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SLAUGHTER-HOUSE REFORM

We kill for food in the United States so vast a number of animals as compared with all other nations that the elements of time and expense in our methods of slaughter present a problem other lands have scarcely to consider. In seeking slaughter-house reform some device must be found for the effective stunning of our food animals before bleeding, that can be operated with great rapidity, economical and safe, and demanding little delay to keep it in perfect order. This means a device sending into the brain either a bullet or a bolt which kills so quickly and surely that no time will be given for the consciousness of the blow to be transferred to the nerve centers. For the invention of such a device the American S. P. C. A. of New York City, co-operating with the committee of the American Humane Association on Slaughter-house Reform, has offered a generous prize of \$10,000. None of us will dispute the statement that even when the best has been done that human genius can devise and humanity may dictate, the transportation and slaughter of our food animals will always, by the very nature of the business, involve more or less suffering.

To take from the ranch or the farm to the place of shipment cattle, sheep, and swine, to load and unload, to bring into the slaughter pen amid unfamiliar scenes and odors, millions of creatures more or less frightened and incapable of reason and unable to understand what is wanted of them, to do this with a care and concern for their welfare that would prevent all suffering, would be to make the cost involved in the traffic absolutely prohibitive. This, however, must not for a moment stay us in our endeavor to better to the utmost limit of our power the conditions which are responsible for all unavoidable suffering. Not only does humanity demand this, but the public health as well. Toxic changes take place in the flesh of animals killed while suffering and terrified, that renders it unfit for food. This is the one imperative task that lays its burden upon the humane societies of our land today. Supreme because it outweighs in cruelty all the others put together.

MUSCLE AND BRAINS

Some people complain in these times that muscle is better rewarded than brains. The clerk or bookkeeper may find that he gets no more pay, perhaps not as much, as the fellow who does plumbing or bricklaying. The stenographer, after she has paid for her board and room, may not have as much cash left as the housework girl can show. Teachers are often not as well paid as some mechanics. It is a period when mechanical and muscular labor seems to be valued just as much as many grades of work for which a certain degree of education is required. Wages and salaries are governed by supply and demand. If the manual and mechanical trades are unpopular, higher wages will have to be paid to induce people to enter those occupations. If the girls all rush to schools to learn stenography and bookkeeping, and few of them are willing to wash dishes and sweep floors, it is probable that the wages paid for those domestic tasks will be higher than for working in the business offices, though the latter work seemed to demand more education. It is rather easy thing for a person of fair intelligence to get a superficial education. The community provides these facilities free, and almost anybody can be taught to do clerical tasks in a routine way. Many boys seem to feel that the "white collar jobs" are easier and more attractive than taking hold of the world's hard and dirty work. If they are not training their brains so they can show independent initiative and think things out for themselves the white collar job is not likely to be very lucrative. Superficial education gets one but a short distance in life. If one is to be a brain worker, he will have to do some real thinking and show some originality if his work is to pay better than mechanical tasks in these times.

The trouble with having a chip on your shoulder is that somebody is likely to knock your block off.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

The wild flowers
Are blooming once again
And the little
Lambrets are out
Frolicking to and fro
And the fish are aquawking
In the brooklets and
The hills are clad
In verdure
All of which almost
Tempt us to write a poem
About the
Beautiful Spring—
But we won't.

Onigosh folks, Easter's coming and hain't purchased a new lid and what would the neighbors say if we happened to appear on that day of days without the customary smackin' new headgear?

Three enterprising little girls took a hunch from the Dillard watermelon folks and yesterday set up a stand on the Pacific highway near Myrtle Creek and sold wild flowers. It is understood that our mayor purchased the entire stock.

The weekend hootch supply held out wonderfully well with few fatal results outside of the well known dark brown taste.

The broccoli crop is cropping right along according to the head-whackers who are out in the fields with their bowie knives raising the dickens with the innocent vegetable.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS

"A Punch for Judy" is a ventriloquist's show.

RANDOM SHOTS—

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell far, out, I knew not where;
Until neighbor said it killed his calf,
And I had to pay him six and a half.

I bought some poison to slay the rats,
And Bill Jones swore it kill his cats;
And rather than argue across the fence
I paid him two dollars and fifty cents.

