concert of growling, as to-day.

Is it fair? Can we afford to waste time in bewailing hard times, when times are easy on us, and treat us far better than we deserve?

A manager once said with a chuckle: "The mails have been good to our house to-day; the first brought an order in every letter, and the last one brought a remittance in every letter." We all know (mayhap we are) persons who would have said: "Alas, we have fallen on evil times; the first mail brought no trade."

Let us put aside these ugly tempers of ours; look toward the sun; smile at the shadow; all sunshine makes the desert; it's a pretty world, sehor; enjoy its beauties, let us borrow no trouble, shed light on our neighbors; quit us like men, and times will seem (as they are) good.

Took an Electric Light to Bed.

A Lynchburg drummer nearly caused a serious conflagration at one of the leading hotels at Lexington, Va., the other night. The weather was cold, and he took an incandescent light, which had a long connection to it, in his room, wrapped a bed sheet around it and placed it in the foot of the bed to keep his feet warm. He was awakened some hours afterward by smoke and roasted feet.—The light had set fire to his bed, which was in a full blaze, and was extinguished after much difficulty. The globe to the light had become soft and plastic from the intense heat, and assumed an almost flat shape; it is now exhibited by the hotel man, who was much excited by the almost serious accident. The drummer said he had often done so before, but had never had a like experience.

How to Kill a Newspaper.

The following receipt is offered by a Western paper:
Just let the subscription go. It's only a dollar or two—the publisher don't need it.
If he asks for it, get as mad as you can and stop the paper—you never read it anyhow. Then go and borrow you a neighbor's.
When the reporter comes always be busy, make him feel as if he were intruding. When the advertising and job man comes tell him you don't need to advertise—everybody knows you; that you will try to get along without any printed stationery—it is too expensive; that you must economize.
Never drop in to see the editor unless you want a free complimentary notice or a lengthy obituary for a beloved relative.
Never recommend the paper to anybody. When you do speak of it say "yes, we have a little sheet, but it don't amount to much." Keep it up a year or two and you will have a dead newspaper, a dead set of merchants, and a dead town.

LETTER AND HER ANSWER.

"Would you be kind enough to return my photograph?" she wrote. "I gave it to you in a moment of girlish folly, and I have since had occasion to regret that I was so thoughtless in such matters."

Of course, she pictured that photograph framed and hung up in his room and was inclined to think that he would part with it with deep regret. Just why she wanted it returned is immaterial. Of course he had offered her in some way, but it is unnecessary to inquire how.

The reply to her note came the following day.
"I regret," it read, "that I am unable at this late day to pick out your photograph. However, I send you my entire collection, numbering a little over 600, and would request that you return all except your own by express at my expense."—Chicago Post.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE!

At Newport News Tuesday Morning.
TWO PIERS, A TUG AND THREE VESSELS BURNED.
Valuable property and Other Merchandise Destroyed.

Newport News, Va., was visited Tuesday morning by a terrible conflagration, the fire breaking out at pier 5 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company about 4 o'clock.

Before the flames were gotten under control piers 5 and 6 crowded with valuable merchandise had gone up in smoke. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad tug Wanderer, and the half loaded German bark J. B. Bischoff were burned to the water's edge, and the Norwegian steamship Solveig and the British steamship Clintonia were badly gutted by the flames. The Clintonia had just completed loading a valuable cargo, which is completely destroyed. Several other steamers, which had steam up, were able to get out of harm's way.

It is not positively known that any lives were lost but three sailors from the Bischoff are reported to have been drowned in attempting to escape.

The crew of the tug Wanderer had a narrow escape from a horrible death. Their tug was on fire before they were awakened by the alarm, they being tied up to the pier. The tug immediately tried to make its escape and ran around to the south side of pier 6. Captain Forrest, of the tug, was compelled to run the bow of the tug against the pier in order to allow the crew to escape. E. R. Diggs, a deck-hand; John Diggs, second mate, and a colored man on the tug were terribly burned. Two of the Wanderer's crew jumped overboard and swam ashore.

The Bischoff, Solveig and Clintonia also took fire. Captain Jrite, of the Bischoff, was terribly burned in effecting his escape. The Captain of the Solveig was also injured. Several of the sailors were slightly burned.

In the meantime the flames were making their way toward the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company's grain elevator. Notwithstanding the efforts put forth, the flames spread to the conveyors leading from pier 5 toward the elevator and were burning fiercely. Finally an engine succeeded in jerking the supporters from under the conveyors and they came to the ground with a crash, none too soon to save the elevator.

The loss is estimated at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 partly covered by insurance. The sailing craft Bischoff is said to have been uninsured. Every possible effort to combat the flames was put forth.—The origin of the fire is clothed in obscurity, but a well-defined rumor credits it to spontaneous combustion. Many people, however, believe it to have been the work of an incendiary.

Later reports give the total number injured as eight men.

The fools are not all dead. One of them borrowed a newspaper the other day, and discovered an advertisement headed: "How to Make Pants Last." He sent fifty cents for instructions and in due time received the following: "Make the coat and vest first." At last accounts the simpleton was trying to recover his money by legal process.

NEWEST IN MONEY SWEATING.

Centre skillfully extracted from Twenty-Dollar Gold Pieces.

One of the most puzzled men in town is a Montgomery street restaurant keeper who recently took in a \$20 gold piece which filled all the ordinary requirements of genuineness so far as a superficial test could reveal the true facts. But a few days ago a banker stepped into his place and saw the \$20 piece which the restaurant man had received only a short time before. The banker had a queer look in his eyes as he took the coin and rapped in sharply with his knife, and the restaurant keeper had a stranger expression as he saw his supposed \$20 piece break into two pieces.

"How is this?" he demanded.

The banker answered: "It is the same old gold. I had one of these pieces myself, and since that I have tested gold pieces of the \$20 denomination very carefully. If that had been genuine my test would not have broken it."

Then the restaurant keeper and the banker carefully examined it together. The outside of the gold piece was all right seemingly, when the disassembled parts were placed together. The milling seemed to be up to the standard. The weight was correct.

But the inside of the piece was half filled with a composition which was not the customary gold and alloy. Still closer examination revealed that the gold had been sawed through with exquisite care and skill just into was made to take the place inside of the milling. Then the milling had been removed and from the interior of the piece some of the gold had been extracted and the baser composition of the more precious metal. Then, with equal deftness and skill the milling had been replaced and soldered in some way, and the trick was done.—San Francisco Call.

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Captain Burruss had offers of assistance from banks and bankers both at home and abroad, notably an offer of \$60,000 from a Richmond bank, all of which he declined, because he could not see in the present conditions that temporary assistance would avail under the circumstances.

The liabilities of N. Burruss, doing business both as Burruss Son & Co. and as an individual, are about \$340,000. To secure this amount the assets believed to be available will realize about \$400,000, while the nominal assets may reach a very much larger sum. The assets consist largely of real estate, the majority of which is of a very improved character.

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FORTY PERSONS KILLED.

By Hailstones Weighed Three Pounds.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mex., April 28.—The Rio Verde Valley in this State has been visited by a terrific hail storm, which not only ruined the growing crops but caused great loss of life. Reports have been received here of the killing of 41 persons by hailstones. Some of the hailstones weighed over three pounds.

Lady Shopper—I want to get something suitable for a boy of ten years.
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