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THE CASE OF THE CROW.

The bird editor of this newspaper learns that the government is issuing a new bird book in which the value of specific birds commonly deemed harmful is discussed at great length. The bird editor feels particularly interested to see what Uncle Sam will say about the crow, a species of bird which is outlawed by the majority of state legislatures, and has generally been considered fair game for the farmer's boy.

Bird experts say that the crow, contrary to his normal nature in wild life, has grown to acquire a most exceptional sagacity. He lives under constant apprehension, consciousness of danger, and has acquired an alert self-reliance that makes him an interesting figure.

A farmer's boy once told the writer about his dealings with Mr. Crow. When the boy took a gun the black pirates wheeled in wide circles far over his head. When he went out with a stick they loafed in nearby trees and jawed jeeringly.

One day he started out with the wooden gun which he used in military drill in school, but the crows paid no attention whatever. Their hunted life has made them as elusive as a city street Arab.

Recent ornithologists, admitting that the crow pulls fresh corn and destroys birds, say his diet of mice, snakes and beetles gives him a credit to the good.

The crow finds that germinating corn is softened and cooked, the starch partly turned to sugar. He regards it as a kind of entree prepared for his benefit. You can't make the farmer believe he is a friend. One agriculturist who placed a large quantity of fish offal on his land as fertilizer said that the crows dug it all up and ate the seed. He could smell their breath all summer as they flew honking over his depleted fields. Still you can tar corn seed. If Mr. Crow gets ahead of the farmer he has the better brain.

APPOINTING AMBASSADORS.

President Wilson is no doubt having trouble in finding suitable foreign ministers. For an American ambassador is usually a man chosen to go abroad and spend \$100,000 out of his pocket in behalf of the people.

European courts expect the American minister to spend freely. They want him to maintain a courtly parlor where impecunious noblemen can meet marketable heiresses under proper chaperonage. To conciliate the higher-ups of foreign diplomacy, the most expensive provision of wines, dinners and flunkeys becomes necessary.

One great trouble with American diplomacy is that it is regarded as an incident in a man's career, rather than a permanency after the European manner.

Some more or less astonished American rises some morning to find himself appointed. He hustles down to Washington, where he receives the intimate inside of delicate international negotiations. Being a believer in publicity, he lets it out before he gets to the steamship wharf. The result is much as when your young son proclaims at the evening party what you said about your neighbors at the breakfast table.

Some of the ministers live in palaces, furnished out of their own pocket. Others dependent on the government salary, who were sent abroad on much minor considerations as experience in statecraft and knowledge of international politics, are housed much like the representative of a tail-end Balkan power.

So it is not surprising that a noted statesman, being informed that the government wanted to make him ambassador, emphatically remarked, "No plush pants for me." Others are more yielding. They depart amid the unanimous acclaim of the American people, "Darn the expense and let George do it."

The United States last year gathered 65,000 tons of peat.

THE LARGE VS. THE SMALL COLLEGE.

One can see a hungry look in the rural college president's face when he reads that Princeton University gathers in \$3,000,000 from the will of the late Ferris S. Thompson. One per cent of that sum would enable Lonesomehurst University to stop the leaks in the roof of its single building.

One of 471 colleges and universities in the United States, only 256, scarcely more than half, have seen the insignificant sum of \$100,000 as an endowment. "To him that hath shall be given," while the army of pathetic stragglers on the outskirts are sending out their form letters by the thousand for dollar-bill contributions.

The more prosperous universities can undoubtedly make good use of all the money that can be given them. It makes a big difference if a college can hire the best talent in the market. A \$6,000 man may be able to teach his students how to think out and solve problems for themselves, where a \$2,000 man would hear them recite lessons out of books.

Nevertheless, there is a field for the small college, even along the fringes of population. Its students don't learn much about turkey trotting, and they don't get their pictures on the sporting page of the metropolitan newspapers. They do find that the sum of the wisdom of the ages is within easy reach of any youth who wants it, even if he has to hire a dress suit for the graduation festivities.

