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TAKE NO THOUGHT saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithall shall we be clothed? But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6:21, 22.

He's Still "Mack"

Salem. (By Mail).—The slow grind continues over another day with but one interruption and that was when Senator Charles Hall of Coos Bay introduced a joint resolution to have the state legislature appoint a committee of five to confer with California and Washington in an endeavor to establish uniform laws for automobiles and automobile traffic. The resolution was swimming along like an airship in a clear sky until the paragraph was reached which empowered the committee to spend money from the state treasury for its expenses and clerk hire.

It was Senator Joseph of Multnomah who saw, or thought he saw a junketing trip for Hall and other members who would be appointed, at the state's expense, and Joseph landed on the plan with all four feet. He twisted it and batted it to, and from urging this session not to start with the first measure as a joy measure for some members, Senator Sam Garland of Lebanon, then took a poke at it. In his smooth, suave southern style he depicted the fine dinners, the rich grape juice and palatial entertainment which the state would pay for under the resolution. Finally President Moser rescued Hall's resolution from complete and ignominious defeat by suggesting that it be re-committed for further consideration. Senator Eddy responded to the suggestion and in a most charitable manner moved that the resolution be sent back to the roads and highways committee of which Hall is chairman. Judging from the look in the eye of all the old senators (and one sort of learns from their eyes how they feel about matters after he has sat with them several sessions) the Hall resolution would have been lost by quite a vote.

When both houses adjourned early this afternoon we ran across L. H. McMahan of Salem. Last session he was a member of the house, from Marion county; today he is judge of the circuit court of Marion county. Glad to see him, of course we were, for he is a distinct and impressive character and we have been friends for fifteen years. Naturally thinking that it would be proper to address him as "Judge" instead of "Mack," we did so. You should have heard the explosion. "I want you to understand this 'judge' stuff don't go with me," said the old veteran lawyer-farmer-politician. "I have seen these toy handles attached to men long enough to know how empty they are, and hereafter you will call me plain 'Mack' or you need not call me at all." Then the man who now presides over Marion's court proceeded to pick the flaws so apparent in human nature; told of the guff and bushwag indulged in by men and women until you would really have thought Clarence Darrow was standing in Representative hall delivering his famous lecture on the common man.

It may be interesting to know that no attorney arises to address Judge McMahan. His Honor insists that every attorney remain seated, that he cuts out the words "your honor," and talks to him about his case just as he would in every-day life. He insists that life today is four-fifths bunk and it is time for someone to ask people to become natural and refuse to accept titles. "Only the serf boys and serapes, 'fore men," said Mack, "and all the serf blood has been bred out of me."

He is making a good judge, just as the Evening Observer predicted he would do when Pierce appointed him. Sometimes he waves the law to one side and hands out justice just as he sees it without the assistance of attorneys, Blackstone or the state legislators, but his decisions are good and the people are for him all the time.

Senator Alex La Follette is here with his apples. The dear old man, who is now growing pretty old, is quite a pet of the assembly and his every eccentricity only further makes him popular with the members. There is one thing absolutely certain—Alex La Follette never voted in his life on a measure that he thought was faulty. He tries to be right as he sees it at all times.

Bruce Dennis

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



Reuben: "Longfellow said that in this world a man must be either anvil or hammer."
Blyn: "He is wrong. Some men are neither; they are merely bellows."

No gentleman will wear his hat while kissing a lady says a writer on etiquette and now we know what killed the iron rimmed derby.

"Didn't you like that clerk you discharged?"
"Very much, but my customers were suspicious of his weighing. They all knew that he used to be an ice man."

Man can learn almost everything except to look dignified while carrying bundles of dry goods.

"You've got to hand it to grandma for having her hair bobbed."
"Yes, how may be old in years but she's got a young head on her shoulders."

A tourist our party I met at the La Grande post office turned out a laugh for those who had a glimpse of the inscription, "Good-bye California, the home of the Lemon, the Plum and the Nut."

GOOD MORNING AND GOODBYE

Like little clouds that meet and pass
Across the azure summer sky,
We part each other and pass on,
Good morning and good-bye.

Perhaps there is an unappreciated gleam
From lip to lip, from eye to eye,
The instant that we meet and pass,
Good morning and good-bye.

Perhaps our hands brush as we pass,
Our hearts beat fast; we know not why,
Till the great silence falls again,
Good morning, and good-bye.

And there be a friendly smile,
And may there be no frown or sigh,
The moment that we meet and part,
Good morning and good-bye.

It's only a question of time until the barber will say, "It's getting a little thin on the top ma'am."

There was a young lady named Florence,
Who for washing professed an abhorrence,
But when she'd been kissed,
And found what she'd missed,
She cried till the tears came in torrents.

Home is the place where you hang up your hat without paying a dime to get it back.

"Here boy," said the man to the boy who was helping him drive a bunch of cattle, "hold this bull a minute will you?"

