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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers, cooler in west portion.
Washington—Showers and cooler.

THE FORAKER INCIDENT.

Hearst, for reasons of his own, made certain plain and definite charges against U. S. Senator Foraker, of Ohio, relative to his intimate and serviceable relations with the Standard Oil trust: Archbold and others of the Oleagenous ilk sprang to the front with the old, familiar, stock denials and the people would not gag at them, nor swallow them, with the old customary readiness; therefore, Mr. Foraker retires from the political field where he had been assigned to duty in behalf of the Republican nominee, and this means that he is "shelved" for good and all. The case against him permitted mighty little consideration, and he got it.

Mr. Taft and his managers have acted with commendable promptitude and a very proper sense of the action due the people of the country in such an ugly emergency and will lose nothing by it. The fact that the senior Senator from Ohio has been in more or less questionable odor in this land for the past several years, owing to his bitterness toward Mr. Roosevelt and his policies, and the popular conviction that he has always been the champion of the money-rings and huge combines of the country, as against the people, renders the flat and stinging rebuke administered him all the more acceptable to the thinking electorate.

We decline to stand for any man who bargains his faith and prestige for the pottage of the hour, be he Republican, or what he may, in a partisan sense; the curse of political treachery has hung like a blanket over the history of the nation, shaming and wronging and defeating the people, until the patience of man is exhausted, and the quick and effective revulsion that has met this development, pleases everybody and will make for the good of all concerned: And they are many!

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

Astoria's 1,600 boys and girls are back at their studies, refreshed, and eager for the new school year of 1908-1909. It has more significance for them than they realize perhaps, but that will dawn upon them all in time and give impetus to the work and interest so necessary for their advancement.

Taken as a whole they constitute as bright a group of youngsters as the good old State affords, and being in the best of hands as to principals and teachers, there is no reason to doubt for an instant their complete and pronounced success in the new year. Every year added to their experience in this behalf, is as coin of the realm in days to come; and this aside from the consciousness of having made the best use of life's supreme privileges for the gracing and equipping of one's career and making one's self a real factor in the world of endeavor.

Every hour of neglect indulged in now, will come home with vivid reminder in days to come when amendment is altogether too late; just as every hour carefully nurtured and employed now, will simplify and reduce the burdens and the problems of the future and yield pleasure and reward and all just compensation.

IT IS NOT POPULAR.

The more the seawall question is investigated under its present introduction, the more apparent becomes its unpopularity; not that the idea of an improvement of that nature is distasteful to the Astoria public (for it is conceded on all sides that the seawall is among the essential and logi-

cal public enterprises of the city) but because of the fact that due provision has not been made for the preliminary, and unescapable things that must precede it, no matter when it shall be built; the raising of the grades, the reconstruction of the sewer system of the city, and other initial requisities that will not down so long as practical people have to consider them, and pay for them.

The consensus of opinion is, so far as we have been able to fix it by inquiry, and by the gratuitous expression of those deeply interested, is that the matter may easily be passed up for a year, or for two years, or until it is demonstrated that more thought and work are to be devoted to the leading and important steps before-mentioned.

Even if the great project might be kept within the scale of cost initiated by the Council-Charter-Committee, it is too great a sum to be saddled on the community unless it be under exact and proper auspices; there must be no grave blunders, no over-looking of essentials, no wanton nor ill-considered estimates, in the commission of such large negotiations as these and the people will see to it that there is not, if a rational study of the situation can save it.

There is no use, nor sense, in exploiting the biggest and finest of Astoria's civic developments, upon ill-advised, half-prepared, and inconsequent preliminaries; time must be taken to inform the people of the last detail of preparation and cost and scope; and if those in charge of the movement do not give that time, the people will simply take it.

Mr. Taft shows now, as always in his career, a good example. In whatever he undertakes he is a worker.

The uplift that farmers want first of all is willing workers at fair wages. For several years the demand has been larger than the supply.

Whatever may be said of Uncle Joe Cannon, it can not be charged that he is afraid to express his convictions, nor that he fails to express them vigorously.

A Charleston paper says that \$100,000 South Carolina ought to contribute to the Bryan campaign fund has all been received except \$98,000. Somehow the Bryan yell peters out when the hat is passed around.