One night I set sailing a toy balloon
Hoping 't would soar 'till it reach the moon,
But the fire fell on a farmer's straw,
Then I had to pay him or go to law.

So that's the way with random shots,
They seldom hit the proper spots,
And the joke we spring that we think smart,
May leave a wound in some one's heart.

A bevy of Eugene golfers, clad in their sporting togs which set the local natives agape with excitement, flurried into our village yesterday and galloped around out at the country club. The local boys put up a wonderful array of alibis concerning their playing ability and Irv Brunn demonstrated some well known dub-shots.

The intellectual seniors of the local h. s. will stage their class play Wednesday night providing enough dress suits can be rounded up by that time.

Jackie Coogan delighted the sob-sisters of the town last night at the opry house and many sniffles declare it the best bawl they've had in months.

A fish bait salesman, who is a dern good friend of ours, mailed us a box of buck-tail flies, leaders and such with his compliments and we hope it will have a withering effect on the wary trout in this vicinity.

The legion barnstormers will resume their weekly agencies tonight at the torture of the Myrtle Creek folks, who haven't harmed anyone and must pay the penalty just the same.

HINT TO POULTRYMEN:

Mix some bright colored dyes with the chicken feed this week and let your hens lay a few Easter eggs.

When a restaurant finds chickens too expensive to buy, it serves chicken pie—and gets away with it.

A large crew of Roseburg Rotarians left this neck of the woods Saturday night for Tacoma where they will enjoy their annual vacation. Those who took their wives along will also make a like attempt.

Dan Whitsett, our candidate for mayor in 1924, was on the main drag today passing out campaign literature.

Why does a woman want a spring coat? We allus that the springtime was no time to wear a coat.

Scotty Weaver passed out a bunch of apples to the Eugene visitors yesterday which would have made good cider if squashed and kept the proper length of time.

There isn't anything hotter than a hot baked potato and nothing colder than a cold potato.

Most every woman admires gray hair—for the other woman.

"Much of the hand-writing on the wall is done by our own hands."

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TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Prices Paid Farmers for Produce.
Butter, 30c lb.
Butterfat, 43 cents.
Eggs, 15c per dozen.
Hens, heavy, 18c lb; light 14c lb.
1923 Broilers, 30c lb.
Veal, dressed 8c to 12c lb.
Hogs, dressed, 12c, 120 to 160 lbs weight.
Cows, prime, 4½c.
Steers, prime, 5c.
Honey, local production, 20c lb.
Cacana bark, 1922, 6½c lb; cacana bar, 1921, 7½c.

Retail Prices on Mill Products.
Eastern oats, \$2.10 per 100 lbs.
Millrun, \$1.20 to \$1.50 sack of 80 lbs.
Cracked corn, \$2.15 to \$2.30 per 100.
Whole corn, \$2.00 per 100 lbs.
Rolled barley, \$1.60 a sack of 70 lbs.
Flour, soft wheat, \$1.75 sack.
Flour, hard wheat, \$1.95 and \$2.10 a sack.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Silverton votes on \$40,000 city hall.
Salem moving to build a municipal auditorium.

Grants Pass—Rich gold strike reported at Holland.

Motor vehicles paid \$2,828,502 tax in 1922. Expense \$91,620.
Portland shipping large cargoes of lumber to Siberia.

Klamath Falls—\$240,000 fat cattle shipped to San Francisco, since November.

Port Orford—3 sawmills being put up near here.

Seaside—Evergreen lodge to erect new Masonic temple.

Holmes—Baldy-Elkhorn Mining company to begin development work here.

Portland—Organization formed to take referendum on state income tax.

Bend—Farmers co-operative market to be established here.

Dallas to vote on \$25,000 water bond issue.

Test oil well sunk near Sutherlin.

New telephone line to be built from Corvallis to Bellevue.

State prison buys entire flax crop of 1,000 acres.

Salem—State board to buy 500 acre site for reform school.

Warrendale cannery wrecked 3 years ago, being rebuilt.

Astoria rapidly rebuilding burned business district.

Astoria—Contract let for 1-story concrete building.

