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The Missourian who was recently arrested in New York City for carrying a couple of loaded revolvers was evidently prepared to "show" the natives a thing or two in the way of self protection. The New York ordinances are the strictest in the country on his subject, and by the time the Westerner gets through with the local courts, he may feel he would have saved time and money, by a free use of his guns in a big crowd, as the prosecution and penalty in the latter case would nearly parallel the legal difficulties he finds himself in by reason of the milder charge.

The researches of Professor Loeb, of the Leland Stanford University, at Palo Alto, California, in the field of organic life, its creation and perpetuation, and the marvelous results he is attaining, causes the timid soul of the layman to stand aghast at the boldness of his temerity in treading upon the prerogative of the Creator, but comfort is available in the conclusion that the Creator of all endowed the human brain with these superb faculties for crucial research at the same time he invested the mollusk with its fibres and tentacles, and the one is permitted the use of its finer and more discerning faculties with the same freedom allowed the lower creation in employing its sedentary and inoperative abilities. Every creature to its sphere and God for us all.

The invention of a practical wireless telephone by a California lad of 17 years, is an extraordinary exhibition of the tendencies of the age. Not only is the invention in direct line with the accumulating wonders of the present era, but the youth of the inventor emphasizes the possibilities of precocity. The world has been taught to look to its savants of advanced age for its marvels, and now to have the infants handing in tribute of this sort, opens up a vista of potentialities almost limitless.

Young McCarthy's contrivance for the sending of wireless telephone messages, is crude, incomplete and vague in operation, but the principle involved is pronounced by experts to be incontrovertibly correct, and its perfect adaptation to public use a mere question of detail and time, and a short time at that, as the popular demand for such a utility will compel the early application of successful methods in manufacture and use.

Communities, like individuals, are called upon at times, to confront conditions that require immediate and final treatment; predicaments that may not be disposed of by the rule of procrastination or inertia; and Astoria is face to face with one of these imperative situations. She simply must have a hotel. The good repute of the city abroad is jeopardized, especially when the state is full to overflowing with people who know what good hotels are, and who travel with the expectation of finding up-to-date accommodations in a city of this size and located as we are, a resort at the basic center of a semi-circle of resorts, practically a terminal for sea and rail transportation lines, and claiming all we claim for Astoria. There was a day when Portland was forced to make good on just such a proposition, and her people met it promptly and tactfully. They reared a million dollar hostelry, and equipped in a fashion that puts it in the category of the world's famous inns. The bonds of the company, as remarked by a leading Astorian, lately, once "peddled about at \$30, and today they cannot be had for \$150." The Marquam is an invincible argument in these premises,

and Astoria may restrict her investment to limits that conform to her population, her requirements and her purse. But move she must. Her hotel-less condition is a clarion cry of reproach, and must be quieted, and it will be either by the application of outside capital, or by the instant use of local resources. The Astorian is aware that this is an old tale and the telling of it painful, but it will be told again, and yet again, until fruition precludes the rehearsal.

The call issued by Hon. Frank C. Baker, chairman of the State republican central committee for a meeting at Portland on the 12th of October is a wise move and timely. The suggestion that each county chairman shall invite a group of his own committeemen is also expedient. Such a gathering of the faithful must result in an adjustment of any pending differences and afford opportunity for the correction of all misunderstandings within the lines, and will give fresh impetus to the better purposes of the party in governmental affairs.

The application of the new primary law, obviating as it does the organic convention, left the party without occasion for reaching unanimous conclusions on policies and people, and divested the organization of its best prerogative, that of taking comprehensive counsel in matters of large moment and laying it liable to blunders of vital seriousness. It is to be hoped the meeting will be a thoroughly representative one; that the influences emanating from it will be effective in restoring a level of practical regulation for all mooted questions and the adoption of plans that will redound to the good of the state and the firmer cohesion of the party.

### VAGRANT VAGARIES.

Between the irreducible minimum and the non-possibles, Japan got hers—right in the psychological moment too—Los Angeles Herald.

The sailors on the battleship Missouri are asking permission to take a mule aboard as a mascot. If their petition is granted the Missouri will have the heaviest armament of any ship in the American navy.—San Jose Evening News.

After bragging vociferously about her marvelous growth and the fabulous increase in values, Los Angeles wants a big discount when it comes to paying taxes. We were once told that Los Angeles stuffed her tax roll for advertising purposes. In the presence of the Assessor she now wants to shake the stuffing out.—Santa Cruz Sentinel.

A class for instruction in the management of automobiles is on the program of the Y. M. C. A. In several large cities, it appears, the association has introduced such training. It is hoped the heathenish propensities of the automobile will be amenable to Christian restraint.—Los Angeles Herald.

A New York man lost his balance while lighting a cigarette, fell out of a boat and was drowned. The Anti-tobacco League will blame the cigarette, but Kentucky will insist that the fault lies entirely with the water.—Washington Star.

And so the Chinese are to have a parliament. Surely the world "do move." But on second thought, in the case of the realm of Tsi An, it moves rather slowly, for the first session of the parliament is not to be held until twenty-five years hence. Tsi An seems to be perfectly willing to place constitutional limitations upon her successor or successors, even if she has no use for such things herself.—Los Angeles Times.

Investigate the cause of each wrinkle in a woman's face and you will find it was put there by worrying over something that worry couldn't help.—Chicago News.

### BITS OF HUMOR.

To "keep your eye on Passo" and "watch Tacoma grow" at the same time would require the dexterity of a contortionist.

A man will wait hours watching games of pool, but if he has to wait five minutes for supper, he's cross all the rest of the evening.

Men who are always cracking jokes about mother-in-laws never had them. If they had they wouldn't dare joke about them.

Baths in one of the finest shops in Seattle, can be procured for 32 cents. And yet the world wonders at the uncleanness of humanity.

Gambling has been closed at El Paso, Tex. El Paso for years was recognized as the Mecca for knights of the green cloth from the four parts of the earth.

The average woman can make a dollar go farther than a man can, but he can make it go faster.

Nature is terribly matter of fact and exacting. She is no blind justice, either. She stands by you at the dinner table with a sword in one hand and the scales in the other.

A preacher is said to have made a great mistake in Seattle, last Sunday, and lost a good collection. He appointed a bill collector to go around with the plate, and every man in the congregation asked him to call again on the 15th.

## ITCHING ECZEMA

In July, 1883, I began to break out with Eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soaps for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad off as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the Eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried.

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