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THE MILLICOMA CLUB AND MAJ. MORROW.

THE important and engaging place the Millicoma club occupies in the commercial as well as the social life of Marshfield was pleasantly and profitably demonstrated in the successful "smoker" given the other evening to Maj. Morrow. It afforded an opportunity for this government official to come in closer personal contact with the representative business men of Coos Bay and an exchange of news and views resulted that were mutually interesting. The more formal functions of this character are involved in a restraint that hampers the full and free expression that follows when men meet as on this occasion at the Millicoma club. The club at this time performed a public service for all Coos Bay that was of unusual value. It in no manner usurped the functions of the Chamber of Commerce but on the contrary was supplemental to the work of that organization. Maj. Morrow told some plain and profitable truths to the assembled business men. In return he received information that was enlightening and the exchange was mutually cordial and courteous. It was an event of more than passing importance to the commercial interests of Coos Bay. The results that are certain to follow a fuller understanding between men are always broadening and beneficial. This is the place and function of the Millicoma club. It is performing its mission most successfully and is deserving the confidence and generous support of its members and the encouragement of all legitimate business interests on Coos Bay.

"THE OREGON PLAN"

MUCH has been said against the so-called "Oregon Plan." The critics of direct legislation and all it implies, consisting for the most part of machine politicians and ringers who have been driven to the tall timber, have called her the "fool of the family." A recent eastern visitor, a college professor noted for his theoretical knowledge of government, has made sarcastic remarks concerning the Oregon way of doing things political. But despite these criticisms it is a significant fact that a great majority of the twenty-seven governors who sent messages to the legislatures of their states during the past week recommended the adoption of such salient features of the "Oregon Plan" as the initiative and referendum and the direct election of United States senators. The same reports have come from the far east and the middle west that have emanated from the far west. In far-off Massachusetts Governor Foss goes even further and recommends the adoption of portions of Oregon's corrupt practices act.

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A LITTLE SLOW.

THE legislator with a freak law to propose is a bit backward about coming forward so far in the present session of the legislature.

Our own Senator Chase's school bath tub is about the only one that has yet been sprung on the public.

Perhaps the Oregon legislator is a bit short on ideas. If he is, here are a few suggestions from other state legislatures:

Down in Kansas a senator is preparing a bill to forbid the placing of fancy bands on cigars because they injure the wrapper and give the smoker endless trouble.

In still another state a bill has been offered restricting the size of a woman's hat for street wear.

In still another state an individual offered a measure providing that pedestrians should carry zongs or horns by day and head and tail lights by night if they trespass on the streets or highways.

But while the session lasts there is hope that the usual number of freak bills will be offered. Who will be the next.

HELP THE BOYS.

IN THESE days when much is being done for the conservation of almost everything else, we should not overlook the movements that have for their purpose the conservation of our boys and setting them on the right way into manhood.

It was stated recently by a Chicago judge that from 65 to 70 per cent of the criminals now going through the courts are boys or young men ranging from 16 to 25 years of age. Statistics gathered from the prisons of the country by workers of the Y. M. C. A. boys' department verify these figures, for most prison inmates are committed along about the time they get into their twenties. These statistics show, further, that the average criminal in prison started on his criminal career soon after he got into his teens and committed his first criminal act along about high school age.

There are numerous movements now under way to keep boys interested in clean and wholesome activities. The Y. M. C. A. is the largest and best organized among them; the churches are promoting various things among boys in a denominational way; the boy scout movement is growing rapidly.

Men and women who have either a general or a special interest in boys cannot find better opportunity for doing great service than in some one of these lines of endeavor for boys. Pick out that movement which seems to fit your circumstances best and then help push it along. It will do you good and it will do many a boy good.

THE BIRD MAN.

