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WHAT IS A GOOD MAYOR? A good mayor of a city should be a business man. Government is not business; it is, more nearly, political science. True, any municipality will be the better for sound and careful administration, but it is not only taxes and the expenditure of money. It would be senseless to encourage or excuse waste, extravagance, carelessness, excess or any of the things that are usually associated with the business of government.

ON A LOW LEVEL. Mr. Cox knows that Mr. Harding is not a brewer. He knows that the public knows it. Yet he says that Mr. Harding is a "brewer who is apologetic" for his interests. Mr. Harding has not sought to dodge or evade or misstate the facts. Twenty-five years ago, during a home-made-product campaign, such as is carried on in every American community, Mr. Harding subscribed to two shares of stock in a local brewery enterprise. The brewery failed, and Mr. Harding still holds his worthless stock.

RESTORING PLYMOUTH ROCK. The literal-minded will no doubt rejoice over the news from Boston that Plymouth Rock is to be returned to its original position on its stony and rockbound coast in the way that the Pilgrim fathers—not mothers—made their first landing on the American shores. Not long ago, the Plymouth Rock Commission, which was organized by Mr. Baruch, a speculator, made his fortune in speculation and on one occasion profited enormously by an investment in the stock of the company which was organized to restore the rock to its original position.

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coast are sadly lacking. Yet the need is even greater in some respects than it was before the war, for we are trying to attract Americans back to the sea, and we should guard their lives against its dangers in every practicable way.

STRANGE, BUT TRUE. Over in Idaho, Mr. Barthman, legislature candidate for United States senator has withdrawn, and will throw his support to the democratic nominee. The result, heretofore apparent, is that the republican senator is, thus made most dubious. It is a part of the great democratic plan to capture the senate, though the presidency may be lost.

FREIGHT CONGESTION HITS NAVY. Congestion of freight on eastern railroads continues so serious that it has delayed construction of battleships at the New York and Norfolk navy yards. Steel has been ready for months at Pennsylvania mills, but there have been no cars to carry it to the coast, and workmen have been laid off in consequence. The California and Maryland are likely to be completed in 1921, but none of the six battle cruisers will be ready till 1923.

MR. COX'S ANGEL. After Mr. Cox has filled the air with charges that the republicans have collected money from Wall street and big business to slush over with to buy the presidency, Mr. Cox's angel, the most lavish angel of his own campaign is Bernard Baruch, a Wall street man of the most perfect type. As a term of years ago, Mr. Baruch, who has been stretched from his original meaning—a stock speculator—to cover banks, trust companies, investment brokers and other perfectly legitimate causes of finance, Mr. Baruch is a speculator, made his fortune in speculation and on one occasion profited enormously by an investment in the stock of the company which was organized to restore the rock to its original position.

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BY - PRODUCTS OF THE TIMES. School for Brides Started by Woman Believing in Housewifery. A "school for brides" has recently been started by a woman who believes that, amid all the activities demanded of modern women, the greatest of them is being a housewife. She fears that the young women of the 20th century are too apt to delegate the real work of housekeeping to cooks and maids and have little real knowledge of the workings of a house. "Granted the lady's premise, her 'school for brides' should be a most valuable institution, and in any event it can do no possible harm.

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Those Who Come and Go. "We'd like," said County Judge Hare at the Hotel Portland, "to have a road built from Newkum, in Tillamook county, to Coos, in Lincoln county. We have \$125,000 to put on the road, and I understand that Lincoln county has a \$100,000 surplus amount. The road would be about ten miles in length and seven miles will run through the Coos mountains. If we can get the state and the federal government interested in the proposition it will be of great advantage to the Coos mountains. The road would be about ten miles in length and seven miles will run through the Coos mountains. If we can get the state and the federal government interested in the proposition it will be of great advantage to the Coos mountains.

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More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. CHIN CURTAINS. Though scrolls of Chinese lanterns can move an audience to tears. By initiating the scroll's veils. That through Reuben's lambs. Though we are stirred to rhapsody. When some of Reuben's lamps. They will not rouse our mirth hereafter. We all will wear 'em by and by. When Jimmie flash across our vision. We will not chuckle with delight. Nor voice expressions of derision. When Jim Ham Lewis heaves in sight. Nor will we jape about the taster. The beaming summer sun has thrown. On some one else's feather duster. For we'll be thinking of our own. For science, which for years has been only made for show. Has lately found that nature planned 'em. To wait as long as they will grow. They give protection to the thorax. They shield the larva like a screen. And they're washed with soap and Anty-borax. They're antiseptically clean. So in the future it is certain. That at the scientist's behest. A tuff, shining, silken curtain. Will be drawn each many sheet. And though the breeze may sweep through their charom. And though aloft they lightly soar. When some body has a good idea. They won't be funny any more!

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