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WHEN THE WORK SUITS.

Four thousand dollars is not nearly so good a salary as ten thousand dollars a year, but a scientist in the employ of the government has decided to stay with Uncle Sam at the smaller amount rather than to go with the Rockefeller institute for the larger. The man who gives this example of disinterestedness is Dr. Erwin F. Smith, plant pathologist of the department of agriculture. The reason for what will strike many as his strange act is that he feels his surroundings and resources in the government laboratories to be superior to those likely to be afforded him in the Rockefeller institute.

Many a man stays in a job when he might with little trouble get a better simply because the surroundings and general conditions of his work suit him. In other words, he is influenced by sentimental considerations. Associations that have grown up about him, particular concessions made to him individually and other things that may superficially appear inessential but really are vitally important, sway him. Some men actually leave well paid places for others at less remuneration simply to secure conditions that fit in with their personality.

To take this attitude however, requires a degree of freedom from financial shackles of life that not all possess. It is always a question if a man with children has the moral right to sacrifice the dollars that will buy larger opportunities for them in exchange for the things that minister to his personal desires and convenience. Some would figure that by refusing increased salary they were juggling with the futures of those dependent on them.

Just the same it is refreshing and pleasant to see a man more interested in his work than in what he gets for his work. It is unfortunate that so few feel they can afford to act on similar principles.

The "kitchen sink" is the name of the latest New York dance. That is where the dishes dance around.

AT LAST, IT HAS ARRIVED

The Teddy bear is but a memory and Billy possum has given up the activities of this life and gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns. For months, the inventors have been hard put to find some toy animal to represent the Wilson regime and make it popular in the nursery. It was not possible to make a miniature donkey which would represent the party as a whole and still be attractive and, in a way, artistic. Even a goat would not be appreciated. The "Woodrow woodchuck" was suggested, but abandoned as being frivolous.

The mascot of the administration has finally been selected, however. It is to be known as the Woody tiger, a small replica of the more or less mythical but nevertheless famous Princeton tiger. The president has received the first copy and they will now go to the public and any man who thinks his family will not be happy without one will doubtless be able to secure it for eight or ten times what it is worth as was the case with the Teddy bear in the first blush of its popularity.

There are breakers ahead for the Woody tiger, however. Faunal naturalists who have examined it say that it bears a very close resemblance to the Tammany tiger, its distant cousin. Indeed, it would take an expert to tell them apart on a dark night and the president has certain set opinions about the Tammany tiger which would require substantial evidence to remove. In fact, there is one too many tigers in the party now and perhaps it would have been better for the inventors to have selected some other animal, less beautiful perhaps, but more tractable. A ewe lamb might not be a bad idea, if it did not smack so strongly of schedule K, which is no friend of the president. The career of the Woody tiger will be watched with interest.

FERRIS ON THE LAW'S DELAYS.

It is the idea of Governor W. N. Ferris of Michigan that the people should demand the same progress in law as they demand in all matters relating to science, to invention, manufacturing, transportation, farming, the telegraph or the telephone. If they did he thinks we would soon see an end of the law's delay.

The truth is that while we have discussed law reform for many years we have left action along that line to the lawyers. And the lawyers have done nothing. Intentional lawsuits do not hurt their business. The fact that years elapse between the time a suit is started and the time when a final decision is rendered may be tough on the litigants but it does not inconvenience their attorneys.

This is not to say that many lawyers are not sincere, and earnest friends of legal reform. Bar associations all over the country have discussed the question and passed resolutions on it, but so far have failed to end the condition.

"Possibly changes have been made in legal procedure," says Gov. Ferris. "These changes apparently do not work for simplicity and speedy relief. Law as interpreted today is

fraught with technicalities and legal procedure has a slowness characteristic of eternity. The principle of arbitration has received consideration at the hands of nations. War is an antiquated and barbaric and self destructive method of securing justice. Why not embody this principle in legal procedure, especially in adjusting thousands of common contentions?"

The truth is that many of these common contentions could be settled out of court by arbitration far more easily and satisfactorily than by expensive litigation. The greater number of the law suits tried turn on comparatively simple questions of fact. Two or three fair minded men could decide the issue just as well as judge and jury. And such a method would save a great deal of money and a great deal of time.

This kind of weather will soon cause Conductor Grady to be carrying a basket of Wallowa trout home with every other day. That is, provided Charlie Runyan of Joseph has not lost the art of angling.

Elgin ranchers show they have the true grit. A great potato country like that should not miss a year because the price was low, and Elgin people have decided to go into the game bigger than ever.

When it comes to making the world move, guess Jack Childs has some class. He is now letting the Christian church hover over its new foundation.

And some women save up their trading stamps until they get enough for a piano stool and then they run their husbands in debt a thousand dollars to get stamps enough for the piano.

