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Independence, Oregon, Friday, February 18, 1916

Ben Jones as a member of a former legislature was among the few who stood like a stone wall against the aggressions of special interests. If Mr. Jones desires to return to the legislature no man should say him nay.

The city of Astoria in its zeal to secure an appropriation, a meritorious proposition, for the fortification of the mouth of the Columbia river has released a press agent who dreams. Just the other morning he awoke and was surprised and greatly annoyed to find Astoria occupied by a foreign foe. During the previous night the enemy with fleet and troops had silently and unheralded appeared in the harbor when all Astoria was calmly sleeping under the impression that the United States was at peace with all the world. If this is an example of the true state of Astoria's "unpreparedness", the city had better first get connected up by telegraph or telephone with the remainder of the country and the mayor should subscribe for and read a Portland daily. Then Astoria would know for at least a week in advance that a hostile foe was headed in its direction and could call for volunteers to repel the invaders. Volunteers in days gone by have been very successful in this kind of work and can do it again. When this dreamer ceases to dream for Astoria, we have no doubt that the gun and powder companies will want him to dream in their interest and make it an object for him to do so.

SIRES AND SONS.

Thomas F. Ryan, like President Wilson, is exceedingly fond of detective stories.

Edwin V. Morgan, American ambassador to Brazil, has presented to the Widener library at Harvard 900 volumes of Brazilian history and literature.

Professor Charles Vancouver Piper, known as the "grass man" of the department of agriculture, is responsible for the introduction of Sudan grass in this country, through which a remarkable revision of land values in some parts of Texas has already been created.

Professor Theodore W. Richards of Harvard, to whom has been awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry, is director of the Gibbs memorial laboratory, is author of papers on the significance of changing atomic volume and has revised the atomic weights of oxygen, copper and other elements.

Count Zeppelin, Germany's air king, was in such poverty in his early years that he was obliged to live in a little cottage on an allowance made to him by his friends. At thirty years of age he married a lady belonging to one of the German aristocratic families. For more than thirty years Count Zeppelin devoted himself to the construction of flying machines.

The Royal Box.

Muret, king of Naples, was known as the dandy king.

Henry III. and Henry IV. of England were lepers and were called the leper kings.

"Hellas" is the real name for Greece, and "King of the Hellenes" is the correct title of the king, not "king of Greece."

Queen Elizabeth, the widow of King Charles of Romania, is widely known as "Carmen Sylva," a writer. Her majesty, who is nearing the end of her seventy-second year, was before her marriage a princess of Wied.

Current Comment.

If the automobile has put the old fashioned carriage on the scrap pile that is no reason for putting the horse on the meat market.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Speaking of railroad prosperity, last year was the first one in more than half a century when the new mileage measured less than 1,000 miles.—Boston Herald.

Congress has subjects before it

which will call upon its members to make distinctly clear the difference between the politician and the statesman.—Washington Star.

Pen and Brush.

Marie Corelli, the novelist, is said to be in great favor with Queen Alexandra.

Miss Helen Miller of Philadelphia, at the age of sixteen, is the author of ten plays.

James Montgomery Flagg sold his first picture when he was only fourteen years old. It was a comic.

Dr. Tsubouchi of Waseda university is now hard at work in translating Shakespeare. It is the intention of Dr. Tsubouchi to complete his work during the present year.

Short Stories.

In some parts of Russia gold has been mined without interruption since 1744.

Of the blind persons in this country 32,443 are males and 24,829 are females. The male majority is doubtless largely due to the extra liability of males to accidents, owing to their occupations.

Until the recent discovery in Madagascar of kornerupine, resembling the aquamarine and the green andalusite, but of far greater brilliancy when cut, Greenland had the only known deposit of this mineral.

One of the side plates of the battleship Maine, which had been imbedded in the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor since 1898, was recently brought up by the anchor of the American steamship Esperanza.

PITH AND POINT.

The wages of sin are always promptly paid.

How much easier it is to avoid debtors than creditors!

It's easier to get people to take your advice than to make them use it.

You can generally tell a counterfeit coin by the ring, but you can't always detect a counterfeit love that way.

Men who fall—the fellows who are always there with an argument and a reason why not.

The great trouble with the man who gets there with both feet is that he thinks the world is his domain.

NEUFELD SAVED BY KITCHENER

Now Working Among Moslems Against Allies.

