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## O, JUST TWO MORE YEARS!

A well known lady of La Grande has written a little linerick which is interesting reading at this stage of the campaign. The cry for two years to "reform" the saloons suggested the lines:

The Saloon men are begging  
 For "just two more years,"  
 To "clean up" their business  
 And quit your years.  
 They've already had thirty  
 And still they are dirty.  
 Vote "Nix" for their liquors  
 And dry your wife's tears.

## PORTLAND.

The Oregonian, in a burst of patriotism and home pride, which is highly creditable and worthy of the paper, gives a few center shots on the vital progress of that city which are worthy of being repeated throughout the state. Here they are:

The North Bank road is building at Portland the largest wheat warehouse in the United States. Meier & Frank are beginning work on the ten-story annex to their department store, and Olds, Wortman & King are planning one to cover an entire block. Work on the largest packing house plant west of Chicago is steadily progressing.

Another national bank has been added to Portland's list of financial institutions. The largest commercial club in the United States has moved into its own magnificently furnished building. The O. R. & N. has issued orders to rush work on the Wallowa branch of the road.

Wheat is selling very close to the dollar mark and another record-breaking crop is rapidly getting into a state of absolute safety. Hood River has just begun marketing a 100-carload crop of strawberries, etc., etc.

These are just a few of the reasons why Portlanders smile, even when they read the baseball scores.

Politicians are wearing that look of anxiety that always makes itself felt just prior to election day. The close races are apparent in several instances on the county ticket and the "dry" county question will give ample cause for intense excitement election day.

Rains and circus days seem to run together in this city. Norris & Rowe landed in the city amidst a shower of rain and the weather this afternoon gives signs of a downpour this evening, thus shattering fond hopes of the Sells-Floto management for a bumper crowd at the evening performance.

Candidates have but a few more days to extend the glad hand of vote-getting.

## EDITORS ARE "EASY MARKS."

There is no reason why a man possessed of a typewriter and the ability to operate it should be out of work in this city. Old magazines may be purchased in any second-hand book shop, stories may be copied with no mental exertion, except to change names and titles, and the "easy marks" who preside over the editorial departments of some of the New York magazines will do the rest.

Those who read the current periodicals are aware that this method of earning a living is extensively practiced, else the editors themselves are arrant fakirs.

Numerous examples of literary piracy are contained in the recent numbers of popular magazines. One of the "Shorty McCabe" stories, by

Swallow Ford, is reprinted verbatim in a popular periodical, with the authorship attributed to one Sweet. Another magazine has an article purporting to have been written by a noted war correspondent, which is in large part an uncredited translation of a book by a Spanish American writer.

A magazine which makes a specialty of humorous short stories, alleged to be original, has in the last few months published many yarns that were probably familiar to Adam. English magazines with little or no circulation in the United States afford a fruitful field for the literary buccannier. Scores of translations from French, German and other European magazines, slightly changed to suit the American taste, are annually served up in the American magazines.

To the man or woman possessed of a little ingenuity and a minimum of honesty, the occupation of literary pirate should be both pleasant and profitable.

## SIDELIGHTS.

Brag about your "Merry Widows" all you want to, but you just ought to see some of the contraptions men wear on their heads in lodge rooms.

Nearly every romance has a sequel which ought to serve as a danger signal to others of a romantic temperament, but it doesn't.

An exchange remarks that the best way to trim a merry widow hat is to use a lawn mower. Would that the bill could be trimmed as easily.

Minister Wu advised an eastern newspaper man to try the vegetable diet. He ought to know that newspaper men thrive on roasts.

A Spokane preacher declares that French heels turn the head. They have been known to turn the ankle.

## DUCKING VICE-PRESIDENCY.

Washington, May 29.—The great American game of "Duck the Vice-Presidency" is now on. Senator Hemenway of Indiana, acting as next friend to Charles Warren Fairbanks, issues a formal denial of a story that Mr. Fairbanks was flirting with second place on the republican ticket. Friends of George B. Cortelyou say the same thing regarding the treasury chief. Governor Hughes of New York didn't entrust it to his friends, but made his own disclaimer. To date the denials on behalf of Fairbanks and Cortelyou do not extend beyond the statement that neither is seeking the vice-presidency. Governor Hughes goes to the length of declaring that he would not accept the nomination and would not qualify for the office were he nominated and elected.

New York members of congress are not only anxious but they are insistent that the Empire state shall be represented on the national ticket. If neither Hughes nor Cortelyou meets with the convention's requirements, they have other men they are ready and willing to trot out. Among them are James S. Sherman and J. Sloat Fassett, both members of the house of representatives. If these will not go, others will be entered.

