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THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

The governor vetoed the bill providing for a second judge in
this judicial district. His reasons were that he disliked the bill
to name Wallowa county as the place from which the judge
must come each time, and second, that he failed to see sufficient
congestion of legal business in the circuit court of the district.

His reasons may be all right, but an explanation is due at
this time regarding the matter. If there was to be another
judge in this district it was eminently right and proper that the
judge should be selected from Wallowa county, because it is the
Wallowa county end of the district that needs further judicial
help. At present, that county has only one term of court every
six months, which is quite a while for litigation to wait. To
make a separate judicial district of that county would never
have gotten by the legislature because there were many other
counties ready to take advantage of the precedent which it
would have established, and besides, there is not enough work in
Wallowa county alone for a judge.

As for lack of congestion in the court of this district, which
the governor very properly calls attention to, it is in order to
call attention to the capacity of Judge Knowles for work and the
diligent manner in which he does work. That is the reason for
lack of congestion.

Inasmuch as the matter is settled, no one is going to raise
much fuss about it, but the regrettable part is that Wallowa
county's court matters are compelled to lie so long before they
can get attention under the present one judge plan.

THE MERIT OF MUSIC.

Sam Blythe, in the Saturday Evening Post, urges men to
sing when they get up in the morning while they are dressing.
He claims it is the best tonic in all the world.

La Grande's Ad Club has gone Sam one better and has adopted
the habit of singing while eating. It is said the song not
only aids digestion, but drives away the grouch which the next
speaker may have ready to spring on the club if the song were
omitted.

Anyway, the Ad Club's singing is a most welcome feature. It
takes the place of the cocktail many used to take before a dinner
years ago, and it has a much more beneficial effect.

At the club's luncheon Tuesday the songs were snappy and
full of life. And be it said, in all truthfulness, there are several
members with remarkable voices. When there are a few good
voices to do the solo work, the rank and file can make a chorus
of some class. Such is the Ad Club chorus. It is bound to be
heard from in many social ways before the summer is over. As
Dr. Mossman, the dean of the musical section, remarked, "The
male specie of the bird insists on singing when the spring days
come." Those days are drawing near and the singing, it is
hoped, will increase, for few things will loosen up people and
make them feel better than joining in a good song.

A BOOK OF MYSTERY.

Dr. Wilfred N. de Voynich, a distinguished scholar and manuscript
collector announces that he is about to reveal the contents of a "Book of
Mystery" written by Roger Bacon more than 600 years ago. It is said to be a manuscript of some 800,000 words, written in a code somewhat resembling ancient Hebrew. Dr. De Voynich says that he has already deciphered 20,000 words, and promises a remarkable revelation.

"When the time comes," he says, "I will prove to the world that the 'black magic' of the Middle Ages consisted in discoveries far in advance of twentieth century science."

Evidence is accumulating that some of the learned men of that once despised era knew far more than the moderns give them credit for. The thirteenth century is now admitted to have been a wonderful period, rich in truly great men. Roger Bacon is already esteemed by many scholars as greater than Francis Bacon, the English philosopher who came four centuries later. Roger Bacon gave the world many scientific discoveries in his own time, but was hindered by religious censorship and imprisonment. It is known that he contemplated writing a supreme work that should embrace the principles of all the sciences. This mysterious manuscript may be that work. Its publication will be awaited with interest.

BIG NAVIES OR BIG FRIENDS?

Admiral Tirpitz, in an Associated Press interview, announces: "Whether they like it or not, the United States will be forced to give their international trade a solid protection, either through their own power or through grabbing political friends."

It is a really "solid protection" the big American navy embodied in the implacable hostility to Great Britain—precisely the case of "warfare" that Germany provided for herself before the World War. Neither Germany's success in that venture nor the high opinion of the worthy Admiral Tirpitz and motives tend to encourage Americans to take his advice without question. The alternative that he suggests, however, is interesting. We may protect our foreign trade, he says, either through our own increased naval power or "through gaining political friends." In urging Americans to add to their sea strength, he frankly urges them to arm against England. Precisely what he has in mind when he speaks of "political friends" is not clear. Possibly he means our late enemies. But to a level-headed American, the idea naturally occurs, "Why not England?"

If the British navy is really a menace to the United States, as matters stand—and large numbers of Americans think so—is it better to avoid the menace by trying to build a larger navy than England's, or by the easier and safer process of coming to an understanding with England, and thereby gaining the benefit of her navy along with our own?

Great Britain plainly wants America's friendship. The one possible obstacle is Japan. The British-Japanese treaty expires next year. Would not wise statesmanship suggest that, instead of antagonizing Britain and driving her into still closer alliance with Japan, and adding immensely to our own armament expenses, the United States should get close enough to Britain to take precedence with her over Japan, thereby killing two birds with one stone? If that were tried, and it failed, it would be time then for bigger navies.

Mark of Bandage
Little Paul, visiting his cousins on the farm, had been taken down to see the pigs. Noticing several had rings in their noses, he said to his big brother: "Say, Bill, those pigs must be married, 'cause they are wearing rings."—Chicago American.

Celtic Isle
The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Hoedie, situated at the east of Bella Isle. Its population is 23. They do not speak French, but Celtic. They are provided with food and are managed by the women. The town has no streets.

A Grade-Up
Ooker is really not a game of chance, there's no chance to be a winner if you stick to it.—Bigelow Citizen.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

THOUGHTS WHILE SNOOPING AROUND IN LA GRANDE.