Albany—2-story concrete building to go up this summer.

Portland—Plans under way for 4-story \$150,000 building.

New theatre at Astoria to cost \$100,000.

Cottage Grove to get new street lights.

Seaside—Work starts on \$30,000 building.

Winchester—Douglas Co. Lt. & Pr. Co. to raise dam here 4 feet.

Portland—\$100,000 stage terminal will be built here.

Curry county to spend \$182,000 on roads.

Bids called for \$135,000 school at Multnomah.

Gresham—Film corporation may locate studio here.

Washington county to build new county hospital at Newton.

Aurora gets \$70,000 bridge.

Coquille—\$20,000 school building under construction.

Dayton to get cannery.

Portland—N. W. Elec. Co. lets contract for \$35,000 steam plant.

Junction City—New hotel to replace \$10,000 improvement.

Williamsburg—Brick plant starts operations.

Roadport mills installing new equipment.

Wade—Lumber and logging operations very active in this section.

Vernonia notes new mail and train service.

Walden—Standard Oil building construction here.

Roadport planning \$25,000 hotel.

Clatsop City—John Day highway, 215.5 mi. in length, nearing completion.—Oregon Industrial Review.

The Saturday night dance at the Macabee hall was a very enjoyable one and the largest crowd of the season was in attendance. The Tuxedo Five, augmented by Jerry Hogan, trombonist, put over some peppy music for the dancers and not a dull moment marred the evening.

Quick action with
Dr. KING'S
NEW DISCOVERY
—the family cough syrup

STATE PRESS COMMENTS

Coming, Some Day.

While Portland gardeners, fished or toured beneath the sun last Sunday, Omaha, one of America's nerve centers of transportation, was paralyzed by snow. Chicago bowed beneath wintry blasts. Even Memphis accepted nature's challenge in a grim fight of existence against the tornado.

Blizzards and whistling winds, sweep of temperature up and down the glass with the abrupt changes of day to day—but this comment is written not to throw the happier state of western Oregon into the unfriendly light of comparison. There is a composite thought about the northwest which comes out of the whole eastern region. The shifts of the thermometer emphasize a desire which one who travels even slightly, meets everywhere east of the Rockies. People on the great, level, monotonous plains think of mountains and speak of coming to view Oregon's skyline of snowcaps. People in Chicago and Dayton, New York and Philadelphia, weary of soft-coal smudge and talk about the day when they can come to Oregon, where the air is clean. In a setting formed by the brown grass of Cleveland or Buffalo, people talk with startling interest of coming some day to the Oregon country, where the grass is green almost the year around.

Many of these people will never come. They will merely talk about Oregon as some sort of distant earthly paradise which their means will not permit them to reach. But thousands of others will come. They will use trains and motors. That frequently repeated Eastern phrase, "I'm coming to Oregon one of these days," means something.—Oregon Journal.

Spring Is With Us Again

Before we speak of spring itself, we wish to say that spring fever, which is going to be quite common during the next month or two, is not explained in the same way by all the psychologists and physicians, but without regard to what these learned folk say, the people who get it will agree that it is a very real and not unpleasant thing.

Some writers tell us that it is nothing but a lethargic drowsiness, caused by the poisons accumulated during the physical inaction of winter, a theory which would hardly apply to Oregon, where a mild winter but slightly interferes with outdoor activity—and yet spring fever is not uncommon here. These people offer a remedy by saying we may help nature eliminate these poisons by taking long walks, breathing deeply of the fragrant spring air, or starting to hoe the garden.

There is good reason to believe that spring fever is not entirely physical. It is partly psychic insofar as it is a reaction from winter. The contrast between the first warm weather and the chill of winter unconsciously reminds us of the sluggishness of the tropics. Or perhaps spring fever is an inheritance from the times when the cave man, after a long and monotonous winter in his den, stroled out to bask lazily in the warm spring sunlight.

As agreeable as the gentle lassitude of spring fever often is, we must not surrender ourselves to it too readily, for there is more work to be done in spring perhaps than in any other season, since the man who abandons himself to spring fever will not do his share.

