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STERNVOUS, BUT UNNECESSARY

An extreme advocate of woman suffrage in a Chautauque lecture intimates that if moral suasion fails the women of America can carry that point by organizing a housewives' strike, says an exchange. Let wives and mothers refuse to cook, mend, look after the children and direct the servants and meek man will be reduced to abject submission. That is the doctrine.

There is no doubt that such an extreme measure of family discipline would cause the husband to either surrender to any demand or betake himself to hotel, club or cafeteria. The alternative may give some of the less forceful better halves a moment's pause. For among the women who maintain the home tradition the possibility of the nominal head of the house leaving it with a valid excuse for resuming bachelor quarters will be a mighty deterrent. And it is to be noted, without the support of the great majority of women, the housewives' strike would be a boomerang. The mistress of the family who walks out while her next-door neighbors continue to supply the regular board and washing will be left in a position as futile as obnoxious.

Nevertheless, we freely admit that such a strike, backed by a fully organized housewives' union, and enforced by petticoated walking delegates and pickets, would raise such a ruction as to be an infliction on the masculine half. If this suggestion were conveyed to the British suffragettes it might cause a panic in England. But for the United States it has no terrors, for the simple reason that the women of this country can get the suffrage much more easily—when they want it. Why should they turn domestic peace upside down to get the right to vote, when they can have it for the asking?

The year that the great majority of American women wish the ballot urgently enough to exercise their feminine influence on husbands, fathers and sons they will get it. We do not venture to assert how all the women would vote if the proposition were laid before them in a feminine referendum. But we do aver that the vast majority of them do not care enough for it to set to work by the usual means of feminine persuasion to make their male relations vote for it—much less to shatter their home life into minute fragments. If they had wanted it enough to work for it they would have got it long ago.

SHOULD GET THEIR DUE.

A more atrocious murder it would be hard to conceive than that perpetrated by Captain Hains, with the help of his brother, on the defenseless advertising manager of Burr McIntosh's Monthly, says an exchange. The man was shot down like a dog, without warning, with no chance to defend himself. It was as cold-blooded, brutal and cowardly as it well could be. The spectacle of the two brothers, each armed, waiting under cover while the unsuspecting Annis, arrayed only in his bathing suit, brought his boat to the landing place, there to be shot by one of them like a mad animal, is not one calculated to raise their courage beyond proof or to leave any impression except that they are as cowardly a pair as walk.

These men, no matter what their social position, should be rated at precisely their actual value. They are men of murderous hearts, cowardly natures and brutal instincts. They should be brought to speedy trial, and if the circumstances warrant, as there now seems no doubt, they should be summarily dealt with as the law provides.

Foraker is one man in Ohio who has silence a burn.

Candidates that stand "pat" still need considerable patting.

Unfortunately, August is not able to melt the anger of the ice trust.

Higsen is not the whole show, but he occupies a front seat in the circus.

If Tatt's canned speeches don't cover the ground they certainly fill the cans.

If the tariff isn't old enough to take care of itself, Tatt thinks it ought to be.

Castro's revenge is certain. He is going to write a book for his enemies to read.

Tom Lawson is one wise author who invariably incloses stamps with his manuscripts.

While Kentucky is sending out grim souvenir postcards, the enterprising brethren might issue some with flaming buildings in the tobacco districts.



You Need Protection For Your Valuables

If you have not already put them where they are safe. Any ordinary receptacle, such as a trunk, box or drawer is constantly in danger of being burned or robbed. Secure Absolute Protection for your valuables by placing them in the Fire and Burglar-Proof Vault of the Jackson County Bank, where you can rent a Safe Deposit Box for \$4 and up per year.

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MEDFORD, OREGON
Established 1885: State Depository
Finest Equipment in Southern Oregon
Capital and Surplus, \$115,000.00
W. L. VAWTER, Pres. G. R. LINDLEY, Cash.

The campaign fund grows in Indiana. They won't have to pull the whiskers of Candidate Kern.

The political steam roller differs from the automobile. It isn't running over voters right and left.

Thaw's lawyers seem determined to keep him out of Matteawan until he is no longer worth keeping.

No doing anything with Kansas. It is howling for harvest hands instead of thanking God for good crops.

In South Carolina a valuable mule was shot in a campaign row. As usual, the political orators escaped unhurt.

If the sultan of Turkey would only consent to have one wife, how he could economize in his millinery bills!

The trusts also think that Roosevelt needs a good, long vacation. It is time for him to hunt other big game.

It isn't strange that a new secretary of war should have raised a little war as soon as he landed in the office.

Avoid the home-returning rush and send the summer resort board bills to "the old man" by fast freight.