Now they are springing the cubists' necktie. The next thing in order is the pink collar that was popular about the time of the Chicago fire.

Beside the large human delegation at the Union Horse show this year there will be a string of prize winning horses on exhibition.

If Edison would invent a lawn mower that would cut bones and haywire we could forgive him for turning out the phonograph.

When you are "plugging" for the Union Horse show remember it is not a show of "plugs" but of the very best stock possible to breed.

A New York woman is demanding 21 cents a minute alimony. This is some price for peace.

The home Spuds are showing a speed that justifies the words, "professional baseball."

Everybody is now polite to the moving van man.

Who said, "I wish it would warm up"?

ATTENTION PUBLIC

In order for us to have a clean city every person must assist the Street department by cleaning up their premises, and keeping same clean. The ordinance providing for the cleaning of alleys and preventing the depositing of any rubbish of any kind in the streets or alleys will be strictly enforced. C. G. Stacy, Street Supt.

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Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, describes the parallels of latitude that lie between New Zealand and the antarctic barrier, where Scott and his companions rest, as "the roaring forties, the foggy fifties and the icy sixties."

Berlin's Pawnshops.
Pawnshops in Berlin are controlled by the government. The rates of interest are low, and the profits are used for charitable purposes.

Storing Coal.
Experiments have shown that coal kept under water for the space of three years lost less than 3 per cent in efficiency, while supplies stacked in the open invariably show a decrease in value of from 5 to 8 per cent in a single year. In tropical countries the decline is greater than in the temperate zones. It is reported that British navy coal stored at Hongkong lost from 20 to 40 per cent in the course of a few years.

Russian Furniture.
More than half of the furniture shown and sold in Moscow stores is manufactured not in factories, but in the homes of peasants.

Bronze Mirrors.
The Etruscans were famous for their bronze mirrors. They added to the copper and tin a small percentage of silver, which helped to give the high polish necessary for the purpose. Of the large number of bronze mirrors now in existence nearly all are Etruscan.

Hands Off in Berlin.
In Berlin a prospective customer in a bakery, butcher's shop or grocery is not permitted to handle the bread, cake, meat or vegetables, etc. It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

A New Experience.
"Dropped a little at roulette while I was abroad," remarked the ice man. "Can't beat that game," said the coal man. "Wasn't trying to. I just wanted to see how it feels to lose money."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Where it Was.
"Why don't you get some labels on your suit case to show where it's been?" "The pawnbrokers don't furnish labels."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Long and Short of It.
It is hard for a man to look dignified while standing upon his tiptoes to whisper into the ear of his sixteen-year-old son.—Chicago Record-Herald.

"He said there are no classes in this country." "I guess he never attended night school."

Mary had a little lamb. Observe the tense, we pray. For with the prices that prevail It couldn't be today. —New York Press.

"Franklin was a great philosopher." "And so many follow his example." "In what particular?" "He died, didn't he?"

Methuselah'd no microbes in his day. He didn't boil the ice or sweat the fly. He was never vaccinated, De-appealed, fumigated— Yet Methuselah almost forgot to die. —New York Sun.

IN MEMORIAM.

Edgar Francis Shambaugh, whose funeral services were held on Saturday, May 17, 1913, Rev. Upton H. Gibbs officiating, was born in Shelbyville, Wisconsin, September 14, 1861. He had been a resident of Union county since 1865, at which time the family emigrated from Missouri to Oregon. He was unmarried, and since the death of his mother, Mrs. Lucy B. Shambaugh, something over one year ago, has lived alone, at his home on Alder street. He had the respect of a large circle of friends and neighbors who were pained at his sudden taking away. His immediate relatives are four nieces, three of whom were present at the burial services. They are: Mrs. George Parker of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Fred Bull, of Comona, Wash.; Mrs. Leo Pfeffer, of Potlatch, Idaho and Mrs. Brooks Campbell of La Grande.

Returns After Long Absence.

(Baker Democrat.)
Herschel E. Currey, jr., son of Dr. H. E. Currey of this city, arrived home yesterday after an absence of five years, he having left Baker in 1908. The young man in the meantime has been in the navy and has seen much of the world since leaving home. The greater length of time during his absence he has been attached to the hospital corps, and has seen service on many different men-of-war. He spent some time in

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the Philippines, China, Japan, Hawaii, South Sea islands and has had many and varied experiences. After five years of service he received his honorable discharge at San Francisco last week and hastened home to Baker, which he says looks mighty good to him and greatly improved since he last saw the city. He expects to remain here and will be associated with his father in business. NEW SHOESHINING PARLOR Next door to Sherry's Theatre. Lady customers can leave their shoes with me and I will clean them, whether they are white, black, tan or suede. J. K. KAPELLAS.

The Test of Time
Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe. This bank has been in business twenty-six years. It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West. The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management. This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.
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