Would that the millionaire could see that when they endow such an institution, instead of leaving all their money in personal bequests, they exchange a monument of cold marble for one of popular affection.

An educational expert, after studying conditions in 44 small colleges recently said that what was needed was the elimination of half of them. He would not give their property and students richer institutions in distant states, but simply double up at home. But unfortunately many people regard a college as only a means of boosting business and real estate.

"BARGAIN" IN HUMAN BLOOD.

It is characteristic of fallen humanity to try to get as much as possible for as little outlay as possible. That is why people once kept slaves. Today we dislike the word "slavery," nevertheless we cherish the institution as highly as ever. We show this by our eagerness for "bargains" which are the result of paying certain workers next to nothing and getting out of them every atom of strength they possess.

When Colonel Roosevelt investigated the conditions of the garment workers, he was indignant to find a girl, the sole support of a mother and three young children, compelled to make 36 kimonos a day in order to earn \$6 a week. To do this, she toiled desperately from 7:30 in the morning to 9 o'clock at night. Reader, you and I are to blame for this. The merchant, to meet our demand for "bargains," arranges for goods that can be sold at low prices, and still yield a profit. The contractor, or middleman, after taking out his own profit, goes to the sweatshop and offers the remainder to those who must work or starve.

A few years ago a boss sweater gave out the following as what he received from a dealer for making the articles named: Overcoats, 75 cents to \$2.50; business coats, 32 cents to \$1.50; trousers, 25 cents to 75 cents; vests, 8 cents to 25 cents; knee pants, 4 cents to 6 cents; cotton shirts, 2 1/2 cents to 4 cents. The wages to workers, expense of carting, and boss sweater's profit are all included in these figures.

"Alas that gold should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap."

"THE CITY BEAUTIFUL."

This phrase is attached in the minds of many people to campaigns of sentimentality, in which burdensome additions to the tax rate are made on the plea of a beauty that proves costly.

Nevertheless, in more places than ever before the advent of the spring season is seeing movements for cleaner back yards, prizes for good gardening and disposition of eyesores.

A tower 970 feet high is being erected at Naden, Germany, for use in wireless telegraphy. It is expected to have a radius of 6,000 miles.

Under the social ideas of China, every man is anxious to marry, but no man is permitted to seek a wife for himself.

Phone No. 39 when in need of job printing. Work and prices are right.

SOMETHING TO STUDY.

Eugene Register: The colonist movement for 1913 has begun. Sixty homeseekers arrived in Portland day before yesterday, and advices from the east indicate that many times that number are on the way, or are planning to be on the way within a short time.

This means that the work that has been done by commercial clubs, private individuals and publicity organizations of all sorts during the last year is about to be put to the actual test. The test will consist in keeping as many of these hopeful newcomers here as possible. If a large number of them are satisfied, and decide that they are ready to stay, and roll up their sleeves and help to develop the country, thereby laying the foundation of a fortune for themselves, the work that has been done will be good. The development of Oregon will be accelerated, and great benefit will accrue to all the state's residents—new and old alike.

But if, on the other hand, the greater portion of these people we have invited here are disappointed and return to their homes feeling that they have been imposed upon and misled, we will all suffer. Oregon's greatest need is more people—more people on the farms especially. No other agency will be so active in keeping people away from Oregon as the man who has come here and has gone away disappointed and disgusted. The fact that he failed to stay will be accepted by all his friends as proof that Oregon is a good place to keep people away from Oregon as the man who has come here and has gone away disappointed and disgusted.

The people who are coming here from other states are worth careful study, for by studying them we can learn whether our methods of attracting a permanent population are effective. If they find conditions here similar to what they have been led to expect, it will be proof that our publicity methods are right, for community advertising is founded upon the same principle as advertising of other kinds—if it is to be effective, it must tell the truth.

