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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT



HURRY, SUN!

Freddy had been given a new watch and was very proud of its timekeeping qualities. Just after 9 o'clock one evening, watch in hand, he rushed indoors.

"What time does the sun set today?" he asked his father.

"About quarter past nine," answered the parent.

"Well," replied Freddy, committing his watch, "if it doesn't huck up it will be late."

If the grocer will spend a little time loafing about a filling station, he will learn why his patrons can't pay.

A subscriber writes: "What is home without a cat? This bird must be married."

CARRIED THEM OUT

The managing editor wheeled his chair around and pushed the button for the office boy.

"Here," he said to the youthful factotum, "are a number of directions from subscribers as to the best way to run a newspaper. See that these ideas are carried out."

And Jimmy, gathering them all into the editorial waste basket, did so.

POOR FATHER

The London Times digs up a bunch of "humor evasive" in answers to the questionnaires, as for instance: A person whose father had been hanged by the neck until useless answered the question:

"Is your father dead? If so, how did he die?"

"My father was taking the principal part in a public function, when the platform gave way."

HE KNEW

A teacher read aloud to her class from a primer:

"This is a cow. Can the cow run as fast as the horse? No, the cow cannot run as fast as the horse."

"Now, Johnnie," she asked, "can you tell me about it in your own words?"

The little fellow said:

"Git onto de cow. Ain't she a beauty? Can she hump herself as fast as de horse? Nit, she ain't in it wid de horse."

No place is without its local pride. Hell is probably full of people who think it very queer if a friend expresses a wish to leave.

The Goat-Getter says, "business is on the horn—the Go-Getter says: 'Business is on the horn.'"

Out in Wisconsin there is a movement on foot to change the name of Rum river to Volstead river. Better boys well enough alone. Should they change the name to Volstead the river might go dry.

HALF SIZE

A great many titles if they are sounded, Joe says. Said Carl Small, Observer at a Newport tea:

"Since the World War especially there has been a lot of queer titles floating about."

Some of them are as suspicious as the Rev. Washington White's. His title was D.—The Rev. Washington, D. A stranger asked him to explain it and he said:

"The Holy Saints' university of Vicksburg, sah, will sell me a D. little to forty dollars. Well, Ah took up a collection among mah flock and collected \$20 sah, and de university done sent me mah fast D. Soon's Ah send de udder twenty Ah gits de full title."

SKYSCRAPER FOR GERMANS

HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—The first skyscraper in Germany will soon be constructed in the old business section of the city of Hamburg. It will be 12 stories high, topping the highest building in Germany at this time by five stories.

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Unusual difficulties must be overcome. The city water plant is equipped to furnish water only to the 11th story and this brought up the question of fire danger, and insurance, as well as the probability of financial loss in view of difficulties in renting offices on the five higher floors.

Despite these difficulties the promoters have secured permission to erect the structure "provided the building does not destroy the architectural symmetry of the streets."

It did not seem to use that the attendance was large today, and, furthermore, there did not seem to be as intense an interest in either the livestock or the show as a whole that is plainly to be seen at Portland's annual of the same kind.

The cavalry boys from Fort. D. A. Russell are here with about thirty office mounts as the army affords, and believe as, these boys are past masters as riders. The horses are trained to the last degree and the cavalry section is a mighty important part of this show.

As we look over the excellent cattle and the highly bred horses, the blooded hogs and the pedigreed sheep, the thought came to us that Eastern Oregon can feed so many more than she has; that Eastern Oregon is the natural home for this great industry—surely, surely there will be a change for the better before the economic law forces deterioration and fills our country with the old knot-headed beef and the excuse horse, neither of which require the attention of man; neither of which respond to the love and care of the breeder.

Denver is a fine town and she is keeping up her courage. It is about the same here, according to men I have talked with, that it is in Eastern Oregon as to business.

One man said he owns 840 acres of irrigated land near Greeley and he had for several years thought he was rich, but today he said he is having a hard time to make both ends meet. "I can't farm it alone and I can't get anyone else to do it," he said. And then he remarked that he should have sold when selling was good and put his money in tax-free certificates, just as so many other people have done.

Coal in Denver is \$11.00 a ton. A few years ago it was \$4.50 and \$5.00. Coal is mined very close to Denver.

There is a restaurant here called the "Manhattan" and it is entitled to a national reputation, for one can get a good meal for 40 cents with regular Benson hotel service. No one knows how the old owner does it, but he says he is making money.

No one should ever claim the wind blows hard in the Grande Ronde valley, for we just met a man returning from New York who claims the wind blew so hard in the metropolis while he was there that people could not stand up on the sidewalks alone, and were forced to sit until the wind blew some one near and then two people by locking arms could get along the street with considerable effort. And the man talking was a one-armed man, at that.

All Six Brunswick Records are now The Eastern Oregon Music Co. 1-21-22

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SPECULATION RUINS GERMANS

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Thousands of Germans have been bankrupted by the recent craze for speculating in the stock market. The losers were not limited to wage earners and professional men with inadequate incomes but included many comparatively wealthy men.

