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Here's what I call a good guess of the whys, wherefores and results. If you don't think so, then make one of your own.

Once upon a time (or more exact, just about five years ago) the man with the big teeth said to the man with the big belly—

"Bill, I like this present doings, but I am a little afraid of losing out under the statute of precedents if I try for it again at this stage of the American game."

"Now Bill, you know I am some noise in this old country just now, and while the ghost of George Washington might rise up and stop my being president for the third time, yet nothing can stop my saying who shall be the next president in my place."

"Now, Bill I want to get back in the game again as soon as public sentiment will permit, which time I think will be in just four years. I will make you the next president of this country if you will agree to quit and let me back in after you have had one term. I will go over to Africa and shoot monkeys for a year or two, while you carry on 'my policies.' Do this and I will get the steam roller oiled up and will make you the next president. Are you game?"

Taft grasped Theodore's hand, wept on his neck and declared he was on and that the deal was closed.

Roosevelt got the machinery to working and turned the big man into a nice president, then grabbed his gun, had the government fit him out a dandy scientific expedition, and he hiked for the dark continent.

And things worked splendid. Taft got in with the big bunch on this side of the drink and Theodore went in for big advertising on the other bank.

But let's cut it short. After Taft had had a whirl or two of the dictating business he wanted the long term, and he conspired with the big fellows to give Roosevelt what the wrestler usually gives his friends, and when Theodore began thinking about getting the fowls in shape again, he found that Taft had concluded to renig.

And Roosevelt came back and made the big fellow look like 30c. He killed himself to do it, but he did Taft an awful good job.

This is my guess of the whole shooting match. If you have any better story, spring it.

County Judge R. B. Beatie is a candidate for the appointment for the office of United States marshal for Oregon, and the Courier doesn't know of any man more capable of filling the position nor any more entitled to it.

Officers are a part of the spoils of political war, and the victors get them. When an administration changes, offices change with it, and the man who can show a good clean political record, with fitness for the job, generally is considered ahead of others in the appointment.

Senators Chamberlain and Lane will have the patronage power in Oregon now—that is they will be the biggest noses. Mr. Hawley got what he wanted in Senator in the recent election, or rather what she took from him—the voters cut Hawley's hair.

Mr. Beatie has certainly been a big fellow in Democratic politics in this county, and his work has been certainly shown results. He took hold of what was left of the Democratic party here when it was pretty well smothered to death with fusion, and he has helped much to bring it up to an organization where it stood solidly and went Democratic in a national campaign for the first time in forty years.

Mr. Beatie is certainly a campaigner, organizer and vote getter. He has a pleasing way of handling men, and he gets results as those who have run against him well know.

Mr. Beatie would make a good man for U. S. Marshall, there is no doubt about that. The position is now held by a son of the late Hans Seward, and a change will probably be made as soon as President-elect Wilson is inaugurated.

The Courier believes that Senators Chamberlain and Lane would do what would please the majority of the Democrats of Clackamas county if they would stand behind and recommend the appointment of Judge Beatie for the position.

Vermont 4, Utah 4, Isn't it awful! Roosevelt certainly did the big president a big job.

Genuine Co-operation

This bank enters into the SPIRIT of its customers' wishes and requirements and gives due consideration even to minor wants, or complaints if their are any. You are assured of courteous consideration of your requests even if it is impractical to grant them.

The Bank of Oregon City Oldest Bank in The County

Four weeks from today, December 13, will be "slaughter day" down at Salem. One after another five men will be led out, like cows at a slaughter pen, and choked to death.

It will be a great day at the capitol and the papers of the whole country will be full of it. Mexican bull fights won't compare and the crucifixions of the Penitents will be like tennis compared with football.

One after another these men will be led out and slaughtered—murdered. The noise will be adjusted under their chins, the black cap will be pulled over their ashen faces to hide from the spectators the full horror of the writhings, twitchings and wringing as the weight of the bodies strangles them to death.

Oh, but it will be great! One after another these men will be led out, shivering with the fits of awful fear. One after another they will be cut down when the doctor says they have strangled to death.

And when the death caps are removed you will see a swollen, blackened tongue sticking to the cloth; now and then you will see a throat torn open, the pipes exposed and streams of congealed blood down the breast. You will see frightful, blackened, swollen faces—faces of men who died under the most horrible conditions that their fellow men could devise.

You'll get your money's worth fellows. Ask the governor for a pass. It will be great. Delirium tremens won't be in it. And you'll sleep so well after you get home. See it if you can.

And a majority of you men of Oregon voted to stage this horrible play at Salem next month. They say Governor West is besieged with applications for moving picture privileges.

It's a good thing, I wish he might evant some good advice, exclusive scoop under a contract that they be displayed in every city and town in Oregon for week stands.

