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

A PRINCELY SEEKING.

Alexander, the crown prince of Servia, has written to his father from St. Petersburg, asking for permission to proceed to America in order to obtain financial support, to further the cause of his country against the encroachments of Austria.

What sort of financial aid do you suppose young Alexander has in mind? He cannot hope to interest the moneyed men of this country in taking an issue of bonds secured by the meagre resources of Servia. No one cares for securities, unless as a gift, floated by a country the size of the crown prince's in order to fight a nation so immensely superior as Austria-Hungary is.

But there is one way in which Alexander might raise the wind. Rumors of his intentions in that direction have been in the air before. This source of funds is none other than among the speculative mothers of Newport. Princesses there are who are American born, but they cannot assume the royal purple. They have no prospect of ever wearing a crown. Fine titles have been captured in Newport, but never that of crown princess.

This Alexander hasn't a very pleasant reputation. His portraits indicate that his forehead and his chin have rather too much slant to the rearward to make him altogether reliable. There have been ugly stories such as beating a groom with a horsewhip, torturing dogs and pursuing those whom he shouldn't. But much may be forgiven the possessor of a transferable title. Newport has overlooked many an affair which it has chosen to call indiscretion. That it might jump at the offerings of Alexander is perhaps going too far. But assuredly the candidate has a chance of getting the money he and his country are so extremely in want of. It would be a crown prince entirely chisless, we suspect, who wouldn't have a show against a Hungarian count.

THE SHIRTWAIST.

If Mme. Josefa Osborne, the noted dressmaker, who died recently in New York, was really the inventor of the shirtwaist as it is claimed, she deserves to be put upon the roll of fame.

It is said that Mme. Osborn saw her husband's soft shirts, envied them and, with a few alterations, appropriated them for herself, her own clients and the whole feminine world.

The shirtwaist has furnished food for the wits and a bone of contention for the fashion makers for many years and it still lives and flourishes. It seems to contain a round of fashion within itself. One season its front is an elaborate display of feminine handwork and its back has a row of artfully concealed buttons, which are the despair of the clumsy masculine fingers to which they are submitted for daily manipulation.

The following season the clumsy masculine fingers are given a much needed rest but when the occasion comes for them to reach out for their own extra studs and buttons they strike a vacuum and the slumbering masculine intellect behind them recalls the fact that the immaculate mannish front opposite him at the breakfast table each morning is adorned with ornaments very similar to those he was about to attach to his own dress skirt.

Persistent philosophers who are bound to see philosophy in all things, lot.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA GOOD EVENING. Let each day seem to me wasted that passes without my having made some one bless my name, be it but a little child.

EXPLANATIONS. When the damage has been done, Oft we're seeking quite in vain To be happy 'cause some one Keeps on trying to explain. When the avalanche has crashed Who cares what first loosed its weight? When the motor car is smashed Get it fixed and don't debate. Who cares what produced the leak If we safely get ashore, Save the scientists who seek To enhance their learned store.

If you're just an average man In a busy world like this, You must hustle as you can; There's no time to reminisce. —ANON.

When the weather suits you not, Try smiling. When your coffee isn't hot, Try smiling. When your neighbors don't do right, Or your relations fight, Sure it's hard, but then you might— Try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course, Just smiling; But it cannot make them worse— Just smiling. And it seems to help your case, Brightens up a gloomy place; Then it sort o' rests your face. Just smiling. —Selected.

You will never see anything in a love letter that is worth ten thousand dollars, unless you wrote the letter.

The man who has done something that has made him the subject of gossip can't complain that the people don't take any interest in him.

When the doctor gets you about cured and says all you need is a tonic for your nerves, it is a sign he is about to present his bill.

The man who doesn't bring a story of where he has been to his wife, and something in his pockets for the children, is unsatisfactory in two relations.

Santa Claus may be a myth— Let those think so who will; But the man who knows the bitter truth Is he who pays the bill.

It makes no difference what the motive that draws a crowd of women together, Browning or bridge, they will decide before adjourning that some man is guilty.

The women are paying out a good deal to improve their complexions. What is the matter with the old-fashioned woman's method of getting a steam bath over the wash tub?