With this warning emphasized, permit us to observe that the delights of spring cannot be easily exaggerated. It is then the rap starts rising in the trees. Grass sprouts green—where it is not grown the year around as in Oregon. Plant life buds. Chirping birds pause on their way north. The bear leaves his pit. Timber wolves stop running in packs and mate. That is spring—the sunrise of a new period of life. The backyard gardener stirs. Farmers whistle in the fields. Golf buses smack their lips. Fishermen go over their tackle. Small boys occupy the vacant lots with baseball games.

Spring is the time to take a new lease on life, to get a fresh start. Fill your lungs with fresh air and go to it. The best thing about spring is that it is a prelude to another round of intense human activity. Except, of course, for the gentleman who has spring fever 365 days in the year.—Eugene Guard.

WALTER M. PIERCE

Governor Walter M. Pierce was once Walter M. Pierce, inter-collegiate debater, John H. Wigmore, dean of the School of Law at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, the leading authority on evidence and author of the outstanding texts on that subject, in a letter to Portland friends, recalls the work of law student Pierce on the law school debating team of that university in 1894.

Evidently Walter M. Pierce, worshipping at the shrine of Blackstone, was a good debater. Possibly a better debater than he believed he would become a lawyer, for Governor Pierce never practiced as an attorney in Oregon. Dean Wigmore, at least, was so impressed with the ability of the future governor of Oregon as a public speaker as to cause him to write, "and I always prophesied great political distinction for him"—Oregon Voter.

The High Cost of Government. Good government in a nationwide way comes high; but usually bad government comes higher. The National business, for March, estimates that the total annual cost in America of our federal government, and the municipal and county governments is \$5,469,011,532, of which more than one-half, or \$2,866,671,294, is chargeable to the federal government.

This would amount to an annual head tax of \$82, much of which of course is collected indirectly and not usually recognized as a tax. Municipal taxes are not usually disguised,

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capital taxes are not usually disguised, and they vary greatly in our leading cities. For example the per capita municipal tax in New York city is \$53.49; in Chicago, \$40.84; in Philadelphia, \$45.27; Boston, \$71.33; Los Angeles, \$73.52; San Francisco, \$51.99; Pittsburgh, \$54.28; Seattle, \$51.37; Indianapolis, \$33.40; Portland, \$26.27.
It is estimated that if all government costs were equally divided among the workers, that is, among those engaged in gainful occupations, the per capita tax would be \$210 a year. This seems like a heavy expense, and yet we get a lot of a tax dollar in America. We have more sold per dollar of taxes are paid than anywhere else and what is left is not entirely wasted. (The fact that the tax is paid by all taxpayers is a great deal of support for the tax.)

EASTER GREETING

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Douglas County Light & Water Co.
R. M. JENNINGS, Manager

JOHNS-MANVILLE ROOFING PREVENTS BIG FIRE LOSS

In spite of the fact that many of the rafters and the Douglas County Light & Water Co. were burned through the fire there Wednesday, the fireproof Johns-Manville asbestos remained intact and kept the fire confined to the main structure. The spread of the fire to the main structure, this means thousands of dollars.

This Is the Roofing for Your New Building

L. W. Metzger, Agent for Douglas County—Warehouse at Eugene

THE VILLAGE RHYMESTER
by Carlyle Emery

Dear Folks:

He started in a circus, walking high upon a rope. His step was firm and steady and his heart was full of hope that those who paid admissions would be pleased with what he did. To make them laugh and chuckle he would slide around and skid 'till when the show was over, he was weary, worn and fagged but happy in the knowledge that his efforts hadn't lagged.

I saw him first, a scarecrow, in the funny land of Oz. In other shows I've seen him where his work brought no applause save knowing that his antics brought a heap of real delight to kiddies in a hospital with faces pinched and white.

He's been a loyal husband and a father full of pride. He's kept his little family ever with him by his side. He's loved by many millions for the things that he has done to bring a lot of sunshine and to fill the world with fun. And now he's bought a bible with conviction he can plod, by constant work and energy along the road to God.

Fred Stone has got religion and it's news the papers say. I'd say he always had it, that he simply reached the day when by his constant climbing with no rest or wish to stop, like everything he's tackled, he has landed at the top.