Shabby looking gent with runover heels buying a tire for his flivver. This kind of weather makes a fellow hanker to go motoring. Believe I'll call up some automobile company and arrange for a demonstration. What is that blond vamp grinning about? Ah, I know! It's the way the brim turns up on my old last year's kelly. Saucy lil devil. Pianist in music store is a real jazz queen. Believe I'll ask her if she has "the High Brown Babies" is a real jazz queen. Believe I'll ask why she don't give it back to 'em. Gang of men tearing up the pavement. Must be time for the state fair or something. Wonder what's become of Eva Tanguay? Cross-eyed woman coming out of beauty parlor. Ought to make her use the side entrance. Well, believe I'll go home and torment the family by playing some of my own compositions. Ho, hum, la-de-daisy.

Giving our morning mail the usual cursory once-over, we lamp an invitation from the Society to prevent something-or-other to appear next Thursday evening in our justly celebrated chalk talk, same being acknowledged with regrets. Last time we went chalk-talking the event was a dud, so to speak. At the conclusion of our turn the chairman of the entertainment committee approached and inquired the extent of "his" indebtedness.

"Oh," we replied, quite nonchalantly. "Whatever you consider it worth." Whereupon that good, gentle and benign brother slipped us a half dollar. We might be induced—provided the gate were satisfactory—to read a few dozen of our immortal odes and epics, with gestures to match. But our chalking career is forever blighted.

HE ALSO THINKS SOME OF BUYING A PACKARD FORD.

(Correspondence Lake County Times.)
Thomas Nolan has purchased a Brunswick Victrola and sold his Victor machine to Andrew Spanier.

COURT HOUSE PRECEDENT.

(Chicago Tribune.)
Note to foreman of composing room: Keep standing in line, "Supreme court fails to rule on dry laws."

SKELETON LIMERICK.

(Now, All Together—)
.....profiteer,
.....we hear
.....year.

His bride had prepared him a waffle
And he said, as he chewed on a jaffle,
"I have eaten some junk
In my life that was punk,
But this thing is certainly affe."

THIS IS THE AGE OF SPECIALIST

(Chattanooga, Tenn. Times.)
If your job is cooked, that's the job we want. Bryant & Son, (color-eds) Plumbers, Henlock 270.

Some men will look you straight in the eye while you dig down in your pocket to pay for the gas you are using to give them a joyride to which they have invited themselves.

MINE OPERATORS COME INTO OWN

WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN PORTLAND APRIL 5-9.

Men of National Note Have Been Engaged to Speak Before the 1500 Delegates on Live Topics.

PORTLAND, Mar. 2.—The mining operator, as well as the prospector, will come into his own during the third annual international mining convention to be held here April 5 to 9. Every phase of mines and mining, and every need of the miner and prospector even including that of legislation, will be discussed by experts, after which the convention will resolve itself into an open forum for a frank interchange of ideas. Many men of national note in the mining field and others prominent in the public eye have been programmed to address the convention.

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Where Church is Popular.
The Christian aborigines of Yunnan like lengthy church services. A Sunday morning service in Sapushan, Yunnan province, has been known to comprise eleven hymns, eight prayers, three sermons and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

CHAMP CLARK DIED TODAY

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It was by a united Democracy in recognition of the contest Mr. Clark had made against the rule of Speaker Joe Cannon. Mr. Clark had served in every Congress since and including the 53 in 1893 except the 54th, when he was beaten.

Although Champ Clark was known as a Missourian he was born in Anderson, Ky., on March 7, 1850. He was christened James Beauchamp Clark, but early in life he reduced this to Champ Clark. His first work was as a farm hand, clerk in a general store, and on a country newspaper.

He was educated in Kentucky University and Bethany College, and the Cincinnati Law School. For a short time he was president of Marshall College, and, at 22, held the record of being the youngest college president in the United States. In 1875 he moved to Missouri, where he took up the study and practice of law, and became prosecuting attorney in Pike County. His next step was into the Missouri legislature where he framed the Missouri Primary Law, an anti-trust statute, and an Australian ballot law. He was permanent chairman of the democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1904 and headed the committee that notified Alton B. Parker of his Presidential nomination.

He was first sent to the national forum in 1893. Although then regarded as "green" his strength in the House developed rapidly. When John Sharp Williams left the House for the Senate, Representative Clark was made minority leader by virtue of his seniority on the Ways and Means Committee which drafted the Payne-Aldrich tariff act. His service on that committee in trying to keep duties down won him the regard of the Democrats and his speech of five hours against the bill was one of the notable addresses of that Congress.

Had Leadership Attributes.
Mr. Clark's sincerity, friendship for opponents and adherents alike, his fairness as a presiding officer and his knowledge of history, his love of clean anecdotes and humorous stories, and his marvelously retentive memory ranked with his attributes of leadership. He welded the minority into a virtual Democratic unit when he was minority leader, and after the ousting of Cannon, which robbed the speakership of many of its powers, he divided with majority leader Underwood the control of the Democrats in the House and they formed a great working team.

Physically he was a giant of a man, standing over six feet two inches in height and weighing a trifle more than 200 pounds.

Speaker Clark and Mrs. Champ Clark, a familiar figure in the speaker's gallery entertained not only at an annual New Year's house and at other functions but gave informal luncheons at the Capitol to

which members and others were invited. Genevieve Clark, whose engagement to James M. Thompson, a New Orleans newspaper editor, was announced in the waning days of the 63rd Congress, and Bennett Clark, parliamentarian of the House at the Speaker's appointment, whom the speaker hoped to have succeed to his seat in Congress comprise the rest of their immediate family.

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with the blind
up?
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