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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6.

A couple was found in Portland who have not quarrelled during 35 years of married life. They are deaf and dumb.

Some wise man says that the real article of a Christian is he who loves his neighbor's small boy as well as himself.

Judge Jackson's "Bazaar Book of Deorum for Strikers" is not attaining a very large sale in the anthracite coal mining region.

It is reported that a big corporation is being organized by J. P. Morgan & Co. to buy a porthouse steak from the beef trust.

Tacoma now has the fun of poking Seattle in the ribs and telling with high glee about the decision to leave the Army headquarters at Vancouver.

If anyone thinks there will never be an end of the world, let him read that the peoples of the earth consume yearly 5,000,000,000 gallons of petroleum.

A trifling lot of water has fallen in the West, and caused some floods, but there's more water on Wall street than anywhere else in the country.

The East has soaking rains now that harvest has begun. The enterprising farmers there may combine business with pleasure by gathering their crops with steam launches.

John W. Gates' idea of a vacation is to go to Saratoga, have a private wire put into his apartments at the hotel, and attend to his speculative interests. Thus do men commit suicide.

Turkey, Bulgaria and Albania continue to have trouble, and they will, so long as Turkey is not taken by the other powers and thrown into the water. Turkey is a governmental contrepense.

Teacher—Define a Financier. Pupil—A Financier is a man who knows how to reduce a surplus of a big corporation by issuing more watered stock without increasing the wages of the employees.

It doesn't matter much if King Edward and C. M. Schwab are dangerously sick. The old man, Pierp M., is well and has gotten things rather well systematized by this time so he can run them.

After all, it's not all joke when the paragrapher writes squibs about the people killed by the automobiles. It is becoming a real problem in the cities of America how to control the bloodthirsty chauffeurs.

If the Union Pacific Company really finds that \$100,000 job goes a-begging that was offered to New York's Governor, Odell, the company can find one man at this terminus of its line who would, under pressure, resign a newspaper job to accommodate the road.

That Davenport conference between Railroad Presidents Hill, Mellen and Mohler with the farmers was an instance of the railroad man trying to tell the farmer how to run a farm and the farmer attempting to instruct the railroad in the science of transportation.

By the way, while such immense surpluses are being piled up by the corporations, has anyone heard about proportional increases of employees' wages? No one claims the employees are suffering, but some think that the fellow who does the work should get some of the surpluses of the prosperity he creates.

SELF-HELP BETTER.
Out from the discussion of Rebecca Harding Davis' remarks on Eastern department stores and the effect of the low wages paid therein, comes a sequential phase in the form of a question: "What sort of institution will most effectually correct the evils that result from the

avarice of such department-store kings as John Wannamaker and his ilk?"

The question goes to lines of reform work and all effort that has as its ultimate end the correction or prevention of sin.

Cannot some basic principle be ascertained which, when applied, will make for more intelligent expenditure of resources in the hands of churches, societies and cults that aim in this direction?

The mistake made by most people of charitable inclinations is that they violate the self-respect of the person they desire to help. They give instead of prompt to self-help. They pauperize instead of merely assist to the application of one's own energies, thereby to strengthen independence and prepare to obviate repetitions of the circumstances calling for assistance.

The great majority of people never understand this truth, hence injure by outright donations when it would be possible to help by merely helping one to help himself.

There are in New York and elsewhere institutions in which girls working for the starvation wages paid by Eastern department stores may live and know that the small sums paid meet all expenses and that they therefore are not subjects of charity.

Even the churches might manifest wisdom by utilizing this principle, and prompting to self-struggling against sin, instead of exerting the almost entire energies and power of their wonderful organizations in teaching people to depend on an Omnipotent Being to the exclusion of one's already conferred powers.

Kitchener is a most peculiar military hero. He has not made one break since he reached England for which his enemies could censure him.

NEW YORK'S DISCOURTESY.

It isn't any of our business out here on the Coast, but one cannot resist the temptation to utter some caustic remarks on the boorishness of New York newspapers during the recent visit of the party of Chicago Aldermen to Gotham.

The Chicago Aldermen went to New York to look into matters pertaining to their official duties. They were received by the New York newspapers in a spirit that, if representative of the consensus of thought and feeling, is such as to stamp New York as the most impolite city in the world and New Yorkers as the most ill-bred.

A wild Alaska Indian, untutored in the arts of civilization, will respect the law of hospitality. Apparently, to the mind of the New Yorker, the better one becomes and the higher on the scale of civilization he rises, the more inhospitable he should be.

At any rate, the New York newspapers treated that city's guests in a manner to disgust ladies and gentlemen.

