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would become more lucid and a great deal more valuable if he could muster up the intellectual courage to face the facts squarely. He knows perfectly well...

THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR WOE.

Now we see the terrible consequences of not having sent Henry M. Pindell to make a tour of Europe with his family and at odd intervals to adjust our relations with Russia...

Had Mr. Pindell gone to St. Petersburg, the charms of the Pindell would have fascinated the Romanoffs, and the greatest atrocity would have formed a hard and fast alliance with the greatest democracy...

All these glorious consequences would have flowed from the Pindell mission. They could all have been secured by the Pindell family...

On the eve of a campaign for reelection Senator Chamberlain displays a sudden interest in the welfare of his constituents, but it is too late. He has co-operated in forming the habit among his party associates in Congress of heading the master's voice...

Let there be no misconception as to the vital importance of the staple industries of exempting coastwise commerce from canal tolls. By putting lumber on the free list Congress has done much to open our home market to the competition of Canadian lumber...

A COURAGEOUS MAYOR. Much praise is due to the Mayor of Oregon City for the bold stand he has taken against profanity. He goes so far in his valiant attack upon this hateful vice as to hint that the ordinance against it may some time or other be repealed...

Threats of enforcement are about as effective as the ordinance itself. The enactments stand upon the books as a species of scarecrows. They are not really dangerous, but it is fondly hoped that wicked people will believe they are dangerous...

The Mayor of Oregon City has another word of wisdom for us. He says with sapience which seems almost to have been inspired, that he thinks the ordinance against profanity is more important than the one which forbids the sale of tobacco to youths...

A FRENCH CRITIC OF SHAKESPEARE. A distinguished Frenchman, Georges Pellissier, has lately published some striking remarks about the poet. To some of the more devout worshippers of our dramatic deity much of M. Pellissier says may even appear blasphemous...

DIVORCE AND JUDGE PETIT. Adolphe J. Petit, one of the Chicago judges, has been indulging in a little pleasant hysteria over the divorce "evil" as he calls it. Chicago has a municipal bureau of divorce and marriage statistics whose first report Judge Petit has analyzed with terrific consequences to his own judicial soul...

Some of the strictures he makes have been made before by British writers. We pass over Bernard Shaw's unfavorable comparisons of Shakespeare's plays with his own. Perhaps they were meant for nothing more serious than advertisement...

One of the most romantic episodes in the history of the Rockefeller dynasty is the war of William Rockefeller and old man Lamora. William was forming a barony of 57,000 acres in the Adirondacks...

The announcement that some Chicago scientific men are arranging to weigh the moon need not startle us. The moon has been weighed many a time and oft. What the savants desire is a more accurate determination of her satellite's mass...

Talk grows more lively about changing the British Empire into a federal republic. Sir Edward Grey mentioned the project seriously the other day in Parliament, and he was heard respectfully...

The tiled area in Vermont fell off by one-fourth in the decade from 1900 to 1910. At the same time Poles and Italians were demonstrating that New England land could be farmed profitably...

The public market project now, in its latest manifestation, becomes a private market. Some individual of noble impulses is to build it and rent the stalls and thus, as if by magic, we shall have a public market without any expense to the city...

According to a noted Minneapolis educator, the Monroe Doctrine is too big for us. He has lost sight of the fact that we shall crowd over Serbia and into the present policy of a mistaken Administration is small...

While litigation pends, residents of Toledo, O., ride free on the trolley cars. Here, in instance, we take it that here litigation extending over many weary years would be quite generally welcomed...

Of course Governor Vest meant nothing personal in writing Secretary Lane to call off National Committee members who were not invited to a "whisky and more water" dinner. This is a metaphor...

A dispatch from Alaska records that a forest ranger was pursued by a mad bull moose. We thought this species was now confined to the jungles of South America...

After thirty-seven years a woman is suing for divorce. She alleges she supported the family by keeping a boarding-house. She is long-suffering...

President Wilson, following an attack on his tolls stand, laments the "degeneracy of debate." How about the degeneracy of Americanism? If a San Francisco girl with a broken neck can dance the tango, there is a ray of hope for the man with surplus weight amidships...

