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MARCH!

EVEN with the world-old cycle of changing seasons as a precedent, it comes with every charm of loveliness and surprise, the gay and glorious of this first month of spring.

Even in this favored clime where there is no definite ice-locked line dividing the seasons and winter is only distinguished by the dull gray fogs of February from the soft and sunlit zephyrs of March, there is nevertheless a feel in the air and a hue in the sky that marks the march of the seasons for him who deserves a touch that tells of the soft and balmy splendor of summer.

March is the mother month—only a month from May with its myriad of blossoms. March bears and nurtures and when she leaves the scene she turns over her children to the care of April, the foster-mother.

ALL ROADS SHOULD BE GOOD ROADS.

DOWN in the vicinity of Florence, Alabama, the first stretch of road to be created with the assistance of the Government and in charge of the good roads department, is now under construction.

The Government undertakes to pay one-third of the cost and provides experts to oversee the work. There can be no more useful expenditure of money in the public service than in the betterment of the ordinary highways threading from one community to another.

Wood roads, when planned to serve populations rather than politicians and their favored friends, at once increase values and stimulate retail business. This self-evident fact can be urged upon stagnant sections more effectively than by either state commissioners or county supervisors.

LONDON'S CANDIDACY

JACK LONDON has declared his willingness to run for Governor on both the Socialist and the Prohibition tickets, he pointing out that the combined strength of the two parties in the state in 1912 was 102,000—not enough to win.

It is certain that if London is in the field he will be stronger than his party, or parties, and he can be depended upon to make a picturesque campaign. He is a virile speaker as well as a forceful writer and he has made some valuable contributions to Socialist literature.

A SUCCESS EVERYWHERE

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., has tried out the commission form of government for three and a half years and is much pleased with results. More and better improvements at much less cost have been made than any period, and the workings of the commission are particularly pleasing and satisfying to the taxpayers of that city.

TOOT! TOOT!

A tax of half a mill for a municipal band! The tax is nominal. The city of Eugene needs the band. There are a lot of reasons why Eugene ought to have a band.

FATIGUE

From day to day we sell our woe, our nutmegs, nails or cotton, and oft we sigh, as hours drag by. "This sort of life is rotten! The dreary game is over the same, no respite nor diversion; oh, how we long to join the throng on some out door's excursion! On eager feet, along the street, more lucky folks are hiking, while we must stay and sell our woe—it's little to our liking!"

THE CALL OF THE SEA

WITH increased activity in shipping due to the near completion of the Panama Canal, it is believed that there will be at least a partial revival of the youth of our seaboard ports again taking to the sea. A decade ago there seemed to be little or no incentive to the seafaring life for young Americans, but at present the situation is somewhat different.

WHAT IF NOBODY WORKED?

DURING the late snow storm in New York the true character of I. W. W.-ism asserted itself. Carefully avoiding churches which had provided shelter for the homeless as needed, two I. W. W. agitators led a company of men to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and extorted money by threat.

I. W. W. Leaders not only advised men in the lodging houses not to accept work and wages, but went about among shovellers of snow on the streets counselling them to quit work and leave the city defenseless against the worst snow storm in years.

Such is the spirit of the professional unemployed. It is the propaganda of those who make it a business to be unemployed. It is the threat of the destroyer, the hiss of the rattlesnake.

The I. W. W. leaders do not want work. They do not want their dupes to accept work. They seek a "social revolution," and think the way to bring it about is to induce men not to work.

A COMMISSION ACHIEVEMENT

(From Waterloo Courier.) THE city of Fort Dodge, Iowa, owns its own water plant and secures its supply from three artesian wells which have a combined flow of 300 gallons per minute. But, while there was a good deal of waste of water at night, the pumping in the day time exceeded the flow of the wells and the supply was short.

IN CALIFORNIA

MUNICIPAL control of waterfronts is a platform plank of the Democratic party of California, as voiced by the State League of Ironworks Clubs.

Recently the state authorities of Washington withdrew tidelands entirely from sale, holding that it is true conservation of public interests for all such properties to remain under public control.

The enabling act of Oregon declared tide and submerged lands along navigable waters to be highways of commerce forever free. But like the swamp lands, the school lands, the forest lands, and the other parts of the public domain, these lands in the river beds and along the ocean shore in Oregon are largely cornered by private aggression.

While other states and particularly other Pacific Coast seaports are installing great systems of public docks, Portland, by the decision of the Oregon Supreme Court last June and by the prices set by a jury in the Multnomah County Circuit Court is suddenly checked in her effort to match rival seaports in the construction of municipal terminals.

In Portland, we were forced to pay \$876 a front foot for the Pacific Milling & Elevator dock site, and \$864 a front foot for the East Side site. They are prices beyond all bounds, and their effect is to arrest progress in the docks endeavor, or if not to actually threaten destruction of the enterprise.

We are actually buying back at these enormous prices wharf rights on submerged lands which the Oregon Legislature jauntily gave away without a penny of compensation in return. We are heavily handicapped as a result in our commercial progress, and it will not be surprising if presently "municipal control of waterfronts" also becomes a slogan in Oregon party platforms.—Journal.

