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WHAT'S THE MATTER?

"What's the matter with Coos Bay?" "She's all right!"

Front street is being paved. Work is being pushed rapidly on the new \$75,000 Chandler hotel.

Contracts have been let for a new \$50,000 high school building in Marshfield and a new \$40,000 high school building in North Bend.

The mills and factories all over the Bay are running, or making preparations to open at once.

The prospects are bright for the Southern Oregon District Fair being the largest and most successful ever held.

Everybody on Coos Bay who has to work or wants to work is busy at good wages.

The youngsters are in the midst of their vacation festivities; the sick are getting well; the people refuse to die under any circumstances during this superb weather; the stork is winging daily flights to this neighborhood with a braw lot of handsome healthy new recruits to the civic ranks; the business world here is as free as ever of failures; trade might be better and soon will be; the bay is bristling with busy craft of all kinds and the valley towns are lively and active and inviting, and the weather is ideal.

We might go on indefinitely with quotations of this sort, but these suggestions are enough to convey our sense of satisfaction to the outsider and we agree to prove it all if he or she comes to see us. It's all here, with more to come!

THE READING AMERICAN.

The public school of America is responsible for the reading American.

He is everywhere, and up-to-date; his paper, his magazine, his library are simply indispensable to him, while the telegraph, wire and wireless, keep him in touch with the world and the current history of the day.

It is one of the best signs we have of national stability and readiness. Great emergencies are met all over the land with communal understanding and appreciation that save days and weeks of coaching and preparation, and drilling for action. The country is never asleep; the President, the Governor, the Mayor, always find the people on the spot when they are wanted for high purposes, and thousands of them equipped for leadership.

No country in the world has as many readers of the daily news as the United States; if there are classes in this country, there is a paper for each, and all are studied avidly; the nation is never without a working knowledge of the great events transpiring, or to transpire. From Coos Bay to the keys of Florida and from the St. Croix to San Diego it is the same and the common school is at the bottom of it. It is splendid equipment and the country at large appreciates it.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Notwithstanding the prevailing sluggishness in business operations generally throughout the country during the first half of the current year a marked improvement has been noticeable during the past two months, and it is the consensus of opinion that from now on the entire country will experience a more normal and healthy growth as a result of the recent business depression.

Business in every line is already beginning to improve, and this condition necessarily means an advance in the price of every commodity in general use. For example: At the present time lumber is selling for at least 50 per cent less than it did a year and a half ago, but the demand for this product has increased to such an extent that a movement is now

HUBBY BARS FANCY HOSE

Wife Sues For Divorce Because of His Objecting to Silk Stockings and Corsets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Because her husband was so jealous that he wouldn't let her wear fancy hosiery or plain corsets, and because of a whole lot of other things, pretty little Mrs. Hattie Fuller Dupont, of 44 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, had him arrested for alleged assault and abandonment, has sued him for absolute divorce and has also sued her wealthy father-in-law, John Tyler Dupont, sr., of Seeley street, for damages of \$25,000.

All this domestic shipwreck is a sequel to a salt-sea-wave romance that started at Coney Island. While Hattie Fuller, 16 years old, was in bathing she met John Tyler Dupont, jr., who was one year older than she. On December 30, 1907, the couple were secretly married by a Jersey City clergyman. The bride gave her age as 18, although she was really only 16.

Kept the Secret Six Months. For six months young Mrs. Dupont stayed at her father's home, keeping the family in ignorance of her marriage. Then the secret slipped out, and after a stormy scene or so and a reconciliation the young people began living together.

The rest of the story is best told by the young plaintiff.

"Within a year or so after our marriage it became apparent to me that I had made a mistake," said Mrs. Dupont. "My mother did not think that it was incumbent upon her to support us and frequently said so. Finally my husband and I started housekeeping. He became jealous of me to the point of being silly. One day I bought two pairs of pretty silk stockings. When my husband came home that night he told me that I must not wear them, and to make sure he took them away with him. 'I was a well-developed woman, and when I wore corsets my figure was naturally improved. This made my husband angry, for he said that every man on the street would look at me when I passed.'"

