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## TOO MUCH NORMALCY.

A New York dispatch states that United States steel (a private corporation not in any way connected with the government) has lowered its wages for unskilled labor to \$14.40 a week of 48 hours.

Not having as yet felt able to lay in our winter supply of steel pellets and pigs we do not know whether or not this reduction in wages has been reflected in the price of these household necessities, but we do know that this lowering of wages is getting back to normalcy with a vengeance.

We do not know what class of people these unskilled laborers may be. It may be that they are the lower of the foreign races and that \$14.40 for 48 hours, or 30 cents the hour, may be big wages compared to what they might earn in their native lands, but we do know that no family in America can live decently on that wage in these times and lay by anything for the future.

Folks may live differently around the steel mills of the east than they do in this section of country. This wage may provide all the workers receiving it desire, but we doubt it.

That wage is hardly more than many of the young people of this section demand for luxuries and pleasures. Thirty cents an hour is the wage demanded by little lads for their labor in piling wood and doing odd jobs.

When wages for the worker, and employment in a steel mill sounds like real work, get down to \$14.40, it is time to call a halt in getting back to normalcy and make a start in the other direction.

A wage of 30 cents an hour is not a normal or decent wage.

## INEXCUSABLE CARELESSNESS.

Two men have been killed in nearby sections in mistake for deer.

In both cases there is no question that the killing was entirely unpremeditated and that those responsible for the killing greatly regret the tragedies, but had these men had the proper respect for law neither of these accidents would have happened.

The law says that the only kind of

deer which can be killed are bucks with horns.

If those men who have brought sorrow into other homes had waited to shoot until after they knew that they were not going to break the law, until they knew that they were shooting at a deer with horns, two homes would not have been bereft of a member held dear and two men now guilty of killing a fellow man would not have before them a lifetime of remorse.

The fact that those responsible for the killing did not determine that they were keeping within the law, shows gross carelessness that should not be lightly glossed over.

Bandit Villa has demanded of the Mexican government the pay promised him for himself and men. Our wishes in this connection are that Villa and his bunch get what they have coming to them.

## GUESSING VS. KNOWING.

(By Walt Mason.)

If I were selling nails or glass, or pills or shoes or garden sassa, or honey from the bee—whatever line of goods were mine, I'd study up that special line and know its history.

If I a stock of rags should keep, I'd read up sundry books on sheep and wool and how it grows. Beneath my old bald, frocked roof, I'd store some facts on warp and woof and other things like those. I'd try to know a spinning jack from patent churn or wagon rack, a loom from hog-tight fence; and if a man came in to buy, and asked some leading question, I could answer with some sense.

If I were selling books, I'd know a Shakespeare from an Edgar Poe, a Carlyle from a Pope, and I would know Fitzgerald's rhymes from Laura Labby's brands of crimes, or Lillian Russell's dope.

And if I were a grocer man, I'd open now and then a can to see what stuff it held; 'twere better than to write in woe and make reply, 'I don't know,' when some mad patron yelled.

I hate to hear a merchant say: 'I think that this is splendid hay.' No matter where a fellow comes in to know how good things are, if he would sell his silk or tar or other goods to me. Oh, knowledge is the stuff that wins, the man without it soon begins to get his trade in kinks. No matter where a fellow comes in to value for things he knows, not for the things he thinks.

## City Council

At an adjourned session of council Monday night J. F. Spray was granted permission to install platform scales on the north side of his building, between the curb and the sidewalk.

A communication from the city council of St. Helens was read that called attention to the gross inequality of taxation of public service property compared to private property, citing among others the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Co. that insists on a valuation for its property in Oregon of over \$15,000,000 in fixing its rates for service, but is let off on a \$5,000,000 basis for taxation. The council instructed the city attorney to draft a resolution to the state tax board on the subject and submit same at next meeting of council.

Survey of saleable timber on city's west side water shed was deferred until next spring. Repair of macadam pavement on south Pacific highway left with street committee with power to act. Water commissioner reported that the Prayther creek dam would be repaired before high water. City engineer reported improvement of M street and north Lane street completed.

