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How long would the \$7 per capita law when that is proposed at this early stage of the movement?

CONSERVE HUMAN LIFE. The House of Representatives refuses to be as economical as the appropriations committee would have it be when the conservation of child life is concerned. The committee reported an appropriation of only \$25,640 for the Children's Bureau, but the House voted to increase the amount to \$129,000. The members who adopted in committee of the whole and may yet be defeated when the bill is reported, but the disposition was strong to deal more generously by the babies.

It is estimated that the mortality among children of less than 1 year is 300,000 a year among a total of 2,200,000 births and that half these deaths could be prevented by dissemination of accurate information. Bulletin cards of children would not be wasted, as are many other Government publications, for there is such an eager demand for them that those already published by the Children's Bureau have been quickly exhausted.

ANARCHY IN COLORADO.

There seems to be even more need of the intervention of the United States in Colorado than in Mexico. The forces of the state, backing the coal mine owners, and the armies of the striking miners are engaged in warfare which has caused more loss of life than our forces have so far suffered in Mexico.

The present strife began with a demand from the union miners for recognition of the union, for 10 per cent advance in wages and for extra pay for certain work, for an eight-hour day, checkweighmen and the right to trade where they pleased and for abolition of the guard system.

When John D. Rockefeller, Jr., testified before the Congressional committee, he maintained that the mine-owners were simply contending for the freedom of the individual miner to make his own terms and to join a union or not, as he pleased. He still maintains the obsolete theory that freedom of contract is possible between the great corporation, 40 per cent of the stock of which is held by his father, and an individual miner whose sole capital is his physical strength and his skill.

SHAKESPEARE'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY.

The learned lady who "just loved" Shakespeare because he "put so many of those dear old familiar quotations into his plays" would have been in the element this week, for all the world is busy reciting his favorite lines. This is the 350th year since the great poet was born, and the occasion is being celebrated with a shower of quotations from the plays.

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It does not seem as if Mr. Bryan had made the happiest possible choice of a quotation. Old Polonius was a double-decker and the guard of his advice to his son was to use his friends for his selfish advantage. If Mr. Bryan were more of the polished "man of the world" himself we should not be so astonished at his taking the advice of the double-decker and choosing her quotation far more judiciously, we think, than the Secretary of State did. Hers was "Ignorance is the curse of God." What is yours?

GOING TO WAR FOR THE FLAG.

The Louisville Courier-Journal is another of those newspapers which make light of the provocation of the impending chastisement of Huerta. It asks if we are to invade Mexico "merely to enforce a salute to our flag"; if the flag is "in need of a salute from a government which refuses to recognize" whether the entire Navy can enforce such a salute; whether Huerta "would not rather be whipped by the United States than retire at the dictation of Woodrow Wilson."

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whether he welcomes his chastisement. He will be a useful object lesson to others.

The fact that we are going to war for such a cause will be a valuable lesson to our own people also. It will impress upon them what the flag means and that respect for the flag implies respect for the Nation and all its members until they prove themselves unworthy of respect. It will inspire them to be themselves more worthy of respect, that the flag may be honored not only for the force behind it, but for the character of the people whose emblem it is.

Every count in Mr. Bryan's indictment of the government of India is a vindication of the government of the Philippines as it was conducted under Republican rule and is a count in the indictment against Governor Harrison, President Wilson and Mr. Bryan. Governor Forbes was doing so, but it seems that it is not a Boston minister who has just unveiled his sorrows to the world has anything but a bed of roses to repose upon and the seas through which he sails are sadly storm-tossed.

Some of his worst difficulties arise from the matrimonial problem. Naturally this problem has several sides. To the couple who are about to see the bonds fixed upon themselves it is one thing; to the clergyman who is asked to do the fixing it is another. He is perplexed by many a question when the pair appear before him. He may know too little about them or too much. If they are members of his church he usually has a good deal to say. If they come in hot haste from a distance to have the fatal knot tied in a great hurry he often feels that he knows too little. This question after question harries him.

