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Brumfield's Memory Lapse

Doubtless there is a lot of truth in Brumfield's statement that his memory went hay-wire on him when he killed Dennis Russell. Such a crime, so revolting in its every detail, could make most any man get twisted in his mind.

But, suppose the Brumfield program should be admitted and society would accept such excuses, where would the cheapness of human life end?

If Brumfield knew, as he said he knew, that his memory occasionally became battered and unsafe why did he trust himself with other people? Why did his relatives who knew this condition not see that he was properly attended?

Poor Dennis Russell is dead. He was the victim of one of the Brumfield brain storms, about such brain storms as Harry Thaw used to have, evidently.

In the trial which is to come it will be interesting to follow the testimony which will disclose the Brumfield memory lapse. But we believe no one would be willing that this man should take advantage of the insane institution when his crime was the reddest of the red.

Whicket remains a popular tonic in California, according to newspaper headlines. Quite so, quite so, and in other parts of the country—but dreadfully hard to get that tonic.

Already Portland sees a lot of unemployed people next winter and is launching a movement to put them to work for the 1925 exposition.

Another Million for Rads

If Oregon is spending her money "like a drunken sailor," is is because all plans were laid to this end some time ago, for were it possible today to change all improvement programs they would be changed, owing to the business depression.

The roads of this state are fine and we are all glad to have them, but some day when the recapitulation of expense in building them is published you will see a tremendous portion of our road money has gone to "engineering"—a little of which is essential, but a great portion of the expense has been placed upon graduates of engineering who are really learning the game under the older heads at the state's expense.

Auto competition has for the time being raised the mischief with railroads. But wait until the present crop of machines wear out the railroad will get most of the traffic back. Why? Because the steel rail hauls more economically than any other known means of transportation.

The right to brew your own beer in your own home has been established by congress and no one can search your premises unless there is evidence of your selling the article brewed. What a breath of relief will go up from many La Grande homes.

It sounds really funny to hear Portland shouting so loud about the 1925 exposition when everything is so quiet. But things will not always be this quiet and by 1925 the old wheels will be buzzing again, so go to it Portland and we'll all help.

The Ku Klux Klan beat the Non-partisan League to it in Oregon. Already the Klan has a thousand members who are willing to use tar and feathers—on the other fellow.

Bobbed Hair

Why all this to-do about bobbed hair? Surely Marshall Field and Co., of Chicago, and their imitators elsewhere have gone pretty far in their edict that any girl wearing her hair in this fashion shall be fired. In the name of American freedom, one feels like rising up and asking, "Whose hair is it, anyway?"

Surely it is as permissible for women to shorten their hair as to shorten their skirts. Men, after many misgivings, have generally acquiesced in the latter innovation. It may be found, in time, that much the same sort of reasoning applies to one end of the woman as to the other. If it is good to have feet and legs free from trammelling draperies, why is it not good to have the head free from a trammelling mass of hair?

Most men, and perhaps most women have not thought of hair in that way. But let a man try it—with such wigs as males used to wear—and see how he likes it. If there is anything at all to sex equality, it is only fair to grant women's right to have their heads free, cool and easily combed and washed, if they want them that way.

Granted, bobbed hair doesn't look very pretty, at first sight, to a generation accustomed to see woman's "crown of glory" done up in some other way. But familiarity may change that. The girls, too, may find some prettier way of doing the bobbing. One omniscient writer says the way to do it is to curl the ends in.

Some men, perhaps, will miss the fluffiness, if this thing becomes general. Most men, though, having learned what women's nether extremities look like, will probably be glad to see some of their ears and foreheads.

Thrifty Tourists

Europe is frankly disappointed in American tourists this summer. They were expected to bring a flood of gold and scatter it with lavish hand, as they used to in the care-free ante-bellum days. They have not appeared in the numbers anticipated, and they have been actually stingy.

London complains that whereas Americans used to spend perhaps $50,000,000 in England every summer, they have not spent a tenth of that in the present season. France has been treated somewhat more liberally. There is something about Paris that just naturally inspires an American to "loosen up." Still even Paris feels slighted and hurt, and does not hesitate to express its disappointment and disapproval.

For much of this the European hotel keepers and merchants have themselves to blame. They have always regarded Americans as "easy," and exploited them accordingly. This year they have overreached themselves. The tourists, learning that there was one price for natives and another for travelers in general, and still another, far higher, for American travelers, have refused to stand for it, and as a correspondent says, have "tried to give a cent the purchasing power of a sixpence."

Their unwonted frugality is also a reflection of the new spirit of thrift prevailing back home. Knowing how scarce ready money is in America, and how dubious is the prospect of replacing easily what they squander, they are less inclined to squander even in the presence of Old World temptations.

This is good for America, and better for Europe. It sets a good example. It also tends to get Europe out of the notion that America is easy picking, and cultivates among our foreign friends a spirit of self-reliance that has been lacking lately.

Save Money on Whiskey

The administration, casting about for ways to save money, is on the right track when it starts looking into the question of alcoholic liquor held by the government.

There are still many million gallons of whisky and other spirituous liquors held in bond. This involves a big cost for storage and guardianship. With all the precautions taken, there is continual leakage through fraudulent orders and theft, and that makes additional trouble. Along with this there is the problem of caring for and disposing of all the illicit liquor seized by the federal authorities right along.