For some reason or another, New York republicans seem to be impressed with the fact that this year they are going to have on hand the fight of their lives. As one of them expressed it, if we are going to carry New York for the republican ticket in November, we can't overlook a single bet. The vice-presidency is one bet, and a big one. Although it has become a deplorable fad for American statesmen to turn up their noses at the vice-presidency, the people still regard it as the second place in importance and dignity within their gift and it helps in any state to have the vice-presidential nominee.—Henry K. Lambie.

## A Part of Union County.

Omen Bishop, republican candidate for school superintendent, is in the city today again in the interest of his campaign. People are pleased to know that he is a permanent resident of the county, a successful school man who has invested his savings in Union county property, a man who owns his home, a taxpayer in the county and is a man whose influence will be for the upbuilding of the county, educationally.

## Battle With the Waves.

San Francisco, May 29.—After a desperate death struggle with an insane drowning man in the waters of the bay this morning, Frank Giardini, a mate on the steamer Costa Rica, saved his own life and the ship's cook. Chief Johnson fell off the gang plank while trying to board the ship, after staying out all night. He was insane with fear and nearly drowned his rescuer.

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"Prohibition and Business."

The following letter, printed in the Pacific Outlook from the president of the First National Bank of McMinnville, of interest at bearing upon the saloon question.

"Referring to your inquiry of April 14 as to the effect of local option on the business interests of this place, I may say that my reply is not that of a church member, nor a prohibitionist. I am neither. In this letter my view is from a financial standpoint—not moral or ethical.

"Two years ago, when the question was before our county of retaining the saloons or closing them, I used my influence and cast my ballot in favor of the saloons, believing sincerely that by so doing the best interest of the community in a business way would be conserved. I greatly regretted the result of that election day, by which the saloons were closed. I expected a period of depression and possibly of disaster.

"But now, after almost two years without saloons my fears have not been realized—not in the slightest degree. The only interests to suffer have been the saloons themselves. All other interests have prospered. All the buildings formerly occupied by saloons have now other lines of business. Every business building vacant two years ago is now occupied. There is not a vacant store building on our main business street. More business is being done than formerly. Credit is less frequently asked, and where credit is given there is less difficulty in making collections. Deposits in our bank last fall was not seriously felt here.

"It is needless to add that merely as a business proposition if for no better reason, I shall from now on work and vote just as heartily to keep out saloons as I formerly worked to retain them.

"JNO. WORTMAN."

**Can't Quash Indictments.**

Washington, May 29.—Losing in an attempt to quash the Hyde-Benson land fraud indictments the defense today proceeded with its testimony. Attorney Ackerman of San Francisco, testified to similar transactions as those Hyde and Benson and said it was common practice with lawyers.

## Stanford vs. Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 29.—Track teams of Stanford university and the University of Utah will hold a meet tomorrow on Cummings field. The contest will be the closest in which a Utah track team has ever appeared and will be witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The Stanford track team is on the way to Chicago, where it will take part in the big intercollegiate meet a week from tomorrow.

## Large Crowd Out.

A large crowd thronged the Sherwood Electric last evening at all performances to see the present run of films. The set is a kind which holds attention during the entire performance.

## PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

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**THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

Kamela, Union county, Oregon, and one gallon, in the town of Kamela, having actually resided in said precinct at least thirty days immediately preceding the date of signing and filing of this petition, hereby respectfully petition your honorable court to grant to Charles W. Estes, a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in less quantities than

John Somers, R. J. Smith, J. R. Thompson, E. Rice, I. L. McFall, John Richards, June Sanford, W. D. Adams, W. A. McFall, August Mosher, H. K. Charlton.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 3rd day of June, 1908, apply to the county court of Union county, Oregon, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Kamela, Union county, Oregon, commencing on or about the 5th day of June, 1908.

CHARLES W. ESTES.

15-2-30.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	572,475.04	Capital Stock	100,000.00
United States Bonds	100,000.00	Surplus	60,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture, etc.	66,000.00	Undivided Profits	12,924.17
Cash Assets:		Circulation	62,000.00
Due from Banks	126,824.04	Deposits	
Due from U. S.		ndiv ual.	695,420.94
Treasurer	3,087.80	Banks	18,084.02-711,104.96
Cash on hand	88,642.55-217,554.09		
Total	\$946,029.13	Total	\$946,029.13

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