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The Monitor

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON

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LOCAL NEWS

Pigs for sale—Verd Hill.
Miss Helen Butler is at Newport.

Telephone Main 1621 and tell the news.

Mrs. G. W. Conkey visited in Dallas last week.

Elmer Davis registered at Newport last week.

A number of our people are courting in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tripp spent last week at Tillamook.

The East Independence launch has changed its place of landing.

Sunday's Oregonian: K. C. Eldridge of Independence is at the Seward.

Red Fern and Nemo corsets are the best. For sale by Conkey & Walker.

Rev. Sandifur and son returned from Tillamook Friday. They will go back again soon.

Salem Statesman: There will be mobilized in the hopfields of the Willamette valley within a month an army of fifty thousand people—men, women and children.

A. H. Burton, progressive candidate for state superintendent of schools, paid Independence a visit Saturday and made a good impression and no doubt a number of votes.

Ethel Lawrence, the 12 years old girl, who was accidentally shot by a playmate, on the Scott and Lewis hop ranch, is still alive and there are a number of good indications that she will survive.

Monmouth Herald: Monmouth is going to lose one of her good citizens, or rather a small family of citizens, as J. K. P. Carson has traded his four acre tract here for H. W. Willard's place adjoining the southern part of Independence.

McMinnville News-Reporter: O. A. Macy, manager of the Spaulding Logging Co. at Independence, is here for a few days while canvassing among the hop-growers of this vicinity for baskets manufactured by the Spaulding concern.

Lost—On First Street in Independence, a gray beaded purse containing some money and other articles including a penknife which had baby's picture on one side and the name, "Alveda Gipsen" on the other. Leave at the Monitor office. A. H.

Monmouth Herald: L. M. Butler of Talmage was doing business in town yesterday. Mr. Butler thinks he has the banner cow for this section or that it stands near the top as a money maker. He sold \$131.30 worth of cream from her during the past 12 months.

A. W. Kipler and Fred Timbler have commenced action against the local lodge of Odd Fellows for damages, asking a total of \$148.50. The plaintiffs allege by reason of defective drainage in the basement of the Odd Fellow building, stock that they had stored there was ruined.

State Press: At Sidney, in Polk county, the Krebs Brothers, formerly in the hop business, are constructing an immense dairy barn which will be up-to-date in every respect. It will have cement floors, brass rails, modern ventilation, running water and will cost about \$2,000. The employees will wear white suits, and at milking time the cows will be washed, milked by machinery and only the final "stripping" will be done by hand. Fifty grade Holsteins will be handled at first and 100 head additional will be purchased in the near future.

W. T. Greene, Hopkinton, N. H., writes the following letter, which will interest every one who has kidney trouble. "For over a year, Mrs. Greene had been afflicted with a very stubborn kidney trouble. Foley Kidney Pills done more to complete her recovery than any medicine she has taken and I feel it my duty to recommend them." Williams Drug Co.

The Steamship Widow

By M. QUAD

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The pilot had not yet left the Monarch, bound from London to Sydney, when I was fairly well posted on the passenger list. There were twenty ladies in the cabin, and half the number had their husbands along. There were thirty-five men, and all but ten were free of bondage. Of the twenty ladies three or four were single, three or four were widows and others had left husbands in England or were going to join husbands in Australia. When this list had been boiled down there was just one to fall in love with, who was down as Mrs. Ethel Warner. That means she was a widow, twenty-five years old, and rich and good looking. Before we were off soundings I had made up my mind to fall in love with Mrs. Warner.

On the third day out, which is the proper time to begin a flirtation, provided the weather is all right, I found that the other twenty-four men were of my way of thinking. It is easy enough to bring about an introduction on shipboard. If you can't find a mutual acquaintance, then introduce yourself. When I got ready to fall in love with Mrs. Warner I waited up to her, handed her my card and a few compliments, and the thing was done. She was pleased to say that she was glad to make my acquaintance, and an hour later I was in love.

Mrs. Warner was as well bred as she was handsome. She asked no questions about five or six children. She didn't express surprise that I had lived to the age of forty without having fallen in love before. She might have shown some little doubt in her look or speech when I said that I was going out to Australia to sell out my sheep ranches and return to England with \$200,000 and marry and settle down, but nothing occurred to alarm me. At the end of a couple of hours I felt that I had won her, and there could be no sort of doubt in her mind that she had me hooked fast. I walked about knowing that twenty-four men envied me and hated me and called me names behind my back, but not for long. That same evening a young doctor who was going out to the colony got some one to introduce him, and I saw Mrs. Warner hanging to his arm as lovingly as she had hung to mine. Later on I found the doctor in his cabin. The impetuous shrimp had retired to grin and chuckle and feel puffed up. I am an aggressive man. I allow nobody to interfere with my vested rights. I determined to squelch that doctor right on the spot, and when I had been admitted to his cabin I didn't lose a minute in saying:

"Sir, I desire you to understand right here and now that I am as good as engaged to Mrs. Warner, and I want no more of this lollipop business!"

"If you are engaged to her she does not know it," he replied after recovering from his surprise.

Then we had a scrap, in which blood was drawn and clothing torn, and it was understood that as soon as we landed in Australia there should be a shooting match. On the next day the widow was mine for a couple of hours. While I talked love more or less, I felt it my duty to warn her against the other twenty-four men in the most solemn manner. The lady thanked me over and over again for my more than brotherly interest, and when I at last handed her to a seat and went off for a smoke I was ready to ask her to name the day.

