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MEDDLESOME PEOPLE.

Newspapers, as a rule, are not exempt from the machinations of meddlesome and garrulous people. They ply their vocation upon the incredulous and innocent...

They are strivers up of strife, breeders of discontent and emissaries of scandal, both public and private, and have great imaginative powers. When they are denounced by the press or the pulpit, they imagine it refers to their neighbors...

What Oregon, and in fact, every other state in the union needs, is an asylum for chronic scandal and gossip peddlers. A place where they can work their tongues to their heart's content without curbing and where their nefarious practices can only be inflicted on their kind.

This does not only apply to women but men as well. Instead of being called scandal mongers, they are called "knockers." They lose no opportunity to knock anybody that is engaged in business, or is an aspirant for some elective or appointive political position...

They knock every improvement or the acquisition of capital or the installation of some industry, fearing someone will reap some benefit out of some project, which they have not the ability or conception to promulgate. They can't bear to see other people prosperous or forge ahead...

It were useless to call them down, or publish facts that apply directly to them, as they never take anything of that kind upon themselves, but are up bright and early to start on their rounds, inflicting other people with their presence in an endeavor to convince them that the statement made or the article published refers to them. They are what are termed barnacles on the body politic...

bacillus carrying contagion and germs of discord and discontent and scattering it broadcast among people who detest the infinitesimal quantities of the public gossip and scandal monger. They resent imputations cast upon themselves, often deserved, but will go out of their way to injure someone else...

The saying might well become the motto of all social reformers, and state legislators. The crime of meddling is so prevalent and irritating as to call for some revolt on the part of the community. It was the crime of the doctors of the law whom Christ was accustomed to denounce with specific vehemence...

The crime still persists. Reform is still the slogan of the self-appointed regulators of state and society. And these regulators are beset by the same spirit as those other regulators who used to hang a horse-thief when they caught him or somebody else when they missed him. The people who go about to end card-playing and theater going and to measure the cut of a lady's bodice, or the lack of length of her sleeves, or to tell men that all clubs are dens of villany...

SALVATION IS FREE.

The scriptural admonition that, "while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return," must have actuated the Post Intelligencer in the following notable conversion: Roast the fatted sage hen and fry the leaping jack rabbit!

Roast the fatted sage hen and fry the leaping jack rabbit! The good news comes from Davenport that Jeems Odgers, the old reliable war horse of Lincoln county democracy, is seriously considering joining the republican party. This will be better than the return of a prodigal son. Every rattlesnake in Lincoln county will buzz when he hears the news...

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman. Come to think of it, it is a little hard on the democrats to have gambling closed down and a religious revival on top of it.

If worse comes to worse Chief Hallack has a clam ranch to fall back on. You can't keep a good man down.

The new spring shapes show that it will not be food form for the ladies to have their Easter hats on straight.

Mrs. Chadwick's doom was sealed from the moment the loan sharks found she was willing to pay usurious rates.

Andrew Carnegie is said to be paying fabulous prices for rare fossils. There are a few in Astoria to be had.

Hood River, Ore., pipins have recently sold in London for 22s 6d per box, \$5.42. On that basis what would our brilliantly colored large Wenatchee or

Yakima apples bring on the same market?—Post-Intelligencer. Thirty cents; they look like it.

The general Synod of the Reformed church in America struck out of its marriage service the "obey" promise of the bride. A dead letter law were better repealed.

A Kansas paper says: "The reason hired girls are so scarce is because they can make more money writing for magazines. We never suspected that was what allied the literary quality of the magazines."

The newspaper which advises American anarchists to go to Russia is inexcusably ignorant. There is no such thing as an American anarchist.

A Rochester, N. Y., corpse arose and licked the would-be embalmer. First recorded instance of playing even with an undertaker.

Robert Harper of Minneapolis, who was born in 1788, has become alarmed at the germ theory recently so much discussed by scientists and fears that he has devoured too many noxious bacilli during the 105 years of his existence to assure him of a continuance of the perfect health he has enjoyed through life.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. W. Preston of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.

T. M. Dimmick of Coos Bay was in the city yesterday.

T. G. Coleman of Portland is registered at the Occident.

William Kyle of San Francisco is in the city on a visit.

Mrs. L. A. Carlisle of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

William Timson of Bellingham is in the city on business.

M. Wise of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

Samuel H. Maddock is reported seriously ill at his residence.

Thos. Bufford of St. Louis registered at the Occident yesterday.

Miss Souvenit of Cathlamet visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

H. V. Thompson of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.

Peter Johns and Miss Johns of Rockland were in the city yesterday.

M. Gorman, wife and son of Cathlamet were in the city yesterday.

Peter Reischman of Chinook was registered at the Central yesterday.

Frank J. Carney returned last evening from a business trip to Portland.

W. S. Paige, a prominent attorney of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

C. E. Palmer, representing Blake McFall & Co., is in the city on his semi-monthly tour.

Paul Delaney of the Portland Journal was in the city yesterday and left for home last evening.

Al Leinewebber, who was injured several weeks ago, is able to walk without the aid of crutches.

Miss Francis Estes left yesterday morning for McMinnville to resume her studies. Miss Gertrude Preston accompanied her.

Mrs. J. L. Kline and Mrs. H. Crohn left yesterday for Vancouver, B. C., where they will visit with Mrs. Kline's two nieces. They will also spend a week with friends in Seattle before returning.

DREAD OF HUMANITY

I am compelled by a sense of gratitude to tell you the great good your remedy has done me in a case of Contagious Blood Poison. Among other symptoms I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism, and got almost past going. The disease got a firm hold upon my system; my blood was thoroughly poisoned with the virus. I lost in weight, was run down, had sore throat, eruptions, spotsches and other evidences of the disease. I was truly in a bad shape when I began the use of S. S. S., but the persistent use of it brought me out of my trouble safe and sound, and I have the courage to publicly testify to the virtues of your great blood remedy, S. S. S., and to recommend it to all blood-poison sufferers, sincerely believing if it is taken according to directions, and given a fair trial, it will thoroughly eliminate every particle of the virus. JAMES CURRAN, Stark Hotel, Greensburg, Pa.

Painful swellings in the groins, red eruptions upon the skin, sores in the mouth and loss of hair and eyebrows, are some of the symptoms of this vile disease. S. S. S. is an antidote for the awful virus that attacks and destroys even the bones. S. S. S. contains no Mercury, Potash or other mineral ingredient. We offer \$1,000 for proof that it is not absolutely vegetable. Home treatment book giving the symptoms and other interesting and valuable information about this disease, mailed free. Our physicians advise free those who write us.



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