

Topics of the Times

It is difficult to convince a confirmed bachelor that abuse of him is not inspired by envy.

Women's shoes are to be larger this year than formerly. Feet will remain the same size, however.

The hand that rocks the cradle may rule the world, but the foot that walks the floor with a corky baby is also entitled to some credit.

David Wark, though 100 years of age, is serving as a member of the Canadian senate. Mr. Wark thinks Dr. Osler may know more when he gets older.

"There are many persons in jail who should not be there," says the Boston Globe. Possibly, but there are more outside who should be in jail; so honors are easy.

The United States Senate is composed of three classes of members—those who have been indicted, those who have not and those who may be indicted later on.

Surgeons have succeeded in saving a human eye by grafting upon it a piece of a rabbit's eyeball. The owner of the eye will be lucky if he isn't troubled with wild hares in it.

There is a lady in Ohio who has become a grandmother at the age of 86. But that's nothing. Grandmothers who are not over 22 or 23 can be found in almost every chorus on the road.

Miss Jennie Crocker of San Francisco has reached the age of 18 and come into possession of \$5,000,000. Titled foreigners will please file photographs of themselves with their applications.

Professor Loeb is able now to hatch sea urchins from unfertilized eggs, but if he wants to cause real excitement let him drop the sea urchins and find out how to get gold without a gold mine.

Misguided philanthropists are trying to secure a pardon for Jesse Pomeroy, the "boy lead," who is serving a life sentence for murder. Some people are never satisfied with letting well enough alone.

In view of the decision by the international commission in the North sea case, the least the czar can do will be to give England an order on Japan for a few of those sunken warships to make good the damage done to that fleet of travelers.

In a case at Pittsburg the other day in which a young lady claimed damages from a young man for kissing her, the judge, after carefully scrutinizing the fair plaintiff, dismissed the suit on the ground that the defendant was justifiable. This would appear a clear instance of a gay old bird come to judgment.

There are so many men past 40 who are at work and doing things that Dr. William Osler has met an extremely rough house. Some men beyond 60, at which age the doctor drew the limit, have proven themselves so good in a rough and tumble that the university man has come out of his boots with them in rumpled and disfigured form.

Popular actors and actresses take warning! Sir Henry Irving's recent close call was the inevitable consequence of crowding social affairs into a profession which taxes the nervous forces more, perhaps, than any other in our complex modern life. It is sufficient to undergo the strain of the theater without adding to it that wear and tear which is inseparable from dining out and speech-making, the highly exciting and, it will be confessed, also, fatiguing pastime for brilliant men of mark. The world demands too much and the favorite gives too much.

The seriousness of fire losses in the United States becomes conspicuous as one gets down to details. Here is an interesting comparison: The revenue of the State of Maine in 1903 was, in round numbers, two million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars; the damage done by fires in the State during that year is estimated at five thousand dollars more than that sum, without taking into account the destruction by forest fires, which would have added more than a million dollars on the wrong side. Doubtless almost any other State would make quite as bad a showing; but such figures, where-ever found, are full of suggestion.

Dishonesty in politics is so generally the rule that men who are honest in their private business do not hesitate to falsify, cheat and steal in the matter of political nominations and elections if they can do so with any prospect of escaping punishment. There can be no honest politics expressing the choice and voice of the people unless, in the first place, the people are enabled to take personal part by means of primaries in nominating candidates, and, in the second place, unless they perform their public duty of qualifying themselves to vote in all elections, primary and final, and then go to the polls and cast their votes. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