"After this that evening, when I had gone to my cabin to change coats, the door was suddenly banged open, and a fellow named Richards entered. I had learned that he was a needy lawyer, going out to the colony in hopes to better his purse.

"Sir, I want a few plain words with you!" began the miserable wretch as I confronted him. "I am as good as engaged to Mrs. Warner, and if you will only bear that in mind hereafter it may save you trouble."

We came together. We clawed, kicked, bit and pulled hair, and we were both badly damaged when we got through.

As soon as I could properly appear on deck I decided to settle matters one way or the other. I was waiting for the widow to appear when I was invited to the smoking room to debate a matter of business. I found the other twenty-four men there. When the meeting had been called to order a callow youth arose and inquired if it was understood that the whole twenty-five of us were in love with some woman. It was so understood. He then stated that he felt himself engaged to that woman and wanted to know if the rest of us did. We felt so. Then the callow youth asked if any one had a suggestion to offer. Twenty-four suggestions were offered in chorus, but the callow youth turned them all down for one of his own.

Then everybody drew in his breath and turned on his neighbor, but before a blow had been struck the purser and a lady stepped inside. It was Mrs. Warner. She nodded and smiled to each man of the twenty-four, and then the purser cleared his throat and said: "Gentlemen, permit me to introduce my wife. If her little escapade has been the cause—"

But we all rose up and bowed and laughed and shook hands all around, and during the rest of the voyage peace and harmony prevailed to such an extent that the run was voted a bore.

He Dazed Lew Wallace.

Shortly after the first success of "Ben-Hur" Lew Wallace had occasion to go over to London and one day picked up a pirated copy of the novel at a railroad newsstand. To his amazement he found the subtitle left off, a preface interpolated and one of the chapters rewritten. Of course he boiled with rage, and as soon as possible he called on the publisher. That gentleman coolly admitted his crime and told Wallace he thought the amended form better adapted to the British taste, doncherknow. His gall was so stupendous that the novelist was awed and went away without spilling his gore.

Old Joke Books.

Jest books long antedate the comic paper. The imprint of one volume, dated 1687, runs: "England's Jest-Book and Improv'd. Being a Choice Collection of the Merriest Jest, Smartest Repartees, Wittiest Sayings and Most Notable Bulls yet Extant. * * * Calculated for the Innocent Spending of the Winter Evenings." Another seventeenth century joke book shows the antiquity of the Irish bull. This is entitled "Teagueland Jest, or Hogg-Witticisms. Being a Complete Collection of the Most Learned Bulls, Elaborate Quibbles, and Wise Sayings of some of the Natives of Teagueland, till the year 1688."

Granted.

A sweet faced old lady walked up Fifth Avenue hanging on to the arm of her husband, who was a little bit hard of hearing. A girl brushed past them rudely, bumping into the little old lady. "She didn't even say 'Excuse me,'" she said indignantly to her husband. "What, my dear?" he inquired mildly. "The old lady repeated her statement in a louder tone. Still the old gentleman did not understand. 'Excuse me!' she shrieked above the rush and roar of the automobiles. 'Certainly, my dear,' he answered graciously. 'But what did you do?'" New York Post.

Begin Now to Live.

After a long stern chase I am convinced that the ingredients of happiness are very few and simple. The trouble with most of us is that we think we want too many things and so miss out true aim in the effort to obtain them. It is better to put beauty in your life than money in your purse. Gift edged stocks will not compensate you for the poverty of the mind. A sedition mansion and a country house, the selections of society and the vain pursuit of the amusee bag will not make up to you for a dearth of soul life. Cut out the superfluities—and begin to live.—Michael Monahan in "At the Sign of the Van."

And George Did.

The battiship schools have made some startling contributions to literature. Here is the essay of a Filipino sailor who was told to write about George Washington: "George Washington was sore because American persons is not free. He said to England on — (naming his own battiship ship and say to King, 'I express declaration of Independence for American persons.' King he say, 'Nothin' doin'. And Mr. Washington tell Admiral Dewey to shoot turret guns at him. Blime by king he say he will not rule American persons again. 'Let George do it,' say king and today American persons is free."

Delaware's Circular Boundary.

The northern boundary line of Delaware is circular because the charter given to Penn states that Pennsylvania was to be "bounded on the east by the Delaware river from twelve miles distant north of Newcastle town until the three and fortieth degree of north latitude," and that the southern boundary was to be "a circle drawn at twelve miles distant from the town of Newcastle northward and westward until the fortieth degree of north latitude and then by a straight line westward." This makes a circular boundary for northern Delaware unavoidable, and the facts above set forth explain a geographical curiosity that has puzzled many students.

A Pot of Peas.

Pert Penelope Perkins, patiently plucking pretty primroses, perceiving Percival Patmore, predeceased preoccupation, pining pensive poetry. Presently, properly primed, Percival promptly proposed, Penelope prudently assented, passionately protesting, produced precious presents, pronouncing pathetically perpetual protection. Pursued, pompous papa, proving pliant, Penelope placidly paired.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

The Prayer He Didn't Make.

In a certain parish near Dunfermline a newly made elder was summoned to the sickbed of a parishioner. Being naturally a bashful man, he was in great anxiety as to the "prayer" he was to "put up" and wished to avoid going altogether. At length he was persuaded by his wife and started on his errand. On his return his wife greeted him with the query:

"And how did ye get on, William?" "Oh, grand! He was dead!"—Dundee Advertiser.

Kiss and never run.

Hicks—You never can tell about a woman. Wicks—You shouldn't say how.—Boston Transcript.

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