Justice is perhaps a little more celebrated now than it was in Dickens' days. His famous "Jarndyce and Jarndyce" were out two generations. But we can make a very fair showing in the matter of the law's delay. "Donnelly vs. McArdle" has just been brought to a happy close in New York after twenty-three years of litigation. Very likely a jury could have ended it in half an hour, but such expedition is not to be thought of. It would be ruinous to the lawyers.

War is not all glitter. The Ohio war which advertises "gravemarkers" for soldiers is not far out of touch with reality. The 800 coffins which one Government transport took on board for Mexico sound a little less grim when we call them "caskets," but by either name they echo sepulchrally. When war is well on, coffins, like other luxuries, will be dispensed with and the corpses will be dumped into trenches with little ceremony.

The "City Beautiful" slogan is not quite so resounding now as it was a year or two ago. We now hear more of the "City Home" idea. The new slogan thought is that a beautiful city will grow naturally from the seed of a happy and healthy population. External beauty, to be of genuine value, must be the expression of an inner life. Live nobly and before a while your city will become noble by a law of nature.

One of the darker phases of the war tragedy is the fact that the actors on the stage are mostly young men. Boys are not a better name for them. They are the hope of the Nation with them to the battlefield and too often it dies there with them. Rome perished when interminable wars had destroyed the manhood of the city. One of the most backward nations of the modern world are those that fight most.

The flighty Japanese papers that urge their government to take advantage of our Mexican entanglement are not so much deceived as they seem. The Mexican war will not really engage the resources of the United States, but it will put the country in a mood which makes aggression dangerous to the aggressor. Japan was well advised not to put on her war paint just now.

Prison barbarisms slough off slowly, but there can be no doubt that they are disappearing. The Governor of twenty-five states have now spoken out for employing convict labor. This means health and reformation for the prisoners and good roads for the public. The next step is to allow decent wages for the convicts to do and turn the money over to their families.

Now that President Wilson has formed the habit of intervention, it might be well for him to think of intervening in Colorado, where civil war rages as furiously as in Mexico. A naval demonstration against the belligerents at Trinidad is out of the question, but we can imagine no better use for a few regiments than to restore peace in that ravaged section.

Labor as a body is a trifle excited when it declares it will not support the war measures. Labor is always patriotic—always excepting the I. W. W. element, which really is not concerned nor connected with real Labor.

Heavy expense for preliminary engineer work on the Columbia Highway is probably necessary. There must not be mistakes at the beginning.

Mr. Farrell, by encouraging service in the National Guard among his many employes, shows himself to be truly patriotic and public-spirited.

Walport having launched a recall election, may find it necessary to re-elect a recalled official if it would follow the fashion in politics.

Governor West would go as a ranking officer in the Oregon Cavalry. Considering the private gets all the glory, the Governor is modest.

Perhaps it would be just as well to ship the Colorado militiamen to the front and replace them with the un-hysterical regular.

The patriotism of the older fellows who want commissions is shadowed by that of the boys who clamor to get into the ranks.

Jackson County is considering filling the place of Professor O'Gara, late county pathologist. It is a difficult proposition.

The equality with which foreign nations view the Mexican ruler is accountable. "Britannia rules the wave."

The dispatch of 800 American coffins to Vera Cruz is a grim reminder that war is all Sherman said it was.

McAdoo is being gaid by the cities that didn't get reserve banks. Let the man get married in peace.

Huerta and Carranza are requested to refrain from anything about Colorado.

Tough on the artillery boys who must stay at home to repel invasion. Let the people for company.

Even baseball has been lost in the shuffle.

Stars and Starmakers

Two years ago Fay Bainter, a slender little girl with saucer eyes and a sprouting voice and the nerve of Huerta, went from Portland, her home town, to New York to get into anything on earth that would promote her musical comedy ambitions.

She landed a place in one of John Cora's comedies and in one night had all New York talking about her airy, fairy dance in "The Rose of Panama." Then, by one of those queer turns at fortune's wheel, the little girl was offered a place as ingenue with a stock company in Dayton, O. She played comedy, the leading woman took ill, and Fay was pushed into her role because she fit the leading woman's wardrobe, and the management hoped she might fit her roles. She did fit so well that she kept the place, and was a regular leading woman in stock until about three months ago. Then the biggest woman artist on the American stage, indisputably, Mrs. Fiske, saw little Miss Bainter playing one night and immediately decided that she wanted Fay to play the role of the younger sister in her revival of the comedy, "Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh." Fay is in Boston this week, and all the papers are splashing in big print about the cleverness of our one-time little Baker stock ingenue.

