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THE RIGHT TO SPANK.

A Cleveland man has been sued for divorce because he spanked his 16-year-old step-daughter. It is contended that a girl of 16, large for her age, is too big to be spanked.

Well, theoretically, a child is spanked for its own good; then surely the guiding and sustaining hand should not be withheld from a spankable girl at 16 any more than the younger one.

It is harder to wean a child from the spanking habit than from its mother's milk. Once it becomes accustomed to judge right and wrong only with reference to a spanking, that standard must be continued, else the child is left helpless, like a ship without a rudder.

Dog breeders know very well that to cow a puppy is to ruin him. He can never after be fully trusted either in his courage or his gentleness. Dog breeders know this because it is their business. It means dollars and cents to them, and they give it careful thought.

Unfortunately, nobody makes a business of studying children with the same profit-inspired care with which dog breeders study pups.

The dog breeder in a fit of anger may feel tempted to thrash a puppy, but when he reflects that the thrashing would take several dollars off of his value he refrains. Unfortunately most parents do not estimate the value of their children as carefully. The angry impulse has no restraint so far as the child is concerned. Care is usually taken that no scars be inflicted upon the child's face, but no care is given for the scars laid deep in the little one's soul.

Possibly, if children were raised for sale, they might be given more sane consideration and spared much injury.

THE OREGONIAN'S CONSENT.

The Oregonian of the second of January has a diatribe against Allen Eaton because he ventures to be a candidate for speakership against Ben Selling. The article is copious in vituperation, and calls Mr. Eaton an ally and a lackey and a beneficiary of Governor West, a broker in favors, a log-roller in legislation, a solicitor of patronage. But these statements are so notoriously and manifestly untrue, as applied to Mr. Eaton, that they may be treated and will be treated as only the expression of ill temper.

But psychologists tell us that no man can express himself at any length without using some word or phrase that divulges his inner mind. This editorial is an illustration. It states "no ally or lackey or beneficiary of Governor West will be thus honored by a Republican legislature with the Oregonian's consent." The word "consent" expresses volumes. The inner attitude of mind of its editor is disclosed. He thinks in his intimate thoughts that the Republican legislature should not do anything without his consent. But the legislature will probably have a different notion. One of the important lessons due in this contest is a demonstration that the state and its people are not to be governed from the Oregonian tower; and it is not true that, as the Oregonian contends, Mr. Eaton's contest involves any opposition of the country to the true interests of their metropolis. What Mr. Eaton stands for is opposition to the dictation of the Oregonian and the handfull of special interests which it represents. The people are not going to revive, under another form, its system of boss dictation.

The Oregonian will never be happy until it has several buckets of gore in its editorial rooms. Its cartoon Saturday indicates it thinks the proper course with England is to send a fleet over from this side to back up America's protest, before England has a chance to reply to it. It never misses an opportunity, in fact creates them on all occasions to insult the president as well as Secretary Bryan and the American people.

Too bad, just when it was hoped the foot and mouth disease was fairly stamped out Roosevelt develops another virulent case of it, which so far has not attacked his feet.

Now comes ex-President Taft and says Japan does not want the Philippines. This will be a hard jolt to Hobson and Son-in-law Gardner.

In a page story in the Oregonian annual about the North Bank railroad the statement is made in display type: "It is an axiom of business that the country is always prosperous when the railroads of the United States are active." The statement is undoubtedly true, but the writer puts the cart before the horse and tries to convey the impression that the activity of the railroads is the cause of the country's prosperity, when as a matter of fact the reverse is true. The country is not prosperous because the railroads are active, but the railroads are active because the country is prosperous. The writer transposes cause and effect.

Portland's morning daily, smarting under the attacks made on it by Mr. Eaton, says: "The Oregonian is moved to state a few plain facts about this business—not that Eaton in himself amounts to much, but the methods he pursues and the interests he represents amount to a great deal; and, besides, the truth ought to be known." It then proceeds to roast Mr. Eaton. The real interesting thing about the matter is the charming naivete of the confession in the last statement where the fact that "the truth ought to be known" is stated as a minor matter.

