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### SEVEN DOLLARS WORTH OF SALVE.

The "majesty of the law" is one of those apocryphal things that must always be maintained. It does not matter what else suffers, the law must not get its majesty chafed. In Portland, a case coming finally before Police Judge Stevenson, illustrates vividly how tender the Goddess of Justice is about her majesty.

"Scrubby," a little black and white bull pup belonging to 13-year-old Madge Schnitzel, of 20 Northrup street, ran away from home, was gathered up by the dog-catcher and taken to the pound. The little girl had sought diligently and tearfully for her pet, but in vain. He had fallen into decidedly bad company and was in the city dog pound. He was not muzzled, nor had his little mistress paid the big city of Portland for the privilege of owning him. You see, in Portland it is wrong to own a dog unless you pay the city for the privilege of doing that wrong. That makes the wrong right. After a search of two days, Madge found her doggie, and learned he was sentenced to die at four o'clock that night. That is, he was to die unless the great city of Portland was paid \$7.00 for consenting to let him live. Madge did not have seven dollars, but she broke open her bank and with its little hoard of 400 pennies, tightly held lest they should get away and leave poor "Scrubby" to face death, she made her way to the police court where a newspaper reporter, being attracted by her forlorn appearance, inquired into her trouble, and learning it, called Judge Stevenson into consultation as to what could be done. The judge decided that he could not do anything. The majesty of the law must be vindicated and nothing short of seven dollars would appease the appetite of the blind goddess for coin. Other city officials were appealed to, and all were sympathetic, but there was the outraged majesty of the law in the way and nothing could be done. Portland needed the money, perhaps, but if she didn't, there was the law with its majesty hanging out waiting to be vindicated. A hat was passed around and bystanders contributed \$3.35, enough with Madge's pennies to pay the city of Portland for its permission for the girl to keep her pet, and also to vindicate the majesty of the law. As there was 35 cents left from the insatiate maw of the vindicated one, Madge bought 25 cents worth of candy and treated her friends. Her 400 pennies had gone into the city treasury—gone beyond even a Portland recall—but she was happy and had her pet, while the city had only her money. Judge Stevenson could have paroled a criminal, but he could not parole a dog whose only offense was in being a dog. However, the majesty of the law had been violated in the sum of seven dollars and it had to be vindicated from a little child's pitiful savings. Let us sincerely hope the great city of Portland, which winked at the violation of the statutes on receipt of seven dollars, may be saved from ultimate bankruptcy by the child's contribution and that the majesty of the law may have no more such wrenches.

### THE CITY MANAGER PLAN.

The people are just now considering a new charter, in which is embodied, we understand, the city manager plan. Regarding this method of handling city affairs, a Portland paper cites the experience of Dayton, Ohio, as follows:

As the chief example of the things that are done under the city manager plan of city government, Dayton, Ohio, is just now attracting more attention than any other city of its size in the country. The current city deficit has been reduced \$125,000; there has been more prompt payment of contractors for public works; a bridge has been built for \$12,000 less than the appropriation; the infant death rate of the city has been cut to one-half that shown for the corresponding month for the three previous years; a storm sewer has been built for less than two-thirds the amount appropriated for that purpose; all bills have been discounted in the purchasing department, saving the city 2 per cent on the cost of its material and supplies, something never before realized.

A carefully prepared review of the proposed new city charter for Salem is printed in today's Capital Journal.

From the surprise given the Athletics by the Boston Braves in beating the supposed invincibles "four straight," it is evident the Philadelphians "do not know beans."

The people of the City of Brotherly Love know now how Mudville felt when the mighty Casey struck out.

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### CENSORSHIP OF NEWS.

The censorship of news from the seat of war in Europe is not only foolish but absolutely harmful. The dispatches show that every movement made by any of the parties is known at once through the aviation fleet, so there is no danger to either side from the publication of the movements of the armies. On the other hand, the suppression of the facts causes all sorts of rumors to gain publicity and these may do infinite harm. Above all is the principle that the people of the warring countries are entitled to know the truth about the war, and the outside world is also entitled to know the real facts as they occur. Another foolish proposition is the fear of spies. It is safe to say each country knows everything about the other's defenses any spy could tell them, and has had this information laid away for an indefinite period. Lying about the war and claiming victories unless they are victories is not going to make those victories materialize, and when the truth finally comes out and it is found that these alleged victories had no foundation other than the imagination of the censor or military authority sending them out, the world at large will have as poor an opinion of that side's regard for the truth as it will also have for their military prowess, that achieved victories only on paper.