There was an awful waste of water when Hazard, Ky., was flooded, but what else can Kentucky do with water? That tattooed bandit should have had "sure death" instead of "true love" lettered on his murderous right hand...

LIFE SHOULD LAST 100 YEARS. The Best Work Is Done After 40, Says Learned Authority. "Don't stop work at 70. do more of it," remarked Sir Gilbert Parker a few days ago...

"If you want a feeble and miserable old age, give up working," said Sir James Crichton-Browne, an acknowledged authority on longevity, agree with Sir Gilbert thoroughly...

"Musical expression, like speech, reaches its manly late middle life. But higher in the celebratory hierarchy than speech or music enters other concerns in the manifestation of purely intellectual powers, such as reason and judgment, which come to their maturity late, and may long preserve their integrity...

"The tiled area in Vermont fell off by one-fourth in the decade from 1900 to 1910. At the same time Poles and Italians were demonstrating that New England land could be farmed profitably. These industrious and intelligent settlers would soon possess the whole of the United States...

The perfect community has been found at last, and it is located, of all places in the world, in Kansas. It exists under the picturesque designation of the "Garden of Eden"...

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Wilson's Flip-Flop on Tolls. Ambassador's Speech at London Really Reflected President's Views. SALEM, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—President Wilson has sustained Ambassador Page in his famous after-dinner speech delivered at the English banquet in London a short time since...

It was thought by some who saw the speech in cold print that our Ambassador had slogged over in the exuberance of the occasion, and his diplomatic mind, encouraged by a gastronomical satisfaction which is experienced after having been wined and dined at an informal reception...

But we learn now that he had said just the right thing, and in our President had been there he would have said the same thing, perhaps. When we read the speech of Ambassador Page we thought of the plank in Mr. Wilson's platform that stood for exemption of tolls for all American coastwise vessels...

During the Presidential campaign he had to say something about Tammany, in order to secure the political aid of the Tammany organization, and it will be remembered that he was very complimentary to the society upon its anniversary, and spoke of it as being one of the "lovers of America" cherished by all lovers of America...

Since the scandalous exposure in New York the President has had to take sides against Tammany. It is a fair plunk, or this currency plank, or some of the others that he so warmly advocated in his campaign days. No wonder he will see the impracticability of free tariff or a gradual reduction before 1916.

HOW NOT TO BE LONELY IS TOLD. Advice Given Those Who Complain of Village Inhospitality. LEBANON, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian has published two letters from women living in the Valley towns who complain of loneliness, one lack of cordiality on the part of their neighbors. I am a native daughter of Lebanon, have never been out of my state and have lived in small town all of my life. I am firm in the belief that if the city woman who goes to the small town to live will half way she will not find her neighbors so cold and unkind...

MODERN GARDEN OF EDEN, SURELY Olathe, Kan., Has Dispelled the Last Trace of the Serpent's Trail. Philadelphia Inquirer. The perfect community has been found at last, and it is located, of all places in the world, in Kansas. It exists under the picturesque designation of the "Garden of Eden"...

FERRYMAN IS ON DUTY 100 HOURS. Hence He Questions Opinion Handed Down by Mr. Crawford. HARRISBURG, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—I read in The Oregonian Sunday that Attorney-General Crawford has ruled that ferryman employed by the counties of this state do not come under the provisions of the eight-hour law enacted by the Legislature and approved by the voters...

BIRDS OF THE CANAL ZONE. Single Settlement Contains Greater Variety Than Any One State. Louisville Courier-Journal. It is estimated that there are about 300 varieties of birds in the Canal Zone, a larger number than is to be found in any one of the United States...

Send Back the Sparrows. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. There is something that will strike a great many people like sentimentalism. It is the suggestion that the celebration of the 100 years' anniversary between the United States and England be marked by returning to Great Britain the battle flags and other trophies captured from invaders during the Revolution and the War of 1812...

Origin of Go-to-Church Sunday. PORTLAND, March 28.—(To the Editor.)—Go-to-church Sunday is now a popular thought. Everybody is to go to some church Sunday, April 19. A number of people are asking, "Who started it? Who is back of the movement?"...

