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LOWER INSURANCE NEEDED.

If a local body of men should form a pool and demand from the people of Astoria tribute to the amount of about \$275 a day, ten dollars of which was returned each day, the people would rise in indignation and term it robbery! Yet this is about what the insurance companies get from the city; as it is estimated that one hundred thousand dollars go annually for insurance premiums—and not over five per cent comes back!

It is certainly a harsh and vindictive method of robbery; but it seems to be a case where insurance manipulators have the throat-clutch on the people. To do business right a merchant must have his stock insured to fully the amount he owes in order that a possible loss may be all his, not his creditors'; and this is a necessary business precaution. Besides this he will, if he can afford it, carry an insurance for his own benefit. The interest on the one hundred thousand dollars paid by this vicinity to the various grafting and rapacious insurance organizations would about pay all the losses which these companies are forced to meet here. In other words, these companies could take this vast sum, loan it out at seven per cent, and the income would pay all the fire losses Astoria has!

Yet we go on year after year paying in this big sum and never revolt in language that is loud. We grumble at the injustice of the demands, but instead of seeking some means to palliate the evil or wipe out the disease, we simply sit in idleness along that line, and commence to gather more money to throw into the maw of the beast which threatens our purses because we have never refused to "let down" when the demand comes.

But the revolt is bound to come. A way can be found to secure protection at less than prohibitive figures—and the matter is being agitated. When plans shall have been perfected, when facts and figures are shown proving that insurance can be written in a city where fire losses never occur at a decent rate, then the present existing companies will be ready to fall over themselves to reduce rates to a decent figure—to a price justifiable to the risk incurred.

But our people must take some emphatic steps if they desire to hurry this grand finale. It is not enough to talk about it and say what "should be done"; prompt cooperation should declare what "is going to be done." "The only way to resume is to resume," and that sentiment should inspire every business man and private citizen in the community to be up and doing. Careful business policy demands that this city shall have a conservative listing for insurance—and holdup insurance companies should get wise and get busy.—Astoria Leader.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT.

There are a number of things about electing a president and vice president of the United States not clearly understood by all. Everybody is aware that the elector, according to our system, does not vote directly for the candidate but for the presidential electors, who meet at a given time at the state capitol and cast their votes by states, according to the party they represent. Nor can the vote of the state be divided, but must be a unit, for the majority of the electors will prevail in this, as in other elections. It often happens that one or the other of the parties in the contest will succeed in the election of a minority of the electors, but their votes are in effect lost for the party in power will control the entire voice of the state. In other words, the vote cannot be cut and a portion cast for a democratic can-

didate for the office of president and a portion for the Republican nominee, nor yet for the candidate for president of one party and the candidate for vice-president of another.

Thus Oregon has 4 electoral votes in the college, one for each senator and member of congress. The total number of electors is 483, seven more than in 1904, through the admission of Oklahoma as a state. As a rule, the vote for electors is not split up, but it sometimes happens where the result is close that all those on one ticket are not successful.

There is another fact which is generally understood but which always strikes one oddly—it is that the popular vote for president does not always control. In 1888, Cleveland had 98,917 plurality over Harrison on the popular vote of all the states, but Harrison received 233 electoral votes, while Cleveland had but 168, and all in strict accordance with our system of electing a president. It is indeed not strange that this should happen under the electoral plan, states whose vote varies greatly having the same representation in the electoral college. Kansas cast 304,607 votes for president in 1900; Mississippi the same year cast but 57,459 votes for president, yet each has eight representatives in congress and ten presidential electors, and thus every Mississippi vote counted six times as much in the choice of a president as a vote in Kansas.

The largest majority on the popular vote ever given any candidate for president was that of Roosevelt four years ago, when he received two and a half million more than all the other candidates. The total vote was 13,528,978, but this was not the largest vote ever cast for president, that of 1900 exceeding it by more than 400,000 and being 18,967,566. From time to time there is agitation for election of president and vice-president by direct vote, but the agitation has not seemed to make any great amount of headway. The only serious difficulty growing out of the electoral college system was in 1876, when fraud was charged in several states and congress created the electoral commission of fifteen which seated Hayes over Tilden by a vote of 8 to 7.—Exchange.

LIBRARY FOR BANDON.

Bandon needs a public library. We have as intelligent a citizenship as can be found anywhere, and what we need is better facilities for developing the intellect. Our system of public schools is excellent and the building of a new school house is an excellent testimony to the progress of the people along educational lines, but we need other means as well, and nothing can be better than a good public library. A small start and a small tax to maintain and add to it would be all that would be necessary at present. Why not talk it up and submit the proposition to the people. Everyone will fall into line.—Bandon Recorder.

THE CALL OF OREGON.

Ye dwellers of the interior, living amongst sin and crime, hear the message of Curry county, where the county jail door swings wide open from one year's end to the other, without ever an inhabitant other than a toad or stray sheep; where a session of court occupies from one to two days; where the ocean breeze makes your blood flow like a mill stream; where the streams are full of fish and the woods populated with game of every description. Sounds enticing, does it not? Come over and verify it.—Wedderburn Radium.

BANDON SUMMER RESORT.

"The White City" at Bandon is becoming more popular every year during the heated season. This year it is believed that there are more camping on the beach than there has been for a number of years. Bandon should in a few years be one of the summer places in Oregon, and with the building of a railroad whereby people from the interior of the state will be able to come to the seaside at a small expense.—Coquille Sentinel.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR PILLOW

You have probably been accustomed to sleep since your childhood on a pair of pillows lying broadwise to your head. Sometimes you cannot sleep, however. Just try lying on them placed longwise, so that the lower ends will touch your armpits. You will find the amount of repose you get is double what you derive from them when placed in the ordinary fashion, which really leaves nothing for the base of the neck to rest upon. A properly constructed pillow should rest the head, neck and shoulders. The one most in vogue rests only the head.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

All that mankind has done, thought, gained, or been is lying in magic preservation in the pages of books. They are the chosen possession of men. CARLYLE.

