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We trust that all our readers will spend a most happy Christmas. That is about all some of us have left to spend.

Regarding S. C. Cook's suggestion in another column as to withdrawing the case now pending before the Supreme Court on the consolidation question, whether Mr. Cook is in earnest or in jest, would seem bad policy. If there can be any question as to the legality of the annexation vote it should appear now, when it might be remedied; not after it is too late to remedy it. If the supreme court decides that the election was legally held there is nothing to do but to make the best of a bad, very bad bargain. Mr. Cook must remember that out of a total of 1000 voters, only 362 voted for annexation.

Strange things happen in this world. A woman killed her husband in Colorado, put up the plea of self defense, was acquitted, yet the man was shot twice in the back. Two show girls shot a millionaire in New York, were acquitted, and now sue their victim for half a million dollars. Workmen at the Albina shops are subjected to assault and abuse daily by strikers, yet the city offers no protection whatever. A former Portland woman shot herself while talking over the phone to her lover, whom she asked to wed and he refused. Fiction has no edge over actual occurrences of the day.

Mrs. Bicknase Entertains

Mrs. Bicknase entertained the Debonair Club and their husbands at her beautiful home on Polk street on last Friday evening, it being the 13th anniversary of her marriage.

An elegant luncheon was served, consisting of sandwiches, salad, cake, pineapple ice and coffee. Mrs. Viola Campbell sang beautifully: "Where the River Shannon Flows" and also an encore. Mrs. J. N. Keeler rendered two very witty selections in her usual happy style. Then Mrs. Alice Learned, president of the club, in a few well chosen words, presented Mrs. Bicknase with a handsome brass jardinere. Several pieces of hand painted china were also given her by other members of the club.

The hostess then passed to each person present a typewritten list of questions, the answer to each questions being the name of an old fashioned flower. The result of the contest being a tie between Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Markle. They were obliged to cut for the prize, a handsome desk pad. Mrs. Boyd was the lucky one.

Some of the most handsome and striking gowns ever worn at any St. Johns function were in evidence.

A very pleasant time was had by all present. Mrs. Markle will entertain the club next on Thursday afternoon following Christmas at a Christmas luncheon.

Selection Not Yet Made

The board of governors of the commercial club met in the city hall Monday at one o'clock, but as the selection of a publicity man had not been made, there was little to do. The committee on quarters announced that the rooms now occupied by the Bachelors had been secured and would be ready for occupancy by the club after the first of the new year. The committee on publicity man believed it would be ready to report in a day or two, and it was decided to call a special meeting of the governors as soon as this committee announced its readiness to report. Later—special meeting was held yesterday afternoon. Six names were presented as candidates for publicity man by the committee—Messrs. Crawshaw, Duytea, Worford, Jobelmann, Harvey and Conley. As the governors wanted more time to investigate the records of the candidates, the decision will be made at a special meeting next week.

Notice of Annual Adjourned
SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school district No. 2 of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, that the Annual Adjourned School Meeting of said district will be held at the Central School House, to begin at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. on the fourth Thursday of December, being the 28th day of December, 1911.

This meeting is called for the purpose of levying a special tax for general school purposes and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1911.

GILBERT GOODRUE,
Chairman Board of Directors.
Attest: J. E. TANCH,
District Clerk.

Stories of Success

ROBERT M. LaFOLLETTE

Opportunity may knock at every man's door, but determination opens it. Robert M. LaFollette, the fighting senator from Wisconsin, and one of the master statesmen of the country, heard the rap just once, and the door swung wide. From that one intense moment, the barefoot-boy then pushing his father's plow, threw himself into a grim, defiant grapple to wrest from farm life that grit and energy that later sustained him through college and his entire legal and political career. The life of this man is one shining trail blazed by sturdy human industry, but it is a trail starlit by success. Everywhere the world over, success demands security. Saving one's money doubles the chances for success. With a savings account in some good bank the world is your foot stool. Saving a dollar makes it grow, and every dollar saved has a future. Your money is safe here, and the interest we pay makes saving worth while.

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North Bank Limited 7:25 p. m., for Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Spokane, Sprague, Riteville, Lind, Pasco, Roosevelt, and Vancouver.
Columbia River Local, 5:15 p. m., for Vancouver, Camas, White Salmon, Lyle, Granddalles, Cliffs, Fallbridge and all intermediate stations.

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Inland Empire Express, 7:20 p. m., from Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Spokane, Sprague, Riteville, Lind, Pasco, Roosevelt, Granddalles, White Salmon, and Vancouver.
North Bank Limited, 7:47 a. m., from Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Walla Walla, Pasco, Roosevelt, and Vancouver.
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The tax levy for the city of St. Johns, which will be made next week, will likely be as high as in Portland from the present outlook.