The workmen and professional men claim that speculation is not a vice but a necessity for men whose incomes are 3,000 marks a month or less. They say they "plunged" in the market in the hope of being able to win enough to pay their bills and to buy clothing for themselves or a dress for their wives.

Some of those who lost their earnings in this way have disappeared from their positions. Others are making the round of their acquaintances in an effort to borrow and the remainder are stolidly facing debts which they cannot hope to pay. Grocers and butchers generally have closed all credit accounts.

One of the speculators who lost his monthly salary of 2,000 marks in stock market speculation said:

"We have to gamble. We cannot buy anything but the barest necessities on what we earn and when prices go up and money for even the ne-

The Ghastly Image of War Prevents

It is said that the recent growth of suspicion and hard feeling between England and France will result in indefinite postponement of the long-cherished plan to join the two countries by a tunnel under the English channel. It could be bored rather easily through the soft chalk bottom. The English, however eager for the advantages of such railroad connection with the continent, are not at all eager to dig through to France as long as there is any likelihood of the French ever using the hole to pour armies into England. They fear that some future Napoleon might accomplish underground the invasion that the first Napoleon found impossible by water.

Those fears seem hardly well grounded. Even if France should ever seek to turn such a friendly, co-operative enterprise into a means of hostile attack, surely it would require no great ingenuity on England's part to foil the plot. England could surely control the exit on its side, and catch any invading army like rats in a sewer pipe, by the simple process of stopping up the end or letting the water in.

But such unpleasant thoughts may be dismissed. And if that tunnel is only postponed for a few years more, England may not need it, for passengers or freight, nor France for commerce or war. Sea and air may suffice for both.

Why Not Break the Rule?

A good deal of the legislative incompetence attributed to congress in recent years has unquestionably been due to the "seniority rule," giving committee chairmanships to the members of longest service. Experience is valuable, but it takes more than experience to make a statesman. Sometimes the rule has worked well, giving important committees chairman strong and able as well as skilled in the work of their committees. Often the results have been deplorable. Yet the rule is still held inviolate in the senate and is largely observed in the house. If all of the men now heading committees, in both branches of congress, had been selected for conspicuous fitness for the work in hand, combined with ability for team work, it is safe to say that congress would be a far more efficient body than it is.

The death of Senator Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee, and certain other imminent changes, have made the subject a live one. The old rule will be followed, presumably, in committee vacancies occurring in the present congress, since any effort to change the system suddenly would be embarrassing and difficult. It may be, too, that congress really prefers that system. The public, however, would like to see such important jobs earned rather than inherited, and cannot see why the system should ever have been started, since no private business is ever run in that way.

Senator Borah, a man for promoting better attendance in the senate, wants a ruling which would forbid the recognition of "pairs" between senators when one is absent. Right, old dear! A full house beats 'em, every time.

COURTING CONTEMPT

"Repeat the words the defendant used," said the lawyer for the plaintiff in a case of slander.

"I'd rather not," said the witness timidly. "They were hardly words to tell a gentleman."

"Ah," said the lawyer, "then whisper them to the judge."

AROUND THE EDGES

By BRUCE DENNIS

Denver, Jan. 17, 1922. It so happened that, with several hours to wait on train connections in Denver, we bumped into the National Western Livestock Show in session.

How could an Eastern Oregon man better spend a few hours than at a livestock show of such dimensions as the Denver show?

Hardly were we inside the gate than we noticed three nifty looking driving horses all dolled up about like Mick Levy, fixes up his favorite mount for the Union stock show. The letter "E" was prominently displayed and we asked one of the groomers the name of the owner.

"Mr. Farrell. Mr. J. D. Farrell, of Seattle," was the reply.

"We soon found Mr. Farrell and spent some very pleasant time with him, for his old-time hospitality is the same and he knew many of the driving and saddle horses on exhibition—yes, knew their breeding, their good points, the shows they had entered and the name of the owner.

Denver's stock show, like Portland's, has a horse show that is society's elite event and today the city is agog over the entries. From the Luella Long Coombs string of saddle horses from Kansas City to far-off Illinois, owners are competing.

Saddle horses predominate although there are some excellent harness horses at the show.

All buildings are permanent, mostly made of brick, and steam heated which gives one an idea of the permanency of Denver's stock show.

Manager Youngman is to Colorado what O. W. Plummer is to Oregon, and there is a good deal of "rip to this show.

In the beef cattle the White Faces predominated, and the Herefords from sections of the middle west seemed to be here. The Shorthorn is in evidence, but not heavily and a few Aberdeens were to be seen. Almost everything in beef, however, was White Face.

Milk stock took a large place in the barns and in this the Holsteins seemed a 100 to 1 favorite. There

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TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 23.—Frederick Roper, 80, secretary and treasurer of the Dominion Telegraph company, is dead here. He had been with the telegraph company for 47 years. —adv.

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