A writer in the Oregonian annual, which, by the way, is an unusually good number of that always good resume of Oregon's history, says there are 28,000 wage earners employed in the lumber industries and that they constitute 64 per cent of the wage earners of the state. According to this there are but 43,700 wage earners in the state, or one to each 20 of population. The number is far below the fact, unless there is some distinction made as to wage earners that places all who are not working at hard manual labor out of the class. Clerks, stenographers and even newspaper employes are wage earners—sometimes.

Arizona celebrated the elimination of booze New Year's eve by eliminating large quantities of it. Oregon, which generally leads, is a year behind her arid sister state, but when the time comes to celebrate the passing of John Barleycorn, deceased, she will arrange some stunts of her own that will make Portland look like a Nevada mining camp in the early sixties.

How about that "never again"? Have you smoked it yet, or are you still debating as to when you will finally conclude that "tobacco used moderately does no harm"?

The attempt to hold a peace convention in Mexico City Friday failed because "many of the delegates were on the firing line."

THELEN HEADS R. R. COMMISSION

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Max Thelen, member of the state railroad commission, was elected president of that body today, succeeding John M. Eshelman, who was elected lieutenant governor of the state at the November election.

Douglas Bookman, formerly assistant attorney general for the commission, was elected to fill the position of attorney, left vacant by Thelen's election to the presidency.

HANGED HIMSELF IN A GARAGE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Fred Primo, 55, a cigar dealer, who came here recently from Cleveland, Ohio, was found dead today in his garage. He had hanged himself from a rafter. His wife was unable to tell the cause of his act.

GENERAL WOTHERSPOON NAMED TO FINISH BIG CANAL IN NEW YORK



GEN. W. W. WOTHERSPOON. PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

General W. W. Wotherspoon, recent chief of staff of the United States army, has been appointed state superintendent of works by Charles S. Whitman, who becomes governor of New York on January 1, 1915. General Wotherspoon was named for the specific purpose of supervising the finishing of the costly state barge canal. This canal was originally estimated to cost \$110,000,000. It has already cost more than that and will likely represent a total of over \$130,000,000 before it is completed. The project is an important one, and an army man was chosen to hurry the great work to a successful conclusion.

Always Busy

I called on James Augustus Jinks, a carpenter of fame, to make a pair of kitchen sinks, and mend a quilting frame. "I cannot come right now," he said, "your little chores to do; I have so blamed much work ahead, the end is not in view. My time for weeks ahead is filled, I'm wanted everywhere; I have all sorts of shingles to build, and others to repair." A hundred workmen in the town are saying they say they chase all chances down, and cannot earn a cent. And if perchance one gets a job, he works not with his might, but talks of how no employers rob the poor man, left and right. If he is chopping down a tree, his strokes are soft and slow; he fears to make a noise lest he won't hear the whistle blow. He does as little as he can throughout his working day, but he's an energetic man when called for his pay. I don't believe that any gent who works with might and main, intent on earning every cent, has reason to complain. The world will hunt him to his lair to hire his skill and vim; he doesn't seek work in despair, for work is seeking him.

TWO NEW COUNTY OFFICERS INSTALLED

Mrs. Mildred R. Brooks New County Recorder, N. G. Drager New County Treasurer.

Only two new county officers took their offices this morning as the result of the November elections. Mrs. Mildred R. Brooks became county recorder, and N. G. Drager took up the duties of county treasurer. Joseph E. Moore stepped out of the county treasurer's office after six and one half years in this capacity, and A. Eugene Aufrane, was succeeded by Mrs. Brooks. Mrs. Aufrane who has been serving as chief deputy recorder is succeeded by P. L. Macfarber, of Silverton. C. J. Hixcox and Miss Helen Savage will remain in the office as clerks.

W. W. ROCKHILL DEAD IN HONOLULU; FAMED AS AMERICAN DIPLOMAT



W. W. ROCKHILL

Honolulu, Dec. 29.—William W. Rockhill, former minister to China and ambassador to Russia and Turkey, died here suddenly. Mr. Rockhill, who was en route to Peking with Mrs. Rockhill to take up his duties as the newly appointed advisor to President Yuan Shih Kai, left the liner Chiya Maru, on which he had booked through passage to Japan, because of a severe cold he had taken since sailing from San Francisco. He was removed to a hospital. Symptoms of cardiac weakness developed, and he sank rapidly. When he left San Francisco he seemed in normal health. Commodore Dennis H. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, and Governor Lucius E. Pinkham took charge of the funeral.