This war correspondent job is not one to be eagerly sought. If the correspondent tells the truth, the censors make a lie of it before they allow it to be sent out; if he lies so as to get by the censor with a little of the truth, his boss roasts him and the paper's readers condemn him; if he writes nothing, he starves to death, and if he goes to the front in search of real news, he is liable to be shot as a spy, and the industrial accident commission has no record of him, or any money for him. On top of it all, he is liable to lose his standing in the Ananias club.

Now some of the "militarists" at Washington are claiming the American battleships are unseaworthy, poorly armored and indifferently equipped. Outside of this and perhaps a few other trifling defects, they are probably all right.

How small Von Kluk seems by the side of Gowdy, and what small fry is Kitchener compared to Evers. And on top of all, how childish the so-called "Great Battle" appears alongside the four days fight for the world's championship.

It is reported that General Funston is to remain in charge at Vera Cruz until there is a stable government and permanent peace in Mexico. There is no immediate danger of the general joining the army of the unemployed.

The Oregonian seems to be running Mr. Booth's campaign on the theory that any shortcomings of Senator Chamberlain are a credit to his opponent. In other words, it is running Mr. Booth on the demerits of his opponent.

Senator LaFollette is not to be tempted into running for governor. He goes on the principle that it is "better to endure the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of," especially when the flying is not extra good.

Anyway, President Wilson can get another chance at the war situation before long, as it will soon be time for the Thanksgiving proclamation to get ripe.

### THE ROUND-UP

Eastern Oregon counties will have a meeting soon to perfect arrangements for making a display of eastern Oregon products at the Panama exposition next year. The intention is to make one big display showing the products of the entire eastern section.

John G. Tipton, who crossed the plains in 1855, died at Roseburg Saturday, aged 73.

October 29, "Apple Day" in Portland is to be made a lively one. The "Muts" have taken hold of it and say they will distribute 10,000 apples among the poor on that day.

John Houseman Riddle, a pioneer of 1851 and aged 70 years, died at his home in Riddle, Sunday, October 11. He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1844, and came with his parents across the plains to Oregon, settling in the neighborhood of what is now the town of Riddle. He was president of the Riddle state bank, which he organized. He was also mayor of the city.

Politics, prohibition and about everything else is being sidetracked in Malheur county and there is no talk about anything except the county seat fight. Vale is the present county seat and an effort is being made to have Ontario made the seat of county government instead, the claim being made that it is nearer the center of the county and of population.

The Harriehurg potato carnival opens Wednesday and will show the wild-eyed spud in all its pristine beauty until Friday night. It is the "Fourth Annual Potato Show."

The Gervais postoffice has been advanced to the third class.

The Baker board of education has decided to employ a transient officer this year.

"The auto street cars," says the Pendleton East Oregonian, "will be a particularly good convenience when the weather is bad. The enterprise should succeed and merit all the support that

### The Pilgrimage

Life is a weary road to travel, and hard upon the feet, if we are bound to snarl and cavil at every one we meet.

We ought to bow to strangers passing, and not knock off their tiles, for they will answer us with snoring, or give us smiles for smiles. If you are quarrelsome and scrappy, nor prone to gain a friend, you'll find the pilgrimage unhappy and dismal to the end. If you wear a smile that's winning, a smile eight inches deep, some other chap who's on your grinning, will straightway cease to weep. A smile like yours or mine's contagious; folks seeing it will say, "This life can't be so blamed outrageous, if pilgrims smile that way!" A scowl, also, is just as catching; afar its influence goes; folks seeing it will soon be hatching another brood of woes. This life's a tune that's full of jangles, a discord, lame and lilt, if we go seeking rows and wrangles, and keep on finding fault. But it's an anthem, grand, inspiring, sweet as the angels' song, if we go down the road inquiring who we can help along.

Lebanon Express: Nature has on display in this vicinity just now many beautiful specimens of her handiwork. The apple orchards are splendid with fruit ready for the harvest, and along the roadside the brilliant red of the rose tips give the needed touch of color to the landscape.

The water company at Heppner is taking steps to furnish better fire protection, especially to railway and warehouse property. "Much of the wealth of the community at the present time," says the Herald, "is found along the tracks in the shape of wheat and wool and this has never been protected as it should have been."

