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THE WANDERING GYPSY.

A gypsy convention was recently held in Chicago, according to a dispatch from that city, at which it was decided to keep the price of fortunes down to \$1.00 per. This will encourage those folks who can't get married or engage in business without knowing what the cards reveal as to some dark man or light woman who may interfere with the undertaking. The kid element looks longingly at the irresponsible and out of door life of these wandering tribes. More settled folks wonder how they live, and sometimes attribute recent mysterious thefts to their hands. Their living costs are not large. An old wagon and a few blankets make their inexpensive outfit, and they show little evidence of spending money for clothes. The food bill would seem about all they have to meet. The gypsies have the resource of horse trading. Largely originating in South America, they are said to be good judges of horse flesh, and no doubt have a way of making an ancient nag look more saleable after they have doctored him up. Of late years they have gone in for automobile trading, and are riding around the country in their flivvers. They have a shrewd wit created by long experience and many buffets. People who think they get the advantage of them in a trade show considerable courage. Gypsies are supposed to live an interesting life. Poets have written verses and composers have produced songs in honor of their romantic existence. But if these same versifiers and musicians had to get out after their manner, sleeping often on the hard ground, sometimes sternly marched down to the town line by the police officer, they would conclude that any kind of a settled job was better. A man of that kind was built for a type of existence without home ties or civic obligations. To reform him you would have to take him when a child and put him in a school and a settled home and keep the wandering habit out of his existence.

MAINTAINING PROHIBITION.

While prohibition has not been enforced with the thoroughness that its advocates hoped and expected, yet reports from Washington are that congress will do nothing to loosen up on the law and if anything will help tighten the leaks. The enforcement should become easier from year to year, as the amount of stocks legally held at the time prohibition went into effect gradually disappear. The prohibition amendment could never have been adopted if the great majority of the people had not demanded it, and having called for it, they believe it should be given a fair trial. They believe that penalties for offenses should be imposed that would be a real deterrent. If fines are imposed so small that they are easily paid from the profits of the business, it is difficult to make any progress in nailing down the lid. Most persons will admit that a great deal of human suffering will be averted and that a tremendous waste of energy and money will be saved, if the law can be made a thorough success. People will work more energetically and regularly, they will spend money buying necessities and comforts for their families, instead of wasting it on their parched throats. It will mean happiness and welfare to millions of humble homes, where previously the bread winner was a victim of a craze for liquor. His appetite was previously so strong that he took from his wife and children the money that he wanted to satisfy his abnormal appetite. The people who connive at violations of the law help throw obstacles in the way of realizing these possible gains. They create sentiment for a return of the day when the money that belonged to the wife and the children went into the open maw of the saloon. There probably will never be a disposition to interfere with the experiments of home brewers for their own use. But those who peddle moonshine and smuggled stuff should be made to realize that public sentiment is against their business.

Military authorities say the people have no conception of the horrors which another great war could be expected to develop. Aerial torpedoes controlled by radio, it is predicted will be so developed and handled that they could from a long distance be discharged and fall with approximate accuracy on any city in the United States, liberating masses that would slaughter thousands and compel others to flee for their lives. The invention of these wicked instruments of destruction has two lessons: First, the United States must develop aviation so as to be reasonably well provided with means of defense; second, it must stop quibbling over minor differences and disagreements with other powers, and try to unite on universal methods for avoiding the horrors of war. It is better to yield a few points here and there to satisfy other nations, than to keep the world in turmoil with the threat of war and run the risk of some frightful catastrophe.

Many of the veterans of the world war are reported still without any job. It is pitiful to think of these fellows who were thrown out of the regular business machine by their army service, and who now can't get back. In some states it is said that one-third of the former soldiers are out of work today. If these men remain idle long, it must have a detrimental effect on the patriotic spirit of the people. The impression will spread that the American government does not appreciate sacrifices, and that it does not make any great effort to care for the interests of the men whose occupations were interrupted by the call to service. The army of course included all kinds of fellows, and some were men of idle habits who would not stick to a job if they got it. But the great majority want to make good and their army experience constituted a valuable training.

CITY TO HELP BOOKLET
The funds to pay for this booklet are almost complete and only a few hundred more dollars are needed. The city council expressed its opinion that it is assisting the Chamber of Commerce in the publication of the booklet which is to be issued some time in the future.

Prune Pickin's

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
Have you a little blister on your heel or didn't you attend the "Lassus Foot Trippers" dance last night? Yes, ye ed. was there with a clean collar and his hand-me-down suit. It was a great time. Even the fellows who danced with their wives clapped their hands in glee—when the music ended.