Deserted Her In Danger. "He engaged in various occupations and never made a success of any of them. In Barnhart's hall, Atlantic and Clinton avenues, my husband and Artie Quinn opened the first moving picture show at popular prices in Brooklyn. As an inducement he offered every boy patron a pair of skates and a hockey stick. 'The hall was crowded at the first performance. My husband sent for me and said that he was in trouble. A few hockey sticks were distributed and then followed a riot. Every window in the front of the building was demolished. Tyler and Quinn jumped out of a back window and left me to face the mob of angry youngsters. The police came and I was rescued.'"

"Finally I went to Albany, where I have a married sister. A few days passed and then I received a telegram stating that my husband was dying and begging me to come home at once. I didn't go. Then I received a letter stating that he was going to commit suicide in the Morris chair in the parlor. I replied 'Please do not do it in the parlor; there is room to die in the kitchen.'"

on foot among the large lumber dealers to advance the price on building material and establish the rates that prevailed before what might be termed the late industrial vacation. This change in business conditions is very gratifying, and demonstrates to the world at large the American spirit of progressiveness and their determination to overcome all obstacles that are detrimental to the welfare of the country.

Even during the trying times just past, the business interests of Coos Bay were in no way affected, and with the advent of numerous enterprises in our territory we should enter upon the greatest period of prosperity ever known to this section. We are now experiencing a healthy growth both in population and the volume of business transacted. It, therefore, stands us well in hand to prepare ourselves for this new era of prosperity and strive to make the year 1908 the banner year in the history of Coos Bay. Don't falter; continue the improvements already so auspiciously begun, and when our work is completed we can point with pride to the results accomplished and feel that we have labored in a good cause.

ALLIANCE WILL SAIL FROM MARSHFIELD FOR PORTLAND AT 2:30 TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 4.

HAM'S FACE SCARED BABE

Man Objects to Stepson's Bawling and Wife Sues For Divorce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Tired of doing roadwork at night with a bawling baby Hamilton Fries, of Stonetown, just above the hills of Wynocke, near Peterson, N. J., informed his wife, Etta, that she would have to choose between him and the youngster. Mrs. Fries took the baby, Hamilton took his hat and departed and now Mrs. Fries has taken steps to secure a divorce. She asks that Hamilton be compelled to support her and the cause of the trouble.

They were married in 1901, not a great while after Mrs. Fries had seen that her first husband, Caleb Ryerson, was properly tucked away beneath an imposing slab. Caleb and "Ham," as Fries is known to his friends, had been suitors for pretty Etta Bender's hand, but Caleb was the more convincing of the two. "Ham" didn't decorate his home with crapes when Caleb cashed in. He sympathized with the widow and let it be known that there was room for two beneath his name. Mrs. Ryerson said she was fond of Fries and that settled it. She had a baby less than a year old when she removed the name of Ryerson from the front door.

"Everything was lovely until that kid began to howl, which was every time he got a look at me," said Ham yesterday. "I didn't mind travelling with him in my cupola during the day time, but the forced marches at night was what got my nanny. I'll bet I've covered 750,000 in the last few years. Talk about an endurance contest. It's too bad I didn't have a cyclometer on my leg."

"Do you consider marriage a failure?" asked the reporter. "It's all right if they'd abolish the night drills," said Ham. "Look at the shape of my legs. I've been walking on my knees for the past six months."

"It's Ham's own fault," Mrs. Fries is alleged to have told her friends. "Just as the baby would be getting quiet Ham would come along and frighten the little angel." The case will be tried in a few days. Ham's trump card will be the exhibition of his bare shins marked like the Obelisk by colliding with rocking chairs and other furniture.

Richard Mansfield died of cancer. Total membership of Y. M. C. A. is 437,178. Uncle Sam uses 17,000,000 barrels of salt a year. The rose is queen of flowers in the millinery world.

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