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## WINTER STORMS; REMINDERS.

Every now and then, when man grows a bit too cocky, old Mother Nature stands up and delivers a couple of healthy wallops that remind him he isn't lord of the entire creation, after all.

Man has done a great many noteworthy things. He has burrowed through mountains, flown through the air, visited every nook and corner of the earth, harnessed the lightning and turned deserts into garden spots.

But still, as of old, he is helpless when Nature goes on a rampage.

He has not yet found a way of chaining the tornado and the hurricane. Twenty-four hours of heavy snow still can tie up his railroads and autos, cut off his telephone and telegraph lines and imprison him securely in his burrow. Tidal waves will still smash through his seawalls and devastate the nearby land. The sea still takes its toll of his shipping.

For although we have made great strides since the days when we lived in caves and dressed in untanned skins, we still are on the earth only on sufferance. And it is quite proper that the blizzards, gales and earthquakes that have hit various parts of our country recently should remind us of that fact.

Our ocean liners are breath-taking creations of enduring steel; yet when the Titanic disputed the right-of-way with an iceberg she proved as sinkable as an old Phoenician galley. Our railroads are as solid and safe as ingenuity can make them; but when a landslide hits a track, the next train is wrecked like an old-time stage coach. Our cities are protected and secure; yet when the earth's crust shivers a little they topple like the mud walls of ancient Nineveh.

Sometimes it seems almost as though Nature resents the way in which mankind has partially conquered her; as though she bided her time only to loose her tornadoes and snow storms and ocean gales when he least expected them, to remind him that he still clings to life only by her favor.

Consider how easily the race might be annihilated! A 70-degree drop in the average temperature—little enough when you think of the temperatures prevailing on some of the other stars—would do it in a month. A single slip in the earth's steady spinning on its axis; a very small change in the world's atmospheric conditions; a very small increase in the sun's heat, lasting only a day or so, like the sudden, momentary flaring up of flame on a burning stick; a slight readjustment of the relations between the various bacteria that live in and about us all—any of these would leave the earth as devoid of human beings as the moon.

And Nature reminds us of it once in a while. Perhaps she strikes with a gale; perhaps she sends us a puzzling epidemic; perhaps she gives us an earthquake; it is all the same.

She is merely giving us a hint of the remorseless, irresistible forces that cradle our vaunted "security"—telling us again that life is only a wee candle flame, burning alone in the tremendous vault of eternal, limitless, soundless darkness.

Let us not grow too proud.

## BUT STILL THEY CONTINUE TO SOAR.

Tax statements that are being received by the dear public these days are calculated to bring a bit of thoughtful retrospection. Every year, despite promises that strict economy will prevail and the burden be materially lightened, the ratio of what is exacted from the property owner merrily mounts to new heights. Expostulation from the overburdened public only brings the comment from officials that the state is growing and expansion programs must be maintained—that the people cannot afford to curtail its development—that our institutions must be provided for—that other states are doing it, so we must keep pace—and a score of other excuses. But reckless expenditure of public funds goes on without let or hindrance. And so it will continue to go until voters abandon politics and begin to exhibit just a trifle of constructive judgment. A few years ago a million dollar legislature was acclaimed as ruinousness. This year it is a twelve million dollar legislature, and the population is not greatly in excess of what it was a dozen years ago. But varied interests are in the saddle. Political machinery must be kept well greased and working on all eight; nearly one hundred commissions with their hands in the public purse are sustained; high salaried officials and a horde of lesser authorities are drawing on the taxpayers every day in the year for "easy money," state schools, hospitals, reform institutions, each one "mandated" by a small army of beneficiaries, are all asking more money; and after the cycle is traversed it is only to discover that some other pet scheme for enlarging the usefulness of the institution or expanding its accommodations has been overlooked, so another dip into the public fund is advocated in as smooth a manner as possible, just so the public does not get alarmed, you know, all of which boosts the need of higher levies on property to keep up the game. This same heedless system is prevalent in state, county and city throughout the commonwealth. But the day of reckoning will come. An accounting will be inevitable for the public as surely as individuals and firms must square up, and the only remedy is in the hands of the voters themselves.

## SOME COMFORTING NEWS.

Not all of the day's news is discouraging. Once in a while there is a gleam of light.

In Englewood, N. J., the First Presbyterian church has

built a large parish house. This building is open not only to church members, but to all the youth of the community. More than 50 boys use it every day. Some of the boys are from Jewish families; others are from Irish Catholic homes; still others from homes where there is no church affiliation at all. No matter; all are welcomed.

It seems to us that more is being done there for real tolerance, neighborliness and good citizenship than in any place we have heard of for a long time.

## PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

## PHILOSOPHIC MAUNDERINGS

Love comes, then installment furniture.  
They say Heaven is possible and Hell is sure.  
Love that kneels helps the tailor who presses.

## MABEL'S ENNUI

I'm tired of things—so weary  
Of plugging along; all in!  
The days, they have grown so dreary  
And pleasure so pale, so thin!

I'm sick of the drudgery! Never  
Was mortal so sick as I!  
I'd like to just sleep forever—  
To let all my worries die.

But gee! what's the use of fretting?  
I've got a big date tonight!

A motoring... and dancing... and petting...  
And I guess 'at I'll go, a'right!

