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JUST RESTING.

When a fellow brings up at the end of a long run he is tired and wants a rest. He wants to look around a little before he takes another spurt.

That about represents the business situation today. It has been moving at a wild and strenuous pace for a number of years, and now the period of relaxation is at hand.

It is resting, and sizing up the situation before it begins another gallop.

We have much the same thing at every presidential election.

As the time approaches for the incumbent to retire from office business interests begin to wonder what the new man will be—and what he will do.

Capital always has an eye open for breakers ahead. It never goes blindly into the rocks of uncertainty.

After the new president has been inaugurated, and uncertainties begin to crystallize into something definite, business will be able to make a fairly accurate survey and determine just what line of action it is advisable to take.

That, in all likelihood, will mark the beginning of the end of our period of commercial rest.

Now idle wheels will spin again. Men will return to their occupations, and the business world will soon be at normal again.

We see nothing in the present situation to occasion any alarm.

We see every indication of an early return to activity.

Let us husband our strength and our resources and await with confident patience the day when the tide begins to turn.

We will not have long to wait.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

The National League of Women Voters is planning a big convention to be held in Cleveland early in April. The slogan in use in these pre-convention days is, "A delegate from every congressional district in the United States." Congressmen and politicians, please take notice.

Although honestly nonpartisan to a political sense, the National League of Women Voters is strongly partisan when it comes to the support of public measures concerned with better education, health, child welfare and all the forward-looking laws in which good citizens are interested. The league knows, too, that the reason why these constructive laws have not been enacted before is because the right-thinking men and women who approved of them in their hearts have not co-operated with hand and brain in their support. That is why one of the chief policy questions to be discussed at the April convention will be the one of co-operation between the league and the existing political parties. It is quite possible that the league will insist upon equal participation of women with men in party affairs.

It is not that the men voters of the land have not been interested in good government and the legislation upon which it is built up. In spite of much scoffing at the mess they are often accused of having made of political and governmental affairs, honest citizens must admit that they have put across a good many fine things, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. But they have been at the job a long time. They have ceased to consider it work which needs constant preparation, watchfulness and study. The women, on the other hand, have come to the task quite fresh, full of enthusiasm, and so determined to make good that they are putting forth special efforts to teach the individual voter in their ranks and to have her exercise her newly-gained franchise intelligently.

Although no immediate political millennium is in view, it is likely that a good deal of constructive legislation will be hastened to completion through their organization.

CITIZENS AND HYPHENS.

The American Legion is out after the hyphen, of which so much has been heard during the war. Its chief weapon is to be education. At a congress held recently in Boston under the auspices of the Massachusetts department of the Legion, the national director of Americanism explained the Legion's point of view. The hyphenated American and the alien who is here to preach overthrow of the government by force are to be educated out of their folly, and to be punished only when they resist the educating use of violence to achieve their purpose.

On the same program the governor

of Massachusetts added a thought which every citizen needs to take to heart. He says, "I hope that not only will we go forward in bringing the aliens into sympathy with the purposes of our government, but make sure that all of us come more and more to the support of our institutions." "All of us" do not come to the support of our institutions, usually, until a crisis arises. If the United States citizen, conscious of his nation's worth and of his own privileges and obligations, would give his best to the support of schools, of government—both local and national—and to the finest things in American citizenship and American homes, the hyphenated citizen would have little chance to do mischief.

Isn't it queer how it's always the other fellow's taxes that ought to be raised, and the other fellow's pork-barrel that ought to be abolished?

PROHIBITION WINNING

New Jersey, the chief stronghold of wet sentiment in this country seems to be slipping. Last year, it will be remembered, the state was outspoken in its opposition to the prohibition amendment, and particularly to the federal enforcement act. The legislature passed, and the governor joyfully signed, a bill legalizing beer of a strength far above that permitted by the Volstead act. That was futile because the state measure conflicted with the federal measure, and so was held illegal by the Supreme Court. Nevertheless it showed the New Jersey attitude. The rest of the country took it for granted that New Jersey would hold out steadfastly for "personal liberty."

The New Jersey house of representatives a few days ago voted almost unanimously to ratify the prohibition amendment, and the senate defeated it only by one vote. This is a remarkable change. The vote shows a big majority of the entire legislature in favor of the amendment.

This is a new legislature, presumably in close touch with public opinion in New Jersey. Its action is therefore unusually significant. It is expected that when the dry amendment again comes up before that body it will be ratified without difficulty. This situation is typical of conditions noted by careful observers in nearly every part of the country. There is a great deal of laxity still in enforcing and obeying the dry laws, and there is a great deal of talk about prohibition being "unpopular," but almost every time that prohibition comes to a real test it wins. If the dry laws are to be modified or relaxed hereafter—and it is not at all impossible—the time is distant. Public sentiment clearly favors giving prohibition a real trial before trying anything else.