Butterflies in Masses. The following item appeared in the hotel news of Monday's Oregonian: The highway about 17 miles south of Eugene from Walker to Divide is now completed and ready for use, according to J. C. Compton, road contractor of McMinnville, who was at the Imperial yesterday. The fact that there are now no detours on this road will be welcomed by many tourists. Mr. Compton came to Portland to meet Mrs. Compton, who has been at Lake Quinalt for three weeks. Mr. Compton said he had driven over the McKenzie pass recently and was surprised at the number of butterflies he saw in huge masses on the mountain.

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## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

Good streets are all right—but they are nevertheless poor educational institutions for the youth of the city.

About 50 per cent of the unhappy women of this world lay it to being married—the other 50 per cent to not being.

A wise housewife showed a tramp the woodpile and said, "Those who labor not, neither shall they eat." "That's too old a saw for me," the tramp replied, as he started on his way.

We have heard of rare instances of weather predictions that came true.

When a father comes home tired from work there is nothing so refreshing as to have a diminutive reproduction of its mother come racing to meet him with outstretched arms, glowing face enshrouded with curls and tiny lips puckered for a kiss. The welcome is so sincere and effusive that daily cares are forgotten in its enjoyment.

When a girl tells a young man she hates him, it's a sign that she thinks something of him anyway.

A man of 78 has challenged any man over 70 to a fistic encounter. Oh, Oslerism, thy name is mud.

The fall is hardest for those who have climbed highest.

It's funny how hard it is to make someone else see what is so very plain to you.

A preacher and an editor will exchange places for a week. The editor probably would be pleased to repeat the performance in the next world.

The way women wear their clothing nowadays, Cupid should experience little trouble hitting the mark.

A man made of common clay is not always a brick.

A man is discontented until he realizes his ambition; then he's more discontented because he didn't aim higher.

The marriage ceremony is too serious a thing to contain such a joker as that "obey" clause repeated by the feminine participant in the ceremonies.

The father who refuses to look after the kids once in a while has no business with any.

There are supposed to be certain rules which when properly applied will raise perfect children. One of them is made of reinforced hickory.

Officeholders are great sticklers for keeping appointments.

There are mothers who brag about how much the children look like their dad.

A man got two years added to his sentence for making a flippant remark to the sentencing official. Talk wasn't cheap that time.

It takes a bunch of money to get a flying machine. Money always did have wings.

Don't be afraid of criticism. It is a sign that you are making folks take notice of what you are doing.

It is amusing to see a 75-pound woman boss around a 200-pound blubber.

A bill collector in an automobile is about the hardest thing in the world to dodge.

A chaperon is a person who goes along for the purpose of being fooled.

A man holds his age—a woman keeps hers.

These South American scrimmages seem to be getting along very nicely without fracturing any of the revised football rules.

"Kissing is overdone," says a Boston woman. The fires of love must be scorched in the Hub.

In the game of life all may be trumps if they deal the cards correctly.

Whether something said is cute or not depends upon whether the baby is eighteen months old or eighteen years old.

Sometimes a boy's disposition isn't spoiled by being repeatedly told that he looks like his father.

A Vancouver housewife finds that she walks 13 miles a day doing her housework. Then hubby walks 13 feet across the clean floor with his muddy boots and spoils the whole business.

A big breakfast food concern has been forced to the wall, but that isn't nearly as bad as if it had been forced to live on its own breakfast food.

People do not want "a change" so much as they want "the change."

Running for office does much to improve some men's disposition for a few months at least.

Some self-made men shouldn't mention the fact as a qualification when looking for a job.

If some men spent as much trying to live as they do trying not to die they might accomplish something worth while.

A hung jury never seat a man to the gallows.

There is no need to debate as to whether a thing is right or wrong. If there is room for argument there is not much chance of its being entirely right.

# Cold Facts

The indebtedness of Cottage Grove, city and school, is \$268,707.16.

The annual interest charged on this amount is \$14,292.42.

The debt on every family in Cottage Grove amounts to approximately \$700, and this amount does not include county, state and national debt; neither does it include any interest on the bonded indebtedness.

The monthly interest charge for every man, woman and child in Cottage Grove amounts to 71 cents.

If municipal ownership in Cottage Grove is a success, why the necessity of a \$15,000 refunding bond issue to pay for water purchased twenty years ago?

