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The policy of the Coos Bay Times will be Republican in politics, with the independence of which President Roosevelt is the leading exponent.

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS.

The Marshfield city council is to be complimented and commended for its action in enforcing a more strict regulation of the local moving picture shows. Experience in all sections of the country has demonstrated the danger that exists in the operation of these machines and nearly every city has taken strict measures to minimize as much as possible this danger. The celluloid strips of which the picture films are made are of a highly explosive and inflammable nature and fires resulting from trivial accidents about the machines are of frequent occurrence. In most places the cities require that these machines and films be encased in steel sheet boxes and also that the room where the operator works be made as nearly fire-proof as possible with asbestos and metal lining. Proper exits are also required. Marshfield must not wait until there is a tragedy or a threatened catastrophe before making provisions for the protection of the public. It should be done immediately.

KEEP THE BOYS AND GIRLS AT HOME.

In an editorial on the county school question the Stayton Mail hits the nail on the head. It is not always lack of money that stands in the way of the farmer sending his children to the city to attend high school. More often it is a fear that the young folks, born and bred on the farm with its freedom from restraint, its naturalness, its strong home ties—will lose their heads in the city, pass from the control of their parents, and acquire habits that they would not if they remained on the farm or in the country schools. With the county high school plan, which provides that the county court may contract with existing schools to educate all comers, a majority of the boys and girls of the farms can attend some school so near home that they can travel back and forth night and morning. In some cases the child will be absent from home the entire week but Friday night will find him back under the parental roof and subject to those uplifting and saving influences that are found only where mother love reigns.

Following is the comment of the Stayton Paper:

"We are pleased to note that Marion county is to have the opportunity of voting on the county high school proposition in November of this year. This matter needs the immediate, careful and conscientious investigation of every voter in this county. Be not loathe to investigate this proposition and lend every legitimate effort to its assured success. In the carrying of this measure in Marion county you set an example before the world that you stand in the rank for offering higher education to our boys and girls.

It is not always a matter of finance that deters a boy or girl from obtaining a high school or college education. It is the stern fact that the parents do not like to permit of the child going from the parental care before they have attained to the advanced age when others having better opportunities for education have outstripped them in all lines. It is then that the boy or girl feels reluctant in entering the high schools, universities or colleges throughout the country to vie with those of other sections in the gaining of knowledge.

"This can and will be overcome on November 3d next, when the voters of Marion county shall have the county high schools.

"Take for instance our own district: Thirty-two pupils in this section are prepared and ready for entering the high school, but only a

few of them are now in attendance there. Why? They either do not feel like leaving home or their parents do not feel disposed to permit of their children leaving the parental roof and influence. Yes, give the boys and girls the best education obtainable, but do it by having the best educational facilities obtainable in every district where there are sufficient pupils to make it possible."

WHERE WILL COLD-BLOODED SCIENCE TAKE US?

The example of modern adaptation of conditions to the needs of life is related by Frank G. Carpenter in telling of his African travels. He says: "I have had excellent tea which I brewed with hot water from the locomotive. At meal times the black boy who is in charge of the car brought me a kettle and I made my tea with tea pills. I wonder if you have ever heard of the little tabloids of compressed tea, invented by Burroughs, Welcome & Co., of London. They are as big around as the end of your little finger and one will make a full cup. They are composed of real tea, compressed by enormous force into pills. Each tabloid is as hard as a stone until the water touches it, when it dissolves to a powder and gives forth a delicious aroma. The pills are put up in tin boxes and they are so small that you can carry enough for a hundred cups in your pocket. A little box of sweetening goes with them. This is composed of sasin, a material which is 600 times sweeter than sugar. It is compressed into pills as big as the head of a pin and a single pinhead pill will sweeten a cup."