Rumors keep on floating around—rumors have a habit of doing—about the engagement of Maxine Elliott to Anthony F. Wilding, the world's tennis champion. "All Europe," say dispatches, "is looking on with interest and belief the wedding will not be long postponed." Several columns of gush boiled down tell that Mr. Wilding is "young and handsome and athletic." We all know that Maxine Elliott is the most beautiful brunette in the stage world. He is younger than Miss Elliott.

Which suggests that there must be a great fascination about young husbands for actresses, for a majority of women on the stage as a last resort wed young men. Mrs. Pat Campbell is one of the late ones. Cornwallis West, whom she married two hours after his decree of divorce was signed, is many years younger than his newest bride. Ellen Terry's husband is mere youth. She is May Irwin's. The list is ad infinitum.

John Johnson, manager of Pantages, was approached last week by a Portland girl who wants to go into vaudeville. "I have a letter of recommendation from my minister," she said. "That so?" queried Johnson. "Well, we don't need anyone for just Sunday shows. Have you any references from anyone who knows you the other six days in the week?"

A Portland woman wants to start a home for disabled actors. Well, just as soon as she gets it started I'm going to begin a "disable-some-actors" campaign.

Over at the Baker Theater the company was arguing over dates in history and someone asked if anyone knew Washington's farewell address. "I'll be right back," volunteered Mary Edgett Baker.

Answer to T. P.—McKee Rankin is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Rankin. Another daughter, Mrs. Sidney Drew, died recently.

The Theatrical Managers' Association says that putting on a comedy is the most serious work on earth.

It is with considerable interest that the player folk will watch for the decision in the suit of Herbert Standing against Oliver Morosco for \$2500 for breach of contract. Mr. Morosco says that Standing's English accent is so marked that his lines do not come across, and Standing replies that whatever his speech may be, it is English, and that he was hired to speak that language, and not any Western Hemisphere corruption thereof, or words to that effect.

This in the Dramatic Mirror strikes one's funny bone: "So It Has Come to This"—Aristotle's Copyright Run Out. "I've Killed a Man for Less Than That."—Paul Armstrong's Upheld Our Respectability.—Bernard Shaw.

"I have a Right to Know, You're My Wife"—Eugene Walter. "My God"—Used by all save Charles Rann Kennedy. "Gracious"—Charles Rann Kennedy. "Gee, Here Comes the King."—Harry B. Smith.

Robert Hilliard is coming in "The Argyle Case." Mr. Hilliard's latest claim to newspaper attention is his wedding to a Mrs. Olga Williams, who has so much money he won't ever have to work any more. Maybe, however, they will spend it trying to make her into an actress.

Sometimes things happen just right. One of them is that right in our midst the Stratford-Upon-Avon Players should happen to take up their stay for the reading of Shakespeare's birthday. Authorities so differ upon the exact date that the bard has been given a birthday for every day in the month of April. Simmered down to a fixing of a day, April 23 has been generally agreed upon and all over the act has been made worthy of the day. It is made memorable. In New York, Boston, Chicago and Brooklyn special programmes were observed yesterday. Robert Mantel delivered the famous oration of Marc Antony and Grace George read the beautifully pathetic speech of Queen Corcoran to King John upon the loss of Prince Arthur at the memorial meeting held at the statue of Shakespeare in Central Park, New York. This is one of the rare occasions that the Stratford Players are absent from their native theatrical home, Stratford-Upon-Avon. Last night they held a memorial meeting at which F. R. Benson, art director of the organization, delivered a beautiful address. Tonight these players will be seen in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Queen Corcoran is seen in "As You Like It" and the engagement ends with "Hamlet" tomorrow night.

