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JUDGE BELT'S SPEED WINS PORTLAND PRAISE

The trial of "Red" Rupert, for the theft of \$5000 in Liberty bonds from the Northwestern National bank, began Tuesday morning.

It ended Wednesday afternoon. Rupert was sentenced at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Such dispatch takes our breath away. We are not accustomed to such speed in Portland.

It was not a Portland judge who tried Rupert, but Circuit Judge Belt of Dallas. We hope Judge Belt continues to sit in Portland long enough to enable our judges, of all branches of the judiciary, to study his methods at first hand.

Judge Belt is the master of his court. He doesn't let the deputy district attorneys or counsel for the defense run it. He does not sit patiently while lawyers at the trial table quibble and squabble and ask silly questions and in other ways display their cleverness.

One small example of his methods:

Q—Did you on such-and-such a night visit the home of So-and-So?
A—No.

Q—On that occasion did you show So-and-So a certain paper?
Judge Belt (interrupting)—Witness has already said he did not visit the home of So-and-So. Get on with the case.

Judge Belt impresses us as a keen business man who knows law, and tries to get results in the shortest possible time consistent with efficiency and justice. We like him. If all our judges would follow his methods, we would get more justice for less money.—Portland News.

POLK COUNTY HAS ONE SELECTIVE SERVICE RECRUIT

Dallas, Or.—Robert Thompson and Charles Plessinger, two Polk county boys, who went to France last summer with the regular army, write home that they have already had a turn in the trenches under German fire. Both are in the infantry. John Guy, the only man sent from Polk county under the selective service act, arrived in France a short time ago. Guy registered in Seattle, on June 5, but returned to his home in this city a short time afterward. He was drawn in the draft in that city and the Polk County local board was asked to conduct his examination and induct him into the service. He was sent to Camp Lewis, where he was assigned to an engineer regiment and after a few weeks of training was sent overseas.

Violin, banjo, and guitar strings at Kreamer's.

BIG HARVEST PREDICTED THIS YEAR IN VALLEY

Albany, Or.—Phil Swank, a well-known Liu county farmer, Tuesday sold 174 sacks of oats and received a check for \$499.18. Oats are bringing \$1 a bushel in the local market. Buyers are also seeking hay, paying from \$18 to \$20 a ton. A. T. Clark, a local buyer, states that prospects for a wonderful crop of hay and grain were never brighter. Heavy acreage has been planted and all of it looks fine. With no mishaps with the weather, the Willamette valley will enjoy the most bountiful harvest this year that it has ever had.

HOP GROWERS ASSOCIATION WILL PROBABLY DISBAND

Salem, Or.—Prohibition has made the Oregon Hop Growers' association a useless organization, and an announcement was made today that a meeting will be held here Friday, March 29, to dissolve the association. Before that time the books of the association will be expected as required by law. The meeting was called for today, but a quorum was not present. About 3000 members were here.

Merchant's Wife Advises Independence Women

"I had stomach trouble so bad I could eat nothing but toast, fruit and not water. Everything else soured and formed gas. Dieting did no good. I was miserable until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. ONE SPOONFUL benefited me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-i-ka empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICK-EST action of anything we ever sold. WILLIAMS' DRUG COMPANY.

IF O-U-G-H WERE ALWAYS U

His arm he drough,
The rock he through;
His aim was trough—
The beast he slough;
'Twas nothing nough
For him to dough.
He sailed the blough
With his bold crough,
And went to wough
A girl he knough,
But she vowed to sough
When his love was through,
And his point of vough
Much larger grough.
Now I guess I'm dough
To close. Thank yough.
—F. M. M.

White Salmon, Wash.
Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist,
National Bank Building.

DAY OF NATIVITY UNKNOWN

World Has Only Tradition to Rely Upon as to Date of the Birth of Christ.

