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the islands. If this is the conclusion there can be little hope for the independents in the immediate future.

Dorothy Dix says many cute things that are true. She also says some true things that are cute, but when she set out to write about "Work" she certainly made queer work of it. Listen to this from her pen: "The most delightful amusement in the world is working. The best time that anybody can have is to be found in doing good work for good pay. There is no other joy equal to the clean joy of being swallowed up in some congenial occupation that keeps the hands busy, the mind alert and active and that fills the hours with absorbing plans and interests. Certainly work is the great national American sport, and the reason that American men keep on in business long after they have accumulated fortunes is because the fascination and fun of the game is so great that they cannot bring themselves to the point of laying down their hands and dropping out."

ALL SORTS.

The most common form of color blindness is an inability to distinguish red. Bright red spectacles, accompanied by internal forms of enamel, form a new German specific against seasickness.

Shepherds believe the wool on a sheep's back is an unfeeling barometer. The curlier the wool the finer will be the weather.

India has three and one third times as much foreign trade as Japan; three times as much as China, easily beating Italy and Austria, also Belgium, and surpassing the Russian empire by 25 per cent.

In the window of a Manchester (England) drugstore was a card of cheap microscopes marked 1 shilling each, with the notice: "These are the cheapest microscopes ever offered for the money."

For the first four months of his term, just ended, Postmaster General Cortelyou issued 175 fraud orders, or more than any of his predecessors issued in two years, and more than were issued during the first six years that the law was in effect.

The oldest ship in the American navy is the frigate *Constitution*, which is 44 days older than the *Constitution*, familiarly known as old *Ironsides*. She was launched September 7, 1797. The *Constitution* was launched October 21, 1797.

The earliest mention of bells, as applied for purposes of Christian worship, is by Polydore Vergil, who states that Paulinus, bishop of Nola, a city of Campania, in Italy, first adapted them to his church in the year 400.

The giant of the whole spider family is the "hound" or "dog" spider of Madagascar. Its body weighs about a pound and each of its eight legs is longer and larger in diameter than the common cedar pencil.

The Japanese government is printing a complete record of the present war, and has kept it up to date ever since the trouble began. The records will be made public at the close of hostilities, and will be printed in English and French as well as in Japanese.

The arrival of many Hindoos from India to enter as students at the Imperial university and schools of technology at Tokio has been noted lately. It was intended to celebrate the festival of the great Indian national hero, Sivaji, at Tokio, this year for the first time with great eclat.

Swallows and house martins build by sticking together pellets of prepared road mud. Most of the material is obtained from the dry puddles on the highroads. If not mixed with anything else the tendency of these pellets would be to crumble when dry. But the swallow tribe is supplied with a mucous secretion which enables it to gum the particles together.

WITH THE JESTERS.

"You've caught a fresh cold, haven't you?"
 "Ugh! Maybe I have, but it lukes me feel bighty stale, I tell you."—Philadelphia Press.
 "We have a new stove in our office," writes a Georgia editor, "and now that falltime is close at hand we put our subscribers on notice that we burn both wood and poetry."—Atlanta Constitution.
 "What good was my vermiform appendix, anyway, doctor?"
 "It wasn't any good to you," replied the surgeon, "but it's worth about \$500 to me."—Detroit Free Press.

MANY MARINE NOTES

The Electro Badly Smashed in Collision with the Samson.

BARGE WASHINGTON ADRIFT

Jennie Stella Finally Gets to Sea—An Antwerp Ship Arrives—Lively Day on the Waterfront—Local Boats All Busy and Active.

The tug *Sampson* arrived up yesterday morning with the rock barge *Washington* in tow and dropped the barge at an anchorage along the south edge of the sandbar, at a point opposite the customs dock. The *Sampson* then swung to make a tieup at the dock and in making her turn down stream and against the flood, had the misfortune to smash stern on, into the beautiful little *Electro*, the federal quarantine steamer, staying in the port rail and housing of the latter for a distance of 16 feet abaft the forward break of the housing. The rail was simply splintered, and the foot of the housing shoved inboard for three feet and the port windows demolished. The remarkable fact is the *Electro* was not sunk. She was snugly berthed and her safety was due to the fact that the *Sampson* took her "go-ahead" bell a little quicker than usual. It is probable the *Electro* will be laid off for repairs and her place supplied by another steamer. The *Patrol* was berthed immediately west of the *Electro*, but escaped without a bruise. The *Sampson* also got away without injury. Her owners will, no doubt, be called upon to "make good," which they will do readily, as their steamer was wholly to blame.

The *Sampson* had her hands full yesterday. After her collision with the *Electro*, she was called upon to go in chase of her tow, the rock barge *Washington*, which drifted from her anchorage about 3:30 o'clock p. m., and started on the flood-tide for Tongue point, and way landings, at an eight-knot clip. Upon coming to anchor in the morning, insufficient chain was veered out, and the incoming tide lifted her anchor from the poor holding ground. Before her keper discovered her plight she had drifted as far as the east end of the Callender dock; he then payed out more chain, but the *Washington* was opposite the A. & C. R. dock before the hook caught and checked her giddy stampede up the bay. After she was rounded to, the *Sampson* left her dock and went after the tow and took steps to prevent a repetition of such independent action.

Oil tank steamer *Whittier* crossed in early yesterday morning and passed up for Portland in charge of Pilot Crang.

The Warren Packing company's salmon ship, *C. F. Sargent*, left up for Portland, yesterday morning in tow of the *Elmore*.

Bar tug *Tatoosh* left for the sea yesterday at noon, with the *Jennie Stella* in tow.

Steamer *Sue H. Elmore* came in from lower coast points at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and berthed at the O. R. & N. dock.

Steamer *W. H. Harrison* arrived up from Nehalem yesterday with a few passengers and light manifest.

German ship *Oregon* from Antwerp, via San Francisco, with general cargo, passed up for Portland, in tow, yesterday morning early.

Steamer *Manzanita* arrived down yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and docked at Parker's pier.

Steamer *Lurline* has been chartered by the war-party of the local Hoo Hoos, to carry the Astoria contingent to Portland on Friday evening next. Saturday is Hoo Hoo day at the Lewis and Clark fair, and the grand concatenation would be a dismal failure if Astoria failed on this charter party.

Steamer *Asuncion*, grain laden, arrived down from Portland yesterday evening. She is bound for San Pedro.

THE LIBRARY DOMICILED.

The ladies in charge of the public library yesterday took over formal possession of the beautiful new quarters assigned them in the city hall. But few of the books have been transferred, as yet, but the magazine literature is available and the rooms are open to the public, with such entertainment as can be offered for the present. The whole of the library will be installed as soon as definite news arrives from the East in relation to patent bookcases long ago ordered in this behalf.

LIVELY RUNAWAY.

About 10 o'clock yesterday morning a horse attached to a light delivery wagon, made a picturesque dash on Duane street, from the Federal building to Wells, Fargo & Co.'s office. Flying papers in the street caused the stampede, and luckily no damage was done. No stop-watch was held on the event, but it was lively while it lasted.

TALK IT OVER.

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D. E. Duncan, who is employed with his brother at the Astoria sodaworks, 426 Duane street, and who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets, says: "I had been troubled with a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was a constant dull aching pain in the loins and as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache, but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and one day I stepped into Charles Rogers' drugstore and got a box. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses I felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same good results."

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