Ain't it funny how a feller will hop around at a dance and when he skips on somebody's dogs or they happen to ride a few rounds on his pet corn, he just looks over his partner's shoulder at the offending couple and murmurs a sweet, "Excuse me, please?"
Ain't it funny how some people can be so two-faced?

Whenever we see one of these questions and answers columns in the paper, we wonder how many of the answers the editor would have known if he hadn't looked 'em up before he wrote the questions.

Since the local dancels have started to roll down their sox and wear dresses shorter than kiddies we think it is autumn the year round 'cause we see so many bare limbs.

Speaking of marrying, we heard a local hachelor say this morning that he wouldn't marry a girl for her figure unless it was in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Be it ever so humble, home brew is better than nothing.

John Ferguson denies the report circulated in this column yesterday to the effect that Andy Mathews had taken a jaunt through the residence dist. In one of John's blondests, Andy himself is also ashamed of the rumor—instead of a jaunt it should have read "jolt."

Wouldn't a piano be a monotonous thing to look at if they'd painted all the keys black?

When a woman tells you she's something up her sleeve for you, it's usually nothing more than the freckles on her elbow.

Dear ed. of Prunes: In eating a wormy apple what would you suggest?
WORRIED.

Ans. Turn out the lights.

How can a feller always tell the truth and be polite at the same time?

Ye ed. had a little legal question on his mind this morning and to set our mind at rest we consulted Justice of the Peace George Jones. The question was this: "If a woman was caught doing a September Morn in the spring, would she be subject to prosecution under the law?" George took a few moments to look up the law and he said: "The law is clear and finally laid down his dog-eared copy of the statutes and said:
"I find that the lady in question has just as much right to take a bath in the spring as in the fall."

When the barber cuts your hair and tells you a good joke at the same time he should add an amusement tax to the price of the tonsorial operation.

"What are you going to call your new baby, Carl?" said Guy Gordon to Carl Wimberly the other day.
"I'm going to call him whatever my wife names him," responded Carl.

A man rushed into our sanctum this a. m. and in a wild-eyed manner shouted, "Have you heard today's gossip?"

"No," we weekly replied.
"Well, I guess there isn't any, then," he said as he backed out.

THE MODERN MAIDEN TO THE MERE MAN.

Oh! dear, if you are bound to try the marriage game with me, I hope you realize that I must be completely free.

Will dine or dance with whom I choose.

Where do you get that noise? You can't expect me to refuse Good dates with pleasing boys!

I think I'll use my maiden name, but if you're kind—and weak—I'll love you with a white-hot flame at breakfast—twice a week.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ:

"The nervous girl never plucks her eyebrows."

Conference to Be Well Attended

Practically all of the cities located along the Pacific highway will be represented at the auto camp ground conference to be held in Roseburg on February 21. Roseburg has sent out wholesale invitations asking other cities to send delegates to meet here and consider a system which can be adopted by all cities for uniform methods in handling the camp ground problem. Letters were read last night from the cities of Grants Pass, Portland, Sheridan, Cottage Grove, Carlton and Salem, and all of these will have committees here. Several councils have expressed themselves as favoring a small charge for the use of the municipal camp grounds and undoubtedly some system of uniform services and charges will be worked out.

The L. P. T. dancing party held at the Elks hall last night was very enjoyable and a large number of the members were in attendance. Ott's five-piece orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
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No chair is too small to hold two lovers.

The shorter the dress, the longer the rubber-necking.

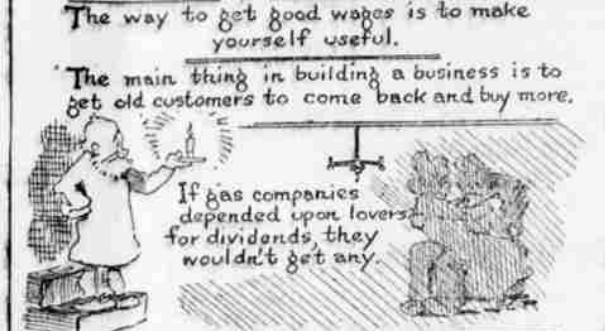
The way to get good wages is to make yourself useful.

The main thing in building a business is to get old customers to come back and buy more.

If gas companies depended upon lovers for dividends, they wouldn't get any.

Learn to do one thing exceedingly well, and Opportunity will beat a bass drum outside your door.

HEZ HECK SAYS:
"You can judge things better by tastin' 'em than by readin' the label."