A Pittsburg 'steel magnate' now residing in New York has recently created a fund of a million dollars for the

purpose of erecting model tenements in New York. Apparently he desires to duplicate substantially the splendid buildings de laed and controll d by the City and Suburban Homes Company—clean, light, airy structures, fitted with many modern conveniences, where decent people can live in comfort as cheaply as in an equal number of unwholesome rooms in a slum. In practice the model tenements heretofore constructed are a philanthropic enterprise. The tenants pay for what they get, but they get a great deal more than other landlords give for the money. The tenements are a business enterprise also, and yield a profit of 4 per cent on the money invested. Not less the new one will pay as well, and forty thousand dollars will become available every year to build more tenements. Evidently this is the feature of the good-housing question that appeals most forcibly to the man who gives the million dollars. He does not need or want the 4 per cent, but he does intend that his benefaction shall endure and benefit an ever-increasing number. As a business man and as a philanthropist he might justifiably anticipate a day when, by the natural law of growth, model tenements shall displace the other kind. We speak of the good-housing question that appeals most forcibly to the man who gives the million dollars. He does not need or want the 4 per cent, but he does intend that his benefaction shall endure and benefit an ever-increasing number. As a business man and as a philanthropist he might justifiably anticipate a day when, by the natural law of growth, model tenements shall displace the other kind. We speak of the good-housing question that appeals most forcibly to the man who gives the million dollars. He does not need or want the 4 per cent, but he does intend that his benefaction shall endure and benefit an ever-increasing number. As a business man and as a philanthropist he might justifiably anticipate a day when, by the natural law of growth, model tenements shall displace the other kind. We speak of the good-housing question that appeals most forcibly to the man who gives the million dollars.

No man reaches the age of triumph but by the steps of trial. He makes no particular progress by patting himself on the back. Virtue may be its own reward, but it is not its own advertising agent. The most successful men are not the ones notably demanding public attention. The best and most useful women in the world are not the bright butterflies of the stage, whose press agents incessantly flaunt their pictures and their little nothings before the public. The unlauded men and women who are quietly attending to their own little tasks, every day contributing something substantial to industry and prosperity, rearing children in habits of honest labor and right living and supplying example that elevates the moral and intellectual level of their little communities—these are the men and women of real influence and power. Success is theirs in the fullest measure. The power of the locomotive lies not in the tremendously puffing smokestack or in the shrill scream of the waste steam of the safety valve, but in the unheard, unseen, but silently working steam in the cylinder. The swift flying piston seems to be doing wonders, but it is only being forced back and forth by a force it knows nothing about, but must obey. Just so the men we call great, because they seem to perform marvels, are but the expression of the thought and impulse of the united mass of unknown common people. No great man ever sprang up except from a great people. It is not given us all to have success as gorgeous as the rainbow. But it need not matter. Success consists in doing your best at whatever is at hand—or in at least trying your best. Indeed the real success is more in the trying than in the achievement. We may achieve by chance help of others or of forces that are not ours. But our efforts are all our own. It is the efforts that are a part of our very selves.

Sheep as Beasts of Burden. The principal beast of burden in the inner ranges of the Himalayas is the mountain sheep, which will carry each from 17 to 25 pounds of baggage and live entirely on the herbage by the wayside. A small flock of them accompanied a recent expedition of a famous Indian explorer for more than a thousand miles, being at the finish none the worse for the journey. It is common in the Himalayas to load sheep high up in the mountains with borax and then to drive them down to the plains, where they are shorn of their wool and return laden with grain or salt. They stand the severe cold of the higher ranges of Tibet better than the yak or mountain cow, and are indeed indispensable to the primitive needs of transit of the dwellers there. The Younghusband expedition has provided a knowledge of the animal which the world lacked before, and it shows up as a beast of high merit, with an all around utility not easy to surpass.

The Chance He Lost. "Why are you so sad, Alice?" her mother asked. "I've decided not to keep company with Mr. Jones any more." "Dear me! Have you heard anything about him?" "No. But last night when I said I wished that I was a man he merely asked me why, instead of getting excited and saying that life would be hateful to him if I had not been born a girl."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Number of Words in Bible. The precise number of words in the old and new testaments is 773,092, and by reading something like ten minutes a day at the pace of 200 words a minute one could read the bible through in a year.

Many a man has accidentally lost his best umbrella by an unexpected meeting with the owner.

WATSON DRUG CO. Wholesale and Retail

The most complete stock of Drugs and Patent Medicines to be found in the Inland Empire. Prices guaranteed as low as the lowest. Our Prescription Department merits your confidence.