Then we would all rush to the "movies" take our children with us and have our own enjoyment—seeing the results of our ballots.

And look at the money Governor West could get out of the concessions. It would reduce taxes in Oregon.

And I would suggest that the death caps be left off so that we could all see the facial contortions, see the black tongue run out, see the eyes protrude, see the face turn black, see the throat torn open and in detail every stage of strangulation in its crop out bigger than a woodchuck.

I am not arguing against wealth, or of a man using the ability God gave him to finish first in the race. The old law of the survival of the fittest applies today and will apply in the next generation just as forcibly as it applied back in the ages before fire. In the old days the savage went out and got what he wanted with a club, if the club was big enough and he could swing it heavier than the other fellow. We get or lose ours in the same way in this aeroplane age, only we smooth off the knots, polish the club and hire a thug to do the knocking down.

A man has a right to all the riches he can fairly earn, if he can get it somewhere near honestly.

But he hasn't a right to wealth thousands of times greater than his needs, for then he is stealing the proportion of others.

If you will study the alarming figures above, you will see that if John Rockefeller should take a coal scoop shovel and try to shovel his daily income, in silver dollars, out of a coal bin as fast as it accumulated, he would have to get on the job early and work late to keep from being buried up by his own income.

No man has any right to take 32 cents of the wealth of this country every time the clock ticks. He can't possibly spend it, he has no earthly use for it, it daily grows greater, and its accumulation gives him an influence greater than the government and a power greater than the standing army. If he doesn't hire more men to help him give it away it will swallow up the country.

Rockefeller is but one of a great many multi-millionaires.

They say that there is no way that the constitution will allow the people to curtail the wealth of a man who possesses, if he can get it.

But congress has power to smash up the great trusts that make Rockefeller possible.

And thinkers see grave dangers ahead for this country unless there is some regulation that will stop the widening of the gulf between the tramp and the millionaire.

It is hard to understand how the voters of Oregon would vote down Olcott's "blue key" bill, but the best excuse we have heard was that it was not designated on the ballot so that voters understood it, and what they did not understand they voted no on.

Every line the Courier has printed in favor of single tax its editor has sincerely believed in—believed that it would result in the greatest good for the many and would equalize taxation in Oregon.

That it did not carry does not alter those opinions; that it received thousands of votes where four years ago there were but dozens, only strengthens that position.

Something must be done in Oregon to throw off the taxtation yoke that too few carry. The single tax proposition blazes the way. As people study it more they will understand it better and refused to be frightened by the panie stories, and some day it will win and be given a trial in Oregon.

Far from quitting because we got a hook on the law in the first round, we are going to get a punching bag and get in training for the next. The idea is right, and when men know it they will vote it—just as they reversed their decision on equal suffrage.

Old Man Cannon would not see the hand writing, he wouldn't see the little lines in the horizon. He persisted, he stayed with his old machine methods and November 5 the people flattened him out. Not since the civil war have the people spoken in such unmistakable terms against the Cannon and the interests. Now will they heed?

Two candidates for governor, one for U. S. marshal, and others grooming in Oregon City. Leave this burg alone for getting in the political game.

There were 6160 votes cast for congressman in this county and 3593 of them were NOT for Hawley. It was certainly lucky for this big business representative there were five candidates in the field.

If the women had had the ballot this election you can bet they would have put a stop to that horrible affair that will be pulled off at Salem next month—the murdering of five men.

According to returns as they stand, the Democrat will have four members of the next state senate and five members of the lower house. In 1911 the party had four members of the senate and two in the house.

The state applicants for the dentistry examinations are "fixing" the teeth of the convicts, in the penitentiary at Salem, as a part of their examination. What have the convicts done to merit this additional punishment?

Because of a little legal technicality, the omission of the words "be it enacted" on the two eight hour laws recently passed by the people, it is said that the two bills will be unlawful. And thus we have another illustration that a "joker" is bigger than the will of the people.

Representative Hawley has long been the beneficiary, politically, of good luck.—Portland Journal.

His good luck this year was having a string of starters with him. Had it been a matched race, Mr. Hawley would have finished second. Clackamas county showed this.

"Now let politics alone and give business a chance," the stand pat papers are beginning to sing. Sure! Let the Wells Fargo Express Co alone and give it a chance to make an honest dollar.

Their dividend as reported in last Saturday's papers, was only 800 per cent, or \$8,000,000 on property valued at \$1,000,000. Let these trusts alone; let them rot you. You are used to it.

The attempt to divide Clackamas county was a dismal failure. Outside of Estacado, which aspired to the county seat, there was no support worth mentioning and the state at large simply passed it up or voted against it.

Some day no doubt Clackamas county will be divided, but the day is far distant. There must be demand first, and the big county will have to be settled far more than it is now to make that demand.

