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COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The people quite realize that the County Court House should be completed, appreciating, as they do, that the half finished foundation which now graces the site is hardly an argument for the enterprise that should be manifested, not only in Astoria, but in the entire county.

QUAKER CITY AWAKENS.

Philadelphia, the sleepy metropolis of Pennsylvania, has given the world one of the most astonishing raids on record; it has cleaned out its tenderloin and into the mire are dragged the names of men and women, whose cognomens grace the blue book of society and who move among the smart set at Newport, at New York and at Paris.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Ye Windy Afternoon

I care not for ye Vaudeville,
Ye stokinge gay, ye high balloon;
I'd rather stroll down Market Street,
And view ye hofve and instep neat
Ye windy afternoon

I envy ye, ye leg-left man
Who paper fellve and him who begve.
In vantage low of vision sweet
Enuff to turn thrifve dufty street
Into a dream of legve.

It matterf not—thif mortal fvee
Whate'er our fate, miffortune be.
Ye dear good God haf faid that He
Who begfve shall get hif share of glee
Ye man of leg-leftve luxurie.

It may be armfve, it may be legfve.
Ye street car fmafth. But oh I fwoon!
I'd rather fit on Market street
And view ye hofve and instep neat
Ye windy afternoon.

Don V. Harwood, S. F. Call.

Sizing Him Up.

"Who is that big man," asked the stranger.
"That," replied the native, "is Mr. Pompus."

"Only plain mister! Why, he had the bearing of a major-general."
"Yes, and the overbearing of a lieutenant."—Philadelphia Press.

A Giveaway.

"I gave him a piece of my mind."
"That was very generous."
"How so?"

"To give freely of what one has the least is of the highest form of generosity."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Conditions Changed.

He vowed that he'd move worlds for her
He'd journey to the sun;
He'd overthrow Creation if
She wanted merely one.

Wee little star to wear upon
Her finger, he would get
Her what she wanted, though it caused
He'n heav'n to upset.

He promised these and many more
(Such is the way of men.)
But this was seven months ago
They were not married then.
—Lowell Otis Reese, S. F. Bulletin.

Losing the Fun.

"He's drunk all the time," said Goodley, disgusted.

"He's a fool, suh!" exclaimed Colonel Kaintuek.

"Ah! I'm rather surpriced to hear you say that."

"Why so, suh? If a man ain't sober sometime, how on 'airth kin he appreciate a real good drunk!"—Philadelphia Press.

High Finance.

Willie had a savings bank.
'Twas made of painted tin.
He passed it 'round among the boys
Who put their pennies in.

Then Willie wrecked that bank and bought
Sweetmeats and chewing gum,
And to the other envious lads.
He never offered some.

"What shall we do," his mother said;
"It is a sad mischance!"
His father said: "We'll cultivate
His gift for high finance."

In the Smart Set.

Tom—I notice that Grace never speaks to you any more. What's the trouble?
Dick—I told her she was one in a thousand." She thinks she's one of the '400."

Speaking of Canoes.

Muggins—Old Busybody says he believes in paddling his own canoe.

Baggins—Nonsense. Old Busybody isn't satisfied unless he's paddling some other fellow's.—Philadelphia Record.

Literal.

"I wonder who framed these trolley grab bills?"

"I don't know. But I can tell you how they were framed."

"How?"

"In guilt."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mary's not True.

"They're going to name the baby 'Mary' after her maternal grandmother"

"Gracious! That's terrible."

"Terrible?"

"Certainly, the poor child'll be 'Mam-ed' for life."—Philadelphia Press.

Non-Committal.

"Did I understand you," asked the man who was trying to pull off a little shred of white meat, "to say that this was a spring chicken?"

"Yes, sir," replied the waiter, "and I want you to understand that I am not a liar. I didn't say when."—Chicago Record-Herald.

... Inquisitive.

Johnny (to his sister's young man.)

—What baseball club do you play with this season?

Sister's Young Man—I never played a game of baseball in my life. Why do you ask?

"Cause I heard ma tell sister that you were a splendid catch."—New Yorker.

PREPARE TO CAMP

National Guards Will Pitch Camps at Gearhart.

MAJOR BAKER VISITS CITY

Says Boys Blue Will Pass Through Here July 13. Camp Will Be Maintained until July 30. Oregon Men to Enter National Sheet.

Major F. S. Baker, third infantry of the Oregon National guard, was in the city yesterday for a few hours, previous to his return to the metropolis from Gearhart, where he has been for some days past superintending the construction of the camp for the National guard which will open July 13 and continue until the 30th.

"The boys will come through here on a special on the twentieth and will immediately go into camp near Gearhart. During the stay, the greater part of the time will be devoted to military maneuvers. One thing, however, that has not heretofore been divulged, is the fact that a number of shooting matches will be held for the purpose of selecting a team of 12 men to participate in the annual shoot for the championship of the United States held at Seac Girt, N. J. under the auspices of the National Rifle association.

"In this, the men of the Oregon National guard will come into competition with the crack teams of the navy and army as well as those selected from nearly every state in the Union. This will be the first instance in which Oregon men have participated in a National shoot and we are desirous of making an excellent showing."

The entire infantry contingent of the state of Oregon consisting of the Third infantry and the First separate battalion will go into camp at Gearhart under command of Col. Gantenbein. Major Baker left for Portland last night.

NEW RUN OF SALMON APPEARS IN THE RIVER

Consists of Steelheads and Chinook But Supply Is Small.

A new run of steelheads has appeared in the river, and some of the fishermen declare that a new run of chinooks has also come inside. Yesterday the first of the new chinooks were caught, but the supply was not at all satisfactory.

The new run of steelheads has made up in part for the shortage of the chinook supply. The steelheads made their appearance a few days ago, and some excellent catches have been made. This class of fish is in great demand, as it is frozen and shipped fresh to New York and other large cities where fresh salmon is a luxury that brings 25 cents a pound.

There is no fixed price for steelheads, and cold storage men and packers scramble for the min the open market. The best bidders get the fish, and the fishermen are therefore enabled to secure top prices for their catches of steelheads. Just how long the run will last is problematical.

There is a disposition in some quarters to make it appear that the pack of salmon thus far is woefully short, but reliable statements are to the effect that it is in excess of that of last year. The cold storage output is much ahead of last year's, and the pack is estimated to be 25 per cent better than that of 1904.

Every packer on the Columbia has already sold every case which he will pack this season, and the orders are greater than the pack is apt to be. The statement was made yesterday that not one of the packers would be able to fill his orders. The market is clean and the jobbers will doubtless do well this season. The advance sales were made at the opening prices.

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