City Appoints Plumbing Inspector
G. D. Randolph, who recently arrived in this city to make his home, was last night appointed City Plumbing Inspector filling a position which has been vacant for several months. Mr. Randolph recently came to Roseburg from Walla Walla where he held a similar position and last night appeared before the council in person to request appointment to the position of plumbing inspector. For the past few months Roseburg has had no inspector because of the fact that the mayor was unable to find a person not connected with some plumbing business who was willing to take the job. Mr. Randolph, however, is an experienced plumber and comes well recommended and was appointed after being personally recommended. The action of the mayor in making the appointment was ratified.

New Lighting System Proposed
A plan for a new street lighting system for Roseburg will be proposed to the city council at its next meeting, by Mayor W. S. Hamilton, according to an announcement made to the council last night. Roseburg's cluster light system has reached a point where its cost of upkeep is prohibitive and some new system must be put into use. Suspended arcs will probably be adopted, although the mayor has not yet proposed anything definite, but by next meeting he will have facts and figures ready to propose for consideration. The cluster lights now used on the main streets were originally donated to the city by Mental Culture Club. They have served for a good many years, but the wiring system is now giving out and it has been found that the lights in their present form are not practical. They allow water to run into the pipes and conduits and in fact the water often stands above the street level in the posts. The wiring as a result is practically gone and several of the lights will not work. No practical way of eliminating this trouble has been devised and the council now plans on scrapping the system. City funds, probably will not permit the installation of new cluster lights, and an altogether new system will probably be installed. Suspended arcs are held to be the least expensive and at the same time most efficient form and will probably be chosen.

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THEY TAKE MUCH: GIVE LITTLE
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"The railroads announced a reduction of 10 per cent of freight rates on farm products which amounts to about \$50,000,000 annually. The railroads announced, at the same time, that they hope to make further reductions in freight rates next year. If the public will stand by them in forcing another 10 per cent reduction of railroad workers' wages, 'This is not as sweetly selfish as it sounds.' The railroad men's wages were cut 12 1/2 per cent last July. That saved the railroads \$100,000,000 annually. Now the railroads present the public with a \$50,000,000 reduction in rates and keep the remaining \$50,000,000 taken from the wage earners. We fail to see any reason to grow enthusiastic over such generosity."

CARELESS PEDESTRIANS
Most of the criticism directed against careless driving is just, and most accidents are the result of carelessness in driving. But it is absurd to make the blanket assumption that the driver is always responsible when he bumps into a pedestrian. It has been seriously proposed in one city that the killing of a pedestrian by an automobile should lead automatically to the punishment of the driver for murder. That would be as tragic a travesty on justice as to apply the same rule to railroad accidents, and always sentence the engineer for murder without hearing the evidence. Every pedestrian knows that the community is full of careless drivers, and every motorist knows that the community is full of careless walkers.—Eugene Register.

THE DOPE DEALERS
War against the drug traffic has been declared none too soon. Of all the iniquitous vocations in the world, that of the dope peddler is the worst. Compared to him, the bootlegger almost takes on a virtuous hue, unless perchance he be one of those bootleggers who pass out deadly poison for liquor. The user of dope is almost always a criminal—at least he is a potential criminal and it is generally only a matter of time until the drugs have broken down his moral fibre until he is utterly depraved. The men who knowingly sell dope to an addict is a menace to society and he ought to be treated as such. He is infinitely worse than the poor devil who has the curse of the craving upon him. The doctor, the drug-

gist or any other person who deliberately trafficks in this stuff for profit there is in it, should be put out a punishment in keeping with crime.—Astoria Budget.

EDUCATION COSTS

There is a lot of food for thought to taxpayers as well as to those interested in education in the statement made yesterday by Superintendent Orth of Stanfield at the luncheon of the Commercial Association that costs of educating in high schools in different districts in this county range from some districts to more than others districts. The cost, brought out by a question asked speaker, is not for a complete year of four years, either, but for school year.

There are some people who of the fat bank account as their views on every subject they will unhesitatingly declare \$92 for one year's training for a girl in high school is too but fortunately, this county has few of that type of citizens. real truth of the matter is that the individual's point of view, as a pedagogue is too great. This has in a measure been held by us generally, but of late, necessity has taken a hand in matter, and even the educating fathers and mothers who wish to any reasonable length to see their children are educated have pinched by taxation. Any special penuriousness when it comes to business of providing for education is to be avoided as the plague in the face of the statement made the Stanfield man of the difference in expense accounts even the most minded taxpayer is ready to be receptive attitude.—East Oregonian

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