Out here on the Pacific Coast such affairs could not be. Were a town's officials hereabouts to go to any other, as did the Chicagoans, there would be nothing left undone to make the visitors retain a pleasing impression of the place and compel the concession that there had been an honoring of that which was implanted in man's breast by Nature—kindness to the stranger who is within the gates. Let those Chicago Aldermen come out to Portland. We will treat you as to make you want to remain here.

FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS.

"How to treat tramps," is a question engaging the thoughtful attention of sociologists. The plain rule may be suggested. Do not treat them to anything

A corporation with a soul has at last been found, and it is an ice company, at that. The Hygeia Ice company of Greenport, L. I., has agreed, on request of the women of the place, not to burn soft coal on wash day.—New York Herald.

The La Grange (Mo.) Indicator says a man who will get mad at what the newspapers say about him is generally just the man who should return thanks three times a day for the things the newspapers know about him and don't print.

At the royal reception in London Friday night to the Indian Princes one-fourth million dollars was spent for decorations. It is risky business. The Bradley-Martin ball once enabled the Kansas Populists to carry an election.—Kansas City Star.

A ship has arrived at New York bringing an assuaid, two eruns and a couple of wombats. We have always thought that the Congress which walled out things with the Dingley tariff might have overlooked something.—Louisville Courier Journal.

The Indianapolis News thinks the Democrats to be most pitied will be those who set foot in 1892 denouncing 15 to 1, who finally declared themselves converted to the heresy, and are now compelled to reconvert themselves so that they will regard free coinage of silver as delusion.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The marriage race is not always to the fast.

A loose tongue never told any girl the way to the altar.

Good cooking is good enough charity for most men when it begins at home.

Some women measure out affection just the way they do milk and eggs for a custard.—New York Press.

HILL ET AL. IN POLITICS.

(By a Staff Writer)

SEATTLE, Aug. 6.—Politicians are quite eagerly discussing the probable effect on the coming campaign of the conferences at Davenport and Colfax between Presidents Hill of the Great Northern, Mohler of the O. R. & N., and Mellen of the Northern Pacific. That there are political leanings and possibilities in the meetings cannot be denied. A party of well-known men were talking it over here yesterday. They had previously intimated to the belief that the real controlling forces of the roads were not particularly anxious on the subject of the proposal for a railroad commission for the State of Washington, but that hard and fast legislation passing a fixed maximum rate bill would be prejudicial to what they regard as their rights. The previously held views seem not to have been altered. They believe the three presidents really care not so much if a commission be formed. Such an arrangement is flexible. The properly constituted commission has powers sufficient to force just rates, but has leeway to provide for contingencies. A statute fixing maximum rates would be absolute.

TO PUT A STOP TO FAKE ADVERTISING.
The members of the Board of Trade of San Bernardino, Cal., a few days ago struck a blow at the "fake" advertising schemes that are the bane of the business man's life, and it is now up to the members to enforce the resolutions, and there will be few "directories" and catch-penny plans of one kind and another to take the business man's time, all of his patience and a part of his money. A. W. Barnum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: "Resolved, That we, as individual members of this Board of Trade, refuse to support or contribute to any subscription or scheme of advertising, except newspapers, unless the same has been indorsed by the board of directors."

"That's just building a barbed-wire fence around yourself," suggested J. B. Frith in the running comment that followed; "but put it high enough to keep 'em out," he continued. The discussion was participated in by half a dozen members, none of them objecting, and the resolution was adopted without objection.

IMPROVEMENTS PROMISED.

The officials promised some improved service in the handling of freights by the construction of a connecting link between the Washington Central branch of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. A lower rate on the wheat of Washington approximating 25,000,000 bushels is also promised to be effective for the present harvest.

This is interpreted by Seattle people, if the Post-Intelligencer correctly reflects sentiment, as meaning that Seattle will thus gain immense advantage over Tacoma in the trans-shipment of grain. However that may be, it cannot be denied that it is significant of a disposition on the part of the roads to concede to the people better facilities, and, if nothing more came from the agitation now going on in this state for railroad legislation, there will have been some gain. It will have been to an extent the triumph of public sentiment over the tendency to lag in giving to producer the needed facilities for the carrying of stuff from the interior to the water.

PORTLAND IS INTERESTED.

All this interests Portland, and is written for the moment from the Seattle point of view. Portland is interested, vitally, too, watching the attitude of the railroad companies toward her rivals. Under adverse conditions, Portland is the middle piece of a commercial sandwich, or, is between the upper and nether millstone of Puget Sound and San Francisco. The Hill system on the north and the Harriman system on the south could leave Portland in a bad condition, were they so disposed.

