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DEFINITE WATERWAY POLICY.

President Roosevelt's speech at the National Conservation Congress contains some very interesting remarks regarding waterway improvement.

The money that has been wasted on insignificant and worthless waterways in the past few years would have been sufficient, had it been applied to meritorious projects, to effect a great saving in transportation charges in various parts of the country.

On the twelve murderers in the Multnomah Jail, it may safely be said that not one had proper home rearing. Good citizenship begins at home.

THE MAN FROM OREGON. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold." This holy writ declares, Dr. Stephen S. Wise's word about the New York Judges who attended the Croker banquet was fitly spoken, but it would be hard to convince the Tammany politicians that it is like apples of gold.

PETITIONING FOR PROSPERITY. The Railway Business Association is the title of an organization which is now circulating in the country in an effort to restore confidence, thus making possible rehabilitation of the purchasing power of the railroads.

BARING THE UNDESIRABLES. Refusal of the Government to admit Hindus to citizenship has probably averted a lot of trouble in the future. The Hindu, like all of the Asiatic races and not a few of those from Europe, needs ways regards American citizenship rights as a sacred arrangement.

both under the British flag, this row is at present all in the family circle. It can easily be imagined, however, that if some of the "Singh" family on the American side of the line had secured under protection of the American flag a friendly power like Great Britain, some embarrassment would be occasioned.

LAX PARENTHOOD AND CHIME. Yesterday's Oregonian contained a letter from a woman asking the cause of the crime outbreak throughout the country.

THE INDIGNATION MEETING. It is reported that Senators Hale and Aldrich and Representative Perkins among others have held an indignation meeting over what the President said in his message about the secret service.

ARCHER AND GOVERNOR MEAD. The case of Elliott A. Archer starts a number of interesting questions in ethics. There seems to be no doubt that before the year 1904 he had obtained some \$50,000 by forgeries at Newark, New Jersey, and in that year fled with another man's wife, deserting after a relentless pursuit, have finally discovered him in Seattle, where, as Governor Mead makes the rock for a living an upright life "for several years."

THE THIRTEENTH CENSUS. Improved methods for taking the thirteenth census have been devised. This will, it is confidently asserted, enable the Census Bureau to make the enumeration for practically the same sum as that which was expended in taking the twelfth census.

Railroad Stock Owned by Women. In the disclosure that of the 58,729 holders of stock in the Pennsylvania Railroad, 25,000, or 47 per cent, are women, it has been pointed out as a common idea of the ownership of a corporation, and for self-congratulation to the managers of the railroad; \$14,000,000 is given as the aggregate of these women's holdings.

What Public Utilities Owe the People. Public franchises are no longer to be given away at the pleasure of a city Council. They cost too much for the people who own them. Public utilities are beneficial; they should be encouraged and supported; but so far as they get their gain from the privileges which the people give them, they must make return to the people.

Destroy All Prisoners' Firearms. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Regarding the sale of firearms in King County, it is a fact that weapons taken from prisoners are sold at auction to pawnshop proprietors. If this is the case it seems that the police could help in the railroad stocks and kindred securities indicate that some moneyed women are becoming close financial calculators, with an eye open for fractional advantages in income. There are women who handle their own resources of support.

Know Enough for That. Washington Herald. All hail the sheath, that wondrous gown And latest fad, 'Tis they brought from Paristown 'To shock mankind.

most needed. The avidity with which the Panama bond issue was oversubscribed, and the fact that American money is going into the forthcoming Chinese and Russian loans confirm the statement of the London States, which, under date of November 21, said that "there is not only plenty of money about, but there is plenty of confidence also, where the investing public thinks that their investments will not be affected by the political surprises which so frequently spring upon them."

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Catholic Educational Order That Has Grown Fast in United States.

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

Comedian Peary was talking in New York about the luck he would have in reaching the Pole with the Roosevelt.

"They say you are a fatalist," said a reporter. "They say that you, you are fated to find the Pole before you die."

"The explorer laughed," he said. "I assure you my fatalism is of the working and strenuous kind—like that of old Abe Cruger."

