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OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FASHIONS

It has not been so very long ago when nearly every newspaper in the land strove to be in some sort a family paper, and, weekly or daily, each one carried its quota of miscellaneous information, sometimes in a column or department by itself, and sometimes as a means of filling out.

But the newspapers that consider themselves up to date have somewhat changed the method and style of what is called miscellaneous information. Articles and items that would formerly have fallen in this category have been taken out of their accustomed corners and are made to do duty as mild sensations.

Readers of newspapers do not have to be very old to remember the interesting items that have been concocted about our old friend the pin. Long columns of statistics, articles with economy for their moral, paragraphs of a historical character, and items without number have been written about the pin, so that this useful domestic instrument may be the subject and center of quite a respectable body of literature.

There is a very interesting game called push-pin, with which the children amuse themselves, and it is a time-honored custom that pins should take the place of currency among the youngsters. There can be no real boy's circus unless the admission fee is calculated in pins, and if you desire a front seat, you would do well to rob the household pin cushion and get a ticket of admission before the show begins.

We shall not look very far in the newspapers before we come face to face with a number of familiar items, and in these our old friends—or enemies, if you prefer it so—coffee, tobacco and alcohol play leading parts. For more than a century each succeeding generation has been warned that coffee is rank poison, and yet people go on drinking it at such a rate that we must come to the conclusion that the views of the old citizen who had been drinking coffee by the quart all his life have come to prevail.

We learn now that the people of this country in the course of a year drink 1,500,000,000 gallons at a cost of 10 cents a gallon. This is very interesting information, especially in the face of the prediction, freely made, that the price of the aromatic berry is likely to be doubled.

of a gas—carbon monoxide gas—identical with the dangerous constituent of water gas; and to smoke one ounce of tobacco is to turn loose a pint of the fearful carbon monoxide.

In the by-laws of genuine reform, alcohol heads the list of deadly poisons that do not produce their fatal results at once, but Dr. W. Hutchinson, secretary of the Oregon state board of health, declares that whiskey drinking is a good thing—a harmless luxury for the strong and the vigorous, though a poison to the weak, the worthless and the undesirable.

We must politely protest against this form of natural selection. Nature is a pattern of sobriety, and we cannot be made to believe that she has any sympathy with, or stomach for the artificial and highly-colored decoctions of man. Over against the Oregonian secretary we would place Mr. Justice Ingersoll, who declares that cow's milk is poisonous to a high degree, being the medium through which the most deadly diseases that afflict the human family are transmitted.

Well, what is poor humanity to do? Our drinking water is full of microbes, our warm and comfortable dwellings are a constant peril to health, our food of every sort is dangerous, and everything we drink is likely to contain the spores of contagion. There is nothing left for us but to buy a dime's worth of peanuts, take a front seat in the gallery of life and watch our friends and neighbors play out their little parts.

BE JUST AND GENEROUS.

Some of our Democratic friends whom we know love us as a brother, have seen fit to criticize the editor of the COURIER for being too intimate with some of the local Republicans of Oregon City. The editor of the COURIER has always selected his company wherever he has been and we presume we will continue to do so. We are sorry to say it has not always been the best company that could have been found.

To tell the truth all of the truth all the time ought to be the province of a newspaper. To tell even a part of it at times however subjects you to the invidious of being a fault-finder, an old maid, or a common scold. During the campaign that is now upon us, it is the intention of the Courier to tell the truth and shame the devil, let the chips fall where they may.

The equinoctial storm which swept over the Willamette valley on Saturday afternoon and night was a revelation to the oldest inhabitant in this part of the world. For hours the wind howled and whistled through every branch and tree. Much small damage was done in many places and the eyes of the natives opened to the power and effectiveness of old Boreas when he unleashes the winds of the sky.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CALLED

Primaries to Be Held April 4—Convention April 9th.

The County Central Committee of the Democratic party of Clackamas county met at the club room of the Jefferson Democratic Club Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. A full attendance of the Committee was present and great enthusiasm was manifested on all sides. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Beatie and its object stated. After a full and free discussion it was decided to hold the Democratic primaries to elect delegates to the county convention, on Monday, April 4th next, and hold the convention in Oregon City on the following Saturday, which is the ninth. The state convention and the congressional convention will be held in Portland on Tuesday the 19th day of the month.

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, No. Delegates, and Name. Lists precincts like Chamberlain, Abernathy, Barlow, Beaver Creek, Boring, Canyon Creek, Cascades, Canby, Clackamas, Cherryville, Cheney, Damascus, Eagle Creek, Garfield, George, Harding, Highland, Mackeburg, Molalla, Milk Creek, Marquam, Millwaukie, Maple Lane, Needy, New Era, Oswego, Or City No 1, Or City No 2, Or City No 3, Pleasant Hill, Soda Springs, Bull Run, Springwater, Tualatin, Union, Viola, W. Ore City, Killara.

The committeemen from the various precincts were enthusiastic and brought in good reports, the prevailing opinion being that this is a democratic year, and that by using good judgment and putting up the best men the entire Democratic ticket might be elected, and that certainly some of it would be elected in any event. Preparations for the primaries are now being made by the various committeemen, to whom was delegated that work.

LOST-LOVE.

Sitting out beneath a smiling Sunday sun, when all the world seemed wrapped in loveliness and light, his heart was sad and all the beauty of the day brought to him no hope or inspiration. Above upon a tall oak's bending boughs, a dozen sparrows sprang and romped about in riotous revelry, and fragrant blossoms blown from off a bush were fanned against his forehead and his feet. Nearby a blood-red rosebud bent to rob the banded zephyr of its breath, and lilies leaned to learn the lesson of lost love.

The peach tree blossomed all about, and on its boughs the mockbird sat in music majesty, as from its throat there thrilled a tune of hope and happiness. But through it all in silence sat the man of whom at first we spoke, as on his brow sad sorrow sulked and seared for sympathy. God's glorious sunlight came to seek in gleams of glaring gold and kindly kissed his furrowed forehead full and free, and in their dreams the stanzas dived in solace for his soul.

Reluctantly lifting his eyes until they met those of her who spoke, he answered hoarse and slow: "Lost—Love." The angel went, and left him in his wretchedness for awhile, but as he was about to turn to troubled thoughts again, a soft, sweet voice came and whispered in his ear: "Arise and come with me and be comforted, for I am God—I am Love."

A man is not necessarily honest because he is a Democrat and he is not necessarily a thief because he is a Republican. There are all kinds of men in all kinds of parties. It is the man at last that makes the party and not the party that makes the man.

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The Democrats of Clackamas county and especially the Committeemen of the various precincts are requested to look carefully over the apportionment of delegates to the county convention published in this issue of the COURIER. There were some errors in the report and apportionment as published in the last issue, the incorrect basis being taken for the division. The apportionment as found in these columns this week is the correct one. Democrats in every part of the county should make it a point to attend the primaries and send their best men as delegates to the county convention. The success of the ticket to be named depends very largely upon the persons who are put up as candidates for the various positions. Cool, level-headed, practical men should be sent as delegates to the county convention and if they do their work well and name a good ticket it will in all human probability be elected. Now is the time for the best foot to be put forward.



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