These are unwelcome truths, yet they must be considered. Portland cannot ignore them. Every time the Puget Sound cities are granted advantages over Portland it means enough to Portland to warrant the latter in giving it some very earnest thought. The same is true of San Francisco and Portland.

EVEN CHANCE WANTED.

Of course Portland cannot justly raise objections to the Puget Sound cities receiving concessions that come as responses to demands of geography and other legitimate considerations. But an equal chance is deserved and Portland's representative men should insist that such chance is given. No fair-minded man would attempt to deprive the Sound of her rights in transportation. But Portland will do less than her duty if there be no strenuous insistence that justice be done.

THINGS NEEDED DOING.

Those who study into the problems of wholesaling from Coast cities will understand the grave bearings of this question. The man who merely buys a ticket occasionally to pass over a road will not have elucidated to his understanding the vital necessities of the present railroad complications. "Look to your laurels" is quite good advice at this juncture of the city's history. Look to them with determination and bravery and persistency, is what should be dinged into the ears of every person in Portland who can wield any influence and contribute something toward Portland's working out her commercial salvation.

PERHAPS SOME POLITICS.

While most of us are not willing to revive railroad commission agitation in Oregon, there may arise contingencies such as may make it necessary that the people gently remind the companies that in this great and glorious land states are sovereign to large extent and that the right of eminent domain does not carry dissolution of the power of the state to regulate all matters pertaining to tariffs and charges and the giving of facilities.

NOT GUILTY.

Judge—I can see dissipation written on your face.

Remus (frightened)—Yo kin, sah? Well, deed Ah didn't write it, 'cause I can't spell such a long word.—Life

THE USES OF PRINTERS' INK.

Advertising is to business what steam is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

COUNSELS REFUSING THE REWARD
To the Editor—Should Mrs. Waggoner be paid the full amount of the reward offered for the "capture and return, dead or alive," of David Merrill? I have read the Journal's statements that she should, and I think I know the argument made as to why she should not.

The bills offering the reward plainly set forth that the money is to be paid "for the CAPTURE and RETURN, dead or alive," of the criminal. The officers here hold that the reward is offered as an incentive for persons to take the risk of going out and hunting for the prisoner. It is naturally supposed that men will not risk their lives for sheer amusement. The capture of a criminal cannot in any possible sense be applied to accidentally finding his dead body.

Mrs. Waggoner risked nothing. She merely found the body of Merrill by accident. Could the state have contemplated such a thing as that Merrill should have been killed by Tracy, do you suppose it would have offered any reward to the person who might accidentally find his body?

The case has few precedents and the question is one of conscience with Superintendent Lee. Were it his own affair, it would be different; but he is acting for the state, and should he have paid the reward in full he would have been blamed just as freely for utterly ignoring the word "capture." The "capture" was a part of the service required in earning the reward. Indeed, it was far the most important part. Mrs. Waggoner did not perform it. Accidental discovery is not capture.

People do acquire vast sums of money by accident, but a great commonwealth could hardly afford to indulge the impression that it is right.

The fact that Mrs. Waggoner is a lady lends sentimentality to the case and goes far in convincing some that the reward should be promptly paid. She should be paid amply for her expense, time and trouble and she no doubt will be.

Had Merrill been captured, the money would have been promptly paid, and there are few who would spare considerable pains to demand the reward should they ever so sanguine that the state would not keep its promises because it failed to pay Mrs. Waggoner the full amount of the reward offered for Merrill.

R. A. HARRIS.
Salem, August 2

THIS MAN IS CAUSTIC.

TURNER, Or., Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—The Journal is everlastingly right that the State of Oregon should pay Mrs. Waggoner that \$500. The quibble that she didn't CAPTURE Merrill is puerile. When I came here 50 years ago I never dreamed that a set of men would ever run Oregon that could do such a contemptible act. F. S. MATTESON.

OBJECTS TO STREET FAIRS.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the Elks' carnival, permit me to say that the exposition should not be held on public streets. There is much dissatisfaction among the citizens in this respect, and there may be lawsuits against the city if the fair takes place on the streets. There was much ill feeling against the Elks on account of the blockade of Sixth street two years ago. There are other places for the fair than the public streets. Fity that the newspapers, paid to advertise the fair, do not publish the public protests against street fairs. A. MILLER.

FAME'S PATHWAY.

