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The dove of peace is still hovering over Portsmouth, but all the croakers are sure she will never light.

"Chicago rather fancies a rest," says a baseball heading. A great many people are like Chicago in this particular, these mucky, rainy days.

Blood will tell, of course, but the Prussian scientist who says he can tell one man's blood from that of another by the corpuscles does not seem to have left much for the blood to tell.

Tourists and scientific students will, as time goes on, be having such narrow escapes from death on American glaciers as was reported yesterday from Montana. Sooner or later there will be business enough for professional guides, like those who abound in Alpine villages, to minimize the danger of inspecting and exploring these wonders.

Fiala declares that the lives of his men were saved only by the forethought of Baldwin, his predecessor, in the command of the Ziegler expedition, in depositing stores near Teplitz bay. It is a pity that the financial backer of the enterprise is not alive to listen to this testimony to the capacity of the man whom he displaced.

The Los Angeles Express admits that financing the scheme to bring water from the Owens river valley is a yet unsolved problem, though it optimistically declares that all monetary difficulties will be cleared away. According to its latest assessment, Los Angeles has a borrowing capacity of \$23,000,000; but the city is already carrying a bonded debt of \$5,000,000, and hence its further borrowing capacity is limited to \$18,000,000. The estimated cost of the Owens river scheme is \$23,000,000. The question of where the money is to come from is still unanswered.

The Oregonian's "simple answer" to the query "why this degeneracy?"—ament the publicity accorded the Taggart case through its columns—is quite the most amusing explanation we have yet read, not because the question at hand is not sufficiently serious to require studious comment, but because the Oregonian apparently believes this lame excuse, which strongly hints it is necessary for a metropolitan newspaper to print matter so lascivious as that descriptive of the Taggart proceedings in order to retain its patronage, will be swallowed by its constituents. The Oregonian heads its comment "An Inevitable Consequence" and then goes on to show that a "yellow" newspaper published by a "group of very pious people" is responsible for the whole thing. We presume the Sunday Mercury is referred to, giving the proprietors of that weekly the benefit of the doubt, because we cannot, in any way, associate the Journal with piety. It may be, however, that we are in error. Notwithstanding it is difficult to bring ourselves to believe the Oregonian has fallen from the high perch upon which it has squatted for a decade, preserving dignity and expounding the principles of high morals and lofty ideals, nor can we believe that this staid daily newspaper recognizes a competitor in the Journal; in fact, we still labor under the impression that the Journal is not doing business. "These journals," continues the Oregonian—in way of explaining why it stoops to profligacy—"are pitched on a low grade or basis, in many ways or features. The Oregonian must meet them or go out of business. But the Oregonian is not going out of business. It will not descend to their depths, but it will print clean versions of stor-

ies, of which they print—other versions." It has been remarked on more than one occasion that diplomacy, like the foreign language spoken in the presence of those who do not understand it, hides many things, that might otherwise prove offensive, but we are not of the opinion that diplomacy can be resorted to successfully in this particular instance. The last sentence of the foregoing comment is nicely conceived, but it hardly suffices. "Clean versions" of the Taggart case. Just fancy; the Oregonian asserts it will print clean versions of a case which is so degenerate in its every phase, it is a stigma upon the entire American nation. To what clientele does the Oregonian cater? Is its constituency so thoroughly recruited from among those of vitiated taste that it must needs print stories of the Taggart case to retain its prestige? In another part of this editorial the Oregonian says: "It is, however, less a reflection—referring to the degradation of the character of journalism—on the publishers of newspapers than on the public taste that demands such matter." We can only construe this to mean that the Oregonian places its entire constituency on a level with the people of perverted minds; that the thousands of people in Portland, in the State of Oregon, and, in fact, in the Northwest, who are on its subscription list demand this putrid journalism. It would be well for the Oregonian to think twice before committing itself so indiscreetly—it seems we are to understand that mothers, fathers, and the young women and young men, of the Northwest, are eager to read stories which can only appeal to the ordinary police court bum.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE NORTH POLE.