401 Riverside Ave. Granite Block

FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK

SPokane, Washington. A State Bank, Transacts a General Banking Business. Capital \$50,000.00. Individual's worth of stockholders exceeds \$1,000,000.00. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: Donald Uppshart, President; Robert Stoff, Vice President; A. H. Swanson, Vice President; J. H. Clancy, Cashier; G. W. Thomas, Thomas Hyslop, Willam Gemmill, Robert Hyrdop, Ole Olson, Paul Press, Robert Gunnung.

DIAMOND ICE AND FUEL CO.

ICE, WOOD AND COAL. 120 Madison Street, SPOKANE, WASH. P. Jordan, H. Rosenzweig, H. E. Jordan

Wheat, Hay and Fruit Farms IN WASHINGTON.

Choice Building Lots in Spokane JORDAN & ROSENZWEIG 11 Washington St. SPOKANE, WASH.

T. E. WESTLAKE Bakery and Grocery

General Market Produce Fresh Creamery Butter. Ranch Eggs BASKET LUNCHEONS FOR TRAVELERS

Phone Main 296. 315 Riverside Ave.

SMITH & COMPANY Funeral Directors And Furnishers Lady Attendant Private Ambulance in Connection 117-119 Post St. SPOKANE, WASH.

THE WASHINGTON HOME CO. Exchange National Bank Building

Telephone Main 1098 Spokane, Wash. The Washington Home Company builds homes for its members on the cooperative plan, upon small monthly payments. The New Protected contract provides that in case of death before home is paid for, a \$1,000.00 of all encumbrances is given, and in addition all payments made on account are returned. This company has already built a number of homes in Spokane and vicinity, at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and is prepared to erect for its members from three to six houses each month during the coming season. References: Any bank or reputable business house in city.

THE SLOANE-PAINE CO. SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Greatest Grocery OF THE Northwest Importers of Wines, Liquors, Delicatessen Fruit and Groceries We make a specialty of supplying private cars. Send for catalogue. Mail orders solicited. 521-523 SPRAGUE AVENUE

BUTTE MONTANA

Butte Transfer Co. THOS. LAFELLE, Proprietor.

Baggage and Passengers Checked TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY. Baggage Store Any Length of Time Free of Charge. Phone No. 463. OPEN ALL NIGHT

BY RAIL AND WATER, SHAVER TRANSPORTATION CO. STEAMER GEO. W. SHAVER. Will leave Portland, Oct. 21 at Washington St., Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening at 2 o'clock, for Seattle, Astoria, St. Helens, Clifton, Deer Island, Martin, Kalama, Neer City, Hester, Mt. Hood, Mayger, Blicia, Oak Point, Freeman, Manzanillo, Ustakanie and all way landing.

REGULATOR LINE PORTLAND AND THE DALLES ROUTE All Way Landings. STEAMERS "BAILEY GATZERT" "DALLES CITY" "REGULATOR" "METLAKO" Connecting at Lyle, Wash., with Columbia River & Northern Railway Co.

Wahkiacus, Daly, Centerville, Goldendale and all Klackit Valley points. Steamer leaves Portland daily (except Sunday) 7 a. m., connecting with C. R. & N. trains at Lyle 5:15 p. m. for Goldendale. Train arrives Goldendale, 7:35 p. m. Steamer arrives The Dalles 6:30 p. m. Steamer leaves The Dalles daily (except Sunday) 7:00 a. m. C. R. & N. trains leaving Goldendale 6:15 a. m. connects with this steamer for Portland, arriving Portland 6 p. m. Excellent meals served on all steamers. Fine accommodations for teams and wagons. For detailed information of rates, berth reservations, connections, etc., write or call on nearest agent. H. C. Campbell, Manager. Gen. office, Portland, Or.

Ask the Agent for TICKETS VIA GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY To Spokane, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago, St. Louis and All Points East and South.

2 OVERLAND TRANS DAILY The Flyer and the Fast Mail 2 Splendid Service Up-to-date Equipment Courteous Employees Daylight trip across the Cascade and Rocky Mountains. For Tickets, rates, folders and full information call on or address H. DICKSON, C. T. A. 122 Third Street, PORTLAND S. G. YERKES, G. W. P. A. 612 First Avenue, SEATTLE, WASH.