The traditional 25th of December as the date of the birth of the Savior has no historical authority beyond the fourth century, when the Christmas festival was introduced first in Rome (A. D. 300), on the basis of several Roman festivals (the Saturnalia, Sigillaria, Juvenalia, Brumalia, or Dies natalis Invicti Solis), which were held in the latter part of December, in commemoration of the golden age of liberty and equality, and in honor of the sun, who in the winter solstice is, as it were, born anew, and begins his conquering march. The only indication of the season of Christ's birth is the fact that the shepherds were watching their flocks in the field at the time (Luke 11, 8), and this fact points to any other season rather than winter, and is, therefore, not favorable to the traditional date. Besides, the ancient tradition is of no account here, as it varied down to the fourth century. Clement of Alexandria relates that some regarded the 25th, Pachon (i. e. May 20), others the 24th or 25th, Pharmuthi (April 19 or 20), as the day of Nativity.

As to modern research, the only point on which divines generally agree is that Christ was not born on Christmas day, while numerous learned authorities put the birth on almost every date of the year.

HILL PUZZLE TO GEOLOGISTS

Stone Columns on Eminence Near Pachuca, in Mexico, Out of Keeping With Other Formations.

A very remarkable geological freak in Mexico is a mountain situated near Pachuca which presents the appearance at a distance of being covered with spikes. The sides of the mountain are closely studded with stone columns or palisades. These columns are five to twelve feet long and as large round as an average man's body. It is a remarkable uplift of nature which has the appearance, however, of being the handiwork of human beings. One side of the mountain is almost perpendicular and the stone columns protrude from the surface at right angles, forming an impressive picture.

Pachuca is one of the most noted mining districts in Mexico, and it is said by geologists that this remarkable spiked mountain is out of keeping with the remainder of the formation of the mineralized region. The stone is as hard as flint and has withstood the elements of ages. The spikes form a natural battlement that makes the mountain appear from a distance like an ancient fort. The mines of the Pachuca district are situated not far from this wonderful freak of nature, but the formation encountered in their respective underground workings is of an entirely different kind from that of the palisade.

How Tornado Originates.

The tornado of the Western plains is identical in formation with the sand-whirl. The sun beats fiercely on a limited area—say ten square miles of barren prairie—and as a result the air next the earth becomes very hot, perhaps 120 degrees, and the mass is constantly increasing in volume. Above the warm air is a stratum perhaps 20 degrees colder.

By and by a passageway is made, the hot air begins to ascend and the cold upper air, pressing downward, forces the lighter air through a channel thus formed. It begins to whirl, it increases in velocity, a surface current forces it along, and the tornado starts on its destructive journey.

The terrific cyclone originates in much the same way, only differing in extent. The most violent cyclones originate in tropical latitudes, in the Atlantic ocean, to the north and east of West Indian islands and in the Pacific, in the China sea and in the neighborhood of the Philippine islands.

The reason they are so destructive is because they are carried such great distances by extraneous influences.

Sheep Has Wooden Leg.

Charles Krauter, living near Bucyrus, O., had a lamb get tangled up in a fence and injure its leg. The veterinarian told him the leg had to come off. Krauter did not want to lose the lamb, so minus the leg he nursed it back to health and then fixed up a peg leg for it.

Now the lamb has grown to be a sheep and still stumps around on the wooden leg. Occasionally the wooden member becomes loose and falls off, and the sheep then hobbles over to a soft spot and waits until some one comes along to fasten the leg on again.

The wooden leg doesn't interfere with the sheep growing wool. Mr. Krauter says, and wool is wool nowadays.

Proud Record of Marines.

As the first battle of the American navy was fought and won by the marines, so, down through the years of the Revolutionary war, we find the marines at the forefront when difficult work was to be done. In fact there were but few expeditions in which they did not figure in more or less strength. Thus Lieutenant Wallingford of the marines died at the head of his men under John Paul Jones in the battle between the Ranger and the Drake; and in the classic fight between the Bon Homme Richard under Paul Jones and the Serapis, the marines lost 49 out of 137 men.

CULTURE HERE BEFORE 1492

Did America's Pre-Columbian Civilization Come From Egypt? Is Now Question.

