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Huerta has been holding on to the edge so long that perhaps he will feel relieved when he drops off.

The Anti-Saloon League should quit trying to work the newspapers for free advertising and come with the price.

About the only person who doesn't want a national "Father's Day" is father himself. Dad's expenses are heavy enough as it is.

The human ape has whipped a white man in a prize fight again. The white man got just what was coming to him for associating so closely with a beast.

After reading the ably written editorials of Editor Elbert Bede of the Cottage Grove Sentinel for several weeks, we know now why he was not nominated for the legislature.

Some wise man searching in the archives of the past tells us that Noah ate of the forbidden fruit instead of Adam and Eve. Whoever the first sinner was, a very bad precedent was established.

A Louisiana man has informed T. R. that 26 democrats in that state have joined the progressive party. This is encouraging. The vote in Louisiana now stands, 159,971 democrats and 29 progressives.

President Wilson's notice to "Big Business" that he proposes to put his anti-trust bill through if it takes all summer, ought to be sufficient warning to quit knocking and get down to legitimate business.

The Administration might offer to settle with Japan for the Philippines and Alaska.—Oregonian. If we could unload the Philippines onto Japan, it would be very good for the United States but might prove rather tough on Japan.

The Oregon Industry League has been organized for the purpose of aiding Oregon made goods. If this league will eliminate fancy salaries, banquets and railroad fares, and advertise in the country newspapers, Oregon made goods will be sold in Oregon.

The major portion of "Painless Parker's" dentistry bill is all right. Any qualified dentist should be given a license to practice his profession regardless of whether he advertises for business and gets it or sits in an office and waits for business to come to him.

One of the delightful features of the Cherry Fair was one that was not here. It was that there were no political candidates on hand to make non-political speeches.—Salem Capital-Journal. Did the Capital-Journal ever hear a political candidate make a non-political speech?

The statement of one of the country's greatest advertising experts, who is so-journing in Oregon, that country newspaper advertising is far better than any other kind, is not new news to the merchant who knows how to advertise and has a good, neat, newsy, well edited newspaper in his town to place his advertising in.

While William Jennings Bryan has travelled over the world, met kings and potentates everywhere, and been paid great respect and honor by the people of other nations, the Pendleton Tribune says that he has not a world-wide reputation. No wonder strict party papers have no standing as to political veracity among thinking men and women.

One W. V. Chapman in a letter to the Portland Journal says:

"Two thousand hop growers of Oregon, with their business, would be left to perish, their rich farms would be forever blasted, and their children would grow up to be vagabonds and thieves."

Hop growers ought to find this man, Chapman, and inform him that he had better let somebody else do the writing for the newspapers.

The Oregonian has discovered that the country may be saved after all as the following editorial will show:

The turn of the business tide has already come in the East, and all events in immediate prospect promise to accelerate its flow towards healthy activity. Harvest is already under way in the Southwest with favorable weather, and is reducing the probability of a phenomenal wheat crop to a certainty. It has also begun in the Northwest—in Wain Walla and Umatilla Counties. The crop will be quickly bought up, for both our domestic millers and European buyers have allowed their stocks to run low. In preparation to wheat railroads have concentrated more cars west of the Missouri River than ever before, and they will be compelled by the necessities of traffic to put in repair every car and engine and to replenish their supply of rolling stock. Philadelphia says pessimism is on the wane and that sentiment is unquestionably swerving to the brighter side. Pittsburg says that orders for iron and steel have increased in the last few weeks, that inquiries have broadened out and that buyers show considerable willingness to contract for future delivery. Chicago reports an increase of 30 percent in Western buying of dry goods over the same period of last year.

All of which helps some. Some time soon perhaps we will all be rich and happy.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

River and Harbor Bill, Carrying Large Appropriations, Opposed in Senate.

Washington.—The river and harbor bill, carrying one of the largest appropriations in recent years, will meet determined opposition in the senate this week.

The bill on the face of it, as endorsed by the senate committee on commerce, carries about \$52,000,000. Actually, however, the sum authorized will be much greater.

Examination of the bill shows that the "pork barrel" has been generously distributed to nearly every section of the country.

While opposition forces are massing their strength in the senate for an attack on the rivers and harbors bill, as the chief "pork barrel" measure of the year, a bill introduced in the house by Representative Rucker, of Missouri, strikes at the use of a "barrel" in national elections.

Would Limit Campaign Expenditures.

The bill limiting the use of the "barrel" provides for the control of campaign contributions and expenditures.

It is a codification of the three existing federal laws with regards to campaign expenditures. It also contains several new sections.

The most significant of these is the one which provides that no "political committee" may use in any state a greater amount than the aggregate contributed by the citizens of that state. Representative Rucker's report expressly states that the bill provides that this is not to limit the use of money for publishing literature, for advertising, or for any other campaign method which appeals primarily to the judgment of voters, but it is designed to prevent the collecting of immense contributions from corporations and individuals in the financial centers of the country for use in various states. In a word, it is aimed at the national "barrel."

House Searcher's Bill is Reported.

A substitute for the La Follette searcher's bill passed by the senate was favorably reported to the house.

The bill substantially adopts the requirements agreed on by the convention on safety of life at sea at London, last January, as to lifeboats on ocean vessels, and applies those in modified form to United States vessels in ocean voyages on routes not more than 20 nautical miles off shore and on the great lakes. It would require an ocean passenger steamer, at every moment of its voyage, to have aboard no more persons than there are accommodations in lifeboats and life rafts, at least 75 per cent of this equipment to be lifeboats. Cargo steamers would carry enough lifeboats for all aboard under existing regulations.