Mr. U'Ren's chances for governor are getting a good start. The Oregonian is out against him and starts its arguments by calling him a Hessian. The Oregonian commenced by calling Lafferty names and continued its abuse up to election day. And Lafferty won out by a big majority. Every election shows that it is a safe play for and starts its arguments by calling the Oregonian wants and vote the other way.

Charles D. Shields, imported from Washington to fight single tax, finds himself much in the position of Governor of California. Johnson said he had California in his vest pocket and he went to other states to help Teddy. Wilson carried his state. And while Shields was talking his head off in Oregon, Everett, Wash went to the other side of the mountain and let a man in who will enforce the laws.

Judge McGinn of Portland, did not let any mercy get into the justice lotion when he sentenced William Wilson to life imprisonment for holding up and robbing a drug store of \$27, and only eight weeks ago two convicted murderers in Portland were given the same sentence. The judge who gave this life sentence for \$27 said the record of the accused was bad, but that is a lame excuse. Wilson was not tried on his past record, but for the robbery, and I want to tell you it was a horrible parody on justice to give a life sentence for this crime.

It is a big complement to the intelligence of the voters of Oregon—the outcome of the "majority rule" bill. This was a tricky measure, presentation and in spirit. It's title made it appear to be the reverse of what it was. If carried it would have killed the power of the people, abolished the initiative and referendum. But it didn't carry. It was buried so deep it won't be tried again in a hurry. The voters read it, investigated and the papers exposed. Thousands of dollars were expended to put this law through, but it wasn't even close.

Now that the nine road schemes have gotten it where Alice would get the beads, perhaps our people will get together on some one proposition that will be fair to all the state and we will get some good roads in Oregon some day. Of all the wants this is the biggest. If there is one great, noisy, crying need it is good roads in this state. But putting up nine propositions will not get them. The voters will tip their job lot propositions over as fast as they are stood up, and they should. But there can be propositions put forth that they will support. The state needs good roads and the people will vote good roads. But show them the right proposition first.

Some Bargains. 1st. Five acres, 3 1-2 improved; 1 1-2 fruit and berries; small house, good spring, \$1500. Good terms, close in hand. 2. Grocery, food and notion store, doing a good business; 6 lots, all in fruit, barn, root and chicken house, 5-room house, good well, \$3,000. S. S. Clyde, Oregon City.

War Against Spitters. The women of Flushing, N. Y., have started a novel movement for the improvement of health conditions in that town in the form of a crusade against spitters. The crusade was brought about by the Good Citizenship league, which is composed of some of the wealthiest women in Flushing. Each member of the league is empowered to arrest any person who expectorates upon the sidewalks and see to it that they are brought before a police court and fined \$2 for violating the anti-spitting ordinance.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT TALK.

Don't block the way. Move as fast as the procession or move out. Take the pace of the company you are in or make way for the man behind. Don't stand in the way of new ideas. Don't pause in the path of better systems. Don't settle down on the ladder of success. Don't be a barnacle on the ship of business. Advancement means movement. Move!

ONE YEAR'S IMPROVEMENT WORK IN AMERICUS.

The Spirit of Civic Advancement in Georgia Town.

Probably very few cities of less than 10,000 population have succeeded in having wood block street paving laid in such a thorough and satisfactory manner as has recently been done with two miles of this paving in Americus.

The manner in which such eminently satisfactory work has been accomplished is interesting to consider. Instead of retaining a consulting engineer it was decided to leave to City Engineer John B. Ansley the work of supervising the public improvements in the way of paving and also the water and sewer extensions carried on simultaneously.

During the period over which the carrying out of the improvements has extended the city engineer and his assistants have been constantly on the alert to see that the contracts made with the city were carefully and faithfully carried out. A large number of defective wood blocks were rejected at an early stage in the laying of the pavement. Many sections of sewer pipe were also rejected on account of their being of inferior quality. Of the entire extent of wood block paving only an area of a few yards along the surface first laid "buckled," or gave any indications of having been carelessly laid.

The carrying out of the contracts for water extensions and for the laying of the sewers shows that the same careful methods have been employed in this phase of civic improvement.

In addition to the improvements mentioned, the spirit of civic advancement manifest in the municipality is shown by the addition within a period of approximately a year of ten miles of tiled sidewalks, a 200 horsepower boiler, high duty pump of 1,500,000 gallons daily capacity and a twelve inch artesian well and 250,000 gallon reservoir at the municipally owned and operated water works plant, the installation of an auto fire truck, a monolithic concrete bridge over Town creek and Lee street, a new wooden bridge over Barlow street and a beautiful and serviceable concrete bridge over Lee street in the heart of the residence section. Each of these improvements will add much to the beauty of Americus and to the comfort, health and safety of its citizens.