Prof. Elliot Smith developed in an extraordinarily interesting manner the thesis that the pre-Columbian civilizations of America—or at least many important features in those civilizations—were not truly aboriginal, but came in a cultural wave from Asia across the Pacific ocean, the original starting point of the most remarkable characteristic being Egypt.

Professor Smith believes, says Science Progress, that the extremely peculiar culture of Egypt was spread eastward by mariners, mainly Phoenicians, for several centuries after B. C. 800. To quote the author's own words, he thinks that "the essential elements of the ancient civilizations of India (the pre-Aryan civilizations), further India, the Malay archipelago, Oceania and America were brought in succession to each of these places by mariners, whose oriental migrations began as trading intercourse between the western Mediterranean and India some time after 800 B. C., and that the highly complex and artificial culture which they spread abroad was derived largely from Egypt (not earlier than the twenty-first dynasty), but also included many important accretions from other sources, and that after traversing Asia and Oceania and becoming modified on the way, the stream finally "continued for many centuries to play upon the Pacific littoral of America, where it was responsible for planting the germs of the remarkable pre-Columbian civilization."

WAYS OF KEEPING YOUTHFUL

Man Who Is Determined Not to Grow Old Really Has Only to "Make an Effort."

I see it in my changing hair,
I see it in my growing hair,
My growing thirst for early news,
It is a fact, I am growing old.

And so growing old is just a case of finding what one's looking for, observes the Minneapolis Journal. A man decides that the time has come for him to be old, and so instead of bracing up, ignoring the symptoms and finding some other explanation for the change in the color of his hair, he neglects his dress, walks with a stoop, uses a cane, stops taking exercise, eats too much, indulges in reminiscences, retires from business, and in general acquires the foolish habit of growing old.

He should remember that it is possible to keep a youthful spirit, an active mind, an interest in current events and a purpose to serve his fellows, and that he who does these things will always be young.

The fact that women generally decline to contract the old-age habit and that some men have also resisted the temptation to fall into it would seem to indicate that if those who do yield to it would only take the advice of Dombey to his wife, and "make an effort," they would learn how foolish and how unnecessary it is to grow old.

Henry Clay's Diplomacy.

The following is an instance of Henry Clay's readiness in getting out of a difficult situation. On one occasion a vote he had given in congress offended one of his constituents who upbraided him for it and declared he would never again support him for congress.

Meeting this constituent on the court green Mr. Clay said to him: "I am sorry you will not again support me for congress because of a vote I gave on a certain measure. When your rifle misses fire do you throw it away?" "No," replied the constituent, "I do not throw it away." "What do you do with it?" asked Mr. Clay. "Why, I pick my flint and try it again," replied the constituent. "Well," said Mr. Clay, "are you going to throw me away because I have missed fire once? Won't you let me pick my flint and try again? Won't you treat me as you do your rifle when it misses fire?"

This ready reply satisfied the constituent and completely won him over, and he was ever after one of Clay's most faithful supporters in his candidacy for congress.

Man Has Copied Nature's Work.

Marble, in nature, owes its crystalline structure to volcanic heat. But ingenious man uses heat to counterfeited the volcanic rocks. By such means, with suitable materials, he makes bricks and crockery, which are artificial stones. The processes employed in the manufacture of chinaware are merely workshop imitations of those used in the laboratory of nature.

Volcanic rock—granite, trap or what not—is the very symbol of imperishability; but the artificial stones (such as brick and chinaware) produced by the fusion of particles under the action of heat are among the most enduring of known substances.

For Those Fond of Parrots.

The voyage by steamship is very hard on parrots, which are stored in the hold, commonly in close proximity to the engine room. Consequently they are apt to reach their final destination in a sickly condition. One should be careful to make sure in buying an African parrot that it is a healthy bird.

There are hundreds of species of parrots and the most beautiful of them all are the cockatoos, native exclusively of Australasia. The giants of the tribe are the American macaws. Neither the macaw nor the cockatoo is ordinarily much of a talker, but occasionally specimens are very clever at conversation.