In the tropics and in the Arctic zone the triumphs of ingenuity in the preservation of foods in condensed forms has been shown to a great extent. But the ambition of man will not be checked until in all modes of living opportunity is given for use of the ready-to-use style of foods. The revolution it would signify when carried to its utmost limit is amazing to contemplate. Like the equality that will become the lot of those who spell English words after the simplified spelling reformers have completed their work there will be no distinction between the ability of cooks, and all will occupy a common and serene plane. Whether that will seem another blow at the marriage custom or if it would stimulate the ambition in that direction depends, on one's point of view regarding the importance of the position the caterer's art holds in the domestic home. The extremists who believe we eat to live, not live to eat, look hopefully to the point where science will extract the nourishment from food, in advance and present the vital elements in such condensed form for consumption that the human system will find a large number of its necessary organs are no longer worth the room they occupy. If their expectation is sustained the doom of the vermiform appendix may only be the beginning of the explorations the surgeon's knives will take.

But who would really want to exchange the thralldom of a table of "grub," the mental picture of which is enough to start the gastric juices into activity, for an era, when a pill or a tablet would be relied on for the strictly practical purpose of keeping the human machinery working?

It might save some of the present woes but it would eliminate to a humiliating degree the joys that make life worth living.

CIVIC INSURANCE.

By the terms of a contract entered into thirty-one years ago between Lyman Jennings, then fifty-nine years old, and the town of Athol, Massachusetts, he gave the town \$9,000 outright on its agreement to pay him interest on it at six per cent as long as he lived—\$540 a year—and then to continue after his death to pay to his widow \$180 a year and to each of his three children \$120 a year, an amount equal to that which Jennings would receive yearly during his lifetime, as long as each of these four heirs might live. The results of the contract are being widely commented upon as a ruinously reckless deal by that thrifty New England town. The "selectmen" decided to take up with Jennings' offer after applying the figures of a life insurance mortality table to the five proposed beneficiaries. Jennings lived thirty years instead of fourteen and a half years that they had credited him with. The town meantime had paid out to him \$16,200; his wife and one daughter now survive him and the town is paying them together \$300 a year and must continue to pay one \$180 a year and the other \$120 so long as each lives. In other words, it is now getting the use of \$9000 for only about 3 1-3 per cent interest. If it invested the principal properly, there ought to be a good profit

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.
Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. —Romans 12:10.

PEOPLE WILL TALK.

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow, if you listen to all that is said as you go; You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew— For meddlesome tongues must have something to do. And people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed That your humble position is only assumed— You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool. But don't get excited; keep perfectly cool— For people will talk.

And then, if you show the least boldness of heart, Or a slight disposition to take your own part, They call you an upstart, conceited and vain; But keep straight ahead; don't stop to explain. For people will talk.

If threadbare your dress, or old-fashioned your hat, Some person will surely taken notice of that, And hint rather strong that you can't pay your way; But don't get excited, whatever you say— For people will talk.

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape, For they criticize then in a different shape; You're ahead of your means, or your tailor's unpaid, But mind your own business, there's naught to be made. For people will talk.

Now; the best way to do is to do as you please, For your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease. Of course, you will meet with all sorts of abuse, But don't think to stop it—it's really no use— For people will talk.

ANON.

Whatever you do, don't play horse with your friends.

The stomach rebels without making any explanation.

A pup is as friendly as a candidate two days before election.

When a man falls in love with a woman, all the other women make fun of his taste.

When a big, strong, powerful looking man smiles and shows dimples in his cheeks, it looks funny.

There is nothing people admire more than a man and his wife who are in love with each other.

Talk five minutes with any man confidentially and you will find he has been robbed by somebody.

A man never appreciates the value of his wife until he wants to use her as an excuse for not going to war.

You can learn something from the baby. A baby is good natured in the morning when others are grouchy.

We have seen some sort of a card game wherein those engaged play "for safety." After a man passes 50, and even before, he should play for safety in the game of life.

