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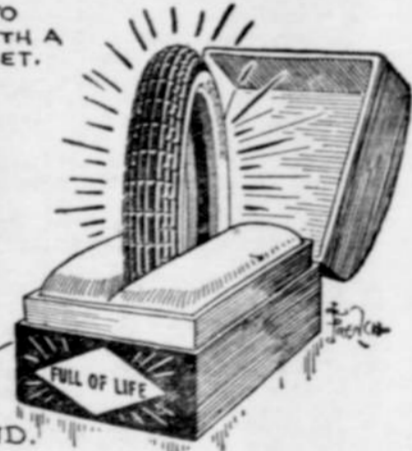
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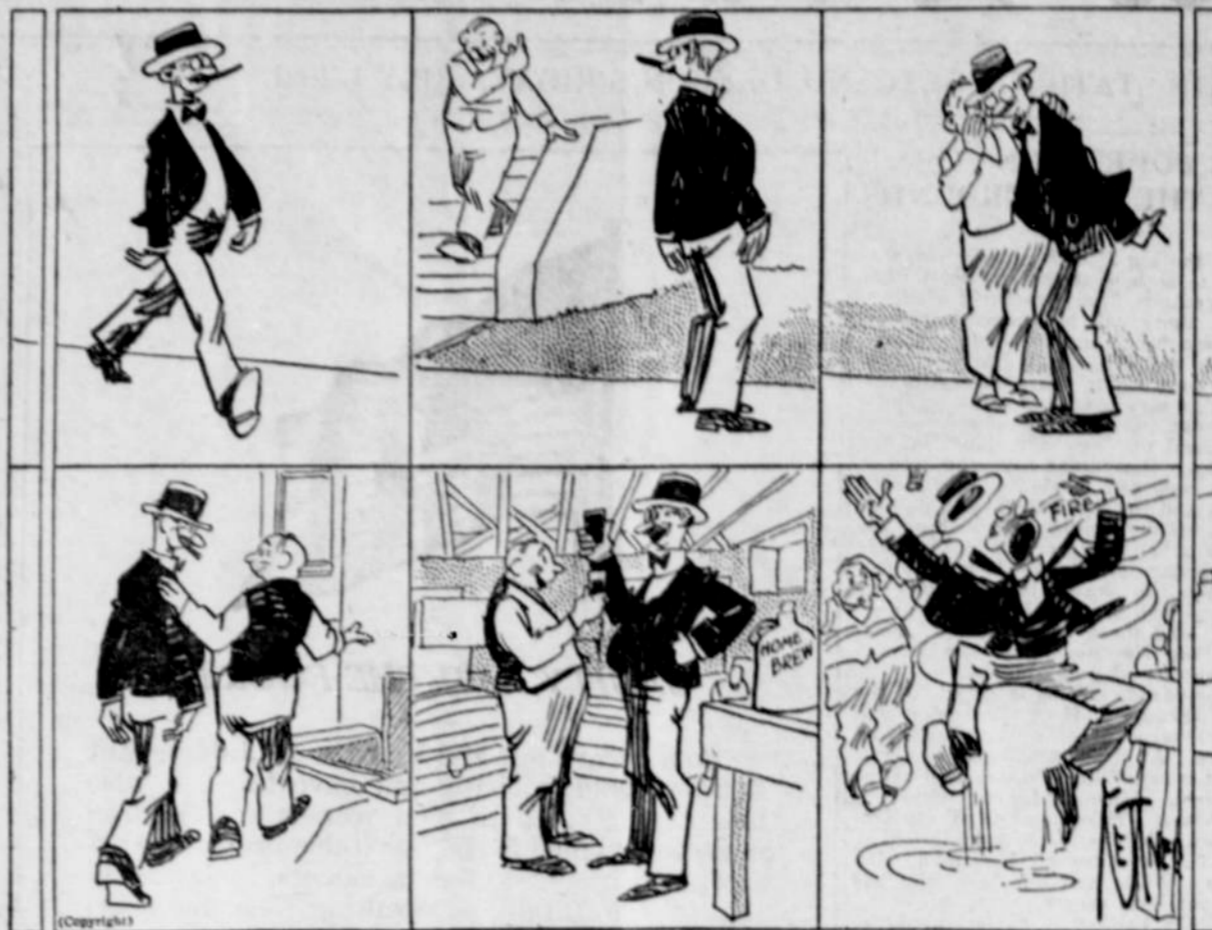
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### AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Have you a child in your home? Naturally its daily welfare is among your first thoughts. But daily welfare is not sufficient. There is a tomorrow—a future—that must be considered.

The child of today will not always be a child. Some day it will be a man, or a woman, carrying the burdens that maturity entails. Children should be prepared for the morrow before the morrow is here.

The mind that knows only the things of today soon reverts to those of yesterday.