Lately the custodians of confiscated whiskey in cities where storage facilities were inadequate have taken to pouring the liquor down the sewer. That is a lamentable waste. Granting that whiskey has no legitimate potable use, it has countless possibilities for commercial use. It is about half alcohol, and grain alcohol particularly has a high value, medicinally and industrially. The same fact naturally applies to the liquor made legally before prohibition became effective, and now held in bond. If it is not to be disposed of for medicinal purposes, why should not the government take it over, making the owners a proper recompense, then extract the alcohol and sell it under proper safeguards?

President Harding is said to have made suggestions along this line. The idea is eminently sensible, inasmuch as it would turn a liability into a profit.

The "snuggler" is said to be the last word in chorus girls. Evidently the popularity of the close-up extends to the speaking stage.

Congress is beginning to realize that in taxes, as in meats, the people are not interested in cheap cuts.

IT CAN'T BE DONE

Helping the Man Below

H. P. Davison, of the Morgan firm now very ill, is regarded by many authorities as the most brilliant banker of this generation. His first job was as office boy in a bank at bridgeport, Conn. At odd moments he interested himself in the bookkeeper's work, and learned how the books were kept. When the bookkeeper was promoted, the office boy got his job and started on up the ladder.

So far the story is rather conventional. Here comes the unusual part of it. As soon as young Davison got settled in his bookkeeping job, he started in teaching the new office boy to keep the books. When that was done, he himself began learning the teller's work.

Many an ambitious young man keeps his eye on the job ahead, and qualifies for it. How many times, though does he take thought to fit a subordinate for his own place?

Mr. Davison has made it a rule of his life to look down as well as up always teaching his job to the fellow behind him. Many a man is unwilling or afraid to do that, and limits his own possibilities accordingly. Mr. Davison found it not only the generous thing to do, but the strategic thing. It helped him to climb. It was easier to get ahead when he had another man ready for his place. It is one of the secrets of his remarkable success.

Brumfield is not getting away with his alleged representation of Dennis Russell, the murdered man. But he is making a good start to be labeled insane, for he remembers there is capital punishment in Oregon now.

If Bill Haywood inherits a fortune and becomes one of the "pluts" he may have a different view of life. They do say money makes one's mind change.

It is now learned butter and milk production is steadily declining in Oregon's best dairy sections. There is little surprise when one keeps tab on the markets for these products.

If the "Talkative Burgar" has been killed will George Baker please tell us all what became of Mr. Shadow?

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Sunday school of the First Methodist Church will hold its annual picnic at Riverside Park tomorrow. A big time is planned for the youngsters in the afternoon and a big all church dinner will be the order of the day at six o'clock in the evening. Every family is requested to bring a basket of good things to eat. If parents cannot come, send the kiddies with their basket and a committee of ladies will see that all is looked after and the kiddies have a good time. A large play committee will be on hand to direct the games. All desiring to go should meet at the church at 3 o'clock and there will be cars to take them. Those on the north side of the track may, if they desire, gather in one place, and cars will get them. Other far-out groups who desire may form a group of an auto load and meet in one place and cars will get them. Cars will return to the church at 5:30 in the evening to bring those who desire to come out for the big feed and the evening fun. If any special information is desired, call Main 705.

John Mayfield of Elgin was registered at the Savoy hotel last evening. Mr Mayfield is here for a few days on business.

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THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

Franklin P. Adams, considered by many the world's champion colyumizer, formerly peddled insurance.

Mayor Grandy used to work in a meat market.

Walt Mason, the people's poet, used to peddle red plush photograph albums from house to house.

Abraham Lincoln began life by splitting rails and became President of the United States.

While, on the other hand, His Inferior Mussiness Wilyum Hahenzollern began by being Emperor of Germany and finishing up as a rail splitter.

I you don't want this stuff, postscrips G. R. T. "dump it in the trash box, because I don't either.

Such broad-mindedness should not go unrewarded, and if there were no other reason for giving it space—which there is,—we should gladly publish his stuff. Watch for it in an early issue.

The Hungry Merganthaler Merely Yawned.

Sir: As a vox poppel, I rise to protest against some of the items in the Permanent Tariff bill. Is it fair to ask the public to pay 30 per centum ad valorem and 7 cents per pound on dimethyphenylenediamine, phenylglycerine-ortho-carboxylic acid, tetramethyldiamine-odiphenylmethane?

Don't smoke in a garage. If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is.

Women with lumpy necks are often found among the "swells" says the beauty doctor.

And the Latest Is—

The latest, girls, is rouge on the little footsies while in swimming. The dear things! Next, we suppose the song "bells on your fingers and bills on your toes," will become literally true.

The modern troubadour doesn't tawny his lyre, but honks his horn, yet he manages to get results.

Walk fast. A fire department looks just as much like business when answering a false alarm as when going to a real conflagration, says Charlie Muchison.

Some of the recently uncovered ears look pretty pale and sickly, like the grass one sees on prising an old board sidewalk.

Jimmie McNamee says a pumpkin pie is a watermelon with the jaundice.

The gink who once had his feet on the iron rail at the bar now loafs in the soda fountains.

After a salesman has been massaging cement walks all day and has climbed steps high enough to shake hands with St. Peter, he can't work up much enthusiasm over a dancing party.

Then Don't, Dud!
Somehow I never.
Think it's right
To merely leave
And say, "Goodnight."

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