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Extraordinary expenses of our Navy in the present year, it can be operated for \$10,000,000 less annually than our cost at the present time.

LET THE TIMBER GO. Suggestion is made that logged off lands unfit for agriculture should be taken possession of by the state, or acquired by the state on some equitable principle, and used for the purposes of reforestation.

PROSPERITY'S PROSPECTS. The third month of February in Portland started off Monday with building permits of more than \$465,000 and with real estate transfers of \$113,000, including one \$10 transaction in which the actual price paid was in excess of \$40,000.

"PLEDGES" FROM CANDIDATES. They who insist that the voters have a right to instruct their representatives to do certain important things miss the whole point of objection to "pledges."

CHEESE INSPECTION AT TILLAMOOK. It is a singular trait of human nature that many men will not act for their own best interest unless the law compels them to do it.

OUR WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT. The monthly comparative statement issued by the Government shows that in January there was an increase of \$15,428,842 in the deficit. This is the matter of \$500,000 per day, as the deficit for the seven months ending January 31 is \$79,814,443.

SIX SAILING. Absorbed with the automobile and its development; with electric railroads and wireless telegraph and the increased speed developed on the rails, the people of the United States do not realize that an extent the aeroplane movement has grown in France.

STONE AGE IN THE MEN OF '90. A mob, with other and morbid joy, watched a man under the gallotins, in France. Again, in Pittsburgh, nearly 3000 saw an Italian and a negro pounce each other in the street.

HUNGARIAN MONEY-DREACH FALSE. A Hungarian at South Bethlehem, Pa., dreaming that his money had been stolen by two men, awoke and, running to the police office, had the men committed to jail.

DOG DRAGS BOY OFF DEATH TRACK. South Norwalk (Conn.) Dispatch to the New York World. Right in the path of the Pittsfield express little "Buster" Plunkett, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Plunkett, abandoned his little friends, sat crying and within a few inches of death.

HOW TO LAND 'EM IN KANSAS. After a man has nibbled, it often requires a shrewd girl to land him. The trouble seems to be that the girls let them nibble, and then they should be landed high and dry at the first bite.

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with a flying machine, it need not be any greater than on an automobile, and he adds: "In my opinion it is more risky to be on the Pacific street car than on a flying machine."

FOOTBATHY CHAPS WHO LIVE IN TOWNS. What danger are they all? Who says he quakes in his bed? For fear the roof will fall in.

THE JEWEL OF CONSISTENCY SEEMS TO BE LOST IN THE SHUFFLE AT SALEM. One of the unfortunate who was obliged to explain his vote for Senator has just introduced a bill taking the control of the Sheriff and giving it to the County Court.

WELL, THIS IS THE ARRANGEMENT: Bourne is Senator; Gatens is to be Governor till it can be known whether Chamberlain will be seated, and if he shall be seated, then perhaps Denison will be Governor.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE—Republicans—who "took the statement"—pledged themselves by it to vote against their political principles and all the surest convictions of their lives.

THE LEGISLATURES OF IOWA, MISSOURI AND TEXAS HAVE INTRODUCED BILLS TAXING bachelors, presumably to incline their hearts toward matrimony.

THE STATE SENATE HAS PASSED THE BILL requiring a physician's certificate to a hand in the matter and do something in their interest and to save the fish as a future supply.

IT IS THE SAME "OLD MAN" THAT HAS BEEN played like a shuttlecock on the people of Oregon and Washington for the past 10 years.

THE MINNESOTA MAN 78 YEARS OLD WHO HAS NEVER KISSED, SWORN, CHEWED OR SMOKED should now try them all to see which one it was that would have killed him.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF SALARY OF A PORTLAND CONSTABLE seems more important than raising the pay of the President.

IT IS EDIFYING TO TAKE NOTE OF THE drastic Sunday legislation proposed by Senator Abraham, our Jewish brother from Douglas.

UNCLE JIM STEPHENSON AND MR. HOPKINS carried the "Midsommer Night's Dream" all right in the respective states; but that's all they did carry.

GLAD THAT HATPIN BILL DIDN'T PASS. There would have been the bather (or foun) of the recall on it.

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When it was brought on he examined it carefully, and then, calling the waiter to his side, said in a voice that carried throughout the car: "This chicken has been in cold storage eight months, this is a Bonanza umbrella. Take it away."

"Certainly," said the accommodating woman at the right, picking up the card. "You see," explained the woman, "I've got on a brand-new \$60 coat, and I'm afraid I'll strain it if I lean over."

"Well," observed old man Potts, "I've spent a heap of money on my boy Bill's education, more'n nine hundred dollars just to see him through Yale. And I ain't through yet. It ain't long now on a boy who ain't got as much sense now as he had before he went to college."

"No, I ain't, Mary," answered the old man. "Just to show you the little I've got, I'm going to take you to rain tomorrow. What fool answer 'dye suppose he made me? 'I'm sure I don't know, father.' 'I've begged my pardon'—Harper's Weekly.

Call on crutches and with a bandage over one eye—I have come, sir, to make application for the amount due on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come.

"Talk about luck in golf," remarked Aleck Ross, the former National champion, to a crowd of on-lookers at the clubhouse. "I've had a match I once lost by what I considered the greatest piece of hard luck that ever befell a golfer."

"It was when I had first joined the professional ranks and was playing one of my first big matches. My opponent and I were all even going to the last hole and I was just about to make a good approach and my ball landed about a foot from the cup on the last hole. My opponent's drive was good and he was about to take the rim of the cup. Just then a rooster was crossing the course and he deliberately stepped on my ball, and he won the match for my opponent."—Boston Herald.

Office boy—The editor is much obliged to you for allowing him to see your drawing, but much regrets he is unable to use them.

Fair artist (eagerly)—Did he say that? Office boy (truthfully)—Yes, he said, "You're making me out for a fool, you're making me out for a fool."—Stray Stories.

"Tommy," said the visiting uncle, "you're a fine fellow, but you're a little heavy on the eye. She hasn't any teeth yet, has she?"

"She's got plenty of teeth," replied the mother. "She's got 'em all in her mouth, but she hasn't any teeth yet."—Women's Home Companion.

WITH APPLICATION AT HOME. Suppose We Required What Governor Smith Demands of the Filipinos? PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(To the Editor.)—The Governor-General James F. Smith to the Philippines has demanded that the Filipinos should be made intelligent by the use of the word 'intelligent' in the public mind.