MAIL ORDER GROWTH. Great Trade Outcrops is Crushing Home Merchants.

The marvelous growth of the mail order business in recent years is calculated to stagger humanity in local communities where general merchants or specialists in any sort of merchandise are struggling for an existence against the "gigantic concerns in the big cities which have back of them the power of millions of dollars of capital. A writer in the Saturday Evening Post tells how a large mail order house was reorganized. The concern's total assets were valued at \$10,000,000. It issued preferred stock to that amount and common stock representing good will to the amount of \$30,000,000.

A syndicate of shrewd capitalists intimately acquainted with the business was said to have bought a large block of it at a high figure. At current quotations, then, this concern's mere good will was valued at \$30,000,000. More over, this house was founded not many years ago by men of small means, and the tangible assets of \$10,000,000 at the time of reorganization were composed very largely of accumulated profits.

So we have a total value of about \$45,000,000 created or built up within a comparatively few years in the business of selling at retail groceries, dry goods, furniture, and so on, to farmers, villagers and the residents of the smaller towns and cities throughout the United States.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER Adds Healthful Qualities to the Food

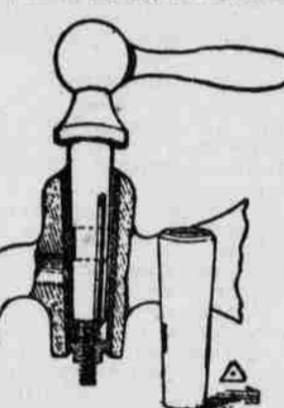
Prof. Prescott, of the University of Michigan, testified before the Pure Food Committee of Congress, that the acid of grapes held highest rank as an article of food and he regarded the results from baking with cream of tartar baking powder as favorable to health.

Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

IMPROVED PLUG COCK.

Provided With Removable Sleeve to Facilitate Repairs.

A plug cock or faucet is much more desirable than a compression cock or screw faucet because it is cheaper to produce and is quick acting, for a quarter turn or less of the lever of the plug cock will wholly shut off the flow or open it to full flow, whereas with a compression cock several turns are necessary. However, the objection to a plug cock is that it is not durable and is apt to leak. Furthermore, the repair of a plug cock is rather expensive. Trouble usually manifests itself in wear of the edges of the ports,



PLUG COCK WITH REMOVABLE SLEEVE.

and the only way of repairing the damage is to replace the worn off plug with a new one.

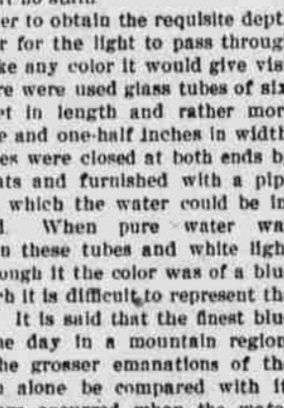
In order to reduce this item of expense and provide a ready means of repairing a worn off plug cock an inventor has recently designed a cock having a removable sleeve on the plug. When the ports through this sleeve become badly worn it is a simple matter to remove the plug from the cock and replace the worn sleeve with a new one. The details of the invention are shown in the accompanying cut. A key on the body of the plug fits a keyway in the sleeve and insures proper register of the ports in the sleeve with those in the plug. The plug is held in place on the cock by means of a nut bearing against a split ring washer, not shown in the engraving.

NOVEL SEWAGE PUMP.

Combination of the Principles of Piston and Rotary Pump.

An inventor of Cardiff, Wales, has designed a pump which combines the principles of the piston and the centrifugal or rotary pump. Having no valves that can be clogged up, it is especially adapted for the pumping of heavy liquids, sewage, etc.

The pump comprises a number of cylinders radially arranged around a



COMBINED ROTARY AND PISTON PUMP.

central revolving axle, the pistons being so connected to this axle that during half of the revolution water is sucked from the intake pipe into the chambers inclosing the cylinders, while during the other half revolution it is expelled through the outlet pipe. The pump, as shown in the illustration, is driven by a single cylinder vertical engine.—Popular Mechanics.

Egg Preservation.

J. M. Bartlett before the chemical congress explained the use of water glass, which is a silicate of soda, for preserving eggs, giving the necessary directions for its manufacture. When properly made, it does not affect the eggs chemically and will preserve them for months, being quite as effective as cold storage and available for use by the ordinary housewife. The eggs are placed in a vessel containing the water glass and left there covered by the fluid until needed for use.

Strictly fresh eggs, not the shop eggs under this label, but the real things just out of the nest, can be carried over from summer to winter in a jar of water glass in almost perfect condition. Of all the domestic methods of prolonging the useful life of eggs, immersion in water glass is by far the best, said Bartlett.

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