### BOOTH DECLARES FOR PROHIBITION

(Eugene Daily Guard.)  
 R. A. Booth, republican candidate for United States senator, took a positive stand upon prohibition last night, at the request of the women of Eugene, when he declared himself for all time in favor of national prohibition.

At the close of his address in the court house, Mrs. W. W. Calkins, wife of Lane county's ex-senator, arose, declared that she as a friend, knew his personal position on temperance, but asked that he state his position to the public.

"May I say to you, Mrs. Calkins, that I do know where I stand upon that question. I won't refer to my own life; I won't refer to the many battles over it which I have been in; and I will not refer to the contributions which I have made to that cause, or you all know about this.

"When the prohibition nominating committee met about May 1, it sent me a letter, stating that many would be my friends if I would enlist in this cause, and asking me to become the prohibition candidate for United States senator.

"I replied that I was a candidate of the republican party, set forth to maintain its principles, but that after my nomination by that party that I would be pleased to receive the endorsement of the prohibition party.

"But irrespective of the action of any party, I have always stood, and always shall stand for national prohibition."

### ONE ON JOSH DEVORE.

Josh Devore, pinch hitter of the Boston Braves, who is a veteran of two world's series, recently undertook to sell his teammates some of the vulnerable points of the Athletics as he observed them in 1911. Just as Josh was on in full swing Ted Cather interrupted with the remark, "Say, is this old bird, Eddie Plank, so much of a pitcher?"

Devore's lecture came to an abrupt end. The former Giant turned and walked from the room without saying a word.

"What's the matter with him?" asked Cather. "I didn't say anything, did I?"

"Look in the guide book for the score of the game played on October 10, of the 1911 series," advised Johnny Evers. Cather did, and now he knows why Josh was angry, for he read: "Struck out by Plank—Devore (4)."

A man may have a lot of sense, but the chances are he will not display any of it when he gets into an argument with a pretty woman.

### DON'T GIVE UP

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### SUFFRAGIST LEADER FOR CHAMBERLAIN

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Suffrage association, and one of the most noted women in the United States, in a letter to Senator George E. Chamberlain, expresses her deep distress over the course being pursued by the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage, which has sent Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs into Oregon to attack Senator Chamberlain, a staunch supporter of equal suffrage, on the mere ground that he is a Democrat.

Dr. Shaw says that the noble women who first championed the cause of equal suffrage "would denounce the action of the union as political treason and moral crime."

Dr. Shaw's letter to Senator Chamberlain, written while she was in Nevada recently, is as follows:

"Goldfield, Nev., Oct. 8.—Honorable George E. Chamberlain, Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.—My Dear Senator Chamberlain: It is impossible for me to express the deep distress felt by the National Suffrage Association when we learned that the Congressional Union had decided to carry out their ill advised threat to enter the enfranchised states with the purpose of trying to defeat Democratic senators simply because they are Democrats' regardless of the fact that they have been persistent and consistent supporters of the suffrage movement for years. This form of suffrage activity, based upon the mischievous militancy of a portion of the English suffragists, can but produce the same result in this country which it has in England, and that is to delay the triumph of woman suffrage. More than all the efforts of our opponents it will postpone our final success, so that even on the basis of policy it is self destructive.

Injustice is felt.

"That, however, is not primarily the cause of our present distress. We feel deeply the injustice of their ingratitude, when we recall what you and other Democrats have done for our cause; how you championed it when you had everything to lose and nothing to gain by your support.

"We are oppressed by a sense of deep humiliation and shame that any woman, even in the hope of a temporary advantage, should so injure a cause championed by such women as Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, noble and loyal women, all, who, were they here, would denounce the action of the union as political treason and a moral crime.

"Our own hope rests in our faith in the good sense of the women of Oregon that they will repudiate the attempt of the union and of its agents to defeat friends of suffrage, and that they will give unqualified support to me like yourself, whether Democrats or Republicans, who have so loyally championed the cause of woman suffrage during all the hard and difficult years. The real suffragists of the nation will rejoice in your return to the United States senate to continue your efforts in our behalf, which we consider the cause of a true democracy.

"With sincere wishes for the success of your candidacy, I am, cordially yours, ANNA H. SHAW.

"President National Suffrage Association."

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