LISTEN! THE JAM OF NAWANAGER IS GOING TO FIGHT FOR ENGLAND



THE JAM OF NAWANAGER

My, my! The Jam of Nawanager is going to the front to fight the Germans. Didn't you know it? Well, he is. What, you don't know who the Jam is? Mercy! Listen and you shall hear. The Jam of Nawanager is no less a personage than his highness Kumar Shri Rajjitsinhji. Now, what do you think of that? Seriously, this famous Indian prince, whose official title is Maharaja Jam Sahib of Nawanager—affectionately shortened by the English to the Jam of Nawanager—rules over a territory in India of some 4000 square miles, with a population of 350,000. The prince is very popular in England. He completed his education at Trinity college, Cambridge, made his first appearance for Sussex County Cricket club in 1895, and was champion batsman for All England in 1896 and 1899, scoring 2750 runs with an average of 59.91, and he went to Australia with Stoddart's All England eleven in 1897-8. He is a fine all round sportsman, his recreations including shooting, tennis, rackets, cycling and pig sticking as well as cricket. He has just been accepted for active service at the front.

RAY HORTON DIES

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—G. Ray Horton, 39, former chief deputy district attorney of Los Angeles county, and widely known in California legal circles, died today of infection following a dental operation.

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GERMAN ADVANCE IS HALTED UNTIL COLD WEATHER SETS IN

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military organization Marshal Von Hindenburg has created.

His strategy, backed by the wonderful work of his chief aides, Generals Mackensen, Litzman, Hans, Vondelov and others, has forced the Russian steam roller back, with heavy losses, until the swamps before Warsaw have been reached.

Here the Slavs have entrenched in great strength three separate positions, one behind the other, flanked by the swamps.

The question which confronts Marshal Van Hindenburg is whether he should undertake to break the enemy's line, or, through a general flanking movement from the southward, seek to force a Russian abandonment of Warsaw.

If the swamps freeze, so that transport movements are possible, the Germans are certain of carrying out this latter plan.

Otherwise a ceaseless bombardment of the Slavs' front will be continued. The trenches are frightfully boggy, the men sometimes sinking up to their thighs in the mud. To add to their troubles, the retreating Russians destroyed the highways and dynamited the railroads.

From the German front the Slavs can be seen strengthening their trenches and piled enormous bags of sand before them along their entire line.

Day and night the German guns drop shells and shrapnel among them. All sorts of guns are used, ranging from light artillery to the Austrians' heavy 12-inchers, mounted on automobile trucks. Improved mine throwers are also being utilized with the deadliest effect.

I witnessed a night assault with heavy artillery on Skiernewicz. It was a wonderful spectacle. The ground trembled with the detonations. The sky was illuminated by the exploding shells. Timber was set on fire. Twice the German infantry crossed the river under cover of the bombardment, but both times it was repelled by the Russians' numerical superiority. The Slavs' position was most advantageous. It was on high, hard ground, with swamps protecting its flanks.

Finally the attempt to take it was abandoned. The Russians accepted no offensive.

Along the front, with Skiernewicz as their center, probably 800,000 men are engaged.

The Russians are very saving with their ammunition, which is believed to indicate that their supply is low. The czar's private theater and hunting lodge near Skiernewicz have been transformed into a German hospital, with cots on the floor in front of the footlights and the stage in use as an operating room.

Only few cholera cases have been reported, and these were among men who were not vaccinated against the disease.

LIVES ENDANGERED BY LEAKY DYKE AT OXBOW

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—Lives were endangered and farms and livestock threatened at 9 o'clock this morning when a dyke at Oxbow, on the Duwamish river, 12 miles from Seattle, began to give way.

A call was sent to Seattle and help obtained from the police, fire and water departments.

At 10:30 the leakage was checked. The dyke is still weak in places, however, and the danger has not entirely passed.

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