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AERONAUTS AND THE LAW.

At a meeting in London this week the International Association of Aeronauts is arranging what it terms the "rules of the air." While such regulations as may be laid down are those of a private organization and binding on the members thereof only, they will probably be of extreme importance in fixing custom and moulding law. For aeronautics has been advancing with great leaps in the last year or two, and it will shortly be the duty of state and nation to consider the new methods of transportation and bring under their control the various airships and flying machines for the safety alike of those who drive them and those who dwell beneath them.

Many curious modifications of the law will come about when aeroplanes are developed to the point where they will have come into general use. Upon the surface of the earth travel is kept to certain roads and highways giving directions and holding traffic within fixed bounds. Even ocean and lake navigation follows lanes, sometimes prescribed by statute. But in the air barriers of fence, of shore lines, of ditch and shoal, are given no thought. The traveler will journey in whatever way it shall please him and at whatever altitude his machine and his courage allow. Careless steering, thoughtless maneuvering, and any lack of watchfulness might bring disaster to a score of craft. The federal government might be called upon to define areas of transportation, to regulate the height at which certain types of vessels shall move, and it may be compelled to police the air in places where traffic concentrates.

One of the great problems which the art of flying will create is the enforcement of tariff laws. With aeroplanes smuggling would become a thing of great ease. These machines could cross back and forth across the borders of Canada and the United States with such speed and with such secrecy that the entire customs service, if mobilized upon our northern frontier, could not break up the practice. Steamers at sea might dispatch by night aeroplanes with a few hundred pounds of costly goods. To distinguish these flying machines from lawful aeroplanes might prove an impossibility. Landing far inland the aeronauts would be in a position to defy all the tariff laws, however severe, that this country might lay down.

What should be the rule of the road among the clouds? Must the dirigible balloon slow down and whistle a warning blast to the aeroplanes shooting out of a bank of fog? What should be the procedure of the helicopter, which rises straight from the ground, when it enters an area of heavy traffic? Perhaps the International Association of Aeronauts will decide these points—or may be it will postpone decision and leave the thousand and one queries for time and fate to answer.

KEEP AT IT.

One of the country's foremost and successful retail merchants declared in a recent public address that "Store advertising to be good, must be continuous, not spasmodic, but regular. The advertiser who keeps at it gets the buying public to look for his advertisements and to always expect something, and he should never disappoint them. I would as soon think of going out of business as I would of stopping advertising." This is the belief of all prosperous retailers, who individually and collectively proved that "Advertising

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

To act the part of a true friend requires more conscientious feeling than to fill with credit and complacency any other station of capacity in social life.—Mrs. Ellis.

—TOO VIRTUOUS.

There was a man Who thought he could Evolve a plan For staying good. He wouldn't wink, He wouldn't joke, He wouldn't drink, He wouldn't smoke; He never walked With wife or maid; He never talked, He never played;

Went home at night, Stayed home by day, So that he might Not go astray.

He was so scared Of sin, by Jing! He never dared To do a thing. He had it clinched He thought—till he At last was pinched For vagrancy!

Everything comes back in time except the shawl.

When you don't like cold weather, It's a sign you are old.

The women think that every time a man goes into a dry goods store he is robbed.

When you hear an extravagant compliment you are disposed to think there is a good deal in it.

Don't tell a friend in trouble that every cloud has a silver lining, unless you have time to stop and find it for him.

That Chicago man who killed himself because he had gray hair must have misunderstood a friend who advised him to dye.

It sometimes happens that when children behave well at a table it is because there is nothing on the table they particularly want.

If a man doesn't run to politics he is probably given to religious conventions or lodge reunions. No one entirely escapes the parade idea.

The Christian Chinese of Hankow are reported to be contributing money for the evangelization of Arkansas. Now will Arkansas be good?

No man ever fell in love with a suffragist. When you find a suffragist married her husband fell in love with her before she became a suffragist.

You often hear this said of a man; "He's a dead one." That is, he is slow, and doesn't amount to anything. Look yourself over; are you a dead one?

Nearly every young woman is attracted to the man who talks well, but when she chooses a husband she prefers one who can make a noise like a bank account.

Every man who runs for office says: "They are always talking of the importance of nominating good men for office. Now the people have a chance; let them vote for me."

REJOICE.

He sang of the spring, the beautiful spring;

"Rejoice, for the winter has fled!" But his thick underclothing he took off too soon,

And got a bad cold in the head.

helps to make the small business big; the big business bigger, and the biggest business safe." No matter what the size of your business may be you will be making a wise investment to expend in judicious advertising at least 5 per cent of your entire year's receipts—it will return to you greatly increased, but the amount will depend with the wisdom with which you advertise and how you back up your published statements. While it is true that a business can be run without advertising, as can a wagon without greasing, you'll find it goes hard.

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Upper Coquille Valley As Told by The Enterprise.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perry at their home in Myrtle Point on Saturday, the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Widby welcomed a daughter to their home across the river on Monday, the 15th.

Mrs. Henry Strong went to North Bend yesterday to see her son Clarence who was operated upon at the Mercy hospital Monday of this week.

The 20-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson fell from a chair at their home Sunday and broke the bones of her left forearm near the elbow.

Jesse Melton of Weiser, Idaho, who was here last year, has returned to Oregon and will probably make this his home. He and Austin Ray of Marshfield, were guests this week at the home of their uncle, W. L. Ray.

W. E. Pike returned last week from a trip to San Francisco and Portland where he had been on business. During his absence he visited with Mrs. Pike who is at Ashland. He states that she is showing some improvement in health.

News of the arrival of a handsome baby daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Greves at Los Angeles on February 5th, has been received by Myrtle Point friends of the family. Mrs. Greves was formerly Miss Myrel Dixon, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Dixon of this place.

Rev. Mr. Howard is expected in from Portland this week to take the temporary pastorate of the Presbyterian church of this city, and will preach at the usual hours next Sunday, at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. The church here has been without a pastor since the removal of Rev. C. E. Botts to Washington early last winter.

Henry G. Ploeger, proprietor of the gent's furnishing store on East Spruce street, has been very sick for more than a week with a severe attack of the grip, which took effect in his head. The first of the week the disease had settled in his eye and it was thought that he might lose his sight, but his friends will hope that he will completely recover soon.

Geo. King's dog, Butch, who formerly supported and maintained a very glossy and silky caudal appendage, now mournfully displays but a bony stump of a tail. The insinuation that King attempted to feed him into his bologna sausage machine is indignantly and emphatically denied. Butch's tail was twisted off by getting tangled up in the driving mechanism of one of the Coquille's gasoline boats.

The Improvement club has made arrangement to offer another series of prizes for the best flower gardens in Myrtle Point the coming summer. Prizes will be awarded next June. Last summer there were a number of very pretty flower gardens considered for the prizes and the influence for the civic improvement of Myrtle Point was very beneficial. A similar contest has been announced at Cottage Grove, only that sweet peas alone will be considered in awarding the prizes. February 15 was the date set for planting the sweet peas that will be entered in competition.

The new constitution of Michigan, which has just been ratified gives tax suffrage to women. A large delegation of women representing all classes had a hearing before the constitutional convention asking that women have full suffrage with men. Their plea was backed by a petition with 175,000 individual signatures. Michigan is the fifth state to give women tax suffrage.

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