It requires about forty-five days to put an egg from China on the American market, and there are several scenic differences between it and the home product. —Portland Telegram.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

AN ANSWER TO "ONE OF 'EM."

By "A Big Protecting Boy."
Oh, you poor little silly dears,
How mother's eyes would fill with tears

If she knew her charming daughter
Was standing now at Modesty's altar,
Leaving there all her decent clothes,
Just before the men to pose.

Just to please the fellow's whims,
Yes, and lead to greater sins.

Oh, little girl with the powdered nose,
What kind of boys do you want for beaux?

Are they men of the highest type,
Who would for your honor fight?

Are these the ones you would enquire,
With your neck and arms so bare?

Or are they of a lower class,
Who, with tide and time, soon pass?

Oh, if you could hear the slang and jest,
After we see you dressed in your best,

You would fly to mother's loving arm,
And whisper there in sad alarm:

"Mother, I am shocked and froze,
I must by some decent clothes

I will dress so plain and neat,
They cannot make me a joke of the street."

And, for the girls who have all the beaux,
And wear those gauzy, flimsy clothes,

What will become of them?
Goodness knows!

Now little girl don't cry,
You will learn by and by,

That you must wear some thicker clothes,
If you do or don't have beaux.

John Rogers says that this will never be a true democracy as long as wealthy ginks make their chauffeurs sit outside in the rain.

Claude Seranton says that he has discovered another way to tell a mushroom from a toadstool. It is this: If you see crepe on your neighbor's door next day after he's been out after 'em, you may be reasonably sure they were toadstools.

THE MOTOR STATE OF MIND.

There was a man who fancied,
By driving good and fast,
He could get his car across the track
Before the train came past;

He would make the engine by an inch,
And make the trainmen sore—
But there was a man who fancied this:
That—there isn't any more.

They had better build that French cabinet out of cedar and keep the bugs out of it.

American ship owners tell Congress that they cannot send dry ships abroad on an otherwise wet ocean. Water wagons can only be operated on dry land.

No wonder that gray dawn trial is practically dead. Having passed through the hands of a Skinner, it has now landed on its Coco.

"The most beautiful men in the world" in order to ripple his fascinating locks, must have a Newcomb. Huh?

The blue laws and the blue sky laws seem to be going bloozy.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with a government of Cuba, says with the government of Cuba, says has no government. If a thing isn't, it manifestly can't.

"Six dinky chorus girls" threaten to ruin the theatrical profession. These will not be the only professional men chorus girls have ruined. What?

A Reliable Remedy for Colds and Croup.

It would surprise you to know the number of people who use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. J. N. Rose, Verona, Pa., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used by myself and husband for a number of years for coughs and colds. I also gave it to my little grand-daughter three and a half years of age when she had croup last winter. It broke up the attack at once. I have recommended this remedy to many of my friends and neighbors who have also used it with good results."—Adv.

DANCE with Thompson's International Sextette, Wednesday Feb. 16—Zuber Hall. 2-14-21

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LA GRANDE, OREGON.

State News

German, which has been taught at Albany college since the beginning of the war between the United States and Germany, will be revived at the college next week, President Williams has announced.

One hundred and fifty members of the Bend commercial club and the Woman's Civic League of Bend attended an "Oregon products" dinner. The menu contained nothing but grown or produced within the state.

The Northwestern Metalware company of Minneapolis, one of the largest manufacturers of metal ware in the country, will establish a large factory in Portland to supply the trade of the firm on the Pacific coast.

The seriousness of the coyote menace in the Callapa valley and Sweet Home districts is shown by the fact of the agitation in favor of a coyote club which will pay bounties of \$200 for grown animals and \$20 for pups.

Unless Asa B. Robinson resigns as county judge there will be a recall election in Polk county next month. County Clerk Moore has held that petitions filed within are sufficient and that the election will be called within the 20 days specified by law.

Jack McKeown, 27, a truck driver employed by the state highway commission, was fatally injured; D. H. Dickerson, a workman, suffered a broken collarbone, and four other men were slightly injured in an accident on the highway four miles east of Pendleton.

Authorization has been granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission to the United Railways to abandon 12 miles of track between Linton and Wilkesboro, at the same time authorizing the acquisition of the trackage by the Portland, Astoria & Pacific Railroad company.