If the people who come find less than they have been given reason to expect, we may accept the fact as evidence that our methods have been wrong. Overstatement in advertising is a vital mistake. The woman who fails to find as good a quantity of ribbon as she expected loses confidence in the advertiser. The same holds true of the man who seeks a new home.

Holding Oregon up as a land where the horn of plenty hangs always upside down and is never empty will avail but little. This state is not a Golconda where nuggets of gold lie ready to be picked up without effort. The nuggets are here, but to win them requires work. Oregon is a land of opportunity—but it is not a land of easy money. It offers attractive rewards to the man who is willing to work with his head and with his hands, but it has little for the one who prefers to stand on the street corner.

THE EASTER CONGRATULATIONS

Easter day brings many unwonted faces into the churches. Many men will tear themselves from sweet Sunday morning slumbers at the ungodly hour of 9 a. m. After scolding their wives because their skirts were mislaid, they present a flurried appearance in an unaccustomed seat as the voluntary rolls out from the organ.

Impressive music, spring hats of 1913 model, the general satisfaction of seeing what the milliners and dressmakers have done to your neighbors, these are some of the motives for the thronged churches.

Nevertheless, the message that Easter day brought to earth is the greatest human interest story ever told. It may sound hackneyed to the man whose eyes are fixed on dollars. But sometimes the veil of dress and chaff in which the human heart is shrouded is muen thinned than one thinks. Somewhere in every soul is a longing to know the purpose of the Father in placing us in this world of mysteries.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All matter for the Tidings should be directed to the paper, rather than to any person connected therewith. When directed to a person it is apt to be sent to the home address, thus delaying its insertion.

In England there has been patented a combination of opera glasses and sound intensifier for the use of playgoers whose hearing is impaired.

Chicago's grand opera season just closed shows receipts about \$500,000 against \$480,600 last season.

Along human nerves the electric current travels at from 33 to 60 yards a second.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Onions, according to a leading physician, have little food value. But they are not to be despised, as the doctor probably will admit. They impart a sort of—of lasting aroma, don't you know, to real food, when engulfed as a concomitant thereto.

The groundhog isn't the only animal that's afraid to see its shadow. The express company magnate now sees the parcel post shadow whenever he gets in the sun, while the dove of peace sees flying beneath it the black shadow of the war vulture.

Don't run down your own town. Be loyal to its institutions as you are to your personal interests. Don't condemn its enterprises and at the same time withhold your support and patronage, which would aid in making the enterprises a creditable success. And this sentiment will also apply to the treatment of your home paper as well as to other business.

A traveling man got into a controversy with one of the 'phone girls in Atlantic City, and while somewhat excited told the young lady to "Just keep her shirt on." The manager of the exchange went to the gentleman and told him he had better apologize. He rang central and asked, "Are you the young lady I told to keep her shirt on?" "I sure am," she snapped back. "Well, it's all right with me; you can take it off if you want to," was the apology.

Tearing another's character to pieces will not help yours, no matter how dirty the other man's may be. Pointing out the weeds in your neighbor's yard will not make those in your own yard more beautiful. The white cottage and brown mansion each hide trouble from the world. People talk and know not whereof they speak. They retail slander to show how foul is the dish most palatable to them. Let us walk straight along. Let us each mind our own business and we will never be out of employment.

When the grasshopper ceases to hop and the old cow quits her bawling; when the fishes no longer hop and the baby stops its squalling; when the dunners no longer dun, and the hoot owl quits its hooting; when the riders ever cease to run and the burglar stops his looting; when the vine no longer runs and the skylark stops its larking; when the sun no longer shines and the young man quits his sparking; when the heavens begin to drop and the old maids stop advising, then it is time to shut up shop and quit your advertising.

One of our most popular young ladies played a cruel joke on her mother, and this is how it happened: She accidentally found a love letter that her father had written to her mother in their halcyon days of courtship. She read the letter to her mother, substituting her own name and that of her lover. The mother raved with anger and stamped her foot in disgust, forbidding her daughter to have anything to do with a man who could write such nonsensical stuff to a girl. The girl then gave the letter to her mother to read, and the home suddenly became so quiet that she could hear the snowflakes falling in the back yard.

