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A NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

"One of the few important subjects before the coming session of the legislature," says the Salem Capital Journal, "is the creation of a new congressional district to give Oregon another representative in congress, as well as reapportionment of the legislative districts.

"A goodly portion of the membership of both houses are aspirants for congressional honors—the balance would be governors. The ambitions of the members will therefore decide the boundaries of the new congressional district. As Portland has a congressman, northwestern Oregon another, eastern Oregon a third, as a matter of play the next congressman should be from the southwestern part of the state—but he probably will not be. Fair play for the considerations of the state has little chance when it interferes with personal desires of those who create the districts.

"As for the reapportionment of the state, it should be done in such a way as to give each county a representative and a senator, and the balance be determined by population. Otherwise the populous regions will control all legislation and the neglect of sparsely settled regions, who need much more than developed regions, be increased.

"It is not at all improbable that a deadlock will develop over the reapportionment bill, and the present apportionment, made 20 years ago, continued for another 10 years through inability of the legislators to agree."

Harry auder sings "Oh, It's Nice to Get Up In the Morning, But Its Nicer to Lie In Bed." Harry is right! It is nice to lie in bed, especially these wintry mornings when the snow crinkles under one's foot, and the furnace fire has gone out.

Portland's city attorney has resigned his position to take up the defense of John Etheridge. There is either a Damon and Pythias friendship between the two men or else Etheridge, for all of his insolvency, is still able to pay an attractive fee.—Astoria Budget.

ST. MARK'S IS REAL HOME OF RELIGION.

Eight hundred homeless, jobless men slept in the pews of old St. Mark's Church on the Bowery in New York, the first night of the new year. They will be permitted to lodge there, with breakfast provided, as long as the need is indicated.

A rumor had come to the rector of the church that a body of men were planning to take it by storm, never dreaming that they would be welcomed. When the men appeared they found the church lighted and warm, and the rector waiting with kindly and encouraging words.

There are people who feel that a church edifice should be used only for purposes of worship, and that religion today ministers too much to men's bodies and too little to their souls. But of what use is the Father's house if the son cannot go there when he is cold and hungry and miserable, and be sheltered and welcomed and fed? Christ stopped in the middle of his preaching to see that his five thousand listeners had a non-day meal. He offered no restrictions of time or place in his plea "Comfort ye my people." It is doubtful if, in all its long history, St. Mark's was ever more truly the House of God than when it became the home of the homeless.

MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS.

There need be no scornful criticism of the proposal to raise the American diplomatic representative in China from the rank of "minister" to that of "ambassador." Intelligent Americans like and respect China. She is, perhaps, the most loyal friend America has among the nations. On any national consideration, China is certainly as deserving of ambassadorial recognition as Spain, which is also proposed for this honor, and far more deserving than Turkey, which has already.

But, why any ambassador at all? Or, if we must yield to the lure of high-sounding words, why any ministers? Why not, at one sweep, make them all ambassadors, placing off diplomats at all foreign capitals on precisely the same footing, and thereby bring our diplomatic service into agreement with the American tradition of democratic equality, and also with the diplomatic theory that all countries are of equal dignity before the world?

If there is any real difference between a minister and an ambassador, except of terminology, the average American citizen has no notion of what it may be. They have exactly the same functions. They are sent abroad for the same business, and transact it in the same way. The

distinction appears to be merely social, implying, and usually involving, more grandeur and display for the ambassador. To draw that distinction is a bit of diplomatic snobbery that Americans should be superior to, no matter what European diplomats may think about it. As matters stand, it makes an invidious discrimination between American officials of equal worth and ability, and also between the countries to which they are accredited. It is the essence of the democracy to treat everybody alike in dignified self-respect, regardless of flunkey codes. Why not infuse real democracy into the diplomatic service.

FINANCE IN EDUCATION.

The teaching of thrift and systematic savings in the public schools is fairly well grounded. To this a financial expert would add simple lessons in business and finance. The point is well taken.

"What good does it do?" asks this authority, "to teach the child the necessity of saving or acquiring property, unless we teach him how to handle his own funds? No matter how much advice he may get from bankers or friends, he has everything to gain by having a certain fundamental personal knowledge."

Perhaps the most valuable part of such training would be that it taught the child to seek advice from competent authorities before making investments, and to distinguish between reliable and unreliable advisers and between sound and unsound business principles. The child with such a foundation is little likely to become the credulous victim of either the crook or the swindler.

To the majority of adults today, finance is a closed book. That is why \$500,000,000 a year is lost in propositions that no prudent counsel would approve.

There is no reason why counting education should suffer a like loss when practical education can prevent its happening.

An article on the grim situation says the guilty are aided by poor team work among the instruments of justice. If the instruments of justice could get some hints on team work from the crooks, they'd have better luck handling them.

A German general's New Year message to the German army counselled the soldiers to "keep their swords sharp." That won't do any harm as long as the Allies keep a sharp lookout.

It's a frivolous age. Even the girls' goshaws refuse to buckle down.

THE OFFICE CAT.



—By JUNIUS—

WHERE DOES THE CHEAP COAL GO.

Coal production is breaking records and wholesale prices are tumbling headlong. What do the operators and jobbers do with all this cheap coal, anyhow? It doesn't seem to reach many of the refiners.

The only really cruel feature of that California lynching, from the California point of view, was that if the mob had waited and allowed the men to be hanged legally they would have enjoyed two or three months more of the delightful California climate.

A La Grande man was telling us yesterday how before he was married that it always gave him the headache to be away from her before he was married, but now, since he got her, it gives him a headache to be with her. Funny old world, isn't it?