THE FOREST FIRE.

A lighted match and a careless man And a noble forest's grave! And wild winds every flame to fan— Is there no power to save?

Mark how the affrighted, deep-wood things, Shrink back as the monarchs fall! And the doe's shrill voice with distraction rings As she bellows her warning call.

Great pines that have stood for a hundred years, Go thundering down to doom, And the wood things, stunned by a thousand fears, Stand crazed in the crash and boom.

The red glare grows and the terrors spread— As only such terrors can— And the blame should fall on a single head— The head of the careless man. WALTER JUAN DAVIS.

SHADOWS.

WHEN all love's words of passion, spirit in vain, Have filtered on thy lips bent low to kiss, And on the window sobs the fitful rain;

WHEN in strange shadows of the last abyss, Desires and dreams put off their bravery, And other worlds are dimmed for love of this;

WHEN, having done with joy and hope and thee, And faces bright with gentle friendliness, I venture that profound, uncharted sea

WHOSE murmurs, swelling near and comfortable, Echo and drift round these frail summer flowers, Whose ships are tossed in an eternal stress.

WHAT will avail the shining hills and towers Of some vague land across that sullen main, If through the splendor of its loveless hours I long for earth's dear vanities again?

The Cards Are Out.

"Yasobel, do you think you could learn to love me?" "Learn to love you? Oh, Reginald, I could give lessons in loving you."

A New York woman who had a telephone in her apartment called up the telephone company and asked that the service be discontinued. The man who took her message tried to be exceedingly polite.

"We are sorry to lose you," he said. "Are you dissatisfied with anything?" "I am," said the woman, emphatically.

"I am very sorry," said the man. "Perhaps we can help you. What is it you do not like?" "Single blessedness," said the woman. "I am going to be married tomorrow." "Ah," said the polite clerk, "you are past our aid. Goodby."

MY DOG.

MY dog loves me, and I sometimes think I am not so bad, though the world may wink, For a dog sometimes can seem so wise

When he looks at you with his honest eyes, So frank, so true and so free from guile, That you trust your friend of the merry smile.

My dog loves me, and I always feel That his is a love that is firm and real!

My dog is a big, black, shaggy beast, With an appetite for his daily feast. He does most everything but talk When we take our way for the country walk.

He licks my hand and he wags his tail As we climb the hill and we skim the dale. And when I rest by the road and dream He watches there with his eyes agleam!

I love my dog, for he seems to me From all that is false in life so free. You know, so often the friends we hold As our firmest friends with a chain of gold

That links them to us, rain or shine, Sometimes forget. But this dog of mine, In fair or foul or the good or ill, Is my faithful, fine old follower still! —Baltimore Sun.

Tom—It was a case of love at first sight with me.

Jack—Then why didn't you marry her?

Tom—I saw her again on several occasions.

A guy in Des Moines has applied for a divorce because his better half is too demonstrative. He says when he wants to read the paper she comes around and tickles him under the chin and wants to know if he loves her just as hard as ever. When he goes out to feed the pig she gets

him by the fin and squeezes it and when he lies down for a nap she wakes him up by kissing him on the front tooth. He gave her a good calling down and then she worked in the hired man as a proxy and now the knocker roars about that. That fellow ought to go over to Turkey and get a job as a eunuch, says an exchange.

"BILL!"

"Bill" Taft and "Bill" Bryan. We call each "Bill," and where's the hurt

"Bill" has a sturdy, whole-souled ring, and we who use it are not pert. We've had our "William" presidents; revered them then, revere them still. But now it looks as if we'll have next term a president named "Bill." —Philadelphia Bulletin.

Miss Bunkerhill!—Have you read Scott's novels.

Miss Laker—All but his Emulsion. I have seen it advertised a great many times in Chicago, but I have never been able to get a copy.

Happy Fields.

Happy fields of clover With the sunshine bright; Trouble will be over, Laughin' in the light.

Flying Along.

Gee whizz! Is it true That half of the year is so near "Through Old Time Must have purchased A brand new auto. Judging from the way He scoots along— But yesterday We were wondering what The year held for us— Business advancement, Leap year proposals Or what? Now it is almost Tomorrow. And, alas, A few of the good things Have drifted along, Tapped us on the shoulder And said pleasantly, "Tag, you're it!" It looks far ahead When New Year's rings the bell And says: "Arise, Bill, The year is before you. Hitch up your good resolutions And say, 'Giddap!'" When the halfway house Is reached It doesn't look so far. We can almost reach To the other end And pick presents From the Christmas tree. "How time flies!" Remark'd an original guy Once upon a time. Several hundred thousand persons Have said it since. And to fill the bill It couldn't be improved on.

Time is Money—Not.

Time is money—so they say. Did you ever try it? If it is, then, ladies, pray, Why do you deny it?

Time, you say, you do not know; Years you are abjuring. Still you long for money, though; To you it's alluring.

Time is money? Oh, indeed! We are unbellying. If it were for wrinkles, we'd Dollars be receiving.

The Morning After.

"He is the worst borrower." "That so?" "Yes. He came in to borrow my brains the other day. I got even, though. "How?" "Lent him an idler's."

Hardly.

"Do I know the man across the street? Sure. That's Johnson" "Friend of yours?" "Well, you can judge for yourself We traded horses once."

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