LOCAL OVERFLOW.

Will Build.—Louis Nelson is having Fred Magnuson prepare plans for a six-room bungalow, 30x45, to be built at Eastport.

Bridge Man Here.—A. L. Nosler, of Bridge, is in Marshfield working in behalf of Geo. W. Starr, who is a candidate for Sheriff.

Go Fishing.—H. J. McKeown, R. K. Booth and a few friends left for Coos River today to try and land a few trout.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

Truth is stronger than every lie, and he that has her is mightier than all men.—Gilbert Parker.

CONTRASTS IN CLIMATE

Water led with shivers! Gracious hear, it blow; House chock full of shivers— Gas is burning low. Cook in kitchen is grumbling, Wife in distress; Frozen pipes are rumbling— Nice old season, Yes? —W. R. Rose, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Violets a-blooming In their dewy beds; Vagrant winds perfuming, Roses, whites and reds; Winter's like a lover With a soft caress; Nice old season? Yes! —Judd Mortimer Lewis, in Houston Post.

Gentle breezes blowing, From the ocean blue; Fruits already growing, Roses with summer dew; Winter's only springtime, We Coos Bayites bless; Fairest of fair climes— Nice old season? Yes! —H—H—

Home—the place where you are treated the best and grumble the most. —H—H—

Some Coos Bay women will believe anything that is unbelievable. —H—H—

The success of some Coos Bay men is due to their ability to obtain five by adding two and two together. —H—H—

A MATRIMONIAL MEDLEY.

Folks marry on autos, on steamers, and trains, On biplanes and motors a-whirr; But rasher than any of these are the chumps Who marry on ten dollars per. —W. J. CONRAD.

Folks marry in cages where lions look on, And thus they show rather poor taste; But the ones who are surest to mourn what they've done Are the ninnies who marry in haste. —G. E. DIX.

Folks marry in buggies at lonely midnight; On platforms at the old county fair; But the boobs of the lot, I believe you'll agree, Are the duffers who wed on a dare. —I. R. TOWER.

Folks marry in churches and cages and cars, In hammocks or highway or hall— Unseemly, it may be, but better by far Are they who never marry at all. —ALEX HALL.

A California man supposed to be a pauper died leaving \$100,000. In some way he prevented his money from talking so the neighbors could hear it. —H—H—

Scientists claim that love is due to a microbe. Some of us are willing to go even farther and call it a bug. —H—H—

IN FRONT OF THE BAR

The Mexican Questions settled; Like-wise that of canal tolls; The trusts are easy picking; We will boost Coos Bay pay rolls; These problems great and parlous, Have been settled without war— A bunch of wise guys did it, In front of a Coos Bay bar!

Nevermore the cost of living Will cease you and me to sigh; Meat prices are declining And will never more be high; The Coos Bay bar will be deepened, Good times from near and far— The Know-it-alls soon fixed it, In front of a Coos Bay bar!

The fashions lack all folly And the schools are running right; The dredge fill is all expected And the future is all bright; The world is bright and cheery, Not a pain there is to mar— The welschenheimers did it, In front of a Coos Bay bar. —Observer.

Surely that new dance called the "fish wiggle" ought to be considered quite proper during Lent. —H—H—

A Coos Bay girl may admire sand in the man who proposes to her, but she may not care to build her house on it. —H—H—

QUESTION OF THE DAY

The greatest quest of the day, O'er which I often huckle— I want to find where my wife hid My last year's fishing tackle. —Warner Ogren.

This bright sunshine a blessing is To all the sick and needy, But, dinged if it don't make my clothes Look old and frayed and seedy. —H—H—

The jingoes rap Wilson. The President seems to be getting his spring wraps early this year. —H—H—

STORY FOR THE DAY

As the garden season is coming on and it occasionally happens on Coos Bay that the neighbor's cows and hens appropriate the vegetables

Big Bargains in House Furnishings. One and two-pair lots of lace and scrim curtains, good styles, good grades, at One-Third and One-Half Off Regular Prices. The greatest line of curtain materials by the yard ever offered, the choicest, newest effects are to be found here as usual. All Short Lengths Under Five Yards, One-Half Off Regular Price. Carpet samples direct from the mills, from three-quarter to one and one-half yards to the piece, all grades plain and figured, edges prepared so they may be used for rugs. One-Half Off Regular Prices. Try Buying Furniture Under This Plan. Your money worth or your money back. That is the way we answer the quality question and the price question; that is the guarantee we offer each and every customer on every single article we sell. Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back. PERRY & NICHOLSON