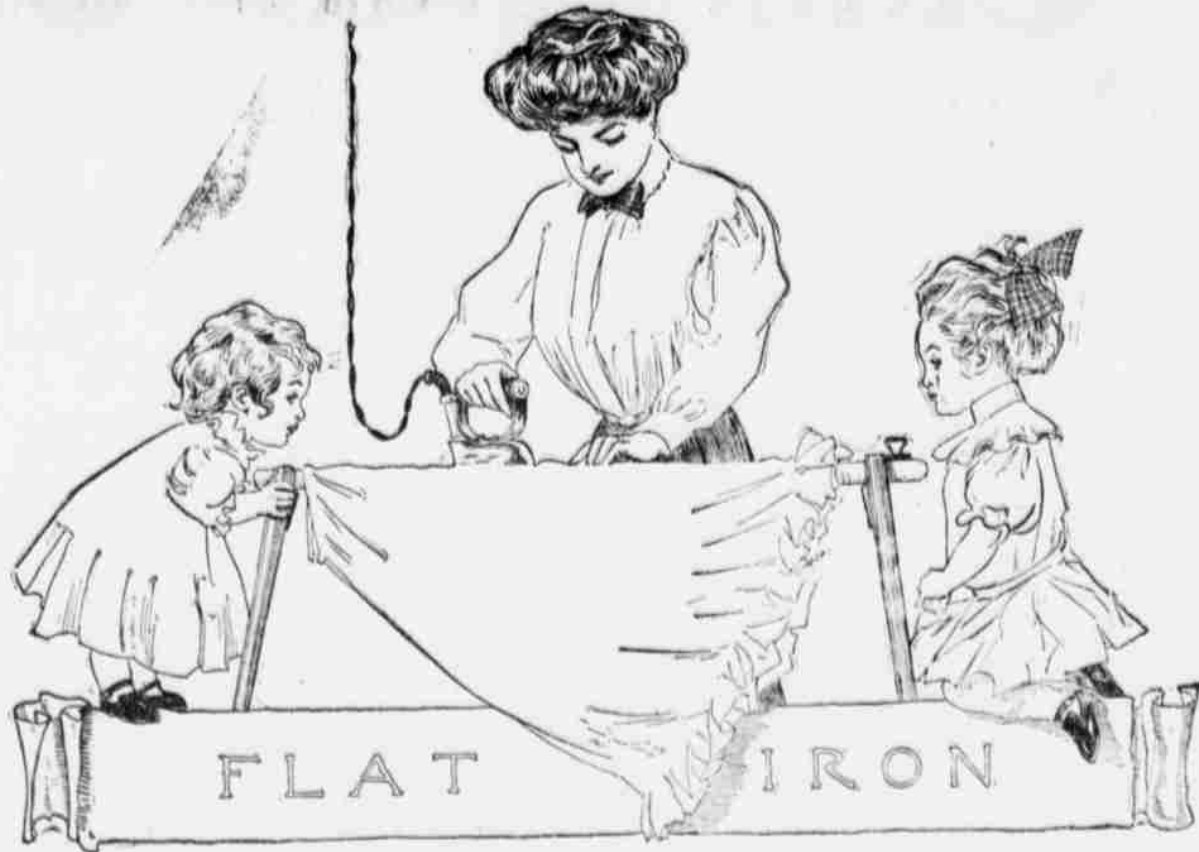
THERE IS NO DOUBT that the "birdman" is the proper name for the expert aviator. More and more is the world convinced of the appropriateness of the title as the days pass and bring in their passing some new achievement in aerial navigation.

There is the case of Birdman Glenn Curtiss and his performance down on San Diego Bay the other day. Not merely a land birdman did he prove himself, but a swift-winged messenger that can skim over the surface of the water or sail through the air at will. In all respects save that of diving and submarine stunts, Mr. Curtiss made it clear that man will be able, eventually, to indulge in bird-like flight over the deep for any distance and under any conditions, with the strength and in a manner not unlike that of the stormy petrel.

With every new accomplishment in aviation, amazement is excited until people are disposed to think they cannot be too optimistic or sanguine as to that which the birdman shall finally do. What sane man, ten years ago, would have believed that the achievement by Mr. Curtiss would be possible within the next one hundred years, if ever? Yet there is the feat of a man in a winged machine riding the water with all the certainty and as gracefully as any feathered navigator of the deep, and at the will of its driver rising therefrom and cleaving the air like a bird

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