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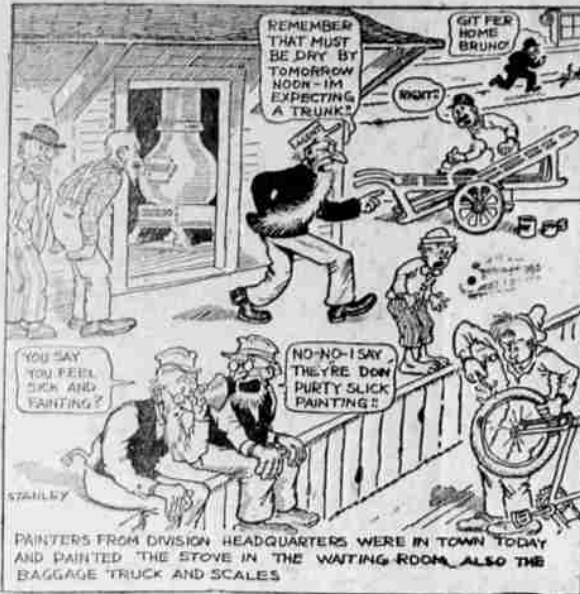
THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

A PLANT Oh, I love the merry printer man, And the printer loves me. How do I know?—why, he tells me so.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



PAINTERS FROM DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WERE IN TOWN TODAY AND PAINTED THE STOVE IN THE WAITING ROOM, ALSO THE BAGGAGE TRUCK AND SCALES.

The Status of the Movies

The crime charged to Eugene Arluck is not at all what the public would have expected from that actor. It may be said, however, that that sort of thing, with all its ugly accompaniment, is about the sort of thing for which some of the movie art in general, in recent years, has been preparing its patrons.

When film shows themselves less with crime, indecency and vulgarity, it arouses little wonder that the kind of life depicted so freely should develop among the folk who depict it.

The inference, of course, is not logically necessary. No scientific person would say that because an actor portrays crime or vice convincingly, he must therefore be criminal or vicious himself. But the fact remains that so much has film drama become associated, in the public mind, with irregular conduct, lax moral and social life and a low level of intelligence and breeding that when movie actors attain unpopularity, it seems somehow to fit in.

For the character of the plays, managers themselves are probably more to blame than actors. Authors, too, are blameworthy. So are censors. It is the general public, which patronizes the objectionable stuff offered, and stands for it. It would be greatly unjust to assail movie actors as a class because some of them may be low and vulgar in character and, by consequence, in their influence on the movie art.

Auctioning the Unemployed

Certain enthusiastic souls in Baltimore, having read of the "auctioning of the unemployed in Boston, were impelled to start a like performance in the southern city.

Such exhibitions do no good. No real relief for the employment situation in Boston or elsewhere resulted from the attempt to "sell" the jobless men to their fellow-citizens.

It is not a time for exciting and spectacular exhibitions. Common sense and sanity are needed to get the ill-men of this country back to the shops and work benches. Every individual who tries an infelicitous method of solving present problems, and who inflames the passions of the masses, or who gets cross-together in either impractical and imprudent schemes, does harm both to the individual and to the nation.

The limit in length, to be left a person with no sense of humor that he has no sense of humor.

The average citizen has had about the same over the past few years the installment of the 1919 car as a bird-headed man would ever expect for a hair-cut.

Swiss Watchmakers are divided on the condition of their business, seeking a subsidy from the government. And yet they say that "time cures everything."

An authority on women's attire says that "the day of following fashions like a flock of sheep is over." Don't look so sheepy, ladies; you'll fall to the goal.

Norway's production will probably 14 per cent of all wool in the world. There are 14 points which might have been in some other country.

It's easy for neither to get lost into the political mire. She needs a new fall lid, anyhow.

The fat women are really interested in the coming conference on the question of fat.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW IN EFFECT

Massachusetts Employers Not Complying With Law Will Be Given Publicity In the Future.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 21.—Employers who do not comply with the decrees of the Massachusetts Minimum Wage Commission have discovered that they are subject to publicity which from their standpoint may not be wholly desirable.

The penalty provided by law for non-compliance is publication of the names of employers refusing to accept the commission's recommendations. According to the state department of labor and industries, no other state or country having minimum wage legislation has this requirement, all other laws being mandatory and enforceable in the regular way.

It was only this month, however, that the commission made use of its powers to the extent of publication of names. Until the latter part of 1918 it was prevented from making complete inspections to determine compliance with its decrees, because the constitutionality of the minimum wage law was contested. The state supreme court finally upheld the commission's right to make such inspections.