"No," answered the boy, "I don't mind being a director in his company, but I'm darned if I care to be a stockholder."

She and her loved one had been sitting in the darkened parlor for several hours. The hour was becoming early, when a sleepish voice

from above broke the silence: "Young man, you may leave the house."

Then the loved one replied, "Yes sir, I didn't mean to take it with me."

Statistics show that 4539 men were killed by gas last year. Nineteen inhaled it, 43 litched matches to it, and 4298 stepped on it.

"Here! What do you mean by feeding that kid yeast cake?"
"Oh, he just swallowed 50 cents of mine and I'm trying to raise the dough."

I hear you are putting in an oil burner. Rather expensive isn't it?
"Yes, in a way. But it's cheaper than paying last year's coal bill."

Income Tax Facts

No. 2.

There is no change in the exemption for single persons, which is \$1,000. Married persons living together and heads of families are allowed by the revenue act of 1924 an exemption of \$2,500, regardless of the amount of net income. Under the preceding act the exemption for married persons and heads of families was \$2,700 if the aggregate net income was \$5,000 or less and \$2,900 if the net income exceeded \$5,000. A husband and wife living together have but one personal exemption. If they make separate returns such exemptions may be taken by either or divided between them.

The exemption of \$2,500 is allowed married couples only if they live together. In the absence of conditions normal residence together, the exemption depends upon the character of the separation. The new regulations provide that if occasionally and temporarily a wife is away on a visit or a husband is away on business, the joint home being maintained, the full exemption is allowable. The unavoidable absence of a husband or wife at a sanitarium, on account of illness, does not preclude claiming the exemption. But if a husband or wife voluntarily the husband makes his residence at one place and the wife at another, they are not living together within the eyes of the income tax law. Each must file a return if his or her income was \$1000.

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One good turn deserves another, and one bad turn usually gets another.

A spendthrift is one who spends all his money to prove he has it.

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Exterminated Bandits Mourned in Aged Rites

KURDJALI, Bulgaria (AP).—Curious sacrificial ceremonies dating back to pre-Mohammedan times recently were revived by the population of this district, because they are Mohammedans. The occasion was the extermination of the bandits Ahmed and Mohamed by a government posse. The Mohammedan population went into deep mourning for the bandits, the chief feature of the mourning ceremony being the erection of several altars, somewhat similar to Jewish altars. On these altars, with Mohammedan ritual, came without bleeding back to pre-Mohammedan times recently were revived by the population of this district, because they are Mohammedans. The occasion was the extermination of the bandits Ahmed and Mohamed by a government posse. The Mohammedan population went into deep mourning for the bandits, the chief feature of the mourning ceremony being the erection of several altars, somewhat similar to Jewish altars. On these altars, with Mohammedan ritual, came without bleeding back to pre-Mohammedan times recently were revived by the population of this district, because they are Mohammedans.

(Mohammedans never drink wine because it is forbidden by the Koran) was carried on until early morning. The exterminated bandits are regarded as heroes by this remnant of a vanished race. The early bird gets the worm. That's true. But you never can tell if you will be the bird or the worm.

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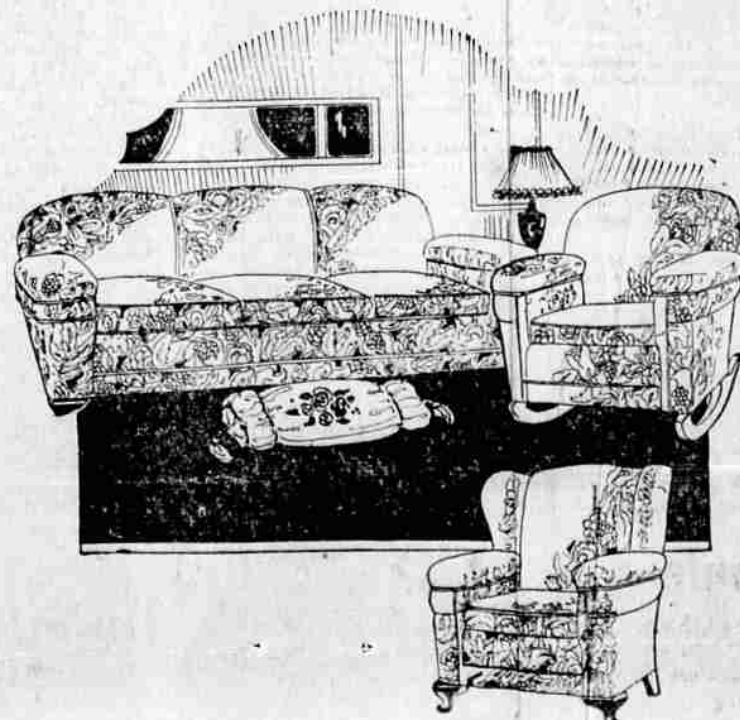
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