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THERE IS NO MAN that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war.—Ecclesiastes 8:15.

## Before The "Battle"

Portland.—As the flock of legislators enter the metropolis it is interesting to see the new faces, and the old ones as well. Among the new faces is one Fitzmaurice of Condon who will represent Gilliam county in the house. Will he do it well? Of course he will for he is an old Irishman who knows nothing but to shoot square. Furthermore he has the taxpayers' interest at stake, for he is a taxpayer and comes from a part of the state that has had its financial troubles. "Fitz" used to run a newspaper, later he became mayor and refused to continue as an editor. Then he decided to make some money and he went into the real estate business and made it. Fitz has an Irish accent that will startle the natives and when he says, "Mr. Speaker," everyone else had as well keep still for his voice will reverberate through the corridors of the state house like the music from a steamship.

We met F. S. Bramwell at the Oregon hotel yesterday, and say, he looks like a million dollars in real money. Years of absence from La Grande have not turned his hair gray nor made his heart old. He is as youthful and skookum as he was when the sugar factory was running. Mr. Bramwell has been down in California showing those who live in sunny districts how to irrigate land and make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. He was anxious to know about his old friends in La Grande and admitted freely that it was very hard to find any other place to call home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter drove in Saturday morning feeling fresh and young from their trip in the car down to Portland. No troubles were encountered and Albert arrived all ready to roll up his sleeves and get into the legislative tangle.

George Young, who used to be in La Grande, is down here handling the candy end of the big concerns, Earl Doane has a good position in an East Side drug store and Howard Davis, who once was in the real estate firm of Davis & Logan, is the high mogul of the Chevrolet automobile garage on the East Side. George Young says without any attempt at exaggeration that there are a million people from Eastern Oregon located over Portland and that they are all doing well.

You ought to listen to the possible bills which members of the coming legislature have in their pockets. You would think this is a new state just beginning to make its laws. For instance, one member has a bill to protect the dogs who foolishly ride on the running boards of automobiles, another has a bill to force all banks of the state to invest their money within the state's borders, another has a bill to put the state into automobile insurance, while still another has a bill regulating the beauty doctors. It's great fun to see these earnest men with their pet measures talking earnestly and loud about the poor down-trodden people. But wait until the hopper is opened and the bills are thrown into it. The great legislative machine will begin to grind and slowly but surely most of the bills will be ground up so that their makers will not recognize them. Needfully so, for our statute books today are entirely too full of laws.

Just what the governor has up his sleeve no one can guess. In fact, we don't hear much about Walter just now. But, probably it is not his inning. Wait until the chief executive shoots his pills that he has been rolling for some time and we will likely better know what is in his mind relative to the ease, safety and welfare of the people of Oregon.

*Bruce Dennis*

Next month is the month in which you pay 30 days' rent for 23 days.

When a woman gets a man up a tree she makes a monkey out of him.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



AFTER HIDING IN THE SHED FOR FOUR HOURS, FIRE CHIEF OTEY WALKER JUMPED DOWN AND HABBED THE SCAMP WHO DUMPED EIGHTEEN OLD LANTERNS IN FRONT OF THE FIRE STATION.

5th Month—"Your loving wife, Helen."

6th Month—"What an oil can you turned out to be! Helen."

The trouble with a butter knife is that it isn't built like a spoon.

Young Chap: "Nice little dog you have, Miss Doris. Have you taught it any tricks?"

"Yes, it will fetch your hat, if you wish it to."

Teacher: "Johnny, what is the capital of North Carolina?"

Johnny: "North Carolina has two capitals."

Teacher: "What?"

Johnny: "Yes, Ma'm North Carolina has two capitals."

Guest: "I shall speak to the clerk about you. You should always knock before entering a room. Why, I might have been dressed."

Bedboy: "Oh, I knew you weren't! I always look through the keyhole first."

Things could be worse. Just suppose you had to father your lawn before you cut the grass.

One reason a husband hates to sleep with his wife is because he can't stand the strain when the saleswoman talks about stender things.

"I remember your wife before you were married; she used to be, oh—so pensive, you know."

