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A hanging which has not required either noose or hangman is that of the Williamson-Gesner-Biggs jury.

In way of inducing Easterners to visit the exposition city Portland's mayor and council have entered the lists and promise something unique and spectacular in way of a gladiatorial combat.

A sore toe on the son of William Jenning Bryan demands two sticks of good valuable type. It is gratifying to know that the young man's whole foot was not afflicted.

A furor has been created in Salem by the intelligence that the indicted magistrate, Judge Dawne, has returned to life. If Salem should return to life—what then?

Kuhnul Henry Watterson of Kentucky is of the opinion that aything from "bad whiskey" to "Standard Oil" constitutes American aristocracy. We presume that Kentucky's finest is not under the ban placed by this editor and that it entitles Kentuckians to the real lineage.

The latest achievement in modern science can be traced to Astoria. It was only a few years ago that the telegraph was superseded materially by the telephone. It will soon develop, however, that the Telephone will have to hurry to hold its own when the Telegraph goes into use.

Considering that within a few weeks hundreds, and possibly thousands, of strangers will be in our midst in attendance at the regatta, it wouldn't be a bad idea to devote some effort to cleaning the city. There are many little ways in which the appearance of Astoria may be bettered. Individual effort will assist greatly in gaining this end. Not only should attention be paid to the streets and to the sidewalks in the business section, but to the residence section and especially to the front yards. A little water on the flowers, a dead leaf or twig clipped here and there, a broom applied to the front steps or paths—all these things will assist in making the city look spic and span when the visitors arrive and the clean city will appeal to every homeseeker.

The action of a Salt Lake judge in handing down a temporary injunction against three Mormon members of the council, restraining them from voting on the ground of pecuniary interest, may be productive of results that will not be relished by the Mormon church. The proneness of Mormons to commercialism is an eminent characteristic of the sect. They control some of the greatest and most remunerative enterprises in the country and it may be said that these are not wholly confined to Utah. If the men they elect to various municipal bodies are denied the right to further the interests of the projects controlled by the church by voting for or against various resolutions and ordinances, their operations will necessarily be curtailed.

The value of canals is strikingly illustrated by the volume of commerce which annually passes through the short ship canal around the falls in the St. Mary's river at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The 50th anniversaary of the opening of the canaal at this point is being appropriately celebrated at Sault Ste. Marie this week. As stated a few days ago in an article in the columns of this paper it has been necessary on two occasions to enlarge the capacity of the canal built a century ago at an expense of about $1,000,000, in order to accommodate the commerce. The average Westerner has little conception of the immensity of the commerce of the great lakes. Last year the number of vessels which passed Sault Ste. Marie was greater than that which entered the harbor of New York. The freight on these vessels equalled in tonnage that recorded at the New Orleans Customs house as entering and clearing from that port last year. As many as 99 vessels, laden with 287,899 tons of freight have been raised or lowered through the Poe and Weitzel locks in the course of 24 hours. The construction of this canal opened up rich sources of wealth. As a result, iron and copper mines in the neighborhood of the shores of Lake Superior were rapidly developed and the cost of transporting wheat to the Atlantic seaboard from the prolific fields of the Middle West is kept at a low figure. It is a part of the water system of which the Erie canal is a link. The enlargement of the Erie canal will enable the port of New York to reap a greater benefit than ever before from this vast lake traade.

Particularly sane comment on the accident to the Bennington is offered by The Army and Navy Journal. That paper holds that it is yet too soon to say whether an individual or a system was responsible for the explosion, and, therefore, that judgment should be suspended until a court of inquiry has elicited more facts. This is certainly the only right attitude to assume. It is far wiser to adopt no theory at all than to adopt one which must, perhaps, eventually be abandoned. First impressions cannot easily be eradicated, and the just man will for a time refrain from making a choice between the different hypotheses which have been advanced to account for the recent disaster. There appears to be no doubt that the Bennington's boilers were old, and that the need of repairs on the first of them which gave way had been officially recognized. Still, these circumstances do not prove that weakness was the primary cause of the explosion. To blame any one for keeping the boiler in service, therefore, is, to say the least, premature. Marine and other engineers have within the last few days remarked that the violence with which the boiler burst seemed to point to another possibility. Something may have been wrong with the water-guage, and it may have given false indications of the amount of liquid therein. Adjacent valves are sometimes closed while the boiler is being cleaned, and they are not always opened again when they should be. In this manner and otherwise the glass tube which is supposed to reveal the level of the water is sometimes prevented from acting properly. Should the man in charge fail to make a further test by opening the cocks provided for that purpose he might easily be misled by the guage. If that be the correct explanaation of the accident to the Bennington, the trouble may have been attributable to what The Army and Navy Journal calls "a system."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

REVEILLE.

