

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

It takes a fat woman to sneer at her neighbor for padding.

There is a greater demand for simplified thinking than for simplified spelling.

John D. Rockefeller is an advocate of the simple life. His rule is to simply get it and keep it.

A man of the name of An has the first place in New York's directory. He is doubly entitled to it.

George Bernard Shaw says Christians should not make fortunes. We know of some who are not doing so.

Some persons collect cigar bands. Russell Sage collected money. Of the two, Sage was the more sensible.

The Rev. Dr. Stuart would "consecrate politicians to an everlasting retirement." That is one way of putting it.

Truly, as the Atlanta Constitution says, "riches do not bring happiness," but they help to preserve it when the bills come in.

It is presumed, however, if the matter were put to a vote, the people who can't spell correctly under any system would win by a large majority.

Oklahoma points to her record breaking crops as evidence that she expects to become a self-sustaining member of the grand sisterhood of States.

A number of people who were building great hopes on their relationship with Russell Sage are now kicking because he was such a close relation.

The biggest iceberg ever seen, 200 feet high, was sighted near Newfoundland. Can it be that the North Pole has broken loose from its moorings?

The Czar recently risked his life by attending the funeral of one of his generals. But he would be a mean anarchist who threw bombs at a funeral.

The Baroness Burdette-Coutts recently celebrated her ninety-second birthday. The young man who married her some years ago seems to be cheerful, too.

John Lambert says Emperor William is the ablest man in Europe, bar none. It is in order for G. Bernard Shaw to say some sarcastic things about Lambert.

A Kansas clergyman will advertise his church. Isn't that a legitimate modern interpretation of the injunction to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in?"

Emperor William thinks journalists should be compelled to pass examinations, the same as doctors and lawyers, before being permitted to practice. What is William's idea concerning poets?

Millionaire Huntington, of California, recently gave his \$12,000 automobile to his chauffeur. It seems he had been able to go only seventy-five miles an hour in this machine and wanted to get a fast one.

Of course, the intention of the Standard Oil Company, in its attempt to corner the denatured alcohol business, is to make the new fuel so cheap and popular that persons will prefer it to kerosene and gasoline.

Paris green, the farmer's weapon against potato bugs and other pests, has advanced in price nearly 50 per cent in a year. The reason is the flooding of the arsenic mines in Wales last year. Paris green is arsenic-acetate of copper. Arsenic is the best insecticide, and constitutes the destructive part of arsenate of lead, which has become the most useful spray for fruit and shade trees.

The island of Juan Fernandez is reported destroyed in the earthquake which devastated Valparaiso. If so, it will be a loss that will be felt keenly by every boy, old or young, who has reveled in the story of Robinson Crusoe. Every admirer of that hero probably has had at some time the secret longing to some time visit the island made real to him by Defoe's great tale. It is the Mecca of boyish fancy. All lovers of Robinson Crusoe will hope the island still stands with its magic atmosphere of romantic interest.

While there can be no doubting the intention of the British government to henceforth dominate openly the political control of Egypt as a part of the British Empire, the proposals of Lord Cromer clearly indicate that there is to be equal opportunity for all nationalities and full respect for acquired and vested rights. In other words, modern Egypt is to be governed on the open door principle so strongly advocated by the United States in China and the far East generally. While England will rule, she does not propose to insist upon any monopoly of trade or franchises, but, on the contrary, extends equal opportunity to all comers.

Marriages between wealthy American women and titled foreigners do not meet with approval from some sternly patriotic Americans. The common suspicion is that the money and the title

marry, and drag the man and the woman into a loveless alliance. Yet international marriages frequently turn out happily. In some cases they afford both parties opportunity for service of which both countries may be proud. The union between Lord Curzon and Mary Leiter was such a marriage, and the recent death of the wife is mourned on both sides of the ocean. That the late Lady Curzon did her part in the work of an Englishman of power and responsibility—one of England's greatest colonial administrators—is as creditable to her and to her nation as if she had been the wife of an equally notable American.

Flies are one of the greatest pests that afflict mankind and the lower animals. Long before the science of bacteriology arose and the microbe theory of disease was originated flies were supposed to propagate the plague and many other diseases, and modern science has confirmed this theory. In order to test it the putrid remains of dead animals have been sprinkled with a fine white powder and subsequently flies that lit on sick people and on the dainty dishes of the table have been found to have this powder on their feet. Of course, when there is an epidemic must convey the secretions and excretions of the patients to healthy people. Possibly this may even be done by the flies lighting on food which healthy people afterward eat. As this evil is, so far as known, only occasional, flies do just as much harm in the aggregate by torturing the domestic animals, as this goes on all the time. The sufferings which horses and cows undergo in this way is sometimes sufficient to make them drip with sweat. At the same time their usefulness to man is greatly impaired. In the summer time the horse could do twice as much work if he did not waste his strength in kicking at the flies. Cows also would probably give more milk. Here is an enormous economic waste which has attracted surprisingly little attention. If flies are to be exterminated the most curious and most significant thing is that they are a product of human nature. When travelers visit a region uninhabited by man they find no flies there. If they live there a short time there will be as many flies there as anywhere else. The right way is, of course, to exterminate them, but in the meanwhile there is not some way by which the horse and cow may be protected against the pest? Several lotions and powders have been invented which repel the flies, but they also injure the animal. What is needed is some application which will not hurt a horse's coat and yet will repel or mislead the flies. The reason that nothing of this kind has been discovered is probably that the impression prevails that such a substance must be poisonous to the flies, whereas the truth seems to be that it only needs to deceive them. Insects seem to be guided to their food by the sense of smell. As soon as anything they like is volatilized they swarm to it from far and wide. Evidently it is the odor of the horse or the cow diffused by animal heat that attracts them and the way to drive them off is to disguise that odor so that they will not be led aright. No doubt this is the way that fish oil and kerosene repel them. All that is necessary is some lotion which kills the odor of the animal as effectively as these oils without injuring their coat or inflaming their skin. For all anybody knows this substance may be something which is handled every day and is as cheap as dirt.