Mr. Cortelyou keeps before the people by proving that he hasn't the ghost of a chance to be governor of New York.

All should be forgiven when it is said that Loeb admits he was on his vacation and talking through a perforated hat.

Marse Henry suggests that the Washington man who secured \$30 by telephoning his wife that he was dead and advising her where to send money for funeral expenses be attached to James S. Sherman's fat-frying staff at a comfortable salary and commissions.—Exchange.

Fruit Trees Galore.
The Kiser Brothers have given directions to their superintendent, H. F. Mender, to purchase enough fruit trees to plant 150 acres of land. Enough of these trees will be used to plant 50 acres on the Jack Anderson place, south of Medford, and making 200 acres of orchard, all told, on that place, and the remainder of the trees will be used in planting 100 acres on the Berry place, near Jacksonville.

Hodson Will Do It.
W. M. Hodson and his chief chauffeur, Van R. Gilberts, left yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock for Crater lake. They are traveling in a Buick, model F, and expected to reach their destination some time during the night, and will return tomorrow. They are making the trip for the purpose of inspecting the roads. As a result of the inspection it is not altogether improbable that Mr. Hodson will establish an automobile line between Medford and the lake.

BALDWIN AND HIS BALLOON.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Baldwin dirigible balloon performed its endurance test of two hours in the air yesterday afternoon by a flight of two hours and five minutes, traveling 32 miles. This feat completes all the requirements for the acceptance of the Baldwin airship. The ship in its evolutions approached Washington and circled freely at various speeds. The balloon ascended from Fort Myer at 6:15 p. m. and descended at 8:24 p. m.

Major Squires of the signal corps, who witnessed the test, said that at one period the balloon made 25 miles per hour.

The government will pay \$7500 for the machine. After the test the army experts would say but little. They were all pleased that the government now possessed a new kind of war equipment.

Further experiments with dirigibles will be had in the government plant at Omaha, Neb.

Congress will be asked for \$100,000 for airships early in the next session and then all branches of the service will co-operate to get about \$1,000,000 for dirigibles and aero planes.

Farmers, Attention.
I have the best and most complete stock of harness and saddles, and everything belonging to the harness business to be found in Jackson county. Before buying call and see me. I. F. SETTLE, successor to E. G. Whiteside, Medford, Ore. if.

THE MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK

WE PAY 3% PER ANNUM ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED

WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE

SUCCEEDED AT LAST

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A desperate attempt to commit suicide was made by Frank I. Nelke, a man hailing from New York City, at the Moore hotel this morning, and from all accounts it was through no fault of his that he failed in the undertaking, and in all probability will recover.

Mr. Nelke tried to end his life in one of the bathrooms situated on an upper floor. Just which was used first, carbolic acid or a razor, is not positively known, but it is surmised that two ounces of the acid was swallowed and failed to immediately have an effect. A razor was then used in addition to the other.

If the man's life is saved it will be owing to the quick and skillful work done by Drs. Seeley and Conroy. The former was called and hastened to the hotel. When he realized the serious nature of the case he sent for Dr. Conroy, and the two used a stomach pump and worked over the man for some time, with the result that he regained consciousness and was to all intents and purposes out of danger at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, much to the relief of his faithful wife.

The most serious injury Mr. Nelke inflicted on himself was by swallowing the carbolic acid, as his mouth and throat were severely burned. The razor the desperate man used in an attempt to sever the arteries of his wrists, and although he cut them both to a considerable extent, there is no danger from that, but the scars will likely stay for some time.

About 10 o'clock this morning Mr. Nelke went to the bathroom with his razor. His wife was in the room at the time, and to her he remarked that he was going to shave himself. About 20 minutes later Mrs. Nelke opened the door of the bathroom and was horrified to see her husband stagger past her with his hands covered with blood, and fall at the head of the stairs. Her piercing screams were heard all over the house. Several of the guests and employes hastened to where the man laid and carried him to his room.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelke with their 5-year-old daughter, arrived in Medford about a week ago and took a room at the Moore hotel. His intention was to open a clothing store, and for that purpose he leased for two years the place now occupied by Waschau & Brown. It is understood that he has several thousand dollars on deposit in this city and was in no great need for money at the present time.

Mrs. Nelke is authority for the statement that she and her husband had no domestic troubles, neither was he a drinking man. The only thing that can be assigned which would cause him to try and end his life, unless he is insane, is the fact that he has not heretofore been very successful in business, and since he leased the place referred to several people have told him that location was too far from the business center, and therefore was a poor one for his store.