Topical Verse

The Passionate Shepherd. I HAVE loved you, my lady, some years in a way That is chronic, persistent, excessively deep; Your various images thrill me by day, And they tango about me all night.

I have loved you in peach-basket bonnets and such, In costumes directorate and sheath, yes, and chlois; In hobbies and harems I've loved you, though much.

That I took you to be would be changed to next week, I have loved you in pompadour, psychic and puff, With curls on your neck and with swirls o'er your ears, As a swif of devotion 'twould seem quite enough.

Still I have loved you by name through the changeable years, Yes, I even have recognized you from all in the disguises Dame Fashion could borrow. Come love me, my dear, whilst I see you, For I may not be able to know you tomorrow.

—E. L. McK., in Judge.

A Tyrant. She bosses him unceasingly, And he must faintly submit, Although he measures six feet four, And she's a little child.

She bends and molds him to her will, As potters mold their clay, And he must stop, whatever he does, To think what she will say.

She rules him with an iron hand, Not in a velvet glove, She says, "I'm y'd his will to hers, To show the world his love. She likes to think he would not dare to quit; quick reproof to brava, That he so soon obeys her strong, Is her big, willing slave.

He never fails to let her see His deference and awe, And listens most submissively While she lays down the law, He never says a word to say, However she may buzz, And so she rules his every act— At least, she thinks she does.

—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

Printer's Error. The printer faded, and the boss was left to hold the bag. The printer faded, and the boss was left to hold the bag. The printer faded, and the boss was left to hold the bag.

The Djinns. One time, a djinn lived in a jar, The place where all good cookies are. The cookies, they were crisp and sweet, The very nicest kind to eat.

And as I wanted one myself, I reached up to the pantry shelf. But, goodness me! for gracious sakes! Those brown and crispy cookies—kay, Had all turned into djinnjar-snaps! The very funniest little chaps!

And from the jars they all jumped out, And scampered all around about. And one fell right down from the shelf, And so, of course, he broke himself!

And two of them were making love, (The others spying from above!) And one turned on his lantern's glare (But the fond lovers didn't care).

And one djjinn, round behind the jar, Found where the djinns and djellies are. And he exclaimed, "O diabolence! I'll dust you on a diamboree!" —Carolyn Wells, in St. Nicholas.

Question of Citizenship. HOQUIAM, Wash., April 22.—(To the Editor.)—Mr. C. is denied the privilege of registering by the City Clerk unless he recovers some evidence that his father was an American citizen.

Mr. C. was born in Sweden, coming to this country at the age of 16 years. His father came here six years prior to his coming and was an American citizen when Mr. C. arrived.

Mr. C. has voted for 30 years without any one questioning his standing as a full-fledged citizen until this time. Is the City Clerk correct in his position? J. F. JONES.

Wrong Crew Given Credit. ILWACO, Wash., April 21.—(To the Editor.)—I want you please to correct a piece in The Oregonian of April 14, which states that the schooner "Cape Disappointment" was the vessel that saved the crew of the "Cape Disappointment" life-saving crew, who did the saving instead of the Point Adams crew.

I think it only fair to tell you this, otherwise another crew would be innocently taking the honors which belong to the crew of the "Cape Disappointment" life-saving crew. The "boys" had a tough time getting to the little schooner, and at times the lifeboat was completely submerged, while the "lookers" stood on the hill watching them, hardly daring to draw our breath. But they won the battle and deserve much credit and we are all justly proud of their efforts.

AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR.

Ice Trust Formed. PORTLAND, April 22.—(To the Editor.)—I have just noticed an article which stated that all the ice companies had formed an agreement to raise the price of ice 15 cents per 100 pounds. When the wagon came with the ice, sure enough it was charged 15 cents extra on the 100 pounds, and 10 cents extra on the next 50 pounds, as I always take 150 pounds of ice, which now costs me \$1, where formerly I paid 75 cents for the same amount.

For the Summer, take you three times a week, which makes an additional expense of 75 cents per week. Now, is not this combination a violation of the anti-trust law, and, if so, who is the proper person to communicate with in regard to taking this matter up? AN ANXIOUS HOUSEWIFE.

Consult the District Attorney.