After this decision things went so smoothly that the commission was able to obtain compliance without legal action. But it struck a snag in July of last year when it recommended specific minimum wages in the paper box manufacturing industry. Although the majority of firms accepted its decrees, several refused. Similar refusal developed later on the part of some employers of office building cleaners and women's clothing makers.

At the supreme court in its decision has reserved for later consideration the question of the constitutionality of the publicity provision of the law, the commission recently asked Attorney General J. Weston Allen of Massachusetts for an opinion. The attorney general informed the commission that in his opinion no constitutional right or privilege of an employer was violated by the provision and that publication of names under the terms was a privileged communication which, if made in good faith, without malice and with reasonable cause to believe the statements contained therein to be true, could not be the basis for any liability for libel.

On Sept. 2 there were approximately 275 cases in which employers had refused to comply with decrees.

"Acting on the advice of the attorney general," the commission announced, "the commission is publishing the names of the employers in question."

WHERE'S YOUR WIFE, BUDDY? Ninety per cent of the Franco-American marriages contracted during the war were failures.

A doctor's report would properly come under the head of the news of the week.

Take a Honeymoon on Foot; go 3500 Miles

SEBASTIAN, Cal., Sept. 20.—A 3500 mile honeymoon on foot is the accomplishment of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wainwright of New York City, who reached this city recently on their fifty-fourth day out of the honeymoon.

Their route to this city took them over the northern route to Chicago, through Birmingham, Buffalo and Cleveland, from there to Kansas City and on to Phoenix, Ariz. From Phoenix they left for El Paso, Tex., and received California by way of the Silver Highway. They expect to take a southern route back to New York after sailing up the Pacific Coast.

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Doings of the Ad. Club

Dr. E. P. Mosaman, President, A. W. Nelson, Manager. Telephone Main 769.

Picture Group Attracts

An airplane view of the Grande Ronde valley is provided for the thousands who will flock to the State Fair next week, in a composite group of local views now ready to send to Salem.

County agent Avery and E. O. Payton will take the Ad Club exhibit down with them and look after its welfare in connection with the industrial and agricultural exhibit going from here.

After the Salem fair the picture will be left at the Oregon building in Portland permanently.

Want More Rooms.

There is immediate demand for rooms for the teachers who will come to the institute early next month. They should be listed right now with the school superintendent, the office being available by telephone during the day hours.

Wide Publicity Provided.

The Bill Board, a national publication with enormous circulation that deals with the affairs of actors, movielists, chautauqua and lyceum, has consented to publish a detailed and illustrated article for La Grande. The article will deal with chautauqua, lyceum and playgrounds as they exist and thrive in La Grande, touching upon the things that are helpful to the social and physical diversion of La Grande people.

Somewhat Strong.

There were times when the language used by "the Best Comedian" would have been considered fulsome in an eastern court, as when Speaker Rich compared Henry VIII "for justice and fortitude to Sumner, for beauty and comeliness to Abraham."—Manchester Guardian.

New York Goes Back To Its Old Country Town Traffic Ways

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Again they are tinkering with New York traffic. The police department long has been unable to dodge the law of physics that two objects can't occupy the same space at the same time. And with the number of automobiles increasing daily and the crowd of pedestrians holding its own, the traffic problem is becoming worse.

In the old days, traffic went up and down Broadway much the same way it does in any Main Street the country over—though with the same hectic confusion that reigns in the suburbs beneath the world-famous thoroughfare.

But a little while ago it was decided that at night, at hours when most throngs were bound up Manhattan to their homes, Broadway between 28th and 27th streets should become a one-way street.

Now that plan has been abandoned. Merchants have complained that the northbound night traffic was diverting to other thoroughfares business which should come to them.

So Special Duty Police Commissioner Harris has ruled that for a 20-day period (two-way traffic shall be restored) to be regulated by signal towers such as have been operating for many months on Fifth Avenue.

Signal towers atop these towers command traffic all along Fifth Avenue to halt or proceed at the same moment. If a couple of experimental towers work out all right on Broadway, the city will be asked to install

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Court of Justice Is Transferred to the Smoking Car of Train

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., Sept. 21.—Speedy western justice was handed out in a unique manner here Monday when District Judge James G. Gwinn held court in the smoking car of a moving railway train to sentence a liquor law violator. A deputy sheriff took the prisoner to a point where the judge was to board. Court was called in the moving car and four miles farther on the sheriff and his prisoner left the train. The judge gave him 180 months and a fine of \$100.

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