## SEASONAL

"I'm sick o' movin' pictures," said Dingo the Dub.  
"S'matter?" asked Bliffum, "too much love plots and Wild West?"  
"Naw; my folks are cleanin' house an' I was all day yesterday takin' down frames, dustin' 'em and hangin' 'em up in another place."

SO THE VILLAGE LIAR, instead of ending his days in the pen, became a famous diplomat.

## COMPLICATIONS

When a fellow whose wife's name is Helen keeps calling "Mabel! Mabel!" in his sleep, it doesn't help any at the breakfast table to remark: "I had a funny dream last night, dear; I thought I was in Syracuse!"

## FROM WILLIE

"Dere tcher I ain't coming to Sunday school no more last Sunday you was looking right at me and you said who was it blew down the walls of Kanin and I ain't coming no more I'm always blamed for everything. "WILLIE."

## CHARCOAL EPH

"I ain't 'sackly th'eatenin' yo' all," said Charcoal Eph, making a solid wad of his fingers, "but e'n I hits yo' one time, yo'll be de onlies' man dat ain't standin' up at de fun'ral. Behave, Mistah Jackson!"

## DRUMMER SAYS

He knows a town down south so wet that all the people who live there call themselves the floating population.

## TODAY'S LIMERICK

A sailor shipwrecked out of Boston,  
Went nuts on an isle he was toston;  
He said with a tear:  
"I don't mind being here,  
But I'd like to know what I've been lost to!"

## TRYING HARD

Our new stenographer left a practice sheet in the machine the other night and we present it verbatim:  
Now is the time for all good men this machine is dirty 1234567890  
Just look at that lower case k all gummed up I wish I had a pin also  
Schneckschnacktsdy Schenectady Schenectady Schen O dam!

## LAFE PERKINS SEZ—

"You can knock a man down once; you can knock him down twice, or even thrice. But if you try to knock him down four times—well, maybe you CAN do it four times at that."

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

ADVANCEMENT SEEN IN FARM INDUSTRY

Editor News-Review:

It has been some time since I have read the readers of this paper with my bank. My I speak a few words in regard to Mr. Ferguson's article. If he had gone to the panhandle of Texas, 60 miles north of Amarillo, he would see a real oil field. One man who owned a 32,000 acre ranch has already sold 42 million dollars worth of land, and has land left.

My parents live there now. I spent 17 years in that country, still own a small ranch there. Father writes that he can smell gas all the time. I feel qualified to write on this subject as I spent more than 30 years farming, don't know all about it, however. I have studied the practical and scientific. I can operate a farm from the smallest to the largest.

Of course I could not make a profit in dollars and cents. It can not be done at present. The only cause I ever got while farming was when I got sore and blew up. I landed in Roseburg. At times I made good. Once I put in three years continually and came out \$350 in debt. I moved to town, stayed three years, went back with some extra money. One year I banked \$1000 off of 20 acres of wheat. I also had dairy cows and other sources of income. The next year was bad, so I blew up. I should be on a farm now and every other man who knows how. We should make room for the man who does not know. A farm is a neglected body of land surrounded by prosperity. It does not require a great amount of brains to farm as this is the age of adding machines. The Chamber of Commerce in Roseburg can do a great work with the farmer by inviting him to join them. I once attended and took a part in that organization. We had doctors, lawyers, and preachers. The lawyer and the farmer make good boosters. The farmer believes all the lawyer says. One thing we did was to order several car loads of dairy cows. We sent our county agricultural agent to Wisconsin to get them. It was a success. There are too many people in the cities.



Now Let Me Think  
Needless to Tell  
You the Advantage  
of Dressing Well

"Carlyle told it long ago in 'Sartor Resartus' when he described the courtroom in which judge, barristers, prisoner and attendants are suddenly bereft of their clothes. Gone is respect, gone is difference in rank, gone is the support of society itself.

Are you taking stock of your personal appearance—Dress well and succeed is more than a slogan—it's an axiom.

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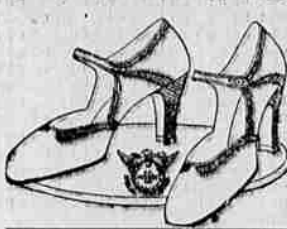
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## TROOP THREE OF BOY SCOUTS PLEDGE TO ROUND-UP PLAN

One Boy Scout Troop, Troop Three of this city and the first to hold a meeting since the launching of the Achievement Round-Up, has already sent in its accepted quota to be completed by May 1st. The membership limit of this Troop has been set at twenty-five therefore, that number is the pledge number of the Troop. There are now twenty members, one of whom will move away soon so that the membership will have to be increased by six. Five Tenderfeet have pledged to become Second Class by May first, six Second Class to become First Class and five First Class to earn Merit Badges. The boys also agree to turn in five subscriptions to Boy's Life, the official Scout magazine. There are some new scouts in the Troop who will probably pledge as soon as they have become Tenderfeet.

Other Troops of Roseburg met on Monday night so that their first meeting night in March will be next Monday night. They are already talking Round-Up and ready to go. No doubt but that pledge ribbons will be very numerous in Roseburg and also in other communities of Coos and Douglas counties.

## Young Wife Afraid to Eat Anything

"I was afraid to eat because I felt I had stomach trouble afterwards. Since taking Adierika I can eat and feel fine," (signed) Mrs. A. Howard. ONE spoonful Adierika removes GAS and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Removes old waste matter from intestines which you never thought was in your system. Excellent for obstinate constipation. Nathan Fullerton, druggist.

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