Eat Meat.

No man who lives on meat was ever known to lick his wife or ask for a divorce. Adam got into a row right off because he had no hog meat, butter or black bass. Napoleon lost Waterloo because the allied forces had bacon for breakfast the morning of the fight. The French had vegetable soup. No war can be successfully waged without hog meat.

American are the most frisky people on earth because they eat the most hog meat.

A vegetable diet woman is as cold and clammy and unlovable as a turnip. If you wish to put roses in the cheeks of your girls, vitality in their every motion, and brains in their heads, feed them meat.

If you want your boy to get a job and hold it, go to the front and amount to something, give him bacon grease, ham fat or tallow, three times a day.

The world is full of cranks who are always getting up some new fad about hay soup or corn fodder tea.

Wanted—A Better Friend.

Who will answer this want ad which appeared in an Illinois paper?
"I am a horse that shivers in the street."

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"I bring the groceries to your door throughout the year.
"In the hottest days of summer I bring you cooling ice.
"In the coldest days of winter I bring you welcome coal.
"Often I have to pull through roads that are deep with slime or rough with frozen clods.
"Many times I slip and often I fall because I am not sharp shod.
"Again and again I am left to shiver on the street after my day's work is done, being obliged to wait until my driver is ready to start me to the barn. Do you wonder that I long for the blue grass region of Kentucky where the meadow lark's a-singing up against the sky so blue?
"But I'm not going back there. I'm going to stay right here and work right ahead and help all I can to make your home life comfortable.
"Don't you want to be a better friend to me?"

We have scores of just such worthy horses in our town even if they have not rushed into print with their grievances.

A New Law.

Under a new law enacted by congress, approved by the president, February 13, 1913, to break the seal of a railway car containing interstate shipments of freight, express or baggage, or to steal or attempt to steal any such shipments from a car, depot, depot platform, steamboat or wharf, is a very serious offense, punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment in the penitentiary not longer than ten years, or by both such fine and imprisonment; or who transport such shipments from one state to another, shall be deemed equally guilty with the thief and punished in the same manner. Cases of this character will be prosecuted in the federal courts. It is expected that the new law will materially aid the authorities in effectually breaking up the organized gangs of freight car thieves which operate in various parts of the country.

Despite the precautions which are taken to prevent theft, it is said that gold to the value of \$5,000,000 is annually stolen from the mines on the Rand, South Africa.

MARKET KNOCKS PRICES.

Long Beach, Cal., Turns Out to Welcome Dealing With Producers.

Long Beach, Cal., March 23.—With 1,000 representative men and women assembled around the 24 producers' wagons which arrived here as early as 7 o'clock today, the first public market of this city was opened.

Clubwomen, housewives and the committeemen and women who have been working for the market crowded eagerly around the loads of vegetables, fruits and eggs, as well as the beautiful floral display, which was sold within 15 minutes and had to be replenished to meet the demand. Dr. I. J. Parker, chairman of the woman's committee, said today:

"All produce in this city has tumbled in price from 3 to 5 cents a pound or a dozen, and on the first day of our public market we find that already prices on food are more easily within the reach of the housekeeper. This much our market has done in one day."

Notice of Filing Plat of Survey. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Ore.

Notice is hereby given that sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 26 to 36 inclusive, in township 38 south, range 5 east, W. M., are surveyed and plat of survey will be filed in this office April 22, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m. and on and after such day we will be prepared to receive applications for the unreserved and unappropriated lands therein.

All persons are warned, however, that said lands being in the Crater National Forest, applications cannot be received except from bona fide settlers who made settlement prior to the withdrawal for reserve purposes.

B. F. JONES, Register.
G. W. RIDDLE, Receiver.

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