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Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

After a man reaches old age, he never sees a peaceful moment when someone does not inquire: "Have you taken your medicine?"

Let the prettiest girl in town put a towel around her head, and assist in house-cleaning, and the dogs will bark at her.

When a girl is in love, she doesn't stay long when she goes away on a visit; she hurries home to keep an eye on her property.

In a country town, every man from the East claims to be from New York, and every oyster claims to be a Blue Point.

A boy never believes work develops his muscles as thoroughly as gymnastic practice.

There is a little of the beggar in almost every one.

It doesn't hurt a man's feelings much to say he isn't good looking, but such a remark is a blow to a woman.

Asked of the boys at half the supper tables every evening: "Where have you been since 4 o'clock? Didn't I tell you to come straight home from school?"

When Victor Hugo told that story about Jean Valjean being sent to prison for stealing a loaf of bread when starving, he did not realize that the truth would still be chasing the lie in 1912.

No such incident ever happened anywhere. No policeman would prefer such a charge, and no judge would entertain it.

Patrons Want Better Service. Suburban Resident Asks Granting of Southern Pacific Franchise.

PORTLAND, March 8.—(To the Editor.)—I am informed that there is now pending before our Council an application for a franchise from the Southern Pacific Jefferson street depot to Fourth street.

For Rent, One Red Rose. People's Magazine. There is a church at Manheim, Pa., which every year pays as its rent one red rose.

It is not difficult to understand how the rumor arose that Captain Scott had reached the South Pole ahead of Amundsen. However, the fact that Amundsen made his first landing at Hobart Town, a New Zealand port. This is a British possession and the inflated imaginations of those who witnessed his arrival naturally transformed his initial report. What he actually said seems to have been, "I have discovered a new South Pole." The way British ears heard his words was, "Captain Scott has discovered the Pole."

The Oregonian has no inclination to respond to Mr. Clarence's invitation to visit to Taft. It is another case of the kind of letter which has been part of his original moorings. But it will ask Mr. Clarence, or anyone, to look up the history of Mr. Roosevelt's varying attitude toward the initiative and referendum, and we also invite the attention of the curious-minded to the fact that Mr. Roosevelt has advanced so far toward ultra-radicalism that the Ossawatimie speech is by contrast a half-way station and any previous platform on which Mr. Roosevelt may have stood a document of real reactionism.

How the woman who has sued Madame Schumann-Heink's son for breach of promise is to recover \$25,000 from him, if she wins, is a mystery. Her life has been a gracious one; her death, when it occurs, will be sincerely lamented.

It is small comfort to a man killed by falling from a skyscraper when the coroner's jury finds negligence of the contractors the cause. Assessor Strain's "simple life" finds explanation in stomach trouble, and does not desire for notoriety as a food crank.

Disolution of the oil trust cannot stop the growth of Rockefeller's fortune. Nothing can, except perhaps the drying up of all the oil wells. The City of Vale, by limiting its salaries to two and selling the monopoly to the highest bidder, puts the best kind of regulation in effect.

There are desultory days, waiting for the time when the bullets will give the scores. There may be worse criminals than the dog poisoner, but they never get into jail. Mr. Rockefeller must need help to control the riches he is accumulating so rapidly.

NEW SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE Sunday Oregonian. The Presidency—Just what it brings to the man who gains this exalted place, and what it costs him, is given an interesting page, illustrated.