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TINKERING THE CLOCK.

With laughter which bodes ill for its further success, the British Commons have passed on its second reading Pearce's Daylight Saving bill to put clocks back 80 minutes in summer. The idea is not so crazy as it sounds; England is so far north that it is daylight in midsummer at 3 A. M. Pearce's idea is that people should get up and begin work 80 minutes daylight left for out-of-door enjoyment.

There is health in the plan—also earlier and have five or six hours of endless confusion with railroad timetables and other arrangements. Private employers might try it. In Coos Bay setting the clocks back an hour would for some men leave some hours of afternoon daylight.

There is also some confusion caused on Coos Bay and in the Coquille valley by lack of uniformity in the varying standards of time. It may be noticed any day that the whistles which are supposed to blow at the stroke of twelve are always several minutes apart. Inquiry develops the fact that there is so called "mill time," "train time" and "Coos Bay time," none of which agree. This often causes inconvenience to travelers and others who attempt to adjust their watches to the varying standards. A Coos Bay man who made a trip into the valley recently missed his boat in Coquille. Arrived too late, he remarked that he thought the boat departed at a certain hour. It does replied one of the residents of the place. "But," remonstrated the Coos Bay man "according to my watch it now lacks five minutes of the time." "Oh," remarked the old resident, "the boat leaves on steamboat time." While the matter has its humorous phases it is one of sufficient importance to warrant some action being taken by some public body like the Chamber of Commerce or city council to secure uniformity and avoid the present confusion and inconvenience occasioned by everyone going by guess, his own sweet will and a watch that cannot be adjusted to any universal accepted standard on the Bay.

Alexander Philip has published a book on reforming the calendar. His plan is to consider New Year's Day and Leap Year Day, when they occur, as days apart, not included in any month. That leaves 364 days, exactly 52 weeks. By lengthening February, June and September, and shortening January, July, May, August and October, the days in the months would run 30, 30, 31; 30, 30, 31; 30, 30, 31; 30, 30, 31. Every quarter would be of the same length, just 13 weeks; Christmas, Election Day and the glorious Fourth would always be the same day of the week and the calendar for any year would do for all the other years.

There are some advantages in a year so arranged, but it would not answer the calendar problem of the mathematicians, which is to arrange any calendar that should neither gain nor lose time for a year of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46.15 seconds. That problem is not yet solved, but it does become pressing for another 100,000 years or so.

A suit of clothes which will float the wearer in case of accident at sea has been patented by a Norwegian inventor.

No bird can fly backward without turning; the dragon fly, however, can do this, and can outstrip the swallow in speed.

Poisoned by Tainted Money.

WINSTED, Conn., April 10.—Robert Johnston, ticket agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Manchester, is laid up with poisoned eyes. An eye specialist said he had undoubtedly handled coins which were infected. The trouble seems to have been contagious, as other members of his household were affected.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

When God gives to us the clearest sight,
He does not touch our eyes with love, but sorrow.
—John Boyle O'Reilly.

SIT DOWN, SAD SOUL.

Sit down, sad soul, and count
The moments flying;
Come, tell the sweet amount
That's lost by sighing!
How many smiles? A score?
When laugh, and count no more;
For day is dying!

Lie down, sad soul, and sleep,
And no more measure
The flight of time, nor weep
The loss of leisure;
But here, by this lone stream,
Lie down with us and dream
Of starry treasure!

We dream; do thou the same;
We love—forever;
We laugh, yet few we shame—
The gentle never.
Stay, then, till sorrow dies;
Then—hope and happy skies
Are thine, forever!
—Barry Cornwall.

"The dark ages," remarked the Careful Observer at the Millicoma, "anywhere from 25 to 40."

Money may make some people mad, but it's the lack of it that makes most of the people on Coos Bay wax warm in the neck cloth.

The Sultan of Ul Mulik Brd is said to be coming to the United States for a visit. We do not know Brd, but he is welcome to a helping of our canary seed.

They are telling a good joke on one of the members of the Millicoma Club whose wife recently called him up on the telephone and said, "Hello! dearest." He called back, "Hello! who is this?"

"What would you say if I should throw you a kiss?" asked the bashful Marshfield fellow to his North Bend girl. "I would say that if it was as slow as you, it would never land," said she; whereupon he took the hint and the wedding bells soon rang.

"I suppose your family is well connected," remarked the Marshfield Old Timer of his North Bend acquaintance. "Sure," replied the North Bend man, "we've got a telephone, electric light in every room and water pipes and sewer connections."

"Now candidly speaking of Jack Flanagan's piano playing, what do you think of his execution," asked E. K. Jones of the bunch, gathered in the Saints and Sinner's corner at the Millicoma. "It is not execution," J. D. Goss batted in, "it is assassination."

Ben had been going to school all of a month, and Ben's father thought it high time to find out how things were running. So he asked one day: "And what was it you learned

all about this morning?"

"Oh, a mouse." Teacher told us all about mouses."

"Fine, sonny. Now how do you spell mouse?"

A long moment's silence, and then the future editor blue-pencilled the earlier communication thus: "Father, I guess I was wrong. It wasn't a mouse. It was a rat."

"Johnny," remarked a Coos Bay teacher to one of her young pupils, "you must comb your hair before you come to school."

"I ain't got no comb."
"Borrow your father's."
"Pa ain't got no comb either."
"Doesn't he comb his hair?"
"He ain't got no hair."

Little Wille looked up from his novel.

"Poppa," he said, "what does a man's 'better half' mean?"

"What she says," Mr. Enpeque answered sadly.

And with a sigh the little man resumed the verification of his wife's Easter millinery bill, which she had promised would be very large.

MUST TELL TRUTH.

Holders of Insurance Policies Otherwise Will Get Nothing.

SALEM, Ore., April 10.—Holding that the testimony given by an applicant for admission to a beneficiary order and for an insurance policy, even though accepted as to the health and habits of the applicant, if false, does not bind the insurance society to the terms of the contract policy and operates to repudiate the latter, the Supreme Court, in a per curiam opinion, reverses the case of Marie Stewart Whigham, respondent, vs. the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, and remands the case with instructions to grant a nonsuit.

In this case William Whigham, who was addicted to drink, during a season of teetotalism, applied for admission to Pacific Court. Order of Foresters of Portland, was admitted to membership, took out a beneficiary certificate in favor of his wife, the respondent, and eventually died from the effects of liquor. This is an appeal from the decree of the late Judge Arthur L. Frazer of Multnomah county, in which judgment in favor of Mrs. Whigham was given by the trial court.

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