It has no future. It exists upon the present and dwells upon the past. Its vision is limited to the things it has seen and to those that are set before it.

It is capable of functioning, but not of progressing. It is the mind of the person who is content to take life as it comes, with little opportunity for improvement and less effort toward advancement.

The daily welfare of a child is one of great concern, but the shaping of the mind for the future is of infinitely more importance.

Unlimited sums for pleasure! Nothing for humanity! Ingratitude for services well performed!

Thousands of rich men will pay great sums for the privilege of seeing the fight between Carpenter and Dempsey in New Jersey tomorrow.

Hordes of people who can ill afford the price of admission will also view the battle of the pugilistic giants. But there are thousands of others who will not see the "mill"—who could not if they would. They are men who have fought in a greater battle, with nobler impulses, and for a more worthy cause. They are the sick and the crippled veterans of the world war—young men who crossed the seas and gave of their blood and their manhood in the cause of home and country.

These helpless heroes are herded in overcrowded hospitals or farmed out to other institutions where neither the comfort or the food is what it should be.

Will these battered and emaciated service men think of the coming fight in their isolation and neglect?

They will! They will wonder why millions of dollars can be spent on a single prize fight by men who sidestep the expenditure of a few dimes on those who fought in a nobler cause.

They have reason to wonder, for Oregon is an exception among the states and the nation in doing justice to its ex-service men.

A metropolitan newspaper points out that women have been experimenting in dress since the days of Mother Eve, always seeking something more becoming, more practical and sanitary, and something that affords greater freedom of movement.

The present short skirt is the result of these centuries of experimenting and perpetual evolution.

Everything new attracts attention and comment, until it is accepted as a custom. Then it is regarded as right and becomes merely an incident of the day.

Let the women and their short skirts alone. They are sane, when not carried to extremes, sensible and sanitary.

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### DISCOURAGING BUILDING

Unquestionably in all cities there are landlords who take advantage of the scarcity of housing to practice most outrageous extortion.

The state of New York has enacted a law forbidding the eviction of tenants who refuse to pay increased rentals, and the final tribunal has decided that it is a valid exercise of police power, constitution or no constitution.

The city of Los Angeles has an ordinance limiting rentals to 11 per cent of the money invested in the "building." The trial court held this unconstitutional, with the suggestion that it might have been different had the ordinance said 11 per cent of the value of the entire property.

Will legislation of this character get building? The remedy for high rentals is a surplus of rentable property. The way to get plenty of housing space is not to discourage builders with legislation limiting their returns but to show them that an opportunity exists to make a legitimate return on a fair investment. If property or the return of property can be confiscated by law, as would seem to be the tendency in the two cases mentioned, how far can the law go in impairing the right of private ownership?

Such laws will defeat the purpose for which they were intended. People will not build under such conditions. Let us have fair laws and fair taxation, and show every prospective home-owner the advantage of building his own house and we will more quickly solve the question of rent profiteering than in any other manner.

The cost of constructing a wooden dwelling is rapidly increasing to normal, and with building trades restrictions being removed by force of necessity, dwellings are going up in all parts of the country. Encourage this movement and the day of the rent profiteer will be over.

### NEPOTISM AND HIGH TAXES

The Roman emperor who would appoint no one but relatives to offices, limited to nephews (nepotes), was unanimously assassinated. In Washington a suit has been brought to test the right of a public official to appoint his wife as his deputy. The general practice of employing members of the family in public offices and in the legislature is believed to be one of the causes of high taxes. Too often a politician has very little control over his family and cannot make them do an honest day's work at home or for the taxpayers.

With all the clamor because of high taxes, little is heard of the causes. We are taxed to death—and a new crop is being assiduously cultivated every day. A multiplicity of laws—federal, state and city—means a horde of officials to enforce them and an army of clerks to keep the attendant records. Is it any wonder the citizen groans when they get their tax bills? It costs money to be inspected by a critical governmental agency every time we turn around.

We can't nail two boards on the chicken coop in the back yard, run a wire to furnish electric light for the back porch or sell a quart of milk from the family cow when she is prodigious in the spring without consulting some tax-eating official about it and securing his approval after a disgusting lot of red tape and drawing a blue print of the coop, the porch and the cow. Those of us who are still old-fashioned enough to adhere to the custom of kissing our wife before leaving for business in the morning will soon be brought to the pass where we will have to first pass a bacterial inspection and then qualify as experts in the osculatory art. No wonder living money in these piping times of peace, with a horde of parasites living off the body politic.

A government officer has invented a gas more deadly than anything else known, and a new shell that will pierce any armor is among the federal secrets. But neither of them have made the least dent in congress.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. E. Haynes, has been appointed by Honorable George Tazewell, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department, as the administrator of the estate of Sarah Wilson Haynes, also known as Sarah Haynes, deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same under oath with proper vouchers therefor attached, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at the office of H. P. Arnest, 1210 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

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