No mortal has set eyes on it
Since time began to roll;
Hence none may venture to confute
My notion of the pole.
I fancy it a fishing rod
Upon a mighty plan.
With fame and glory for the bait,
Designed for catching man.
The Frost King on an iceberg sits
And angels night and day,
A few may nibble here and there,
But always get away.
—McLanburgh Wilson.

MERELY A BLUFF.

He—All women, however humble, are natural-born actresses.
She—I believe it. Our parlor maid dusts the furniture just exactly as the soubrette does it on the stage.

THE THINGS I MISS.

An easy thing, O Peter divine,
To thank Thee for these gifts of Thine;
For summer's sunshine, winter's snow,
For hearts that kindle, thoughts that glow.
But when shall I attain to this—
To thank Thee for the things I miss?
For all young fancy's early gleams
The dreamed-of joys that still are dreams,
Hopes unfulfilled and pleasures known
Through others' fortunes, not my own,
And blessings seen that are not given,
And ne'er will be this side of Heaven.

Had I, too, shared the joys I see,
Would there have been a Heaven for me?
Could I have felt thy presence near
Had I possessed what I held dear?
My deepest fortune, highest bliss,
Have grown, perchance, from things I miss.

Sometimes there comes an hour of calm;
Grief turns to blessings, pain to balm;
A Power that works above my will
Still leads me onward, upward still;
And then my heart attains to this—
To thank Thee for the things I miss.
—Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

HIS MISERABLE LOT.

"Why don't you go to work?"
"Lady," answered Plodding Pete, "I'm on my way dere now. De trouble is dat when I'm in New York I hear about a job dat I kin git in 'Frisco. An' by de time I gits to 'Frisco I finds de job is taken an' I hears of another one in New York."—Washington Star.

HIS FORTE.

"Spinks says this talk about trusts is all foolishness."
"Is he an authority on trusts?"
"Maybe not; but he's an authority on foolishness."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HIS ALTERED WANTS.

"A month ago the senator was hollering for a vindication."
"And now?"
"He'd like to have a new trial."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE ONLY WAY.

Rastus—How yo' like yo' melon?
Ephraim—On de cob—Puck.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and dis- counts\$567,809 70
County warrants 18,130 40
City warrants .. 43,449 82 \$629,389 92
Real estate 14,500
Due from banks 91,916 73
Cash on hand.... 53,936 00 147,832 73

Total791,742 65

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in\$100,000 00
Surplus 35,000 00
Undivided profit 14,927 21
Dividends unpaid 120 00
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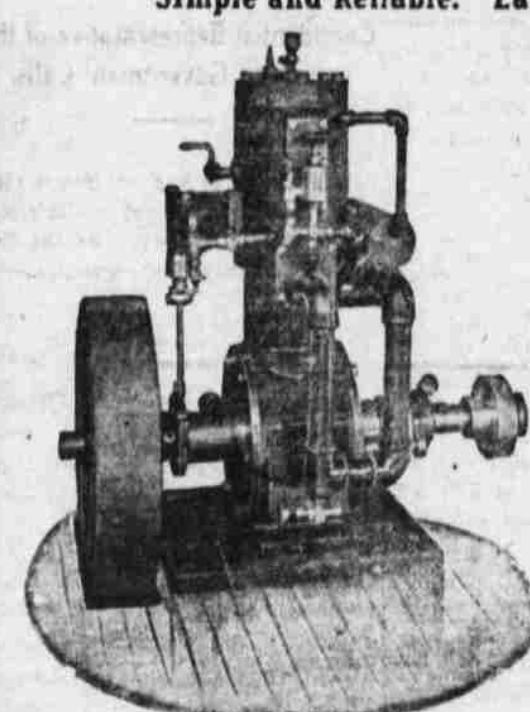
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