

MARCH AND SPRING ARE COMING FAST

MR. WILSON WILL CELEBRATE HIS FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND GRAPE JUICE WILL BE OPENED AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR VISITING CONVERTS

MARCH.
John Rockefeller, past amends,
Was calmly raking dividends.
The increment from Standard Oil
Responded nicely to his toil.
Said John, "I like this sort of thing;
It's good to be a money king.
"It has its drawbacks here and there,
But on the whole the sport is fair."
The income tax collector slowed
His motor cycle in the road.
He watched the money king a while,
And then approached him with a smile
"Friend John," said he, in manner
mild;
"Your income statement—is it filed?"
John Rockefeller turned around
And cleared the meadow with a bound.
Nor did he falter in his pace
Till he was in his hiding place.
"Great Scott!" he said, and mopped
his brow;
"How many taxes are there now?"

The fall of Lent shall fall upon
The tango and the minuet,
And in the bliss of winter gone
The coil shall turn a somerset.
The wind shall make the weather vane
Erode a groove around the stick.
The equinoctial hurricane
Shall push the mortar through the
brick.
The Democrats shall chase the trusts
Through trackless deserts of debate
And in the hope that Huerta busts
The Government shall watch and
wait.

The robin shall awake the morn
With sweet apostrophes to day.
The early daisy shall adorn
The quiet spaces by the way.
The women folks shall shake the
ground
In hot pursuit of cigarettes,
And the President shall hide around
In deadly fear of suffragettes.

This is the spring we long have
sought and mourned because we had
it not. The sky is very soft and blue,
the boblink is bobbing through; the
sadly desolated scene is turning beau-
tifully green, and old King Winter and
his men have given up the field again.

There may be people here and there
Who do not give a whoop outdoors;
But let us hope, if we dare,
That no such sentiments are yours.

The festive calf, for spring revealed,
sees castle walking up the field. The
southern winds are soft and sweet,
though watching out for snow and
sleet. The meadowlark is on the mead
with music suited to our need, and up
the sky in wedged rows the wild geese
musically goes.

There may be someone made of
stone
Whose heart is dead to this display;
But let us hope that like our own,
Yours isn't that kind, anyway.

The hired man, with spring's ad-
vance, sheds seven extra pairs of
pants. The fragrant moubball reas-
pends, and poetry cocks up its ears.
The bullfrog boombeth by the lake,
the old gray planet is awake, and dead
things gambol from their valms to do
the hesitation waltz.

There may, of course, be one or two
Whose hearts do not go pit-a-pat;
But we are confident that you
Are no such wooden man as that.

March 4th will be the first anniver-
sary of Mr. Wilson's inauguration as
President. Grapejuice will be opened
at the White House for visiting con-
verts, and the day will be quietly but
sincerely celebrated in Wall street,
the Mexican national palace and a few
other places. Mr. Taft will give a
tango tea at New Haven, and there
will be indoor fireworks at Bull Moose
headquarters in New York City. On
March 21st the sun, which is moving
north, will cross the equator, bringing
in the spring equinox. This will pos-
sibly make Huerta resign. It will
also round up the few trusts that have
not already come in and signed the
pledge.

On March 10th the planet Mercury.

which has been unable to do anything
with the President on the suffrage
question as an evening star, will be-
come a morning star. The moon will
be full on the 11th. The moon is
working on the Vice-President. After
the 30th the moon will be under
the influence of Aries the Ram, the
first sign of the zodiac, which suc-
ceeds Pisces the Fish. People born
under the influence of Pisces, whose
reign extends to March 21st, do al-
most all the fishing that is done. Gro-
ver Cleveland, who was born under this
sign, is an example. Those born un-
der the influence of Aries, upon the
other hand, are dreamers, and are too
busy looking ahead to keep their eyes
on a fish bob. Thomas Jefferson is
an example. There will be a good
deal of limousine weather during the
month.

Then April with its sweet perfumes
Shall wander up the breeze,
To fill the world with cherry blooms
Around the seven seas.

TRY TO DYNAMITE SAFE WITH MILLION

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 25.—An un-
successful attempt to dynamite the
vault in the state treasurer's office
here was made early today, after two
of the statehouse watchmen had been
bound and gagged.
The safe blowers left the capitol
building shortly before daybreak with
only 25, which they took from a cash
drawer in the treasurer's office.
The safe contained about \$7600 in
currency and more than \$1,000,000
worth of securities, including \$200,000
of capitol extension bonds, ac-
cording to William C. Brown, state
treasurer.