If a sinking fund for payment of water bonds could not be created, could a fund be created to pay for an electric light and power system, when that would be operated mechanically and not by gravity?

The personell of the Cottage Grove Electric Company solicits your support in the defeat of the \$50,000 charter amendment.

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## COTTAGE GROVE ELECTRIC COMPANY

### PICRIC ACID IS BEING SOLD BY GOVERNMENT

Orders Should Be Placed With Oregon Agriculture College.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—A great impetus will be given the clearing of logged-over lands of the state through the use of a large amount of picric acid which the government has made available for the landowner, according to a statement issued by Charles Hall, of Klamath Falls, president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, following the recent notification from Washington that Oregon has been allotted 192,000 pounds of this explosive.

According to government bulletins, picric acid is of greater strength than dynamite and is safer to handle. It is an explosive which was used in the great war and, with a great surplus on hand at the conclusion of the war, the government decided to turn it over to the different states on a basis of the amount of logged-off lands in each state.

Landowners of the state must place their orders for the picric acid with the Oregon Agriculture college, according to advices from Washington. When the amount of orders equates a carload, the agricultural college will forward this order to the United States department of agriculture and the explosive will be shipped to the state from the nearest cartridge plant. Individual orders will be limited to 1000 pounds and the total cost of the explosive, including the cost of cartridge, handling, distributing and freight, will be in the neighborhood of 13 cents the pound.

"The state chamber has been following developments closely in regard to the distribution of picric acid," said Mr. Hall. "We believe that the cheapness and efficiency of this explosive will give a great impetus to land clearing operations in Oregon. The total cost of picric acid to the consumer is much lower than commercial explosives at the present market price and a great demand for the government explosive should come from some of our districts where the bulk of the undeveloped lands are logged-off and burned over."

### RURAL ENTERTAINMENT REQUIRES LITTLE CASH

Rural entertainment is an important means of fostering community spirit, in the opinion of Miss Norma Olson, instructor in expression and dramatic art at the Oregon Agricultural college.

"When persons are brought together and each one given something to do, more community spirit is aroused," says Miss Olson.

"One person with a knowledge of dramatic can do much in a small town or farming community. By means of the drama the school can be made the center of interest and persons who have no time or money to go to the larger towns can have in a small way the art and beauty they crave.

"Little cash outlay is necessary. Electric lights are not necessary. Someone in the community will know enough of electricity to work out a system of lighting with the use of batteries. Expensive scenery is not required because green denim can be used effectively. Anyone who likes to sew would be glad to design and make costumes.

"What is more important, the people learn to appreciate good plays and those who take part lose their self-consciousness and are able to appear before the public without fear. When there is community spirit and entertainment people become more satisfied with their life in the small community.

### AUTO TRAFFIC ON LANE HIGHWAYS QUITE HEAVY

The state highway commission a number of weeks ago took a census of traffic on all the highways in the state, counting the number of vehicles of various kinds passing a given point on each. A man was stationed for three days at each point and the average daily traffic was computed. The count was conducted between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. The number of vehicles computed in a day at four Lane county points follows:

Pacific highway at Junction City: Horse drawn vehicles, 14; motorcycles, 15; passenger cars, Oregon license,

569; cars from other states, 167; light duty trucks, 29; trucks of a ton and a half capacity and over, 18; total 812.

Pacific highway at Creswell: Horse drawn vehicles, 36; motorcycles, 90; passenger cars, Oregon license, 287; cars from other states, 146; light duty trucks, 19; trucks of a ton and a half capacity and over, 8; total, 505.

McKenzie highway at Thurston: Horse drawn vehicles, 9; motorcycles, 7; passenger cars, Oregon license, 404; cars from other states, 13; light duty trucks, 24; trucks of a ton and a half capacity, 13; total, 470.

Willamette Valley and Florence

highway, between Junction City and Horton: Horse drawn vehicles, 2; motorcycles, 6; passenger cars, Oregon, 64; cars from other states, 1; light duty trucks, 2; trucks of a ton and a half capacity or over, 5; total, 77.

The Sentinel receives inquiries every week from prospective settlers who wish copies of the paper. If you wish to sell your land your ad. should be in The Sentinel, where prospective settlers will see it.

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