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WOMEN AND ALCOHOLISM.

A few weeks ago, Lady Henry Somerset, one of the most prominent of temperance reformers, said in an interview which she gave to a Chicago newspaper, that drunkenness was increasing at a fearful rate among the women of Great Britain, and had actually become more common than among the men. This statement was denied most emphatically, and, naturally, caused considerable discussion.

Now comes the bishop of London and endorses most, if not all, that Lady Somerset has said. Speaking to the Women's Union of the Church of England Temperance Society, he said: "There has been of late a great growth of intemperance among women, both in the use of spirituous liquors and drugs."

He stated that his remarks applied to women of all classes. The drug habit, he said, applied to the more wealthy classes, while gross drunkenness is shockingly common among the poor.

He produced statistics showing that, out of 1,000 women in a certain workhouse, more than one half were there on account of drink, and he told an astonishing story of the abandonment of factory girls to the drink habit.

Were it not for the high standing of the speaker, one might well doubt the correctness of his statements. He says it is a custom among the factory girls to form "spirit clubs," in which contributions were accumulated for the purchase of liquor. These were regularly assessed for the grand celebration, and of all days Christmas eve was picked out for the occasion of a mad revelry. Commenting upon the situation, the bishop said: "It is not the pig that makes the sty, but the sty that breeds the pig."

Sir T. Barlow, physician to King Edward, not only endorsed the bishop's statements, but even went further, and drew a certainly uncheerful picture of women's drunkenness.

While not in so great a danger in this country, it is undoubtedly true that the liquor habit is increasing with American women, and, strange as it may seem, is decreasing with American men.

How to apply the remedy, if there is one, is a question requiring the profoundest thought.

JOKING AT ALBINA.

In one of the theatrical entertainments given in Portland this week, a joke is offered by a comedian that infers an undesirable quality of Albina, one of the most important portions of the City of Portland. It is of a kind with other jokes that are altogether too frequent and that do no credit to the people living elsewhere in this town.

The modest operetta whereby comedians secure materials for "local hits" is to inquire at once after arriving, where is some locality at which he may make some fun. He usually makes his inquiries at his hotel, and then goes to the theatre to embellish his performance with something that will appeal to his hearers as funny and familiar to them.

Just why Albina should be offered by West Siders to traveling comedians is beyond understanding. Albina is perhaps the chief center of industry in Portland. There live the men who carry on many of the immense affairs, who perform the daily toll that makes Portland a commercial emporium, the chief city of the Northwest.

True, there is no Nob Hill in Albina. There is no region wherein reside those elements that often go to make up the aristocracy of American cities. The people in large part are of average

wealth, and merely represent the bone and sinew of the country, the elements upon which the nation always depends when crises arise and there must be brave men and loyal women to uphold the government and preserve the liberties of the people.

There is no intention in this connection to play upon the prejudices of the readers of The Journal. But there is avowed intention to deprecate the disposition of Portlanders to refuse Albina its just place and deserved recognition as one of the localities that make the city the metropolis that it is.

Portland, like other cities, includes all elements constituent to representative American cities. And Albina is one of those constituents.

And it is timely and right to enter protest against the sneers that often are heard and that do not please fair-minded people.

FULTON'S FRIENDS UNWISE.

Notwithstanding they are sincere in their desire to see C. W. Fulton elected to the United States Senate, some of his friends are pursuing a policy that is unwise. The Astorian, loyal to Mr. Fulton, nevertheless has given the Geer people one point of advantage in presenting the opportunity to them to place Mr. Fulton upon the defensive.

The Astorian has launched forth a thunderbolt of allegation and an edict of demand, charging that Geer owes it to Fulton to support the latter because Fulton once supported Geer. This affords Geer the opportunity to say in reply, which reply is made by the Salem Statesman, that Fulton did not support Geer in the last state convention, and to cite the fact that, if Fulton had supported Geer, Geer would have been nominated for re-election as governor.

Of course this is true. Fulton went into the combination that made W. J. Furnish the candidate for governor, defeating Geer for the honor.

As a study in political tactics, the latest move of the Fulton forces in coming out in the Astorian with this attack upon Geer possesses deep interest to those who love the game of politics. It will either win or lose the game for the Astoria statesman. It will probably either send Mr. Geer into oblivion, or will advance him to a stronger position as a candidate.

To a disinterested observer, the latter contingency seems to be the more probable. Heretofore, Fulton's supporters have scorned the candidacy of Geer. They have intimated that his chances were scarcely worthy of consideration. Yet, by making him the storm center of attack, they concede that he is an element in the fight, and must be disposed of if the Astoria man is to wear the toga.

Democrats may look on with some amusement at this contest of Geer and Fulton. Apparently, it is going to develop into something lurid before the Legislature meets in January.