Last night Mr. Nelke made another attempt to end his life and very nearly succeeded in doing so. The doctors had warned the family to be careful and not leave a window open, as they suspected that he would try to jump out if he had the opportunity. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mrs. Nelke had occasion to use a knife to break some ice and just as she laid it to one side her husband jumped out of bed.

In the twinkling of an eye the desperate man grabbed the knife, and before any one could prevent him made an attempt to cut his throat and then to stab himself in the heart. His wife and the others in the room at the time wrenched the knife away from him before he injured himself to any great extent.

It has been ascertained that one of the reasons which caused Nelke to make the attempt on his life was the fact that he had worked in his uncle's clothing store in New York for a number of years, and the understanding was that he would be given the business when the uncle retired. In place of that, not a long time ago the business was sold and Nelke was left to shift for himself.

His brother-in-law then came forward and offered to advance him enough money to start in business for himself, but it was considered best to find another location. He concluded that Medford was a good place and consequently decided to open a clothing store in this city.

If it had not been for the fact that several persons insisted that the stand Nelke had chosen was a poor one the chances are that everything might have turned out all right. A few days ago he received one shipment of goods from the east over the Southern Pacific railway on which he paid the sum of \$799. In addition to that, several other shipments had arrived, consigned to him, and everything looked bright for the success of his undertaking until today, when like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky everything changed.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Frank I. Nelke, the man who made two attempts to take his life at the Moore hotel Tuesday, died shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He was conscious almost to the last, and although he realized what he had done, he did not appear to be sorry for it.

CAUTION

"Let every eye negotiate for itself
And trust no agent."—SHAKESPEAR.

WE ARE the only Grocery in town selling for strictly CASH, and consequently the only store that can quote you such prices.

Before and after going on a cash basis:

OLD CREDIT PRICES.	NEW CASH PRICES.	CASH SAVING.
1 Pkg. Arm & Hammer Soda. 10c	1 Pkg. Arm & Hammer Soda. 6c	Cash Saving of.....4c
1 Can Corn.....15c	1 Can Corn.....10c	Cash Saving of.....5c
10 lb. Bag Rolled Oats.....40c	10 lb. Bag Rolled Oats.....35c	Cash Saving of.....5c
1 Pkg. Corn Starch.....10c	1 Pkg. Corn Starch.....7c	Cash Saving of.....3c
2 Cans Carnation Milk.....25c	2 Cans Carnation Milk.....20c	Cash Saving of.....5c
1 Doz. Cans Hominy.....\$1.80	1 Dozen Cans Hominy.....\$1.44	Cash Saving of.....36c
Bottle Worcestershire Sauce.....\$1.00	Bottle Worcestershire Sauce.....85c	Cash Saving of.....15c
Bottle Temple Queen Olives.....75c	Bottle Temple Queen Olives.....60c	Cash Saving of.....15c
1 Large Can Cottole.....\$1.50	1 Large Can Cottole.....\$1.40	Cash Saving of.....10c
Whisk Brooms.....15 and 20c	Whisk Brooms.....15 and 20c	Cash Saving of.....5c
Assorted Toilet Soaps, per dozen cakes.....60c	Assorted Toilet Soaps, per dozen cakes.....40c	Cash Saving of.....20c
Welche's Grape Juice, per qt.....80c	Welche's Grape Juice, per qt.....50c	Cash Saving of.....30c
Total, - - \$7.50	Total, - - \$6.17	Total Saving, - \$1.33

This represents a saving of over 20 per cent throughout. In the face of such evidence who can say it does not pay to buy cash groceries of

MILLER & EWBANK

"THE HOME OF TRUE ECONOMY"

A structure whose foundation is not the shifting sands of credit but the solid rock of cash.

Mrs. Nelke is prostrated on account of the terrible ordeal she has gone through, and most of her afternoon being looked after by William Handley, who sat up all night with Mr. Nelke. Messages were sent to Benjamin Schwab, a brother-in-law of the deceased, at Provo, Utah, and to other relatives in the east.

On account of the absence of Coroner Kellogg from the city, Justice Canon was consulted and decided that it would not be necessary to hold an inquest. The body was then removed to the undertaking parlors.

At 1:30 this morning a message was received by Mrs. Nelke stating that Benjamin Schwab would arrive here Sunday and would accompany the family and take the body east.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

WIGAN, Aug. 19.—The worst fears are realized about the explosion at the Maypole mines yesterday. 140 entombed miners numbered about 70, and it is impossible that any survived. The efforts at rescue have been unceasingly.