National Capital Briefs.

Vote on the 20 year reclamation extension bill which has been presented to the house by committee, is expected this week.

Co-operative dairies, mutual fire insurance companies and like concerns must pay the income tax according to a ruling of the United States supreme court.

Investigation will be made in the senate of the report that senate stationery and government officials figured in the promotion of gold mines in North Carolina.

Astrology is a superstition and the moon and planets have no influence on weather conditions, declares the bulletin of the agricultural department.

The treasury department received word from the revenue cutter Bear at Nome that it is not at present possible on account of the ice, to rescue the crew of the Karluk, refugees on Wrangell island.

The Russian Government has been asked, it is said, if George Marye of San Francisco would be acceptable to the czar for the United States embassy in St. Petersburg.

More authority in compelling income tax delinquents to come to time is sought by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who would force disclosure of names of stockholders in corporations and have books made free of access.

Title of transcontinental railroads to some \$700,000,000 worth of petroleum land as against other private claimants was upheld by the supreme court in a test suit brought by Edmund Burke of California against the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered reparation of the excess freight payments made on 450 shipments of wool from Oregon and other western states pending a hearing in the cases of the railroad commission of Oregon and National Wool Growers' association versus the Oregon Short Line and other railroads. The amounts of reparation to shippers range from \$5 to \$1100.

A Trespasser

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

One spring morning when the trees bore that first pale green of the season which is more delicate than any other of their many beautiful tints Miss Miller saw a party of children come through the gateway and go romping over her grounds. They appeared to be under the care of a single person, a man. Indignant at this entry into her domain without permission, she strode down the driveway to meet them.

"Pardon me, sir, but did you not see the notice?"

"I saw that trespassers would be prosecuted under penalty of the law."

"Well, then, why did you bring these children in here?"

"Because I know they would be delighted to be here."

"And you were willing to subject them to prosecution?"

"No; they are minors. If any one is to be prosecuted it is I."

"And you were willing to be prosecuted yourself?"

"Certainly, so long as I thereby give pleasure to these children."

"If you had asked permission I might have granted it."

"That would have been more polite. I admit, but politeness begets at home. You have not put up a notice that any one wishing to enjoy your grounds may apply to you for permission and you will consider the application. You have given warning that any one trespassing on your grounds will be prosecuted under the law. I accept the terms of this notice. I bring these children on to your premises, and it is your privilege to prosecute me."

He handed her his card, turned away and joined the little ones, who were racing about, laughing and shouting.

Miss Miller was astonished, outraged. There seemed nothing for her to do but act upon the notice she had put up. The young man had brought it all on himself. As for the children, she felt quite relieved that they were minors and the man was responsible for them. Returning to the house, she ordered out her pony cart and drove into the village to see her attorney. He was out of town, but would return late that night. She stated the case to a student in his office, who told her that she might swear out a warrant for the arrest of the trespasser, Mr. Gilbert Chase, who was principal of a school.

Miss Miller was loath to act without the advice of a competent person, but she was very angry, partly because her notice had been set at defiance and partly because the young man had succeeded in placing himself in a very unfavorable position and her in a very favorable one. Acting on impulse, she swore out the warrant, and Mr. Chase was arrested as he was leaving her grounds. He furnished bail to appear the next day for trial and was permitted to go where he liked in the meantime.

The next morning Miss Miller appeared against the accused, stating that a notice was nailed to a tree near the entrance of her grounds giving warning to trespassers. The justice asked the prisoner if he was represented by counsel, to which he replied that he would conduct his own case. Then he added:

"I refuse to answer to this charge on the ground that there is no law of the land to compel me to answer."

Miss Miller had left word for her attorney to come to court in time to conduct the case, and at this juncture he entered. As soon as he was informed concerning the matter, addressing the justice, he said:

"My client, your honor, enters a nolle prosequi."

"What's that?" asked Miss Miller.

"You drop the case."

"I drop the case! Indeed, I do no such thing."

"The prisoner has stated the fact correctly; there is no law to punish him for trespassing on your premises."

"No law? Well, what are all such signs for then?"

"Probably to frighten trespassers. They don't mean anything."

The lawyer was mistaken, but Miss Miller did not learn that until later.

Miss Miller after paying the costs left the court in company with her attorney. At the door they parted, the lady going to her home. The first thing she did after getting there was to carry a small ladder and a hatchet with her own hands to the tree supporting the notice and, mounting the ladder, smash the board with the hatchet.

Then throwing the hatchet on the ground she stalked to the house, leaving her keeper to take away the fragments and the means of their destruction.

The person who stood for Miss Miller in place of parents was a white headed old lady with a benevolent face. Her grandchild having neglected to ask her advice in the first place, now that the damage was done, went to her, confided to her how she had been treated and asked her how she might punish the schoolmaster.

"If you ask me, my dear, what it is incumbent on you to do to set yourself right I will reply that you should write him an apology, first for objecting as you did to his bringing the children to enjoy the grounds and, second, for having him arrested."

This was a bitter pill for Miss Miller to swallow, but she swallowed it. When it was all over she found that his action had given her a high instead of a low opinion of him, and he is now the manager of her estate. The grounds are open to any one who conducts himself properly.

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