Forces are deployed by the commanders of Senatorial candidates' followings, and the fighting begins to take on the aspect of a hand to hand conflict, here in Oregon. The game of politics pleases many men who engage in it as much from love of the struggle as from other considerations, yet it is right to counsel all who take part in it that the rights of the people of the state are paramount, and that therefore there should be a compliance with this demand—do not embroil the entire session of the Legislature in the choice of a Senator. There are other matters that need attention. The election of a successor to Joseph Simon is not of more importance than to attend properly to the business of the commonwealth. The Journal proposes to the press of Oregon that they unite in a peremptory command to members of the Legislature to get that Senator elected as soon as possible, and then turn to the multitude of details that should absorb attention during the 40 days of the session.

Bernard N. Baker, who was president of the Atlantic Transport Company, distributes \$500,000 among those who were employees of the concern. The company has been merged into the International Mercantile Marine Company. President Baker retiring. He does this because he believes that the strength of the corporation is due largely to the giving of loyal service by the faithful employees, and he puts his belief into tangible form by making this voluntary distribution. The half million dollars goes to the employees in the form of stock, \$10,000 to each employee who remains with the company under the merger arrangement, and \$2,000 to employees who are compelled to lose their positions by the merger plan. It is a conspicuous example of just recognition of the rights of the workers, and is the more conspicuous in that there appears to be no compensatory advantage to President Baker excepting the approval of his own conscience.

If honesty characterizes the movement, and the rights of the people be conserved, then let the inquiry into the frauds proceed. The government must have been cognizant of these frauds for these many years. They have been known to all intelligent citizens. They have been bruited by the newspapers. Officials have come across evidences of irregularities. Proofs have been easy of access. Yet the years have gone, administrations have succeeded administrations, and little has been done to stop the frauds. If there be now intention to cure the evils, it is well, and let him who may suffer. "Turn on the lights," is a good motto just now.

The determination to accept the blanket franchise proposition by street car companies is satisfying to the people, whose rights are to be preserved thereby. Few events have occurred to offer Portland better reason to rejoice in the triumph of public justice over private gain. And let it be said in all fairness, that the outcome is due in large part to the attitude of the gentlemen who control the affairs of the surface lines. That a blanket franchise displaced the original proposition is cause for congratulation, both to officials for duty well done, and to railway officials for conceding the obviously just demands of the municipality.

THE TABASCO COLUMN.

The Salem Statesman makes a warm defense of Governor Geer and takes the Astoria paper to task for attacking him. This is quite a natural proceeding, just as natural as that Astoria papers should work for an Astoria man, or certain Portland papers, by their silence, tacitly supporting—well, a Portland man at present hiding his bushel of light.

Ex-President Cleveland has consented to preside at a public meeting to be held at Philadelphia on December 11, in the interest of the Berean Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored People. He will make an address. Among the other speakers will be Charles Emery Smith, Colonel A. K. McClure, and Booker T. Washington.

Owing to the immense number of timber land entries, with their attendant frauds, Congress is contemplating repeal of the desert and timber land laws, and doing away with commutation, in home-land cases. Thus does the great army of the innocent suffer on account of the criminal instincts of the few.

The Senate committee has agreed to report a substitute bill providing for the admission of Oklahoma, and leaving out Arizona and New Mexico. The two latter will have to show up a stronger Republican sentiment before they will prove admissible.

Now that Professor Assar has decided the scaling issue in favor of the United States and fixed the amount at \$100,000 which Russia must pay, we should be able to reconcile ourselves to the decision against us in the Samoan case.

The Chicago Journal thinks the inhabitants of the Arctic regions are slowly disappearing, which, at least, they are becoming more intelligent. If they knew much, they would leave in a hurry and all get out in one bunch.

Nicolaus, accused of being a boodler, has just been indicted in St. Louis. The alleged boodle, \$15,000, was in evidence in the court, but that is not necessarily the reason he was acquitted, as the jury didn't get it.

Hall Caine declares his opponents are made up of a battalion of incompetents and failures. Robert Fitzsimmons, James Corbett and John L. Sullivan probably feel just the same way about it.

We don't care 2 cents about the article beauty of the new postage stamp, if the contractor will put gum-stickum on their backs so they will stay where they are put.

An evangelist back East has set 1925 as the end of the world. The Pacific Coast appreciates his fixing the date later than that of the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Mr. Cleveland can at least console himself with the reflection that while brant are larger than ducks, rabbits and grey squirrels are much more numerous.

New York is trying to do away with the corker system. It always did look like taking advantage of a corker to sit on it.

General Miles is a long way from Washington, but he seems to be at home wherever the army is.

Seventh street is enervating from a state of swamp and overflowed land entitling the state to own it.

