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Jonathan Bourne, Jr. has circulated a pamphlet in which he attempts to show the dangers of government ownership of telegraph and telephone systems, urging that it would tend to "bureaucracy" and a host of kindred evils. The ex-senator evidently thinks that in a multiplicity of words "lie great wisdom." The reverse is however proven by his pamphlet: in one line he says that "government ownership necessitates government regulation," and in the next says: "that the failure of government regulation necessitates the failure of government ownership," but he loses sight of the fact that the regulation of an institution owned by the government would be entirely different from regulating the same institution if owned by private capital. In the former instance it would be similar to an individual regulating and running his own business, while in the latter case it would be like one individual going to another with the complaint, "Mr. Jones, you are not running your business to suit me, I want you to do so and so." That government ownership is possible, practical and beneficial is clearly shown by the success attained in handling our postoffice affairs and we have no reason to doubt that like success would attend government ownership of telegraphs, telephones and other public utilities; besides such ownership and management would go far to remove the troubles now existing between capital and labor.

The Medford Sun, in a recent issue (perhaps thinking to be sarcastic) refers to Jacksonville, as maintaining poise, in these words: "That sleepy and sleeping village never ruffled a hair at the news that the lost channel had been found." The people of this city may be sleepy but when we make up our minds to some course we stay with it. Notice the adoption of our new charter by an almost unanimous vote, and without any hot air merchants legging for it either. Compare Medford's vote on her proposed charter Tuesday after months of agitation and column after column of editorial matter letters from prominent citizens [?], etc. in both papers. Yes, we have poise---something that Medford seems to lack.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Items of Interest to Jackson County

COUNTY COURT
In the matter of the estate of William C. Bartlett, deceased. Final account filed. Order fixing time and place for hearing on final account.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie C. Smith, deceased. Order approving final account discharging administrator.

NEW CASES

E. H. Porter vs J. W. Sweeney. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. A libel and undertaking or attachment.

Russel Graham vs R. W. Clancey. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Summons.

Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. vs Henrietta Bailey, et vir. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Summons.

Edna Turner vs D. S. Wood, et al. Suit to foreclose a mortgage. Complaint filed.

Work Way Through Year

Eugene, Or., Jan. 11—One-third of the men in the senior class at the State University are entirely self-supporting. The remaining two-thirds of the seniors are self-supporting in part practically without exception. Of the total of the college expenses of all senior men, 81 per cent is paid by the men themselves. All men members of the class report either having worked during the college year or during summer vacation, or during both. Of the senior girls, 45 percent are partly or wholly self-supporting. The average cost of a college year to the men of the senior class is \$458; to the senior women \$520. Room and board in the fraternity houses average \$24.80 a month; in the sorority houses \$25.58 a month; in private houses, \$29.41 a month. These senior class statistics have just been compiled by University authorities, and will be compiled later for junior, sophomore and freshman classes.

Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of December, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	47	32	
2	43	33	.15
3	45	28	
4	43	27	
5	49	39	.14
6	42	31	
7	43	32	.04
8	47	37	
9	48	31	
10	47	37	
11	41	25	
12	32	22	
13	28	25	
14	27	12	
15	27	18	
16	31	16	
17	42	21	
18	41	21	
19	34	31	.20
20	31	17	
21	32	15	
22	35	18	
23	37	17	
24	38	25	
25	39	25	
26	39	32	
27	43	34	.80
28	37	31	
29	41	33	
30	39	28	
31	37	28	

Temperature—mean max. 35.7; mean min. 26.45; mean 32.53. Max. 49 on 8. Minimum, 15, on 1st. Greatest daily range, 21. Total precipitation, .83 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .29 in., on 27. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 5, clear, 11; partly cloudy, 3; cloudy, 16. Total fall of snow, 1½ inches.

E. BRITT,
Cooperative Observer.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock W. G. Caudill Supt. Public worship at 11 a. m. each second and fourth Sunday of the month and at 7:30 every Sunday evening. Class meeting every first and third Sunday 11 a. m. H. C. Gallup leader. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. The public is invited to attend these services. A. Coslet Pastor

Incognita

By F. A. MITCHEL

It so happened that King Caspar of Walkaria and Queen Bertha of Zingerland inherited their kingdoms when very young. Their domains joined, but they had never met, for during their childhood their fathers had been at continual warfare. When these two kings died—about the same time—the cabinets of both countries decided to make a match between the young king and the young queen.

Queen Bertha would not consent to the match without some acquaintance with the man she was to marry. She therefore insisted on their meeting in one of her palaces near the border line between the two kingdoms, the king to be attended by three men and the queen by three women. To this the king gladly assented.

Before leaving for the rendezvous the queen said to a maid of honor, who was also her bosom friend: "I wish you to exchange places with me at this meeting, you to personate me, I to personate you. This will be easy, for I have purposely limited the number of my attendants so that there are only two besides ourselves to be in the secret."

When the king met the substitute queen whose name was Catherine, he was well pleased with her, for not only the queen herself but her attendants, were beautiful women. Bertha had charged Catherine to treat her with some severity lest by her accustomed deference she betray the secret. During the first interview Catherine spoke to Bertha somewhat sharply, and the king's notice was turned from the spurious to the real queen who bore the reproach with becoming meekness. Indeed, King Caspar was charmed that the maid showed no temper whatever, while the reproach which seemed to be unheeded for, prejudiced him against her supposed mistress.

