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## FOOD WASTE

When "Big Bill" Haywood tells the Russian Bolsheviks of the "capitalistic conspiracy" that exists in the United States for the purpose of destroying food, he evidently forgets all about the activities of his I. W. W. friends a couple of years ago when they were burning farmers' crops. Or if he does remember it, perhaps he regards it as a philanthropic effort to usher in the millennium. You never can tell what color a fact or situation will take in a Red mind.

It is true, however, that a good deal of food has been destroyed in this country somewhat after the manner that Haywood charges. There has been no "capitalistic conspiracy" other than the greed of an occasional group of middlemen, who, when a city market became clogged with fruit or vegetables or fish, have destroyed it, or allowed it to rot, in order to keep up regular prices, instead of giving consumers the benefit of it. Certainly there has been no general attempt to "starve the workingman into submission." Only Mr. Haywood's precious I. W. W., with its ruthless warfare against any other brand of labor than its own, has tried to do that. But there is just enough truth in the accusation to make honest and patriotic Americans rather sensitive.

There is, however, a vast amount of food waste in this country, unintentional but none the less inexcusable. It is mainly the waste of food on the farms where it is produced and where it is allowed to rot because of lack of labor to gather it and lack of transportation facilities to get it to market. It is natural, perhaps, in so new, vast and bountiful a country, but it will not be excusable much longer. An essential part of the conquest of the continent is the thrifty distribution and consumption of what the continent produces.

## THIS BILL SHOULD PASS.

The "truth-in-fabric" bill is up for discussion in congress again. The helpless citizen can only wonder why there should be so much discussion over a measure so sane. A business man who went to Washington to represent the wool-growing interests and speak in favor of the bill declares that shoddy is ruining the wool business, breaking down the public morals and making church members swear. This is a sad indictment, but even if it is exaggerated there is still plenty of reason why the measure should pass. Shoddy is all right, and has its legitimate uses, but it should be sold for what it is.

Any man who issues to sell any commodity under a false label or false pretenses is a cheat who should be put out of business. If his enterprise will not stand the test of honesty it should fail. He deserves no protection. The honest man wants and needs none. Neither should the honest man be forced to compete with the dishonest when there are means to prevent. The public, too, is entitled to such assurance in the quality of the goods it buys as Senator Smoot's bill would provide.

Many measures come before congress which are obscure and demand long-drawn discussion and much weighing of evidence, but the "truth-in-fabric" bill is not of this type. It is a matter in which the merits of the case are evident and in which the public would like to see a little all-wool legislation without any more shoddy of delay.

If a celebrated custom in congress ever grows popular, we'll have millions of husbands and wives of opposite political faith not taking the trouble to vote, because they're "paired."

Gary says that readjustment is not ended. Some people can't even notice that it's begun.

June is the month of weddings.

## POLITICAL HISTORY

June 3, 1610.—Lord De la Warr arrived at Jamestown, Va., with supplies for the first settlers.  
 June 3, 1861.—Tennessee seceded from the Union.  
 June 3, 1862.—Battle of Cross Keys, Va.

**Socialist Labor Party.**  
 The Socialist Labor Party originated in 1892, but being poorly organized it produced faint impressions upon labor. Eight years later, 1900, it made a stronger bid for recognition as evidenced by the increase in the popular vote for its candidate. In this campaign, the party was confronted with in its own ranks, the Social Democratic Party organized to vote for Grover Cleveland.

The gardener knows that it is all the month of weddings.

An irate citizen is after the doughnut peddlers. He wants to see the doughnut-bakers in the hole.

A cynicism has been introduced at the national capital to help reduce congressmen. Will it also help to reduce the nation's expense?

After a visit to the benches one onlooker decided that extreme defecation has reached the bathing suit at least.

## ETIQUETTE EVERYDAY

**Shaking of Hands.**  
 It is a sign of cordial welcome for a woman to offer her hand upon accepting an introduction. A smile and a nod and a murmur of full recognition in the eyes of many, but in recent years the American custom of showing pleasure of an introduction by the shaking of hands has become recognized by all classes of society.

Monday—"Finger Bowls."

## State News

Flora Remaine, acting upon the advice of his attorney, plead guilty to the first degree murder charge at Roseburg this week. He remains had confessed before his indictment, to the murder of Al Givens, homesteader.