THERE'S MANY A SLIP—
Old King Cole
Was a thirsty old soul,
And a thirsty old soul was he;
He called for his pipe,
And he called for his bowl—
But he GOT macaroons and tea.

A man in Nebraska has discovered a way to make whiskey from potatoes. So that's why it's so expensive, eh?

A contemporary refers editorially to the "Mexico Drama"—and we'd thought all along it was a fable.

Don Meyers says that vaudeville singers may not be braver than other people. But you must admit that they are always ready to face the music.

Of course, he thinks that she is always going to look as fair and sweet as she does when he calls upon her when they are courting. But he has an awful jolt coming.

SOME NAME.
A baby with the champion long-distance name of F. B. J. W. E. H. G. A. O. Owens, Jr., has just been registered by the city clerk of Camden, N. J. The clerk thought the father was trying to joke him. "No joke about it," said the child's father, "that boy is named for me and he has got to carry along with him as many names as I have. My last name is Frederick Brink Joshua White Erskine Hazard George Augustus Otto Owens. My father was captain of a tug boat and my mother used to travel with him. I was born on the tug. There were nine men in the crew, so they decided to give me the name of each man on the boat."—Exchange.

WHY IT HAPPENS.
From the Federal Prison No. 1, Era. When one remembers that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be in, and there are 70,000 chances to make errors, millions of chances for transpositions, he will not be too critical in the short sentence, "to be or not to be," by transposition alone it is possible to make 2,700,000 errors. So you can see the peril that beset the printer.

When you're getting a shampoo, why does the barber persistently avoid that itchy spot?

Why shouldn't a man be required to sit ashore after he gets home Saturday afternoon? Six days, not five and a half, shall thou labor.

Baron Goto refused a request that he become mayor of Tokyo. He said:—Oh, you say yourself.

Nothing needs the arrogance of the man whose hens are laying now.

Argentina must have left the door open on leaving the League of Nations for Chile's feet get chilly.

Chancellor Hall of Washington University says students are smart as they used to be. The alumni decided that last ago.

As Ye Reap.
Interviewer: "And did you work your way through college?" Prominent Old Party: "No, I did; but I'm working my son's way through. May be the Lord will face me."—Life.

Question of Etiquette.
No, Roger, in bowing to the men's table it is not necessary for one to lift one's hat.—Boston Transcript.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN H. TAYLOR, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the administratrix of the above entitled estate has filed her final account as such administratrix, and that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, the 7th day of February, 1921, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room at the Court House, in the City of La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 8th day of January, A. D., 1921.

ELSIE TAYLOR,
Administratrix of the Estate of the Estate of John H. Taylor, Deceased.
H. J. Green, attorney for Administratrix.

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CLEVER MADAM HEN

MADAM HEN had not been tempted to leave her nest that morning all would have been well with her. Madam Hen sat on the nest, ready to hatch; but for one little run, she felt it would not matter, she would be gone long.

But Madam Hen knew not of the dangers that awaited her. For Mr. Fox had left his home that morning with the intention of bringing back for his dinner a nice plump hen, and Madam Hen was very plump.

Mr. Fox was hiding right back of a clump of bushes near the nest place where the worms were, and hardly had Madam Hen begun to scratch when, jeeves! Mr. Fox had her and into his bag he put her, head first.

But when Mr. Fox came to a stream he had to cross he sat down to rest and then he heard something about chickens and listened.

"What's that about fine chickens?" he asked.

Madam Hen told him then of the beautiful white eggs in a nest where



no one would find it and she knew her eggs would spoil. If only she had time to hatch them she would not feel so badly about going with Mr. Fox. "But I have neglected my duty," she told him. "I should not have left the nest this morning."

"I'll tell you what I'll do," he said. "If you will take me to the nest I'll let you go. Of course I am to have my pick of two of the chickens when they are hatched."

Madam Hen waited a minute and

then she said she would agree to do this if Mr. Fox would take her back to the place he found her, "for my nest is in some bag not far from there," she told him.

Mr. Fox should have known that a mother would give her own life to save her children, but as he was a bachelor he knew nothing about such things, so he took up the bag and started back.

When he reached the place where he had found her he let Madam Hen out, but he took good care to hold her by one leg while he tied a string to her before he let her go.

"If you make a sound," he told her, "I'll come your head."

But Madam was not thinking of making any noise. She had another plan, and if it worked it would cure Mr. Fox's head perhaps, so she led him quietly back of the bushes to an opening and let him look in.

Sure enough, there was the nest with the eggs. "Go in," said Mr. Fox, and in she went and hopped on the nest.

Mr. Fox saw nothing at the other end of Madam Hen's hiding place, but he thought nothing of that. All he noticed was that the place was filled with hay, so he held the string and told Madam Hen he would wait right there until the eggs were hatched.

He did wait for a few minutes and then as he peered in his head again to see if she were safe Mr. Fox saw crawling through that other opening Mr. Doc. Mr. Doc sat him and right through the place he came, pushing Madam Hen in his hand nearly off her nest. Out he bounded, and after Mr. Fox he went for Mr. Fox had deatched the string fastened to Madam Hen's leg and forgot all about the chickens.

Madam Hen had made her nest in Mr. Doc's house at the very back, where the old boards had broken away and a hole in the fence made another door to his house, so no one but Mr. Doc knew her secret, and feeling he ought to take good care of her, he looked many times during the day to see that all was well.

Madam Hen knew if, once she could get back on the nest she was saved, and her plan worked just as she had expected it would.

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ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, Oregon, will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 11, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the purpose of transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

(Signed) T. J. SGRAGGIN, Cashier.

12-9-20.

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