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M. Witte imprinted a reverent kiss upon the forehead of the conductor of the special which conveyed him to Boston. For once the wife of this conductor cannot wax angry because of an alien's kiss.

Is Astoria on the map. Well, rather. Captain U. R. Scott proposes to establish a Dulles-Astoria run for the steamers Telegraph and Telephone. The boats will call at Portland to take on water and supplies.

While we greatly deplore the drowning of a brother and sister in the Willamette river through, it is said, the lack of presence of mind on the part of 20 of 21 occupants of a launch, we are reluctant to make a criticism. Presence of mind is a peculiar blessing—at times it developed at crucial moments and again in dire necessity it is delinquent. There is none knows what he will do until he faces a moment of terror in which presence of mind may avoid the loss of life.

The people of New Orleans have wired President Roosevelt thanking him for his prompt action in extending government aid to the suffering city in fighting the epidemic. They have also wired Surgeon-general Wyman expressing confidence in him and pledging to raise any funds that may be required by the public health and marine hospital service. How felicitated must feel the small body of men who have kept the disease fairly under control to the present time.

Passengers on the I. R. & N. train from the Washington beaches Sunday afternoon were astonished to perceive that the men selling berth tickets for the steamer Potter were both intoxicated. Ignoring the rights of all persons on the train, they stumbled through the cars, thrusting men and women aside that they might pass and it is doubtful if anyone's feet escaped being tramped upon by them. The trip to the beaches is too good to be marred by anything so inexcusable as this.

Magnate Harriman says that wherever the business will justify it or there is a country to support it, his system will build a railway. It is up to a hundred communities in the state to assume that Mr. Harriman possesses the Missouri "show-me" skepticism. He should be shown how remunerative a railway would prove in the various sections of our commonwealth where no railway at present exists. The progress of all these regions depends almost absolutely upon the inauguration of railway systems.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle objects to the action of a Patterson barber who is said to have put telephones on his shop chairs for the benefit of his business customers, probably taking his cue from the judge who permitted the introduction of a "ticker" into the courtroom for the use of one of the jurors, a large cotton broker, so that he wouldn't get nervous thinking over stock quotations, thus diverting his attention from the case before the court of justice and if the juror wrong; the ticker and all other emblems of commercialism are out of place in a courtroom of justice and if the juror can't keep his nerves steady while hearing the case, because of "frenzied finance," he had best be excused. The Democrat and Chronicle truly says, "It is typical of our hustling time, but no sensible business man will use a telephone while he is being shaved," and compares such an act to reading a newspaper or smoking a cigar during that operation—as some inconsiderate persons do, adding—"the barber's chair should be a place of rest and refreshment, not of business activity," and "the few minutes spent there every day, or every other day, may save a man from paralysis or paresis," by giving brain and nerves a chance to recuperate. It might have added that in all up-to-date, first class barber shops a shave in the modern style is a luxury and a recreation, what with the modern appli-

ances, electricity, etc., for the customer's comfort. It is a shame to mar it by introducing the hurry-up business.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ANOTHER HAT BET.

Miss Yangky—And what has Mr. Chichester done that you think him so interesting?

Lord De Massey—He won a Derby, y' know.

Miss Yangky—How nice! On the election!—Cleveland Leader.

FROM GEORGIA.

A Meriwether man is the owner of a mule that recently "kicked a lightning flash to pieces"—scattering the fire all around. A neighbor who lost a barn by it is suing the owner of the mule for damages.—Atlanta Constitution. Her name was "Maud."

JUST REBUKE.

"Waiter," said the man who was dining in the saloon annex, "bring me some water, please."

"Some what?" gasped the waiter.

"Water. Are you deaf?"

"Say, mister, you'll find the wash-room in the rear. Folks that eat here has the manners to wash before they come to th' table, see!"—Cleveland Leader.

ONLY ONE WHO DID.

Grayce—I don't see why you picked out such a fellow as George to marry. You know dozens of better looking, brainier and richer men.

Gladys—That's very true.

Grayce—Then why are you going to marry George?

Gladys—Simply because he has asked me to. my dear.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PERVERSE HUMAN NATURE.

Grayce—Our preacher has done a great deal to break up golf playing on Sunday.

Gladys—How did he manage it?

Grayce—Mainly by saying that he did not consider it particularly wicked.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HIS CLOSE FRIENDS.

"I saw old Tightwad and Closest today."

"I didn't know you knew them?"

"Oh, yes; they are close friends of mind."—Houston Post.

HEARTLESS DIG.

Mrs. Bryde—Oh, John, this is terrible. The cat had a fit in the kitchen and ruined the pie I had ready for dinner!

Mr. Bryde—Haven't you got the sequence of events turned around?

Mrs. Bryde—Haven't I?—Oh, you cruel brute!—Cleveland Leader.

UNREASONABLE CHILD.

He—What's the baby crying for?

She—Why, he has just swallowed a penny.

He—Good gracious! The child can't expect to eat his pennies and have 'em, too!—Yonkers Statesman.

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