WOULD MAKE IT "SOFT" FOR THE STEEL TRUST

Senator Jimmie Wadsworth of New York, who is one of those who want to repeal the constitution of the United States and set aside the results of the last presidential election by placing the presidential powers in the hands of a committee of "three distinguished citizens"—satisfactory to the steel trust—has revealed the real purpose of the war cabinet bill so that even a child can understand it.

Wadsworth placed in the Congressional Record a series of strange and wonderful diagrams to demonstrate his idea of how the war department is at present organized. The draftsman who designed these puzzles perpetrated a geometrical nightmare intended to denote hopeless confusion.

Then Senator Jimmie introduced a diagram to show what he proposes to do about it.

An examination of the diagram will show that the "three distinguished citizens," like the "three well known gentlemen" who are the hosts of the Mardi Gras balls at New Orleans, are to be the whole works, reporting to them alone.

Pushing, Daniels, Baker, Hoover, Garfield and all the others would have to wait until they pushed the bell buttons on their mahogany desks.

Nothing and nobody could get to the president except thru these "three distinguished citizens." They would be the whole show in the big tent and the president would be off under the canvas curtains or the side show along with the freaks.

He would be immured in the White House like the late Dalai Lama of Tibet or the old "do-nothing kings" of France, who remained in their palaces knitting with the women folks while the "mayors of the palace" ran the country.

The president would be a mummy, not a man. Payment of his salary would be entirely unjustified, as he would do nothing to earn it. It would be better to fire him altogether, send him back to a college class room, and turn the whole thing over to the "three distinguished citizens." True, the people did not elect the distinguished three. But if they suit the steel trust why should the people worry? Or at least so says Senator Jimmie.—Portland News.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo.

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BARB WIRE AND THIS NAME OUGHT TO STOP HUNS

General Bonchbrunyeitch is commanding the Russian army according to the dispatches today. That name reinforced with some barbed wire entanglements ought to stop General Hindenburg's legions.—Salem Capital Journal.

BLACK ROCK STILL PATRIOTIC GIRL JOINS RED CROSS

Patriotism still prevails at Black Rock. Another member has been added to the Red Cross; Miss Roberts of the Day household.—Black Rock News in Falls City News.

WAR REQUIRES STRENGTH AND NOT DEPRIVATION

It is the nature of Jack-in-office to lord it and there are divers Jacks-in-office rattling round now in Washington. They seek characteristically to magnify their own importance. Thus we have all sorts of admonitions to be frugal and to that end many restrictive regulations upon our productive industries.

The cant of the hour dwells upon the alleged virtue of sacrifice. One might fancy that we are a nation of slackers. Again he might fancy that we are in a state of siege. We are pouring out billions of dollars. We are organizing to send millions of men, having sent not a few already. The real need is expedition.

It is easy to talk about sacrifice. But there has been no lack of it. Have the mothers at home made no sacrifices—brave the not fearless—in seeing their sons off to the front? They at least should not be further depressed by the eternal chatter "this is war." None of us, they least of all, are going to forget.

Nor should we punish ourselves by voluntary privations. Ours is a great and fruitful land. It still flows with wine, milk and honey. To be strong we must subsist well—surely as well as we can. The home should not be made a house of want as well as a house of woe, when the awful lists of the killed and wounded begin to come from over the sea. In short, we should lead, as far as possible our normal lives. Work should go on as usual and likewise play. Jack-in-office, as we have seen, would kill the goose that lays the golden egg by putting business in a straight jacket. He should be called down wherever he appears, but especially in the national capital, where he wanders at large and at will, exploiting himself and offending his betters.—Henry Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal.

SONNIE KNOWS MA IS THERE

If you bend down real close you'll see
There just as plain as plain can be
A little birdie's tracks. Three toes!
And how they got there, goodness knows;
We've played and played here every day
And never left our tracks that way.
My father says the walk wa'n't set—
He means by that 'twas new and wet—
When that young bird flew down one day
And 'most got stuck. Then flewed away!
And my ma says that I can see
How awful careful I must be
When I am playing out around
Or I'll get stuck 'most any day
And never, never get away.
But I ain't scared; because, you see
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