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IS NOT THIS THE FACT that I have chosen to leave the hands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burden, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?—Isaiah 58:6.

Bob Ruhl Has Soured

To witness a bright, mentally alert fellow like Bob Ruhl, editor of the Medford Tribune, growing soured and cynical is a tragedy that is hard for his fellow workers in the newspaper cause to explain.

As a positive proof that Editor Ruhl has reached a stage of "the-world's-all-wrong," we print the following editorial from his excellent newspaper, the Tribune:

Most, if not all, of the next session of the legislature, will be a personal fracas between our tear yanking adept, and the so-called "august body" which in a matter of cold, scientific fact is nothing but an incubator of fool notions. The incubator is overwhelmingly Republican, and the grand lecturer is overwhelmingly Democratic; hence with that brilliancy, which always shrouds the real motives of politicians, the prohibition enforcement issue is injected, and the contestants proceed to skin the shining light of the pulpits, for failure to appoint a fish commissioner, and the supervisor of nails and spikes, he promised he would, before the votes were counted. The weeping and amiable Walter has never been chastened for his distribution of pie to Democrats, that was solemnly assured for Republicans.

The injection of prohibition into the mess gives it a righteous dignity, and the main target is one Cleaver, who draws pay, as the chief of the foes of rum, and seldom catches any. The said Cleaver, who will no doubt get the ax, and have his official hide nailed on the state house door, has escaped being run over by a truck load of liquor from Canada. Now and then his aides nab a careless gent with a pint bottle of moonshine, while good stuff is being peddled at \$8 per quart, from the majestic Columbia to the stately Siskiyou, and from the blue Pacific to the gray sagebrush of Idaho. From all reports rick bootleggers are running hog-wild, and are only caught in temperance meetings, when the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, are the speakers.

The legislature will be a farce, and prohibition enforcement is a farce, and when farce meets farce, the public gets hit with a barrel stave.

The Freak Story Attracts

When the writer was in Portland a few days ago there occurred out in Pyle's canyon an automobile pile-up that challenges the imagination. Sixty-two cars went into the ditch. When the Associated Press correspondent in La Grande flashed the story on the wires and it appeared in Portland we were questioned heavily as to the authenticity of such a statement. "Surely there was a mistake in the report," and "the correspondent must have been spoofing," were some of the remarks made.

But there was no mistake and there was no spoofing. The story was true. The fact that it was out of the ordinary is what brought forth the interest. Men and women read day after day thousands of commonplace happenings and think nothing of it. It has grown now so a bank robbery must be a big one to attract attention. A murder has to be committed in a most ferocious manner to justify reading anything but the headlines. But when sixty-two automobiles slipped off the grade near Union, it furnished such an extraordinary story that Judge Doby and Highway Commissioner Van Duzer, along with hundreds of others in Portland, could not rest until they had ferreted the story out and found it was true.

Another way to reduce is to worry too much about business.

Nations are a modest lot, and when one saves itself it remarks casually that it has saved civilization.

Nothing makes a girl laugh like dimples and good teeth.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



OFFICE CAT By Junius

Female prison worker to newly-arrived inmate: And what was your occupation heretofore?
New Arrival: "Scraping acquaintances."

Female: "Oh! Dear me, a confession man?"
New Arrival: "No, a barber in a small town."

SIMPLE ENOUGH.
When an Englishman goes to the telephone he asks: "Are you there?" If you are not there, of course, that ends it.

This job of getting out of bed early every morning gets no easier, though one has been practicing it all one's life.

A lot less trouble would be caused in this old world if people would tell their know-ins instead of their suppos-ins.

"He said he could marry any 'Yes, but could he ever please one?"

HARD TO GET RID OF IT.
The wife of one of the movie actors got a divorce in thirteen minutes from the time her petition was filed. Some actors will probably continue, however, to cling to the old superstition that thirteen is unlucky.

"Why does a chicken cross the road?"
"That wasn't a chicken; that was my wife."

Tommy: "Are you letting your hair grow out?"
Jimmie: "Well, I don't see how I can stop it."

When some men call themselves "self-made," Mother Nature likely is glad to shift the blame.

A fifty-dollar-a-week man thinks up the slogans with which the millionaire business man clutters up his downs and walls.

"Life isn't so very complicated—a drink of water when you are thirsty, a place to lie down when you are tired, plenty to eat when you are hungry, clothes enough to cover and warm you, a pair of comfortable shoes when your corns hurt—these are most of the essentials. These and the others are within the reach of all who are able and willing to work."

Smile. Even though you have a double chin, it has its advantages—you can rest one while using the other.

POOR JIMMY.
Mother: "Didn't I tell you I would punish you if I found you fighting?"
Jimmy: "While said you were 10 years older'n his mother."
Mother: "Ten years. The idea!"
Jimmy: "Don't worry, ma, I learned him to say you were 20 years older."

After a woman has just finished having a mud pack and the newest trim to her "hob," it's an awful shock to have some man get up and respectfully offer her a seat in a street car.

Who can take a joke.
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