The Campaign Cigar Season.



King Has Mania for Homes.

One of the manias of the king of the Belgians is building. King Leopold, who spends almost as much time out of his country as he does in it, has several residences which he seldom or never visits, yet he is constantly adding to them. He has a fine palace in Brussels, but when within his own domain he prefers to spend his time in the country. He is also the richest monarch in Europe so far as real estate is concerned.

Constitution to Be Reddied.

Common sense in dealing with the old frigate Constitution is in evidence at last. The ship is preserved solely in response to a popular sentiment, and as a relic alone is she worth the water she displaces. The public will approve the redding of Old Ironsides with the rigging and armament that she had in the days of her glory.

Scotland's Fastest Run.

Scotland's fastest railway point-to-point runs are from Forfar to Perth, where the thirty-two and a half miles are traversed twice daily in thirty-two minutes, which means a mean speed of 60.94 miles an hour.

YEEGEN BROS. SAVINGS BANK
BELLINGHAM, MONTANA
Branch Banks at Butte, Anaconda and Gardiner
Transact a General Banking Business
Pay interest on Savings Accounts and Time Certificates of Deposit. We start Savings Accounts with a deposit of one dollar or more.

O. E. HEINTZ, Manager.

Phone East 57

PACIFIC IRON WORKS.

STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON

Steel Bridges, Upset Rods and Bolts, Cast Iron Columns and all Architectural Iron. Sidewalk Doors and Lights. All Kinds of Castings.

EAST END BURNSIDE STREET BRIDGE, PORTLAND, OR

SPOKANE

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.

421 Riverside Ave.
Marion Block

First National Bank of Rock Springs

ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$100,000

EVERY ATTENTION GIVEN TO BUSINESS ENTRUSTED TO US

THE STAR F. H. KRAMER
Wines, Liquors and Cigars

KRAMER'S HOUSE

First-Class Furnished Rooms from \$2.50 to \$6.00 per week
S. W. Cor. Fifth and Burnside Sts. PORTLAND, OR



The Model Dry Goods Store of the Model Western City

VISIT SPOKANE. When you do, visit THE CRESCENT, its model store, and one of the most interesting show places in what Elbert Hubbard has called the model city of America.

Visitors will find here a Bureau of Information where reliable information of all kinds regarding the city may be obtained. Also free Parcel Check Rooms, Public Telephones and comfortable waiting rooms with lavatories for women.

Spokane Agents for North Star Blankets, the kind used on all Pullman coaches.

THOMAS WITHYCOMBE

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

Choice Farm Lands, Stock Ranches, Small Tracts and City Property for Sale; Also Breeder of Registered A. J. C. Jersey Cattle and Registered Poland China Hogs.

Room 8, Hamilton Block

PORTLAND, OREGON

SWIFT & COMPANY So. Omaha, Nebraska

PREMIUM HAMS, BACON
And All Fresh Cuts for Hotels

MAIL ORDERS PROMPT ATTENTION

THE BITULITHIC PAVEMENT

BEST BY EVERY TEST

For Streets, Driveways and Crosswalks.

WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

716 Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon

CHICAGO AND THE EAST

When purchasing ticket to Chicago and the East, see that it reads via the Chicago & North-Western Railway. Choice of routes via Omaha or via St. Paul and Minneapolis.

It is the route of The Overland Limited and the direct line to Chicago from the Coast. Four fast daily Chicago trains make connection with all transcontinental trains at St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The Best of Everything.

All agents sell tickets via this line.

For further information apply to

S. V. HOLDER, Gen'l Agent C. & N. W. Ry.,
122 Third St.,
PORTLAND, ORE.



Summer Outings Yellowstone Park

The Finest Place in America for a vacation of a week, a month or the season.

Special Excursion Rates East in August and September during Park season. Tickets will permit of Stopovers, affording an opportunity to visit the Park at a slight additional expense.

THE REGULAR ROUTE IS VIA

**TWO
TRAINS DAILY
TWO**

St. Paul, Duluth, Minneapolis and the East.



**TWO
TRAINS DAILY
TWO**

Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph and the East.

**Livingston and Gardner Gateway
Is the Government Official Entrance**

Send Six Cents for Wonderland, 1906. Full Particulars on application at

TICKET OFFICE, 255 MORRISON ST., COR. THIRD

Or by Letter to

**A. D. CHARLTON, Asst. Genl. Passenger Agt.
PORTLAND, OREGON**