If it is true that the victories of Wellington and Nelson were won on the cricket fields of England, what a lot of incipient glory is piling up in the baseball arena of the United States.

Studies of the upper air are going on at many different stations stretching from the Arctic Ocean to the equator. Some day science will run down the weather breeding arena and get a fair starting point in the forecasting department.

"Now, what shall we name the baby?" inquired the professor's wife. "Why, this species has been named," answered the professor in astonishment. "This is a primate mammal, homo sapiens."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The three great problems on the solution of which humanity is bent are the same that perplexed our ancestors—the immortality of the soul, perpetual motion and women's hats.—Paris Figaro.

Client—How is my case coming on? Surely you've had time to look up the law? Attorney—Oh, that was easy. I've been putting in my time studying the technicalities.—San Francisco Call.

Man's Nature Makes It Necessary to Be Ready For War.

By Premier ASQUITH of Great Britain.

AS long as man's nature continues what it is it will be necessary for prudent statesmen to provide for war. National security must always have first place in the thoughts and plans of the government of any country.

BUT, ADMITTING THAT ALL, THE PLAIN FACT REMAINS THAT THERE IS NO ENTERPRISE MORE WORTHY OF THE EFFORTS OF GOOD MEN THAN TO DEVISE PRACTICABLE MEANS NOT ONLY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL QUARRELS, BUT FOR PROVIDING A RATIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY WARFARE.

Among the various means of progress in this direction the first is the growth of international agreements.

I use the word agreements because alliances sometimes have the contrary effect. The second is the SUBSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR THE BARBAROUS METHODS OF SLAUGHTER. The translation of these principles into practice is beset with difficulty, though not, in my opinion, insurmountable difficulty.

Of course there is a delicate sphere of international relations. The main thing is that the nations should get to know and understand one another.

IN A SMILING VEIN.

A BIT OF A RIDDLE.

Thrus for you, Kitty Kane, as you said but this minute. Life's a queer kind o' riddle, a plague at the best. Shure, I know of but wan complination that's in it. Jisht wan thing that's so sweet it makes up fur the rest. It begins wid a "y," an' it ends wid an "e." You may pucker yer brow; that's as much as I'll tell. An', besides, don't ye see, 'tis but my point o' view. You must work out your riddle o' life fur yerself.

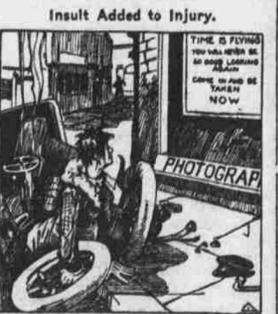
You must look fur your joy in another direction. An' I beg you to light in yer innocent eyes. Jisht a spark o' sweet pity to aid the inspection. Since the thing is so small an' so lowly it lies. It begins wid an "m," an' it ends wid an "e." Oh, it's little it merits your notice, 'tis thurs!

Oh! The bothersome riddle! I wonder now whether we could make our luck better if we should combine. Fair, I think if we'd jisht put our two heads together. We could spell in wan word all your joy, dear, an' mine. It begins wid a "u," an' it ends wid an "e." There's the sum o' my joy an' the sum o' yer own. Oh! The riddle o' life's so distrestin' to guess, Nayther wan o' us, dear, could have solved it alone. —T. A. Daily in Catholic Standard and Times.

Presence of Mind. "There's nothing like presence of mind." "Illustrate it." "Von Whizzer, the speed maniac, offered me a seat in his racing machine, and I had the presence of mind to refuse it." "He won't ask you again." "You bet he won't—not until he gets out of the hospital and buys a new machine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Life Job. "I want to put an ad. in your paper," said the weary looking man. "Make it, 'Wanted, a situation, any old job?'" "Shall I say 'Wages no object?'" suggested the clerk. "No, make it 'Object matrimony.' If I could get acquainted with a decent job, I'd be willing to marry it for life."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Common Regret. "Just back from your vacation?" "Yes." "How was it?" "Fine. I have but one regret." "What's that?" "I wish I had waited until next month to take it." "Why?" "So I could have it to take."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



Where the Brains Are. Applicant (in metropolitan newspaper office)—Yes, sir, I am ready to accept any position from office boy to chief editorial writer. Proprietor—The editorial jobs are all full at present. Sorry. "How about that of office boy?" "You don't know enough."—New York Life.