There is no mark on a man to indicate whether he has been married, or how often. A man is so built that in this. But suppose Jennings had put that \$9000 in a good savings bank back in 1877—He would have drawn \$540 a year on it for at least fifteen years or so, and after that only five per cent or four per cent or perhaps as low as 3 1/2 per cent at times; but on an average interest of 4 1/2 per cent for the full period he would have drawn \$12,500 in all, and his widow and daughter would now be drawing four per cent on it or \$360 a year instead of \$300—and besides this they, not the town, would own the \$9000! Lyman Jennings wasn't nearly so good a "figurer" as the town of Athol was, after all.

he can sail through matrimonial ventures like a duck through a rain-storm. But the marriage marks a woman like smallpox.

Laws of Love.

Carolyn Wells gives the following laws of love, which may be interesting to the debutantes this winter:

"Be sure you're right, then lose your head.
"A ring on the hand is worth two at the door.
"A fool and his money are soon married.
"A little debutante is a dangerous thing.
"Proposals make cowards of us all.
"There is no fool like a bold fool.
"The longest way round is the sweetest way home.
"One kiss deserves another.
"Tis love that makes the man come 'round.
"Kisses speak louder than words.
"He loves best whose love lasts.
"People who live in glass houses shouldn't hold hands.
"The woman who deliberates is won.
"Where there's a will there's a wedding.

MY PILLOWMOBILE.

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Through old Japan, Beloochistan, And Tibet and gay Pekin; And thence we creep Through the vasty deep To the haunts of the Tribes of Fin.

My Pillow Car's Been up to Mars It travels both earth and air; And, like the wind, It leaves behind The City of Woe and Care.

So come with me, On a pillow spree, For the Land of Dreams a wheel; Through sky and earth, To joy and mirth, In my wonderful Pillowmobile. JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

NOT SELF WORKING.

No odds how fine the scheme may be, How promising and fair, How certain of a marked success, How largely on the square, It will not bring in dollars nor Put poverty to rout Nor make us independent if We never try it out.

The plan may look as fine as silk And ready to produce— In fact, a triple plated cinch Too slick for any use— But net results will not produce Enough to buy a hat While we but dream about the plan And let it go at that.

Indeed, in looking o'er our schemes— Quite rosy and select Those that we try do not pan out The way that we expect, So it is useless and, in fact, A waste of time to try Collecting on the ones unborn And billed for by and by.

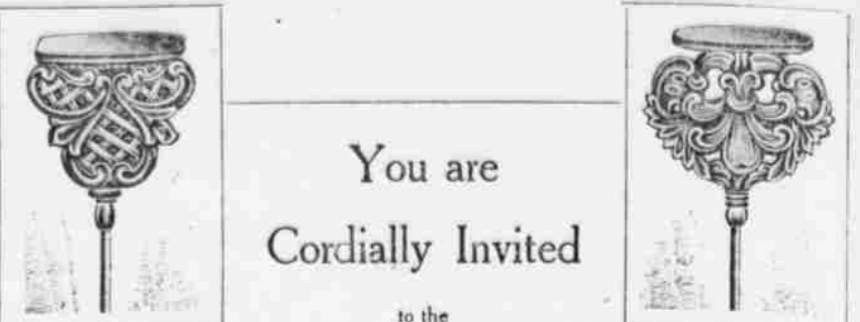
How very lovely it would be If we had but to draw Upon the storehouse of our mind For schemes without a flaw And, looking through them, could select The ones that looked the best And sit back in our easy chair And let them do the rest!

The Fact Struck Him.

"He learned a lot of things he never knew before when he went out on a campaign speechmaking trip."
"I expect."
"Yes," he never dreamed that so many ripe tomatoes were raised in one season."

Sort of Remembered Him.

There was great excitement at Miss Christabel's refined summer resort. The girls had gathered around one who was talking in an animated tone, and the interest was intense.
"Yes," she said, "I know just exactly what they are like."
"Oh, do describe one!" sang all the other girls in chorus.
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