"Old Abe lived in New England in the days of Indian warfare. He was a fatalist of a pronounced type; nevertheless, he would not venture forth without his blunderbuss."

"One day he had an important errand, but the blunderbuss, when he came to get it, was missing from the rack made of ashler where it always hung. Some one of his family had taken it. Abe sat down to wait till it was brought back."

"But, Abe, I thought you were a fatalist," said a friend. "You are in no danger from the Indians, since you can't possibly die till your time comes."

"Yes," said the old man. "But suppose I was to meet an Indian and his time had come? It would do for me not to have any blunderbuss. Would it?"—Philadelphia Record.

"Hello, hello! who is this, please?" the man at the phone impatiently lurled at the mouthpiece.

"This is I—Whom did you want?" came a faint feminine voice.

"I called for number—Confound it, I've forgotten the number now! Who is this, anyway?"

"Sir, I think you might be a little more polite to your manner toward a lady. You've doubtless got the wrong number."

"How can I tell whether I've got the right number, when you won't tell me who you are? Some woman make me mad!"

"You're a gentleman!"

"You're positively insulting. I—"

"Back up! Who are you, anyway?"

"Sir, I'll tell you who I am. I'm the wife of a prominent member of the telephone company. I am Mrs. George Banks, that's who I am, sir!"

"Great Scott, Mary! I've been trying to get you. This is George, your husband!"—Judge.

Old Gentlemen! no newboy on the common! You tell me, my lad, why that bell is ringing?

Boy—Yes, sir; some one's pullin' the rope.—Boston Transcript.

Winks—That fellow Dickson is a deep one.

Dinks—What has he been doing?

Winks—Why, he's got the new boarder into a brisk controversy with the landlady over the reasons for woman's mental inferiority, and under cover of it he's sneaked a second helping of pigeon pie.—London Tit-Bits.

"Pete," the White House bull dog, had a habit of going away with a nonchalance, and he was once seen slipping all chewed up. One day last Sunday he returned from one of these trips while the President was at a tennis game with the French ambassador. Pete jumped up to the wire netting looking for sympathy. He got it from Mr. Jussaraud. "Mr. President," said the ambassador, peering through the netting, "your dog seems to be a poor fighter."

"No," replied Mr. Roosevelt, looking thoughtfully at his lacerated pet, "he's a splendid fighter, but he's a poor judge of dogs."—Success Magazine.

"So your family missed George of your going on the stage?"

"It grieved me," answered Miss Gray.

"Why?"

"They saw me act!"—Washington D. C. Star.

"How realistic your painting is! It fairly makes my mouth water!"

"A sunset make your mouth water?"

"Oh, it is a sunset, isn't it? I thought it was a fried egg."—Boston Post.

Little Tim had never enjoyed a glimpse of the country. All his little life had been passed among the crooked courts of a great city. One day the teacher took him out for a jaunt in the woodlands.

"Tim," she said, impressively, as they stood on the crest of a hill, "isn't that a beautiful sunset? Just look at the great yellow orb surrounded by the white fleecy clouds."

"Yes, ma'am," replied Tim, looking at the beautiful picture for a few moments and then answered: "Yessum. It looks exactly like a fried egg."—Chicago News.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

NEW THINGS IN PORTLAND'S TOYLAND

Not a Christmas catalogue, but a human-interest story of what ingenious inventors have produced the past year for youngsters' enjoyment the coming holidays.

DEATH ROLL OF THE FAMOUS DURING 1908

Nearly 300 who answered "Adsum" as their names were called, the world being the loser.

INDOOR "FISHING" FOR OREGON ANGLERS

A back-log study that will be enjoyed by every man that ever whipped a stream for trout.

CHRISTMAS ONCE A YEAR IS ENOUGH

So says the Hotel Clerk, who indulges in sarcasm over abuses that have grown around the joyous Yuletide.

FOUND! \$500,000 OF EMERGENCY MONEY

It is safely stored in a rented building in Washington, D. C., and nobody wants any part of it.

MORE COMMENT ON THE EMMANUEL MOVEMENT

Second article by Alfred Farlow, publication committee of the Christian Science Church, on the new healing method so widely discussed.

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