"Oh, but; and now she's oh—so expensive, you know."

"Self control," says a fond parent in La Grande "is the ability to listen to some fellow brag about his luddies and how smart they are, without stopping to tell a few anecdotes about your offspring."

Boss Peever: "Mr. Jones you are ten minutes late."

Jones: "Sorry, sir. I overslept."

Although bill boards over the country are coming down, the board bills are staying up.

A philanthropist is a man who doesn't drink coffee and therefore doesn't care what happens to Brazil.

It was Eve who tempted Adam to eat, but he acquired the drinking habit of his own accord.

"Poor thing!" sympathetically burbled Mrs. Piffegilder. "She has nothing in the world to talk about—she has never had an operation."

THE EVOLUTION OF A LOVE LETTER

1st Month—"Blincerely, Helen."

2nd Month—"As ever, Helen."

3rd Month—"Yours, Helen."

4th Month—"Devotedly, Helen."



This new bust of Woodrow Wilson is the work of Bryant Baker New York sculptor. He is shown putting the finishing touches on his work.

## Attacks Gooding Long And Short Haul Bill

Article in Railway Age Declares Measure Is a Menace to the Business of the Country; Says Congress Not Fit to Regulate Rates.

The bill introduced by Senator Gooding of Idaho which would virtually deprive the Interstate Commerce Commission of authority to permit a railway in any circumstances to charge a lower rate for a longer than for a shorter haul is attacked as a menace to the business of the country in an editorial published in the current issue of the Railway Age.

"To persons who have not studied the subject," says the Railway Age, "it seems only fair and reasonable the railways should be prohibited from making any rate that is higher for a shorter than for a longer distance. Nevertheless such legislation would largely revolutionize present schedules of freight rates and cause business changes and disturbances of serious kind and magnitude."

In support of this view the Railway Age quotes a long letter sent last spring to the senate committee on Interstate Commerce by the Interstate Commerce Commission. In the letter the commission declared that the adoption of the Gooding bill would be highly injurious to business and create conditions under which it is necessary to the free movement of commerce that the long and short haul principle be disregarded.

"The real purpose of the Gooding bill," says the Railway Age "is to render it impossible for the railways to make lower rates from middle western points of origin to the Pacific coast than they make to intermediate communities. Its actual effect would be to so amend the Interstate Commerce Act as largely to deprive the Interstate Commerce Commission of its present authority to determine and fix reasonable and non-discriminatory rates throughout the United States. It would involve something to which it long has been feared government regulation would lead, the direct regulation of rates by congress."

**Hunt's Letter**

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Nothing is done for them by servants whom they do not even have to direct.

Fascinating bachelors are numerous likewise.

Dashing, well educated, accomplished army and navy officers are on hand in plenty.

Among the swarming attaches secretaries and sub-secretaries of the diplomatic corps married men are the exception rather than the rule. What's more, a great many of them have extremely liberal European ideas on the subject of sex relations.

"Affairs," between men and women of these types have a lot of snap and sparkle. They're staged continually. The participants wear uniform decorations, broad ribbons across their dress shirt fronts bewitching crowns, expensive jewelry.

Such "affairs" have an air of "class," in short.

And drink flows freely. Even prohibitionists, while contending the country as a whole is much dryer today than it used to be, admit that a few small groups are perhaps drinking more than they ever did.

Well, this is one of the small groups. Parties don't begin with a round of cocktails, as they did

formerly. They begin with half a dozen rounds.

A certain proportion of Washington's official population, like a certain proportion of every population, has the inclination to be sporty. In some places this inclination has to be restrained but not in Washington. Here inclination and opportunity go together. More than opportunity, there is a strong temptation to the sporty inclined to be sporty.

That's why the Washington "fast set" is so much so—but it hates to be caught at it.

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The career estimates it will take five years to complete the model, which will occupy 21 men daily, two of them being expert carvers. The cost will approximate \$2,500. The foundation of the structure will be of oak, but the rest of the model will be of oak and all of the carving true to detail. After exhibition in London, it is planned to take the model around the country, all proceeds going to hospital funds.

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