The British press is stirred over the report from German sources that Karl Neufeld, the German trader and traveler, well known in the near east, has been trying to influence the Mohammedan tribes in Persia and Arabia against the allies. Neufeld was rescued from prison by Lord Kitchener and the British troops at Omdurman in September, 1908. For ten years he had lain in a mahdist jail, subjected to horrible tortures, according to his own account. In his book describing his adventures Neufeld tells how on being thrown into prison three sets of iron shackles were attached to his feet and rings and chains fastened about his



Photo by American Press Association.
KARL NEUFELD.

neck. He was often flogged, and on one occasion he received 500 lashes. From these horrors he was saved by the British and returned to freedom. During his imprisonment Neufeld gained a fluent knowledge of Arabic and an intimacy with Mohammedan life and customs known to few whites. He made pilgrimages in native guise both to Medina and Mecca. It was at Medina that his identity was suspected, and he was made to take an oath that he was a Mussulman.

At this time, it is declared, Neufeld did a service to his country that brought its reward in this war. He spread the belief among the ignorant Mohammedan populace that there were many Mohammedans in Germany.

SWANN TO AID DRUG WAR.

New York District Attorney Long a Leader in Reform Movements.

Edward Swann, the new district attorney of New York, is lending his aid to the nation wide fight on the drug evil.

The first anti-cocaine bill of New York was drawn under Mr. Swann's supervision, and the present Boylan law was revised under his direction. Mr. Swann at the time being chairman of the Vanderbilt anti-narcotic



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EDWARD SWANN.

committee. With others he was instrumental in obtaining the enactment of a federal anti-narcotic law. He also has advocated the establishment of a farm colony for the care of those addicted to use of drugs.

Mr. Swann has worked for rational prison reform, urging that Sing Sing prison be abolished and a farm colony substituted. He has urged that prisoners be taught useful trades, but has opposed the sentimental coddling of prisoners and has objected to their being held up as victims of society rather than of their own greed.

HEARING FROM HOME

Washington, Feb. 17—The mail of members of congress these days consist largely of letters for and against preparedness. Strangely enough the Pacific Coast country, judging by the correspondence coming from there, is not for preparedness. Senator Jones, of Washington, who has been making a postal card poll of his state is receiving responses in the ratio of 100 letters against preparedness to one for it.

Without asking his constituents to write him Senator Lae of Oregon has received from his state from 300 to 400 letters against a great increase in the military strength of the country and not more than a dozen letters urging such increase. Some of the letters sent to members of congress are rather sharp in tone. One firm letter of which congressmen receive a great number says: "If you vote for a big army and navy I shall vote against you."—Portland Telegram.

BUENA VISTA

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Neal are visiting their son Carl and his wife in Portland for a few days.

Mrs. Mary Bevens returned home from Dallas, where she has been the guest of her sister Mrs. A. H. Collins.

Mrs. Milo Elkin and children of Hopville have been visiting in Buena Vista for several days.

Prof. W. I. Reynolds, who was appointed county school superintendent, has decided to have an auction sale, when he will dispose of his live stock, farm implements and many other things as he expects to move to Dallas next week.

Mrs. Wm. Mattison and children of Independence, have been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Eston Bevens and Mrs. B. A. Snyder, the past week.

Eston Reeves has rented Floyd Woodward's farm in Hopville. Mr. Woodward having recently moved to Kansas.

The Roosters Mutt club of this place gave a free entertainment in the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening. The entertainment consisted of a fine program which was acted entirely by the men and was lively from start to finish. There were dialogues, recitations, minstrels and jokes, songs, a play "The District Convention." Music was furnished by the Buena Vista band. Altogether it was a great success. The ladies of the Rural club were the guests of honor. There were about two hundred and fifty present. After the program an excellent lunch was served by the men, consisting of sandwiches, salads, cake, coffee and lemonade.

MONMOUTH

Monmouth no longer has a five and ten cent store as I. Grimes who was the proprietor, gave up the business on account of bankruptcy.

C. J. Bruce has disposed of his interest in the city meat market and the business will now be conducted by the Dallas Meat Co. under the management of George Sullivan.

The commercial club met Tuesday evening and the club was reorganized with a membership of thirty five and plans were formulated for an active year for the club.

PILL BOX ANNEX

then only lasted ten minutes.

Charley Fairweather is sparking Carrie Toots.

McMinnville News-Reporter: Rev. F. T. Porter of the Christian church at Salem, says he knows why so many people stay away from church. "It is because we don't have enough back seats."

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