An Idea of Business. "Does your titled son-in-law know anything about business?" "Well," answered Mr. Cumroo doubtfully, "he has had a lot of experience

with promissory notes, and he knows how to get a check cashed."—Washington Star.

The Reason Why. "I hear young Flyer is going to reform." "What's the matter?" "I believe he's dead broke." "Ah, that accounts for his wanting to mend."—Baltimore American.

Modest Precaution. "Why do you insist on so much red tape in your department?" "Because," answered the official, "we're only human and liable to make mistakes, and we want to put 'em off as long as possible."—Washington Star.

Justly Indignant. "You say she hates their family physician?" "Yes; she thought she was pining away from a broken heart, and the doctor diagnosed her case as indigestion and cured her."—Houston Post.

Let Him Try. "I fear no foe in shining armor," sang the man at a concert. "Don't yoke, old chap?" grumbled the bachelor in the front row. "Then you try to open a sardine box with a pocketknife."—Penny Illustrated.

No Genius. "He is very clever, but evidently far from a real genius." "What makes you think so?" "Why, he is fairly punctual about keeping his appointments."—Kansas City Times.

Anxious For More. An expert golfer had the misfortune to play a particularly vigorous stroke at the moment that a seedy wayfarer skulked across the edge of the course. The ball struck the trespasser and rendered him briefly insensible. When he recovered a five dollar bill was pressed into his hand by the grateful golfer. "Thanky, sir," said the injured man after a kindling glance at the money, "an' when will you be playin' again, sir?"—Argonaut.

The Snake Bite. "So Wild Bill died of a snake bite? Whar did he git bit?" "Oh, th' snake didn't bite Bill. Th' snake bit Tough Tompkins, an' Tompkins drank two quarts o' th' remedy an' then shot Bill."—Judge's Library.

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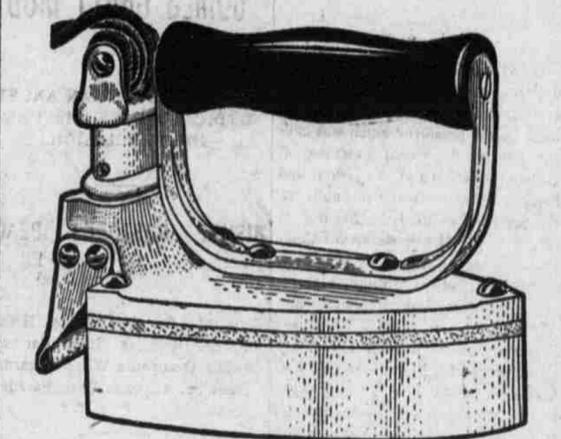
The Singular Nobleman Who Wanted an American Heiress. The American father of the heiress greeted the count who was a suitor for her hand with dignified frigidity. "Sare," said the count, "your daughter has done me so honaire of consenting to be my wife, I am called to complete se negotiations." "All right," wearily said the father. "How much of a cash settlement do you expect?" "Nossing, sare." "What! How much will I have to pay for your poker debts?" "Nossing, sare. I do not gamble." "How much will I have to pay to rebuild your castle?" "Nossing, sare. It is in fine repair." "But these must be some expense for me. Out with it!" "No, sare; nossing. I simply love your daughter and she loves me, and we wish to be married. Is not zat enough? Is it not enough to ask you to give me your daughter wizeout your expecting to?" "Come to my arms!" exclaimed the American father and tried to fall upon the neck of the delighted count. But he awoke on the floor, having tumbled from his bed as a finish to his amazing dream.—Judge.

Counting It Up. There is a son of Erin in Newton, Mass. who is quite a character. He has a number of children and was asked one day how long he had been married. "Well," he said, "there's Eugene is forty and Nora thirty-five, that makes sixty-five, and Lizzie is thirty-two, and how many do that make?"

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