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**ONE MAN'S EXPERIENCE**

The following communication was sent to the Evening Observer with the signature of "Easy Mark" attached. It may be the work of a joker and it may not, at any rate it is a good thing to read.

Editor Observer: Seeing that you have agreed to publish communications regarding investments even if they are not correctly signed I wish to say a word about my experience.

I have lived in this vicinity for years and have made money. But I, like the average man, I think, imagined that just across the hill or in some foreign land there was chance to make big money. I fell for a patent right first and everyone knows what becomes of the patent right sucker. Then I became interested in

a hedge and bought a right to sell the plants in certain counties. It is needless to say I never sold any, and I was surprised at myself two weeks after I bought the right.

But somehow that habit of outside investment grew on me and when the United Wireless came into the field I bought pretty heavily. I still have it. Then came Clarke's Wireless and I turned that down. I also turned down Jovita Heights but I fell for a Claremore deal and was about to make a payment on Laurelhurst when I pinched myself and woke up.

During all this time I owned a piece of land in the Grande Ronde valley which had been producing the money that I was squandering on other propositions. One night I sat down and began to figure on the graft I had been up against and compare them with the things around home, and especially with my Grande Ronde land. The evidence was all in favor of the land, and now I am free to state that I have been born again so far as grabbing at the stranger's tales of wealth. I am satisfied to content myself with land here and what it will bring.

The legislature has a bill before it which makes a standard set of book-keeping for all counties and a system that must be uniform, but there is also a provision for an examiner to look after the county officers at a good salary. This might catch some, but did it ever occur to you that the blank book and supply houses might also be behind such a measure? And too, how many county officers have a chance to deal unfairly with the public?

If the legislature finally decides that the law passed in November only empowered the Bowerman committee to select a site for the branch asylum and not to pay for the same, then the transaction will close and there will be no branch asylum. At least not now.

**PITILESS PUBLICITY THE CURE FOR POLITICAL CORRUPTION**

(Baltimore Sun.)

Dr. Wilson's "pitiless publicity" for "politicians who are dishonest, venal, shifty and weak" has made a hit with the people and the newspapers of the country. It is better than a cure; it will become a preventative. If the would-be bribe giver knew that when he approached a man with a corrupt proposition the man would either accept it or expose the maker, there would be considerable halting in the matter of proposition making. But there seems to be a feeling among even honest men in politics that there is something wrong about exposing the maker of a dishonorable proposition when it is not accepted. The corruptionist understands this, and therefore feels little hesitancy about approaching anybody whose voice or vote he wants to buy. If he makes a mistake, he simply apologizes to the man and passes on to the next. Now, if these corruptors of public servants understood that in case of mistaking their men there would be a ringing of alarm bells, a "bawling out" of names, and a flood of light turned on through the press, there would be a good deal less corrupting done. The thing would also work the other way. If honest men who seek political support in an hon-

est way were to adopt the plan of exposing those politicians an officeholders who make dishonest demands there would be fewer of such demands made.

There would be a good deal of trouble and notoriety about such exposures for a time, but the necessity for them would so soon pass away that public-spirited men should be willing to sacrifice their feelings for the good of the people, when they could so easily help to bring about a condition of purer politics and more honest public service.

"Pitiless publicity" is the thing that will grow from a cure into a preventative and the more pitiless the publicity the more rapid the growth.

**A CLEVER ADVERTISEMENT**

(Hartford Courant.)

The lamented P. T. Barnum used to smile as he counted his riches and remark that the American people liked to be humbugged. Aren't they showing up this trait in all the fuss they are making over the 28-hour visit of an English "journalist" to our shores? You cannot take up a paper without learning what we refer to.

A representative of one of the London newspapers came over on the Mauretania on her recent much exploited trip, arriving Friday, and went back on the same vessel on Saturday. In the abundant interim he visited and took "impressions" of America. These he is to print in the paper that hires him. If that same paper and the esteemed Cunard Company had a clever press agent, how could he more ingeniously bring his wares before the public?

Suppose a New York journal had sent back to England another "journalist" with orders to get an interview with the king, see the leaders of parliament, inspect the chief cities, and return next day. Wouldn't everybody over there have laughed at his impertinence and the impossibility of his job? We Americans have a larger swallowing capacity and a quicker sense of humor. The idea of a man seeing this country in a day is so absurd that the fellow who professes to be doing it makes us laugh and we take kindly to his foolishness. But, as a business proposition, we fail to see just how his paper and the Mauretania could well have been more expansively and less expensively presented to the people of America.

**WANTS PERFECT LAWS**

**CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES MEASURE FOR BILLS**

**Careless Lawmakers Create Grief by Carelessly Drawn Measures.**

Washington, Feb. 1. (Special)—A first aid to busy legislators is proposed by a bill introduced in the house by Representative Nelson (Rep., Wis.), one of the simon-pure progressives who has some original ideas on the duties of statesmanship.

Nelson believes that the average member of the house is a rather questionable authority on matters of statute law, and to prove his point, he points to a score of "mandatory" statutes on the much abused law books that are absolutely nullified. In order to make sure that when a member of congress draws a bill, it will be "iron-bound," without a flaw and without the much disputed "joker" that looms up large in the mind of the legislator whenever a law is being framed, Nelson proposes to take the onerous duty of framing legislation out of the hands of the busy legislators.

Hurried legislation, framed on the floor of the house or the senate has invariably proven weak and ineffectual, Nelson says. So he proposes to establish a "Legislative division of the Congressional Library," which shall draw up in the cool, quiet confines of the big building opposite the Capitol, all the legislation to be proposed in congress. Nelson believes that bills carefully drawn up in the deeply studious atmosphere of the library by experts on the questions the laws are to cover, will prove far superior to laws framed under the present system.

Nelson's bill provides for a Chief of the legislative division a salary to be fixed by the Superintendent of the Library, and authorizes the chief to employ experts, technical assistants, investigators, and draftsmen as their services may be necessary.

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**ANGLERS SEND MAN.**

**Proposed Fish and Game Commission Is Favored.**

Secretary C. K. Cranston of the Umatilla County Anglers' Association, was dispatched last night to represent the anglers of this county this evening before the committee on fisheries, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. The committee had previously issued invitations to the different associations of the state to send representatives to make their views and their wants known and at last night's meeting of the local organization Cranston was selected as the local representative.

Among the more important questions discussed last evening was the bill which has been introduced in the legislature and having for its purpose the separation of the fish and game departments of the state from politics. This law provides for the state, the five members of which are to serve without pay.

The president of Oregon agricultural college is to be one member of the commission, while the other four are to be appointed by the governor and no more than two are to be of one political faith, his commission shall have the appointment of all game and fish wardens, shall be responsible for the enforcement of all game and fish laws, and shall provide for the propagation of fish as well as the protection.

**Foley's Kidney Remedy—An Appreciation.**

L. McConnell, Catherine St., Elmira, N. Y., writes: "I wish to express my appreciation of the great good I derived from Foley's Kidney Remedy, which I used for a bad case of kidney trouble. Five bottles did the trick beyond a doubt it is the most reliable kidney medicine I have ever taken, and shall always have my endorsement."—Hills Drug Store.

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