The department of printing and publicity of the coal trust seems to have been provoked.

It looks as though the President and Congress have to form a trust to fight the trusts with.

Silver is getting so cheap that it will soon be discarded for even cloud lining.

Speaker Henderson now has the gloves on for the last round, Carr Reed rules.

Is the finish of the turkey race, the necks seem to always come in last.

TOO MUCH PLAY.

(World's Work.)

After the Englishman remarks complacently: "It will come out all right," he is apt to leave his office for the rest of the afternoon and go to a football or cricket game. While he works he accomplishes as much as any one can, but, at most, business hours limit his endeavor. He will not work night and day, as many American wealthy men are in the habit of doing. He is not eager for the "joy of achievement." He throws his heart into the play on the ball field rather than into the game of his office. Mr. Kipling's lines about the bannetted fools and the muddled oafs struck the center—somewhat harshly, perhaps, of the great drunk. The newspapers are full of the latest news about the royalty. These worthies are usually at the race course or the games in the afternoon. They are at the theater in the evening, and if there is a choice between a ballet at the Empire and "Faust" at the Lyceum, they are likely to pass living by for the ballet. The newspapers have a way of publishing what they call "stop-press" news, that is important enough to stop the press for the day. They are entirely sporting news, cricket, football, racing and the like. And Kipling isn't the only Englishman who sees the tendency.

HIS OPINION.

(Syracuse Herald.)

"What do you know about this man's reputation for truth and veracity?" asked the lawyer of the witness on the stand.

"Well," replied the witness slowly, with the air of a man who hesitates about speaking ill of a neighbor, "if this party you refer to should ever tell me I was looking well I would send for a hospital ambulance immediately."

A BOOM IN BUGS.

(Chicago Daily News.)

"Hiram, I see where that college that our Zeke goes to 'up in Chicago has built 2,000 bugs."

"Gosh, Mandy, don't send any more money, an' maybe we can pay my school in potato bugs."

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES.

BY K. K. K.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Mac Cardwell read an able paper before the housekeepers' conference on that most complicated question, "Pure Food."

Dr. Cardwell truly said, when a woman takes up such a subject for the first time, she is like a man who has started on a world-wide work, greater than she ever dreamed. The old pleasures and the old interests must be abandoned. Though man has been the leader in this field, it is necessarily a woman's work, and is becoming of greater interest to her every day.

Beginning with a list of adulterations commonly used by dealers to increase their profits, Dr. Cardwell came next to the germs absorbed from the air by moist foods. She found a remedy for each. The chemical branch of the Agricultural Department at Washington issues bulletins, explaining the standing of different manufacturers, and always examines them before taking an article. In the case of germ absorption, let the women of Portland refuse to buy from a grocer who fails to keep moist foods carefully covered. Public opinion will do more in this direction than laws or rumors of laws.

WHAT MR. BAILEY SAID.

Food Commissioner Bailey was present and talked informally of some of his experiences along this line. He told of his crusade against the so-called "pure" goods. A sample was passed about for examination. Mrs. Julia Marquand, who presided, suggested the ladies ask any questions that came to them, and some interesting points were brought out.

If fruits and vegetables are not to be exposed for sale in front of the store, where must they go? was one of them. Mrs. Bailey was suggested, but Dr. Cardwell felt that could be safely left to the grocer. The day the ladies refused to buy goods so exposed, a way would be found. In fact it was generally decided the housekeepers are largely to blame.

The Southern Pacific is making an inclination to take the cheaper of two articles.

One young housekeeper looked worried when the meeting was over. She didn't know just where to stop in this report. If there were germs in our food and fruits there must be on lettuce and celery; hence salads are unsafe. She went home in a great hurry to wash her vegetables in a mild disinfectant before the salad was made.

A WATER-COLOR ARTIST.

One of the three prizes offered at the Washington, D. C., Water-Color Club exhibit was won by a woman, Mrs. Alice Archer Sewall James. Her subject, "Cupid in Repose," gets this notice in the evening star.

Mrs. James shows two semi-decorative panels of chubby, appealing little cupids, done sketchedly in pastels on gray paper; the one, with wide-awake, merry countenance, sitting upon the ground; the other, standing in a attitude of repose with his left arm behind him and his right, upon which he rests his head, thrown lightly over a branch of a tree. The latter is the prize winner, and it will be found to be beautiful, rhythmic in line and rich in harmonious color. Not a reality, but an artist's dream.

ALSO FROM THE STAR.

"We borrow our ideas from all sources as far as dress is concerned, but the last notion is to try and adapt woman's clothes to the shades of the butterfly wings."

We, who are in the fashion business, but it is difficult even to interpret her. When you come to examine the beautiful butterfly wings in the tropics, which appear to change in every light, you feel the impossibility of it. "There it is," she said, "a light salmon-colored butterfly in West Africa would indeed give a delightful scheme of color to many dress subjects, only it would be a degradation to the butterfly."