A Pleasant Way to Travel The above is the usual verdict of the traveler using the Missouri Pacific Railway between the Pacific Coast and the East, and we believe that the service and accommodations given merit this statement. From Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo there are two through trains daily to Kansas City and St. Louis, carrying Pullman's latest standard electric lighted sleeping cars, chair cars and up-to-date dining cars. The same excellent service is operated from Kansas City and St. Louis to Memphis, Little Rock and Hot Springs. If you are going East or South write for rates and full information. W. C. McBRIDE, Gen. Agt., 124 Third St., Portland, Or.

Muck Hardware Co Second and Morrison Streets Majestic Malleable Ranges Mesaba and Crown Steel Ranges Mechanics' Tools and General Hardware OWEN MANUFACTURING CO. Manufacturers of the Gold Standard Logging Jack OFFICE AND FACTORY 435 IRVING STREET PORTLAND, OREGON

BY RAIL AND WATER. DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILROAD YOU WILL BE SATISFIED With Your Journey If your tickets read over the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, the "scenic Line of the World" BECAUSE There are so many scenic attractions and points of interest along the line between Ogden and Denver that the trip never becomes tiresome. If you are going East, write for information and get a pretty book that will tell you all about it. W. C. McBRIDE, General Agent 124 Third Street PORTLAND, OREGON

O. R. & N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC Three Trains to the East Daily

Through Pullman standard and tourist sleeping cars daily to Omaha, Chicago, Spokane; tourist sleeping cars daily to Kansas City; through Pullman tourist sleeping cars (open daily connected) weekly to Chicago, Kansas City; reclining chair cars (seats free) to East. HOURS PORTLAND TO CHICAGO No change of cars DEPART FOR TIME SCHEDULES from Portland, Ore. ARRIVE FROM Chicago Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago 5:25 p.m. Portland City, St. Louis, Chicago 7:15 a.m. Atlantic Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Express Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago 8:00 a.m. St. Paul Walla Walla, Lewiston, East Mail Spokane, Wallace, Pullman, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Spokane via Chicago and East River Schedule For Astoria, Way Point and North Beach-Daly (except Sunday) at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 10 p.m. Daily service (water permitting) on the Willamette and Yamhill rivers.

For further information, ask or write your nearest ticket agent or A. L. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent, The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS To Use the YELLOWSTONE PARK LINE To the LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION THE NORTHERN PACIFIC Will Make Very Low Rates The Traveler Will Tell You That the NORTH COAST LIMITED Is the Crack Train of Them All For Comfort and Elegance Information Gladly Furnished on Application A. D. CHARLTON Assistant General Passenger Agent 255 Morrison St., Corner Third PORTLAND OREGON

BY RAIL AND WATER. STORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD CO. Two Straight Passenger Trains Daily THROUGH PARLOR CARS BETWEEN Portland, Astoria and Seaside Leaves Union Depot Arrives Daily 8:00 a. m. For Maygers, Rainier, Clifton, Astoria, Clifton, Westport, Clifton, Astoria, Warrenton, Favel, Gearhart Park and Seaside. Astoria & Seaside Express Daily. 7:00 p. m. Astoria Express 9:45 p. m. Daily. C. A. STEWART, Comm'l Agt., 248 Alder St. Telephone Main 906. J. C. MAYO, G. F. & P. A.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE Is The Only Double-Track Railway between the Missouri River and Chicago The Chicago-Portland Special, the most luxurious train in the world. Drawing-room sleeping cars, dining car, buffet smoking and library car (barber and bath). Less than three days Portland to Chicago. TWO Through Trains to Chicago are operated daily via the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon Short Line Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad and Chicago & North-Western Railway to Chicago from Portland and points in Oregon. Daily and personally conducted excursions in Pullman tourist sleeping cars from Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco, through to Chicago without change. R. E. HITCHCOCK, Gen'l Agt., 237 Third St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. A. C. BARBER, Gen'l Agt., 153 Third St., PORTLAND, ORE. Chicago & North-Western Ry.