CONVICTS FIGHT WITH PRISON MADE KNIFE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—With a
prison-made knife, Thomas Clark, a
convict at the state penitentiary, at-
tacked Herman Reynolds, another
convict, this morning and slightly
wounded Reynolds in the arm and
head. Both convicts were being tak-
en from their cells to close confine-
ment in the prison yard. As soon as
they were out of their cells, in the
third tier, Clarke made his attack.

Kills Man Over Pig

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 25.—W. R.
Smith, known about town as "Fight-
ing Bill" Smith, was shot and killed
today by a man named Johnson on a
farm in the foothills of Cascade
Mountains, seven miles east of here.
The men quarreled over the own-
ership of a pig.

Don't boast of your credit. No man's
credit is as good as his money.

MEXICAN PROBLEM TAKES NEW TURN

CONSUL IS INSTRUCTED TO IN-
QUIRE INTO HANGING OF
MEXICANS

BYRAN EXPLAINS BENTON INCIDENT

Villa's Message Thought to Mean that
Medical Examination May be
Performed by American
Officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Mex-
ican situation, which has centered on
efforts to determine how constitu-
tionalists executed William S. Benton, a
British subject, was broadened tonight
when Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo
was instructed to inquire into the
hanging by Mexican federalists of Cle-
ment Vergara, an American citizen.

The consul was directed by the state
department to demand the body from
officers of the Huerta government in
the vicinity of Hidalgo, Mex., where
Vergara was killed. Earlier in the day
Marion Letcher, American consul at
Chihuahua, had been instructed to in-
sist that General Villa permit the de-
livery of the body of Benton to the
widow for burial where she may wish.

These, with an explanation by Sec-
retary Bryan to the senate foreign re-
lations committee of all the informa-
tion on the Benton incident and Mex-
ico generally in the hands of the state
department, constituted the principal
developments of the day.

General Villa's message of last night
offering to permit the widow of Ben-
ton or relatives and an American official
to see the body when exhumed is
being taken to mean by the American
government that a complete medical
examination may be performed. Sec-
retary Bryan told the senators that the
United States was insisting that two
American representatives be permit-
ted to see the body and that one of
these be an army surgeon.

SCHOOL GIVES PLAY

OAK GROVE, Ore., Feb. 25.—One of
the most successful events ever given
at Oak Grove was the school enter-
tainment Tuesday evening at Green's
hall. "The Affair of Pikeville Sem-
inary," a college comedy in one act, by
the pupils of the Oak Grove public
school, assisted by Grant Gleason, pi-
anist, of Portland. It was given un-
der the direction of Adeline M. Alford,
of Portland.

PLAN NEW DREDGE FOR OREGON COAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—An im-
portant plan for future dredging of
Oregon and Washington harbors has
been presented to the chief of army
engineers in this city by Major Mor-
row with the cooperation of the United
States engineer in charge of the
coast harbors of Washington.
This plan will secure necessary
dredging for Vancouver harbor and
the coast harbors of Oregon. It pro-
vides for applying the dredge "Ore-
gon," now mostly used in Oregon har-
bors, exclusively to the use of the
coast harbors of Washington and the
construction of a new dredge for use
in the coast harbors of Oregon and at
Vancouver, Wn. Representative John-
son, of Washington, called at the war
department today to urge the adop-
tion of the plan.

NATION-WIDE BAND OF THIEVES FOUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—With the ar-
rest of two men, after the confession
of a third, the District Attorney's of-
fice believes that the headquarters of a
band of automobile thieves whose
operations were nation wide has been
broken up. According to the confes-
sion, the syndicate operated from New
York to San Francisco and from Chi-
cago to New Orleans.

Charles Ruby, chauffeur, arrested
January 22, was accused of receiving
stolen goods, and pleaded guilty yes-
terday before Judge Swann, to whom
he told the story of an alleged syndi-
cate of thieves.

According to Ruby, four men work-
ing for him would steal automobiles,
and then he would store them in vari-
ous garages throughout the city. In-
surance companies would be called
upon to pay for the stolen automobiles
and advertisements offering rewards
would be answered by Ruby, who ad-
mitted he would return the automo-
biles for the reward and split the prof-
its with the men who stole for him,
making from \$25 to \$100 on each au-
tomobile stolen. He said that if the
automobiles were insured he would
ship them to agents which he had in
each of the principal cities of the
United States. The agents in the other
cities also stole automobiles and
shipped them to New York for sale
here, Ruby declared.

Soon now Alaska will develop rap-
idly and rightly, and that will aid the
development of the whole Pacific
coast.