The district engineer at Portland has recommended to the board of survey engineers for rivers and harbors that plans be prepared for a detailed project for the improvement of Coos Bay and harbor and isthmus slough, according to plans received by Representative Hawley.

The head and hide of a mule deer buck killed out of season and confiscated by District Game Warden Houston brought \$119 when auctioned off at Bend. The meat already had been sold for \$45. The entire amount goes to the Bend chapter of the Red Cross for charitable work.

The nucleus for a herd of full-blooded Shorthorn cattle was received in The Dalles last week by H. R. Richards, a prominent rancher living east of the city, when six heifers and a registered bull arrived from Princeton. The shorthorn bull is said to be valued at more than \$1000.

To cope with existing climatic conditions in central and southeastern Oregon, the experts will endeavor to develop an early heading spring wheat, a late heading winter wheat, and a winter-resistant potato, George H. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty, declared at Bend.

Price-fighting as carried on in Portland and Milwaukie does not meet the approval of the clergy of the Episcopal church in the state. They celebrated the appearance of Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion of the world, at Milwaukie by voicing strenuous objections against professional fighting.

The state board of health, by a vote of 4 to 2, elected Dr. F. B. Sturcker of Grants Pass as secretary of the state board of health. This office carries a salary of \$1000. Dr. Sturcker has passed the last two months in Arizona but has agreed to return to Oregon immediately to assume the duties of his new position.

Organization of wool growers in western Oregon is now to be undertaken in fourteen districts that include the seventeen counties west of the Cascade mountains, as the result of plans formulated by the subcommittee appointed by representatives who met at Albany last week to discuss a joint. Members of the subcommittee are J. B. Cornett, of Bluff; W. C. O'Connor, of Albany; and E. W. Herron, of Roseburg.

Portland exported a greater amount of freight in 1920 than San Francisco, according to a report received by the Portland chamber of commerce from J. W. Christopherson, district agent of the United States shipping board. The report shows that there were 181 sailings from San Francisco, which carried a total tonnage of 879,385, as against 131 sailings from Portland with a total tonnage of 612,574. According to these figures Portland's exports exceeded those of San Francisco by 42,189 tons.

W. L. Robb of Portland, presidential elector, who was delegated to carry the official electoral vote back to Washington, D. C., left last week in spite of the ruling of Vice President Marshall that the vote that had previously been mailed would be sufficient. Robb should have been in Washington by midnight Monday, but because he had been improperly advised concerning the law, thought he did not need to reach the capital before February 9. Several state legislatures failed to show up on time, with the result that the senate adjourned a resolution relieving them from payment of a \$4000 fine, required for the law.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, as Administrator of the Estate of James Warren Chandler, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same with proper vouchers to F. L. Meyers, such administrator, at La Grande, Oregon, within six months after this date. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, February 7th, 1921.

F. L. MEYERS,
Administrator of Estate of James Warren Chandler, Deceased.
Filed Feb. 7-14-21-28, Mar. 7.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of
RUSSEL W. 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 Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, 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 24th day of January, 1921.

MARY TAYLOR,
Administratrix of the Estate of Russell W. Taylor, Deceased.
R. J. GREEN, Attorney for Administratrix
dJan. 24-31, Feb. 7-14-21

Serious Results From Colds.

Colds not only cause a tremendous injury to every one who contracts financial loss but are also a serious threat to the vitality and health of the system for the more serious diseases. It is not at all unusual for people who have serious lung trouble to say, "I had a hard cold last winter." Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can.—Adv.

NOTICE

All members of the Pacific Cooperative League are requested to meet in Eagles Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 8 p. m. By order of Chairman.

2-12-21

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2-12-21

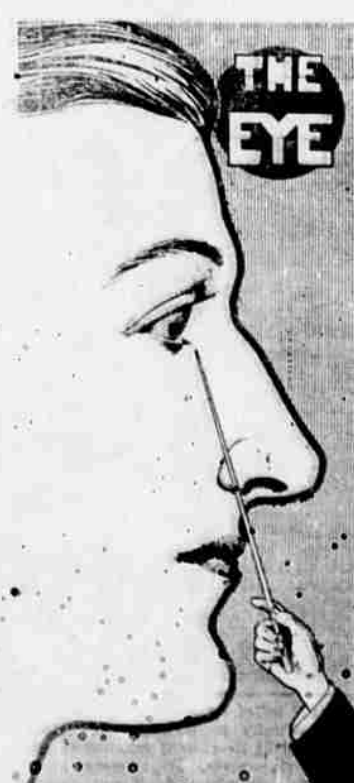
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2-12-21

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2-14-21

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