A Long Credit.

The motto of the highland host that battled for the Stuart cause, which bonny Prince Charlie headed, apparently was that heaven helps those who help themselves liberally. They levied toll on the henroost, stable and, according to the author of "The Land of Romance," even on the pockets of the Covenanters.

At Swarthholm a party of these marauders overhauled the house of a tailor, and when one of them was about to cut up a web of homespun that had taken his fancy the good wife earnestly remonstrated.

"A day'll come when ye'll ha' tae pay for that," she solemnly assured him.

Scissors in hand, Donald paused. "An' when will she pe hafing to do that?" he asked.

"At the last day," said she.

"An' that will pe a fery goot long credit," the robber coolly returned. "She wass going to pe only taking a coat, but now she will pe taking a waistcoat as well."

A Mountain in the Sky.

Somewhere many miles away from this earth an enormous mountain twenty miles high is flying through space. The mountain is known astronomically as the planet Eros. The ordinary man has long taken it for granted that all the planets are more or less round in shape. The small planet Eros, however, is an exception to this rule. According to the latest astronomical information, it is a mere mountain in space, "without form and void," and as it turns upon its axis first one corner and then another is presented to view. These small worlds (few are over ten or twenty miles across) are not large enough to have sufficient gravity to draw their structure into symmetry and remain as when launched into space—mammoth meteorites. A tantalizing fact for astronomers is that Eros passed very close to us about Jan. 24, 1894—before the planet was recognized—and that quite so near an approach is not due again till 1975.

"The Mine's Blown Up."

I was sitting on the edge of my bed loosening the heel of one of my rubber boots with the toe of the other, when suddenly through the stillness of the sleeping town, from the power house half a mile away, came a low and rising note, the great siren whistle in the power house. Almost fascinated, I listened as the great note rose higher and more shrill and died away again. One blast meant a fire in the town, two blasts fire in the buildings at the mine and three blasts, the most terrible of all, a disaster or trouble in the mine. Once more, after an interminable pause, the sound came again and once more rose and died away. I did not move, but there was a sudden coldness that came over me as once more, for the third time, the deep note broke out on the quiet air. Almost instantaneously the loud jingle of my telephone brought me to my feet. I took down the receiver. "The mine's blown up," said a woman's voice.—Atlantic.

Saying No.

The author of "Pat McCarty," a book of verse with a setting of prose, shows how naturally some of the Irishmen of Antrim dilute the wine of narrative with the water of verbiage. In the excerpt below—"The Way We Tell a Story"—the diluent is used with a particularly free hand:

Says I to him, I says, says I,
Says I to him, I says.
The thing, says I, I says to him,
Is lost, says I, this ways.
I bet, says I, a gre't respeck
For you and for your breed,
And anything I cud, I says,
I'd do, I wud indeed.
I don't know any man, I says,
I'd do it for, says I,
As fast, I says, as for yourself,
That's tellin' ye no lie.
There's naught, says I, I wudn't do
To plase your feyther's son,
But this, I says, yo see, says I,
I says, it can't be done.

The Spectacled Bear.

The spectacled bear of Ecuador is so called because of a patch of white around each eye, which makes the animal look as though he was peering through a pair of great spectacles.

In size and general color the spectacled bear looks not unlike the American black bear. But its hair is very shaggy. At each side of the head is a white bar, which gives the animal the appearance of wearing a halter. But the most distinctive feature is the white around the eyes.

Attachment.

The schoolteacher was trying to illustrate the difference between plants and animals.

"Plants," she explained, "are not susceptible of attachment to man as animals are."

"How about burs, teacher?" piped a small boy who had passed the summer in the country.—Chicago News.

Make Children Happy.

The first duty toward children is to make them happy. If you have not made them happy you have wronged them. No other good they may get can make up for that.—Charles Buxton.

His Reward.

Lawyer Brown—So I called the judge a liar. Lawyer Jones—And then what did you do? Lawyer Brown—Thirty days.—Toledo Blade.

And the Grounds.

Lady Customer—Do you keep coffee in the bean? New Clerk—Upstairs, madam. This is the ground floor.—Princeton Tiger.

Which Was Far Worse.

Williamson—Does your wife always have the last word? Henderson—Well, if she doesn't, old fellow, she looks it.—Smart Set.

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Coffee Percolator	Hand Painted China
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Suggestions for Brother

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