WEST LINN CITY HALL, SUBJECT

NEW BUILDING TO BE OF BRICK
AND CONSTRUCTED IN
COLONIAL STYLE

TWO SETS OF PLANS SUBMITTED

Second Floor Will Be Large Hall and
First Used for Fire Station
Council Chamber and
Committee Rooms

Plans for the proposed city hall were
submitted at the West Linn council
meeting Wednesday evening by C. A.
Houghaling, of Portland, and it is
probable that a definite selection will
be made within a few days.

Two designs were shown at the meet-
ing by the Portland architect. They
were of colonial style, of brick con-
struction, and with large white in-
terior running from the ground to the
top of the building. In both plans the
structure would be trimmed in red
brick and would be plain but digni-
fied.

The second floor will be used as a
meeting place for the improvement
club or any other organization, and
the first floor will probably be divid-
ed into the council chamber, reception
room, fire station and various commit-
tee rooms.

The building will probably be locat-
ed on Broadway about 600 feet from
the west approach of the suspension
bridge. The lot is 100 by 125 and it
has not yet been decided whether the
building will face the north or the
east.

A council meeting will probably be
called within a few days after the
committee has met and thoroughly in-
vestigate the merits of the two sets
of plans. In all of the greater details
the two sets are the same.

The only other business which was
brought up at the meeting was the re-
port of the water committee. This
committee had was to have confered
with the corresponding committee of
Oregon City in reference to an agree-
ment between the two cities concern-
ing the use of water from the south
fork of the Clackamas.

Mills Close.
RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 24.—Ev-
ery shingle mill on Willapa Harbor is
shut down today as a result of an open
shop ultimatum given the employees of
the three Case single mills yesterday
by President E. E. Case.

This is a direct and personal appeal to you; this is an advertisement with a mission in life, a mission of cleaner houses and happier people in Clackamas county. If germless carpets, dustless housecleanings, and easy but thorough sweeping means anything to you, then answer this. But if you are satisfied with the present conditions, if you would as soon that your carpet is filled with dust and germs, if backache and dust do not bother you, then, by all means, leave this offer alone.

IMPORTANT!

When you read this you may think that its nothing but an ordinary circulation schemes at which the public is suspected to bite but which bites the public instead. But this is not so. Through our purchasing power direct with the makers, we are able to buy a certain quantity of these machines at a low cost and now we are giving our readers the benefit of the bargain.

We pledge our reputation as a newspaper, we stake our name as individuals upon this advertisement and upon the statement that this is the most remarkable offer made in recent years through our columns. We would not stand behind any deception nor could we even approve of any exaggeration even upon such a worthy article as the National cleaner or upon such a bargain as our offer to you.

We have not explained this offer in the columns of our paper. The number of cleaners we have is far too small to admit of such a county-wide offer. We will send the details of our proposition to only those who answer this advertisement, to those few who are interested from the advertisements alone.

A government post card costs but one cent but one will bring to you the details of our wonderful offering by return mail. But we are not particular. Write to us, call on us, or send word by telephone that you are interested and you will hear from us quickly.

We mean every word here. Read it all and learn.

We have secured but a limited number of these famous National Vacuum cleaners. Owing to this fact and the unusual offer we are making at the present time we are forced to reserve the right to cancel this proposition at any time.
If you intend to take advantage of this offer we would advise you to write at once for the first to come will be the first to be served. Even though we have a hundred cleaners left by March 15, we will withdraw this offer by that time but one thing is certain and that is, our last cleaner will have been disposed of long before that time. Do not hesitate. Write today for tomorrow there may not be a single cleaner left.



IMPORTANT!

The National Vacuum Cleaner is the best hand power vacuum cleaner on the market. It is light, easy to operate, compact, simple, complete. There is no expensive and complicated motor to break. You are not forced to draw heavy bulky machinery over the floor with the National. You unfasten a screw and everything is open before you, ready to be repaired. But the National is so complete and so simple that it does not need to be repaired but seldom.

No doubt you have longed for a vacuum cleaner. Almost every housewife has had a vision of housecleaning free from dust, and headache, and germs, and backache. The vacuum cleaner is the way, the only way in which a carpet or rug can be cleaned without dust and a tremendous amount of work.

You pull back the handle, a simple and easy operation, and a pressure is created in the nozzle with great suction powers. This vacuum draws dust, dirt, germs, and lint, not only from the surface of the carpet but also from the floor itself. The National draws this dirt up into the dirt reservoir without any dust, like a broom or a duster. The National does not fill the air with disease germs and dirt. The National does not cover your furniture with a coating of dust. The National is clean, sanitary, and thorough.

We guarantee to surprise you if you write for our offer.

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