April Fool-ish? We hope not. The first of April brings you face to face with Spring and many problems of dress, home furnishing, and what not. If you are not already an active beneficiary of newspaper advertising begin today. Turn All Fool's Day inside out. Put the joke onto the other fellow who hasn't the enterprise to take advantage of all the good advice and suggestions found every day in The Oregonian's advertising columns.

Better still, invite the whole family to become acquainted with all the good things advertised. Result: Economy, convenience, satisfaction.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of April 1, 1889. Chicago, March 21.—The fight between the feather-weights, Ike Weir and Frank Murphy, of England, took place at Koutts, Ind., this morning, and after the 8th the referee declared it off for the day. He announced that it would have to be finished before Tuesday. The fight will probably be declared a draw.

San Francisco, March 21.—An agreement was filed yesterday by the Southern Pacific Company for a lease to it of the Central Pacific Railroad. Any fisherman who wishes to be immortalized can attain his desire by furnishing a seal for the pond in the City Park.

Colonel Mendell, of the United States Engineers, Colonel Craigbill and Major Post will sail for Europe April 19 to get information relating to the obstructions to the Columbia River at the Dalles.

The main building of the Convent of the Holy Names has been removed to the block west of where it stood. Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, of Boston, the advocate of divided skirts, will shortly arrive in this city.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s steel bridge across the Snake River at Riparian will be completed about April 10. There is scarcely an unoccupied house in Portland, East Portland and West Portland. Agents say that if 1000 or even 2000 houses were built, they could rent them in no time.

While driving a buggy hired from Major Brock, along the White Horse road yesterday, Philip Blum, an Englishman, and James Cannon, a Canadian, one of the shafts ran into the high top of a truck of the Magdon team and broke off. The team continued their mad flight and narrowly missed vehicle, occupied by C. A. Malarskey and family, and a woman and child. Finally the wounded horse dropped dead.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of April 1, 1864. W. S. Ladd has received a dispatch from his correspondents in New York stating that the project for establishment of a mint for Oregon was defeated in Congress.

Charles Liehan, an old resident of Clark County, while in attendance at a dance in Klamath, last week as a juror, lost his dwelling and contents by fire. Even clothing was not saved. He is utterly destitute.

The name of Hancock City, Boise County, Idaho, has been changed to Idaho City. Washington, March 28.—Lieutenant-General Grant was in consultation with the President Stanton and Halleck last night. He returned to the front today and has established his headquarters at Culpeper.

Chicago, March 28.—A correspondent gives an account of the rebel attack on Paducah. An army of 6500 entered Paducah on the 25th, when the 300 Union troops retreated to the fort. The rebels made a gallant charge of the fort, but were repulsed with great slaughter. They sacked the town, burned nine buildings and left on the 26th in the direction of Columbus.

London, March 16.—La France says England and Russia are inducing Denmark to accept an armistice. Salem, March 21.—The Marion County Democratic convention today nominated for Sheriff, Samuel Clark; for treasurer, G. M. Stroud; for Assessor, James Cooper; for Legislature, Joseph Tehs, Jacob Woodside, Jackson and Picant.

Albany, March 21.—The Union State Convention nominated for Presidential electors, George L. Woods, of Wasco; H. N. George, of Lun and J. T. Gasler, of Douglas, district officers; Second judicial district, G. W. Watson, Judge, and J. E. Watson, District Attorney; third district, R. F. Boise, Judge, and H. Mallory, District Attorney; fifth district, G. W. Watson, Judge, and C. R. Meigs, District Attorney.

The April Fool. By Dean Collins. Prince of Boobs, is my title plain. Am the merry-maker's tool. Never have I been safe and sane. Upon the day of the April Fool. I quaff sharp vinegar, served as beer. I bite sour candy with childish cheer. And practical jokes grin with glee. At the practical jokes they play on me. They call me all, as the April Fool. And I am the butt of all their jests. A graduate of the bonhead school. Into a hole and back his head. I think the brick new with derby hat. I club the India rubber rat. And yet I wonder, if truth were known. If I am an April Fool alone. For there is the guy who, on this day. Puts winter dunnies upon the shelf. And there is the chap who tries to say. Which team will win, and who bets his self. And there is the ever-hopeful gink. Who takes today at the river a drink. "La-la!" say I. "I may be 'the true.' An April Fool—there are others, too!"