Rev. I. M. Wood, of Appleton Wisconsin, has been named as pastor of the Methodist church of Corvallis, to take the place vacated by the resignation of Dr. Parkinson, who went to Manhattan, Kansas.

The soldiers of Dallas took a strong stand on Memorial Day against a dance that the affair was given up.

Mr. and Mrs. William Childers, an aged couple of Gold Hill, were drowned when their car plunged from the Pacific highway near the town of Rogue River. The childers had attempted to pass a loaded truck which did not give the right-of-way.

Strawberries and roses, parades and pageants, athletic contests and other features attracted one of the largest and most hilarious crowds to Lebanon for the Strawberry Fair, which was held Friday and Saturday. The event was closed with a street-dance.

Jack Benefield has been elected graduate manager of the University of Oregon. He was elected by the faculty.

## THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

I Know.

I used to think I knew I knew.  
 But now I must confess,  
 The more I know I know I know  
 I know I know the less.

Our conception of a real gentleman is one who doesn't yawn when the conversation doesn't happen to be about himself.

The Federal trade commission, without cracking a smile, says: "If the middleman were eliminated, prices would decline." And as somebody else has said—if one had a bucket of ice water in Hades, he might readily sell it at \$100 a drink.

Arranged your list of questions for Mr. Edison yet?

Why is it that next to hearing you say he is big enough for President of the United States the average fellow would rather hear you knock the fellow he don't like more than anything else in the world.

A La Grande man says the average wife gets just as mad if you stay around the house constantly as she does if you stay away from the house constantly, which is a part of the sob stuff of life.

And They Wonder.

Now and then a brainless girl marries a senseless fellow and the wonder why their darling son is not a second Daniel Webster.

Fumes of Peevishness.

No wonder I am on the bilak. It gives my nerves a jar. To listen to the cheery gink Who calls his 4d a car.

In Havana a picture show man offered a prize for the girl with the "most captivating mouth." Then trouble started.

The prize offered for "the most beautiful eyes" was awarded by his wife to her husband after she had finished with him.

One local employer says that after a man gets fired he loves to feel that he knew more than the boss and so the boss was afraid he would lose his job and fired him.

No Need To Worry.

We don't see where a fellow who marries a deaf mule is entitled to any sympathy. In any event he don't have to worry about what he says in his sleep and that's a good deal.

Do you remember when a boy was tickled to death to get an allowance of ten cents a week?

Times Change.

The old-timer who measured his step forward toward success by the money he had in the bank now has a son who gauges his progress by the car he can afford.

They Knew It.

Oh, what's the use. Even before we had these "give it away" shirts most every fellow knew a girl had legs.

Just when a fellow thinks he can pronounce every proper name in the language, somebody asks him to pronounce Tucson, Arizona.

Almost time for the peach crop, to be killed by frost again.

Now that Mother's Day has passed, sister has probably decided to read the magazine again while mother does the dinner dishes.

Grand Rapids is reported to be short of cabinet makers. Same thing in Berlin.

Nature is consistent after all. The sun which reddens the back of the amateur carder's neck also puts the red on the cheeks of the strawberries.

Valuable "Burro."

Undoubtedly the ass was domesticated long before the horse. The latter probably was native to a humid country, but the ass has a small hard hoof adapted to the dry desert. It can get a subsistence from nothing but sustenance than create brush. It can eat anything that a man can eat. The domesticated asses of our own West, which are called "burros," will grow on locoweed and other remnants of trashy provender.

Little Liver Touchers.

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## PLANS FOR NEW HOME WILL BE DONE SOON

Harry Fulton, O. W. conductor, will build a fire proof bungalow at the corner of N and Cedar streets this summer. C. B. Miller, architect, is completing plans for the home now and in a few days the contract for the work will be let.

The bungalow will have a large basement in which will be a laundry room and spacious furnace and fuel rooms. The living room will have an artistic fireplace. There will be two bed rooms, dining-room, kitchen, breakfast room and bath. The rear bedroom has three large windows on each of the two outer walls and, when open, the windows will practically transform it into a sleeping porch.

Throughout the house built-in features provide every possible convenience. The plans, excepting some of the details, are complete and as soon as the contract is let work will be started on the house. June 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 6-8-21.

**Superstitions About Birds.**  
 It has always been deemed unlucky by the superstitious to kill a robin or a swallow. In some lands the ill luck if the killing be accidental, is canceled if burial is given to the bird. Swallows are accounted sacred because they flew around the cross of Calvary.



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