Quartermasters. PORTLAND, April 22.—(To the Editor.)—A says that Quartermasters in the army do the same work as Quartermasters in the Navy. B says that Quartermaster in the Army has charge of the commissary department and Quartermaster in the Navy has charge of the navigating of the ship, which is right? A SUBSCRIBER.

The Chief Quartermaster in the United States Navy is a petty officer who has charge of all the apparatus of navigation.

In the Army a regimental or battalion Quartermaster is a commissioned officer whose duties are to superintend the assignment of quarters and to keep charge and supervise the distribution of supplies.

Motor Goose Rhymes. A full page of illustrated features for the children.

Perpetuating Game. A full page in colors on the work of protecting wild animals in Oregon.

Moods of Genevieve. This is the second in the series showing the changing moods of woman. It defines the "sensitive mood."

THESE ARE A FEW OF MANY FEATURES. Order Early of Your Newswaler

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 24, 1864. Guthrie, Okla., April 23.—The rush into Oklahoma brought here a crowd estimated to number from 5000 to 25,000. Many sleep on the ground without shelter.

Seattle, April 23.—A crowd of 200 claimants waited all night to file on two townships of timber land just opened by the Government and grew so disorderly that the police dispersed them.

Ellensburg, April 23.—Walter J. Thompson, of Tacoma, is candidate for Senator against Watson C. Squire, of Seattle.

Salem, April 24.—W. J. Herren, a prominent warehouseman, returned this evening from New York.

Vancouver, W. T., April 23.—This morning the Columbia Land & Improvement Company broke ground for a streetcar line near the ferry landing.

Salem, April 23.—Work was commenced today on an extension of the streetcar line north. The Oregon Land Company is grading on the line to the State Fair grounds.

Albany, Or., April 22.—The contract for constructing the first mile of the Albany street railway was let today to W. E. Kelley.

The motor of the Willamette Bridge Company was unloaded yesterday from the car on which it came from the East.

P. A. Marquam says he intends to build a theater on his block.

Sheriff Kelley and Frank Botsford, who own 640 acres of land some miles east of town, yesterday sent County Surveyor Hurlburt to survey and divide it into 40-acre tracts.

A company of Chinese actors has been organized here to play through the East.

The residence of Mr. Prettyman on the Section Line road a mile east of Mt. Tabor was struck by lightning Monday and Mr. Prettyman was stunned by the concussion.

Work is progressing favorably on the roof of the big hotel.

Miss Mabel Jensen, a sister of Mrs. Annie Jensen Miller and a youthful apostle of physical culture for the fair sex, arrived in Portland yesterday.

Tonight Miss Belle Inman will open a four night's engagement at the new Park Theater.

"Interferin' to Beat the Band." Lippincott's. The old horse, which interfered badly, and his driver, Sam Winters, had undertaken to beat the band.

Sam had just finished his day's work of peddling and was driving wearily home through a thickly populated thoroughfare.

"Say, mister," called out a would-be wit from his post on the corner, "that there horse of your'n is interferin' to beat the band!"

Sam glanced around slowly, and in a mild, unconcerned manner queried: "He ain't interferin' with you, is he?"

About Time to Change. Boston Transcript. An Iowa surgeon removed from a 4-year-old boy 14 carpet tacks, three cartridges, three rivets, one ball, a ball of paper, a piece of chalk, 15 inches of twine and a small iron bar, from which only one tack was found. It is about time that this youngster had pockets in his trousers.

Carried by Two Policemen. Pearson's Weekly. Mr. Tippler (who is being carried to the station house by two policemen)—I see awfully good of you fellows, I wish you'd not taking you out of your way.

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Striking pictures on the latest developments in Mexico will be a leading feature of THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. The very latest news of every phase of the situation will be another feature. Photos, maps and comprehensive articles will be included in the service.

On the Border. A striking page fresh from El Paso. It deals with the refuge camp, where 6000 Mexican prisoners are being held by a small detachment of American troops. It also shows conditions along the border line and at Juarez. The article is written by a trained observer. Illustrated by photos.

A Japanese View of Us. Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, gives her impressions of Americans and American life.