There may be a suggestion in this story: An efficiency engineer was talking about presence of mind. "For presence of mind," he said, "nobody can equal John D. "When John D. lived in Cleveland his next-door neighbor said to him one morning: "Smith's cow got in my garden yesterday and ate a lot of grass and flowers." "Yes," said John D. "It got in my garden, too. I milked it to the value of the damage done, and then drove it out." —H—H— This new idea of green hair ought to be popular today. —H—H— A new novel is entitled "The Devil's Garden." One can imagine what the devil raised there. Some Coos Bay men survive adversity better than prosperity, but they keep on hoping for the latter just the same. —H—H— HEADLINES. Say! You folks who read the papers! I mean you—and you—and you; Do you know what sort of capers Those who edit them must do? Did you ever stop to cypher What a task is his who pools The intelligence you cry for In between two column rules? Have you any comprehension Of the puzzle in a line Holding letters, ten, to mention "Mayor Allen Pays His Fine"? When an automobile smashes (As one does most every day)— If we can't say "Auto Crashes" What the dickens can we say? Colonel Roosevelt's wild Progressives May some theme in conclave greet, But the head must bar possessives And say, blindly, "Moosers Meet." "Moosers Meet" may tell the story, But it isn't what you'd write If mere literary glory Were the only thing in sight. When "Investigators" hover "Round the surface of the globe, Ah! It's then you may discover "What a useful word is "probe." And there's others I might mention, Such as "ban" and "bat" and "slain," Which are used with no intention Of affording readers pain. You may talk about the trouble That it is to pack a trunk, When you want to carry double What the thing will hold in junk; But believe these earnest pen words Of a person who has tried; It's a cinch to putting ten words In two columns eight words wide.

SPORT NEWS

Leach Cross paid income tax on \$28,000 that he received within the last ten months. Some of it, you know, he got out of his dentist work. Danny Morgan has so many boxes in his stable that the report is going around in New York that he is raising a regiment in case of war with Mexico. Manager Stallings will try out Fred Tyler, a catcher. He is a brother of "Lefty" Tyler, the Braves southpaw hurler. Should he make good, Boston will have the only battery in the league with two brothers composing it. Manager Frank Chance does not blame most of the fellows who have skipped to the Feds. They have reached the end of their rope and would be foolish to turn down real money, he says. Packy McFarland does not know where he stands in the realm of legalized boxing in Wisconsin. The state commission suspended him for a year after evidence had been introduced to the effect that his bout with Britton was a shammed fight. McFarland engaged an attorney who argued before Judge F. C. Eschweiler in Circuit Court. On the showing made the judge set aside the order of suspension. The commission, however, re-opened the case and took the testimony of several sporting writers who said that they considered the Britton-McFarland fight a fake. On this evidence, the commission again suspended McFarland from boxing arenas in Wisconsin. Jos Evers, Johnny's brother, refuses to sign with Terre Haute of the Central League. He can't see the figures offered him in his contract, he says. We've got a pair of glasses home that are of no use to us. The boxing promoters of California are working hard to sign up Jimmy Clabby and Billy Murray, the crack middleweight of Sacramento, for a twenty-round battle the latter part of this month. Murray's defeat of Leo Houck has been responsible for all the clubs wanting him. —A great majority of persons afflicted with eczema have no other ailment, which is accepted as proof that eczema is purely a skin disease. Meritol Eczema Remedy is recommended especially for eczema and diseases of the skin. If you are afflicted with this terrible disease we ask you to use this remedy on our guarantee. Owl Prescription Pharmacy, Frank D. Coban, Opposite Chandler Hotel, Phone 74, Central Avenue Drug Store, local agency. Prices 50c and \$1.00.

AUTO SHIPMENTS BREAK RECORD

Another car load of Ford autos will arrive on the Breakwater. Another carload shipment of autos direct from the factory assigned to George Goodrum will arrive on the Breakwater tomorrow. There are nine automobiles in the shipment, making a total of sixteen new Fords received at the Goodrum Garage within a week. All records of auto shipments in Southwest Oregon, if not in the United States in a city of this size, Mr. Goodrum says the auto inquiries for Fords are such that feels warranted in securing his shipment early. Notwithstanding the large number of machines he is selling this season, to get their stock early as well as some time in the future. See George about that and see him soon. GORGEOUS COLORS SURE TO BRING HAPPINESS. NEW YORK, March 18.—"I want to be happy, surround myself with a riot of color," says Miss hemina Weber, modernist and recent exhibitor at the Artistic Museum in St. Louis. "It makes you happy. This is my color. Joy-giving, jolly color, marks youth and a development of individuality. Our clothes, our hangings, our theaters, are made of stuffs that are revolutionizing the Miss Weber, who "alms the faces of the Russian peasant for the benefit of rich New Yorkers, the new shades of vivid color, the new dyes, believes the American woman are beginning to realize the need of in their homes. "For so long we concluded Miss Weber, "I thought we had to get things in grays, browns and drabs. We were ed to have a fear of color, but we have grown courageous. We want color—it makes us happy." TO THE PEOPLE OF COOS BAY. We wish to again call your attention to the fact that we are agents in this city for Meritol Eczema Remedy. Our success with this remedy has far exceeded our most guine expectations. Therefore, we are pleased to recommend and antee every package of Meritol Eczema Remedy. Owl Prescription Pharmacy, Frank D. Coban, Opposite Chandler Hotel, Phone 74, Central Avenue Drug Store, local agency. Price \$1.00.