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HE THAT PASSETH BY, and meddeth with strife belonging not to him is like one that taketh a dog by the ears. —Proverbs 26:17.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • • By Stanley



Two Colorado mountains are moving. One has moved 100 feet. May be a sign of spring restlessness.

But the two mountains in Colorado isn't so much. We know a man who saw a plumber move.

Easter time is nearly here—just a few more days until the annual parade of the calves.

The difference between a best girl and a sweater is that the former doesn't think you a meal ticket.

An Easter egg, in our opinion, is one who spends \$12 for a new hat, \$30 for a new dress, \$5.50 for a new pair of stockings, \$30 for a new spring coat for his wife—and then treats himself to a Coca Cola.

A La Grande employer recently asked his stenographer to take a personal interest in his affairs. But the heavens fell when she opened a tin addressed to him and containing a few notes really personal.

At that too many employees take too much personal interest in their stenographers.

Boss (to his stenog.): "Take the message, I'll get it from you later." Stenographer: "Your little daughter wants to kiss you over the phone."

When we see a girl of 12 crying today, we don't know whether to give her a new doll or tell her that no man's box is really worth sliding tears on.

Some girls flirt with handkerchiefs, some with eyes and the majority prefer to flirt with nose.

Mr. and Mrs. Iron Rabson are disappointed parents of a cross-eyed girl. They wanted a boy.—Exchange. Dollars to doubloons the editor got kicked the next day!

The first telephone came to this country in 1850 and in less than five years brother was fighting desperately against brother, with the life of the nation at stake.

In closing we might remark—during clean-up work some girls ought to look at the back of their necks.

Perkins Restores Film Work
Interrupted Two Years Ago
LONDON (AP)—Lady Peninsular, whose portrait in her own hand is one of the oldest in existence, dating back to 1295, depicted recently to take up her acting for the films where she fell off two years ago, with a play never completed because of mechanical difficulties.
Lady Peninsular is the wife of Commander A. W. Agass, of the British navy, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his attack on the Hindenburg warships at Kronstadt during the Russian revolution. Lady Peninsular is fairly tall, has light brown hair and features which managers consider particularly adaptable for screen work.

Editorials From Over the Nation

SUNSET IN ERROR

Oregon Voter. In an editorial saturated with misstatements Sunset Magazine, April number, patronizingly sneers at Oregon as "peculiar" compared with the rest of the West. By the "rest of the West," Sunset probably means California, and we of Oregon should be grateful, we suppose, for Sunset even remembering that Oregon exists. Mangled with the misstatements are some truths, but if applied as a standard, vaunted California looms up as even more "peculiar" than Oregon.

Oregon, chronically, has the longest ballot of any state in the Union. The facts are that California, chronically, has a longer ballot than Oregon.

At every election its (Oregon's) citizens are asked to pass judgment on a score of complicated sociological measures. At every election California citizens are required to pass upon about twice as many measures as the citizens of Oregon. In Oregon it is wisdom that every ten state measures are on the ballot.

Oregon was the first to make use of the so-called tools of democracy, the initiative, the referendum and the recall. California promptly imitated Oregon by adopting the same system.

As a state Oregon does not as yet furnish free school books to its children. California does furnish them, but so far Oregon has not imitated California in this regard. In California the state has adopted the socialistic and costly plan of state printing of school textbooks, the product being inferior in its printing, binding and illustration, and Oregon has sensibly avoided imitation of California in that regard also.

Oregon communities introduced all kinds of advanced legislation even unto the state income tax now repealed. The state income tax was not introduced by Oregon communities but was introduced and enacted by the state legislature. It was repealed by an initiative bill, free, and the repeal was the first repeal of a state income tax law by any state in the union, said repeal constituting the only new statute enacted by the people of Oregon at the general election last November. The repeal measure was only a dozen words in length. Can California point to even one example of straight repeal of a law by use of the initiative?

Look over the California ballots for ten years. Sunset, and then glance at the returns and note how many fools' laws, including Frank tax measures, have been adopted by popular vote. If Oregon, "peculiar" for the reasons you state, California is profusely peculiar, for the same reasons apply doubly to California for having imitated Oregon's alleged "weakness" with flourish which Oregon has had good sense enough not to imitate.

Readers Differ on Value of Crimeless Front Page Paper

DES MOINES (AP)—Readers of the Des Moines Register, which Monday began an experiment in the handling of crime news stories on an inside section, much after the manner of sports and markets, express different opinions on the value of the method ranging from opposition to hearty endorsement in a symposium published in the paper Tuesday morning.

Chief of Police James B. Cavender, endorsing the experiment, said that "segregation of crime news is undoubtedly a forward step in overcoming the glorifying of crime by under-developed minds."

An opposite view was expressed by a local circus man, who said he "believed the publication of crime news is helpful," and that the "greatest correction of crime is the publicity given it by newspapers."

E. I. Osborne, a bond agent, favored the plan because he "can't help the crime news section" before his children read the paper. An attorney said he believed crime news "over-emphasized" and favored the giving of more conspicuous mention to the good deeds of men.

Messages received from editors including Henry Bayard Swopes of the New York World, expressed interest in the experiment which followed the passage of a resolution by the women's clubs of the city asking elimination of front page crime stories.

FUND HELD DUE ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore.—A report by George Black & Co. on audit of the city books, made public, contains the assertion that under the state aid bill passed in 1922 Astoria is entitled to more money in refunded taxes than has been received.

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School Ends Term Early

EUROPE (AP)—The school in last summer and by holding class (Class No. 13) on the north side, as on all holidays he was enabled to complete its eight school in the county. Mr. Biecher, month term, having closed, or has returned to Eugene and will according to E. J. Moore, county superintendent, continue his studies in the University of Oregon.

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