Queen Bertha had gone to the meeting with no other object than to over look her future husband incognito. But from the moment she saw him she was much smitten with him and resolved to win him if possible. She directed Catherine to use no opportunity to show her severity while in the king's presence. Catherine, who was an excellent actress, played her part remarkably well. Did she order the queen to do her any service, no matter how speedily the duty was performed, the spurious queen would reprimand her. At such times the real queen would cast down her eyes, bearing the injustice with angelic sweetness.

One morning Catherine sent Bertha to the royal garden for some flowers and when she returned scolded her for not getting the kind she wished. Nevertheless she handed several of the choicest to King Caspar, whose brows were knit at the harsh treatment of the maid of honor. Taking the gift, she selected the most beautiful flower, a rose, and handed it to Bertha.

As might have been expected had the play been a reality Catherine after this, with the queen's concurrence, redoubled her harshness to Bertha, who availed herself of the opportunity to show herself an angel of patience. This excited the king's sympathy and admiration for the poor maid to such an extent that he resolved to break off the negotiations.

When Bertha considered the fruit ripe for plucking she contrived to meet the king in a corridor in the palace as if by chance. He stopped her and despite her protracted efforts to get to him, forced her to chat with him. This she did with her eyes bent upon the floor in woe affected modesty. While they were together a door opened and Catherine came out into the corridor. With fire in her eye she ordered Bertha to her room, then said to the king:

"If this is a sample of your mistress's courtesy I think we had better go no further in this matter."

"As your majesty pleases," replied the king with a formal bow.

This was the king turned from one woman to another. Queen Bertha and not Bertha, had returned to Zingerland and King Caspar to Walkaria. But the king did not remain there long, he took a step which he must take with great care, since his failure to marry the queen of Zingerland had made him unpopular in both kingdoms. He sent a confidential friend to Zingerland to learn if he could marry the woman he supposed to be the queen's maid of honor.

King Caspar had no hope that it would be possible to win the woman of his choice. The queen had shown a most friendly regard for her maid of honor and would doubtless refuse his request with some harsh accompanying message. During his messenger's absence he walked the floor impatiently and with anxiety, waiting for his answer.

His anxiety returned with a surprise announcing that the maid was the queen and the queen was the maid. Without losing a moment the king mounted his horse and summoning his escort rode night and day to the capital of Zingerland and appearing before Queen Bertha bespattered with mud from his quick ride, knelt before her and kissed her hand. When he looked up he saw her face bent down upon him filled with merriment.

Turning his eyes to a maid of honor standing by the queen she saw Catherine looking at him with the same unaltered expression.

And so it was that the two kingdoms were united and there were no more wars.

An Impression of Gorky.

"Once when I was strolling in Nihi early in the morning," said Catherine, Russia's greatest singer, "I looked out and saw Gorky standing at a window in the same hotel and gazing silently over the city. The sun was shining on the towers of the churches, over the silver river and turning the roofs red. 'You are up early,' I said. 'Yes,' he answered, 'Come in my room for a moment. When I reached his window I saw that he had tears in his eyes, and I did not understand. 'Look,' he said to me, 'how beautiful it is. Just the world and not a human being anywhere. The humanity which has made its gods and its laws, built its houses and its churches, all asleep and helpless as children, powerless to change or adjust all this that it has made.'"

"He spoke very softly and very sweetly, and, for the moment, he seemed to me the most perfect human being in the world. 'Truly one of Russia's flowers of genius,'" Craftsman.

The Sleepy Egyptian.

Egyptians can lie down and go to sleep anywhere. They look around until they find a particularly busy place in the street where there is a patch of shade, wrap a dusty cloth around their faces, curl up and peacefully glide off into a dreamless sleep. In walking along the street one has to be careful of every speck of shadow that he comes to for fear of stepping on a native's face. Even when you do step on this usually sensitive part of the anatomy they merely sit up, yawn thank fully that you are a medium sized man and lazily turn over on the other side. As soon as an Egyptian finds out that a person is an American his first breathless question is, "Will there be many Americans coming over this winter?"

High and low, merchants and donkey boys, they ask the same question, for half of Egypt lives on the tourists, and the greatest number of these are from the United States.—Homer Croy in Leslie's.

A Matter of Distances.

Why did Homer call the Dardanelles "broad" or "boundless," although at the point where Lender and Byron swam it the breadth is barely a mile? Byron's comment is very neat: "The wrangling about the epithet, 'the broad Hellespont,' or the 'boundless Hellespont,' whether it means one or the other, or what it means at all, has been beyond all possibility of detail. I have even heard it disputed on the spot and, not foregoing a speedy conclusion to the controversy, amused myself with swimming across it in the meantime and probably may again before the point is settled." "Probably Homer had the same notion of distance that a competitive has of time, and when he talks of boundless means half a mile as the latter is a like figure, when she says eternal attachment simply specifies three weeks."—London Spectator.

His Talents.

"When makes one think Duobis will succeed as a painter?" "He has the soul of an artist and the perseverance of a book agent."—Chas. depute to report.

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