If you begin to feel every noon as if you were tired out and needed a nap, it is a signal you are getting old. After a man passes a certain age he doesn't see anything on his journey but old age signs.

Give a little boy a dime to spend on himself and before he has gone a block a procession of larger boys have caught up with him. A large boy scents a nickel in a smaller boy's pocket in the same way a dog scents a bone in a smaller dog's mouth.

Insist that the shirtwaist has made a genuine contribution to democratic civilization.

In its most common form it can be washed. Its fresh whiteness makes the old-fashioned germ laden bombazine look like savagery and it has set a standard of cleanliness of which the modern immaculate and well groomed woman we read about in the society columns is the realization. There are subtle differences in shirtwaists which are a matter of sad and surprising information to the man who pays the bills but they all look alike. The woman who has the mind and muscle to do hers "up" well can put it on and go wherever democratic society affords an opportunity with the consoling consciousness that she is well dressed; a privilege of more vital value to woman-kind than a trial by jury or the bal-

FARMING FAD IN CHICAGO

Decide That Agriculture Is Perfectly Lovely Profession — One Woman Experienced.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Resplendent in autumn millinery the members of the Chicago Woman's club met to consider the subject of farming. The topic of the meeting was neither "The Delights of Country Life," nor "Horace as an Apostle of the Bucolic." It was "Farming as a Profession for Women," and the speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Virginia Meredith of Cambridge City, Ind., who announced that she had been running a farm for the last twenty-six years and expects to run one for twenty-six years more.

When Mrs. Meredith had taken her seat several of the clubwomen admitted that if they could talk their husbands into it they were going to move right out into the country. "No one is so good a country woman as one who has lived in the city, anyway," said Mrs. Charles Heintz. "I come from the country and I know it's a good place to live in. City men make the best farmers. The man who has lived on a farm all his life doesn't know how to appreciate his blessings and he doesn't always know how to take advantage of all his resources.

"Why can't we get our schools to teach children agriculture in the right way? The teaching of agriculture usually consists in sending the pupil out to weed in the sun. He has no idea why he is doing it, and as a result he usually is turned away from agriculture once and for all."

"I do not say that farming is a new profession for women," said Mrs. Meredith. "I know of scores of women who have been left alone with farms on their hands and have run them with great success. But I do say that farming is appropriate and charming above all other professions for women. Let's not go into the crowded professions that keep us cooped up in the city. If a woman has any taste at all for agriculture that is the one thing for her to turn her attention to." One man attended the meeting. He was Prof. William Hill of the University of Chicago, and he spoke on "Agricultural Education."

WOMEN ARE SMOKING LESS.

Popularity of Cigarette On Wane In London Hotels. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The sign that "Ladies May Smoke" has been taken down from the cafe of a popular London hotel, and inquiries set on foot show that the popularity of the cigarette—at least in public—among fair smokers is on the wane.

"There was a time when women thought it smart to smoke in public," said the manager of the Waldorf, "but as far as I can judge the idea is less prevalent than it was. At any rate, women certainly smoke less than they did. We do not object to their smoking after luncheon and dinner, but few now take advantage of the permission.

"We do not, however, permit women to smoke at tea time, and I may say that I offended a woman the other day by sending a request to her that she would dispense with her cigarette at tea."

A similar opinion as to the waning popularity of the cigarette among women was expressed by the manager of the Savoy where again smoking by women after dinner and luncheon is not forbidden.

IMPORTANT TO LOVERS.

Court Will Try to Decide Who Gets The Diamonds After You Quarrel and Part.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A case in which the betrothed will be interested is set for hearing in the First Municipal Court here. The point to be decided is whether the girl is justified in keeping presents after her fiancée has broken off the engagement. Louis Biderick, a Broadway salesman, is the plaintiff, and Miss Ray Aronoff, 19 years old, the defendant. The diamond rings are the cause of contention. The young pair quarreled after their engagement was announced last Easter, and since then Biderick has sought to recover the rings. Several young women who were to have been bridesmaids at the wedding will testify, as will the girl's father, who maintains that he underwent heavy expense for a dinner at which the engagement was announced.

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