Thirty-five secretaries are constantly engaged in coping with the enormous volume of letters which daily pour into the Vatican. Pope Leo receives more letters and newspapers than any other ruler in the world, the average number being something like 20,000 to 22,000 daily. Most people imagine that Lord Walsley, who completed his 68th year on June 5, is an Irishman. As a matter of fact, the ex-Commander-in-Chief, although born in the emerald isle, belongs to an ancient Staffordshire family. Lord Walsley has probably been in more engagements than any other General. Since entering the army in 182 he has served in Burma, India, China, Canada, Ashantee, Egypt and finally the Sudan. Walter N. Gilmore of San Francisco had consumption, but thought his lease of life was not nearly run out. Some of his friends were frank enough to express a contrary opinion, whereupon Mr. Gilmore offered to bet \$500 that he could weigh a borrow to Omaha before the grim messenger overtook. The bet was made and he started. At last accounts he had reached Pueblo, Colo., in good shape. When he started he weighed 131 pounds; at Pueblo he tipped the beam at 128 and was still taking on flesh.

ODDS OF INFORMATION.

Titler originally meant courtship. A dove once lived 25 years in a cage. Crow was the old English name for a fiddle or violin. None of our common pets, the cats or dogs, live very long. A horse cannot do much work after he is 12 or 14 years old. The wild beasts do not live very long, but elephants are sometimes very old. Carp are said to live hundreds of years, and pike are also hardy old fellows. Fish are such selfish creatures that they ought to live long. They never get hot. A cockatoo in a far-off country was a cheerful old pet when he was 85 years old. There are some insects that live but a few hours. A live insect but a day, and all of them are shortlived. The total value of Canada's mineral product in 1900 reached over \$25,000,000, or \$12 a head of the population. The island of Cuba was known by that name by the Lucayan Indians, who were with Columbus when he discovered it. The superior flavor of cane sugar over that of the beet gives it an advantage in the world's markets of about half a cent a pound. There is in Great Britain 92 municipalities owning waterworks, 93 owning street railways, 240 owning gasworks and 181 supplying electricity.

THE GINGER POT.

HER TEMPTATION.
"You have such a cozy home here," her caller said.

"Yes," she replied. "Sometimes I almost feel like giving up my club work and living in it for a while."—Chicago Record-Herald

IN CHICAGO.
"Will you marry me?"
"What! Again?"—Judge.

ENCUSED.
"Has she just refused a man worth a million?"
"Is it possible? Any rational explanation of her act?"
"Oh, yes. She had just accepted another man worth a million."—Brooklyn Life.

PLEASURE.
Mr. Munitaux—What do you want of a yacht? I could never see any pleasure in yachting.
Mrs. Munitaux—That is just like you; you think of nothing but pleasure.—Town Topics.

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SHORT PERSONAL STORIES.
Prof. William Norman Guthrie, who is doing the best he can to remove from the earth the stigma of being a vale of tears and who lectures at the University of Chicago with success in that direction, has come out with the declaration that love demands lyric poetry. The members of the class smiled faintly at the utterance. For although they are taught to write lyric poetry while you wait, just as they write odes and dramas, still love with them is on the blacklist. If they marry during their school term they are fired. This unfortunate state of affairs made them pay more attention to the professors' opinions on poetry than to his panegyric on love. It is admitted on all sides that the professor's contention that love demands lyric poetry is correct. As witnesses a couple of love lyrics popular just now might be subpoenaed. "I Just Can't Help from Loving that Man," "Come Home, Bill Bailey," "In Good Old Summer Time," will do. The love in them is as good as the lyrical quality and vice versa, and what more can be asked? Oh, and is it any wonder that Judge Roberts gave Mrs. Mary Cox a divorce from her husband, Solomon? Do you know what that Solomon Cox used to do? Well, we won't take the responsibility for saying it. We repeat just what Mrs. Cox told the judge, and that was that her husband used to stop at all the saloons on the way home and then go back and do it over again, being afraid that he had missed a couple. And when he got home Mrs. Cox says he used to walk through the house on tip toe, declaring he saw alligators and snakes and putting his fingers in his mouth as if to charm against them. But now he will have to take his private menagerie elsewhere, and will have to pay Mrs. Cox \$20 each and every month. To look cross-eyed at an Oak Park, Chicago, policeman is an indiscretion. To omit in conversation with him to say "please" and "thank you" is an affront, while to swear at him is as close to treason as it is possible to get in this country. Edward Holland is a guard on the Lake Street Elevated and the nature of his employment may have been to blame for the high and mighty air with which he carried himself. This air did not suit Policeman Trenkler of Oak Park, who is detailed on the important and highly hazardous work of seeing that all the dogs in the suburb pay their licenses. Holland owned a dog. He refused to pay the tax and the policeman shot the canine in so many places that poor Fido,

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