Thirty bodies were recovered today, but the fumes from the burning coal prevented the rescuers from reaching the others. Identification of the blackened bodies is impossible. At midnight an enormous crowd is still keeping a sorrowful vigil at the pit's mouth.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Cortallis Oregon.
Offers collegiate courses in Agriculture, including Agronomy, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry, etc.; Forestry; Domestic Science and Art; Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Engineering; Commerce Pharmacy.

Offers elementary courses in Agriculture, Forestry, Domestic Science and Art, commerce and Mechanic Arts, including forge work, cabinet making, steam fitting, plumbing, machine work, etc.

Strong faculty, modern equipment, free tuition; opens September 25. Illustrated catalogue with full information on application to the register, free.

Looking for An Investment.

William Connell of Chicago is in Medford looking for an investment. It is quite probable he will purchase orchard land. He is said to be a friend of Mrs. Potter Palmer who a few months ago purchased a large orchard tract south of Medford and it is quite possible that this lady of prominence and means may have been directly responsible for Mr. Connell's course in this direction.

Rogue River bottom land at Woodville to exchange for Medford residence property. Give lot, block, improvements and price. Ben A. Lowell, Woodville, Or.

MIGHT HAVE KILLED THREE.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—Early in July, Walter M. Johnson, a 23-year-old timber locator, took a party of six men into Washington county to show them timber land. J. J. Fischer, a curio dealer at 52 1/2 Sixth street, Portland, returned within a few days. Later, H. L. Park, an old soldier of Dennis, Kan., showed up. Last night Johnson signed a confession admitting that he had murdered Elmer Perdue, one of the party. The other three have disappeared completely.

Whether an investigation will reveal that the missing members of Johnson's party met with Perdue's fate or not nobody can tell, but it is the belief of both Fischer and Park that the others were murdered by Johnson for their money. One of them, a prosperous appearing sawmill man, is known to have had a considerable amount of money on his person at the time he was last seen. The two others were Swedes and their names are unknown.

Johnson was arrested by Sheriff George C. Hancock of Washington county while eating dinner in the London restaurant at Grand and Hawthorne avenues last night. He was taken to the county jail and after a three hours' cross-examination by Sheriff Stevens and Deputies Leonard and Wood, made a confession in which he said that he had shot Perdue in self-defense, had dragged the body several hundred feet through the brush and hidden it by heaping it with brush and rolling a log upon it.

Before taking the body from the house he said he rifled the pockets, taking \$130 in money and a watch and pocketbook with a few little things in the pockets. He told Sheriff Stevens where he could find these things last night and led the sheriff to Marquam gulch, near the crossing of First street. It was too dark to find them that night, but Sheriff Stevens and Deputy Sheriff Leonard searched the gulch yesterday morning and located the pocketbook and knife in a clump of blackberry bushes. He also found the rifle which Johnson used to shoot Perdue and which had been returned to its owner in Portland.

Of Interest to Some People.

The attorney-general for the post-office department has ruled that letters bearing cards, "Wages and Bills Collected" are not transmissible through the mails, inasmuch as they are contrary to the provisions of the postal laws.

Child Marries War Veteran.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 18.—The marriage of Miss Frances Pinkerton, 16 years old, to John McKnight, a civil war veteran, aged 65 years, has caused a sensation here. The pair were married in Wilmington. The consent of the girl's parents is said to have been obtained.

Taft Now Ready.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 19.—Judge Taft today put the finishing touches on his speech to the Virginia Republicans, after devoting practically a whole day to the work. According to Mr. Vorhys, the speech is an exposition of records of Republican and Democratic parties in their practical work toward controlling the trusts. The speech will be delivered Friday to several trainloads of excursionists from all parts of the state.

—Mrs. E. E. Gore Teacher of Piano and Voice. Special summer classes in harmony and theory now forming. Night reading ensemble playing and recital work.

As Good as Can Be Grown

Spitzenberger, Newton Pipe-Apple Trees.
4 to 6 feet, \$10 per 100
5 to 7 " 15 " "
Peach.
4 to 5 feet \$15 per 100
Standard Prune \$10 per 100
Guaranteed true to label.
Free from pests. Buds and scions taken from bearing trees only.

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500 LOTS OR MORE.
Flour.....\$2.50 per 100 lbs
Rolled Barley.....\$1.65 per " lbs
Middlings.....\$1.80 per " lbs
Mill Feed.....\$1.50 per " lbs
Bran.....1.40 per " lbs

LESS THAN 500 LOTS.

Flour.....\$2.70 per 100 lbs
Rolled Barley.....\$1.80 per " lbs
Middlings.....\$1.75 per " lbs
Mill Feed.....\$1.60 per " lbs
Bran.....\$1.50 per " lbs

MEDFORD FLOUR MILLS.