The shadows flee from glassy sea,
And plaintive, clear and high,
Comes lonely pipe from early snipe
To tell that dawn is nigh.
The sails, dew wet, hang limply yet
Against the clammy mast,
Then up, ye dogs, and don your togs!
For lo! the night is passed.

The east's aglow with bristling row
Of lances gold and red,
The first faint breeze blurs sleeping seas;
On deck ye dogs abed!
We swing and strain at jarring chain,
Alert to be away.
Ho! boatswain, hail! All hands make sail!
Awake! for it is day!

The sun leaps high in blazing sky
Above the ocean's rim,
And wakes on land a feathered band
To make their morning hymn.
Then halyards haul, ye sailors all,
Trim sheets, and lay her course,
And crowd her through the eager blue,
The wind is here in force!

—H. V. Smedberg.

LATE MARINE.

The steamer Mary Allen was burned to the water's edge this morning and every soul on board drowned except the chambermaid, who saved herself by swimming ashore. She was loaded with pig iron and insured for $40,000.—Eugene Guard.

MOSQUITOES AND OTHER THINGS.

"Consarn such a state, anyway!"

"What's the matter?"

"Skeeters."

"Look here, son, ain't New Jersey bread and butter good enough for you?"

"Yes."

"Ain't Jersey cider the best liquor you ever tasted?"

"Sure it is."

"Did you ever eat sweeter peaches than we raise around here?"

"No."

"Ain't Jersey justice guardin' you day an' night?"

"I s'pose it is."

"Then, by hen! if after you've shared all them blessings you don't know bet'er'n to turn around an' slander the state for havin' a few innocent little skeeters on hand to keep loafers like you from goin' to sleep at the plow, you'd just better pack up an' git out!"

CUPID DEFEATED.

A half-repentant bachelor, with quite a pile of rocks,
Dropped in, one day, beside the way, and bought a pair of socks,
Arrived at home—romantic joy!—he flame, "An old maid I have wond'ringly drew out
A note hidden in the hose—from some fair hand, no doubt!

"I'm 20 years of age," it read, "and called a country belle.
With you I'd like to correspond—if you will never tell.
My object matrimony is, and yours, I hope, the same.
If you'll address me, I'll respond," and then she wrote her name.

On fire with hope, the bachelor that very evening wrote,
And folded his epistle with a kiss inside the note.
Sly Cupid had him in his mesh—no very clever catch,
For, after all, quite foolish is a half-repentant bach.

But, oh! how sheepishly did he feel when from the fair unknown
This answer came, to quench his flame, "And old maid I have grown!
Alas! 'twas 40 years ago I planned that fond surprise,
Defeated by a heartless wretch who wouldn't advertise."

—Printer's Ink.

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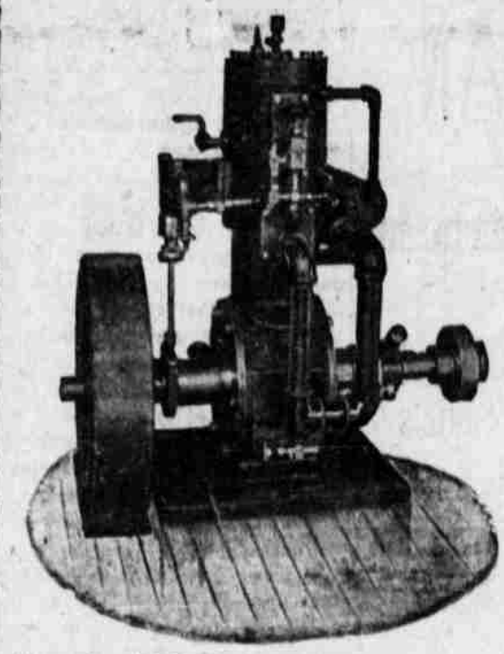

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