THIS AND THAT.

Mrs. Lee Moorehouse of Fendleton is the guest of G. M. Glines, 637 Water street.

Mrs. Robert Glasgow left for Minneapolis Thursday afternoon to spend five days with Mrs. Charles Glasgow.

Mrs. Soule is arranging a recital for her pupils at the Marquam Monday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Claude Williams of Tacoma were in Portland for a few days this week.

Messrs. Gas and Charlie Grittmacher are home again from their California-Mexico trip.

Mrs. William Lawrence starts for the East today, to be gone until after the holidays.

Arthur Manner accepted a position Monday with one of the leading canneries of Astoria.

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COURT NOTES.

Maude G. Hudson filed suit in the State Circuit Court this morning against Robert C. Allen, Ida M. Allen, his wife; Walter F. Allen and Lucy C. Allen, his wife. The plaintiff asks for a decree for selling a piece of property in Portland in order that a division in money of the estate may be made.

F. K. Arnold has been appointed administrator of the estate of George G. McNamara, deceased. E. J. McKittick, former administrator, has been removed.

MEAP INSURANCE

FOR EMPLOYEES

Southern Pacific Institutes Novel Departure.

Arrangements Made by Which Reduced Rates Are Allowed.

General Manager Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific made an announcement yesterday that in addition to the pension scheme for old employees, the company has made arrangements by which all employees may secure accidental insurance at a premium price materially less than that offered by all standard companies.

NOT IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

Mr. Kruttschnitt wants it understood, however, that the company is not intending to embark upon a general accident insurance business itself, but it has, it appears, made exclusive arrangements with one of the leading accident insurance companies to take all Southern Pacific risks at a reduced rate, after the first of the year.

ISSUED CIRCULAR.

A circular has been issued by Mr. Kruttschnitt stating that it is the policy of the Southern Pacific to encourage and enable employees to provide a fund which shall be promptly available for the relief of their families in the event of injury or death by accident, hence those who desire to benefit by the new arrangement must, if they so desire, have deductions made from their wages on the payroll on their account and so relieve them of all responsibility in the matter.

NOT COMPULSORY.

However, these arrangements do not prevent any employee's insuring in any other company, but deductions from the payroll will only be made in favor of the company with which the Southern Pacific has made its arrangements.

THEATERD'IT

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Marquam—"Fiddle Dee Dee," popular prices.

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"Rudolph and Adolph" Tomorrow.

The musical comedy now playing at Corday's "Rudolph and Adolph" by Mason and Mason, will be given for the last time tomorrow afternoon and evening. It is the bill for tonight. It has attracted very large houses.

"The Masqueraders" Tomorrow.

Henry Arthur Jones' "The Masqueraders" will be given again tonight and tomorrow afternoon and night for the last three performances. It is an interesting problem play that has attracted large houses during the week.

"Fiddle-Dee-Dee" Matinee.

Fun-lovers will have opportunity to enjoy a matinee performance of "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" tomorrow afternoon. The prices will be very low, 50 cents and 25 cents. The last performance will be given tomorrow night.

MANAGERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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LONGSHOREMEN

ENDORSE HARRY

Sailors No Longer Opposing Longshoremen and Marine Workers.

The Longshoremen's Union, No. 255, met last night and unanimously endorsed the nomination of G. Y. Harry for the office of labor commissioner. Eleven new members were initiated and several applications for membership were received.

At the next regular meeting election of officers will be held, and last night nominations were made. Aside from this the balance of the time was taken up with ordinary routine work.

Fourth Vice-President Madsen says the differences which arose at the national convention recently held at New Orleans between members of the allied organizations over the branching out of the Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers will soon be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. The committee appointed to inquire into the matter will soon hand in a report, and it is understood that it will be of a conciliatory nature. Sailors and a number of other marine workers were not favorably disposed to the idea of being included in the Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers' International Union at the start, but of late it is said that a change of sentiment has come over them.

WILL FEED THE HUNGRY

Volunteers of America and Their Project.

A CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

The Organization's Appeal for an Open Hand.

Not satisfied with feeding the hungry on Thanksgiving Day, the Volunteers of America are already laying plans whereby they will feed the needy during the Christmas season. The organization is the beneficiary of the city on the anniversary of the birth of the lowly Nazarene.

It is the desire of the organization to extend the good work they have already done in this respect, and in pursuance of their plans they are issuing the following circular, which is being mailed today: PORTLAND, Dec. 5, 1902.

Kind Friends—

On Thanksgiving Day, with the assistance you then placed in our hands by your donation of \$—, we were enabled to provide 30 poor families of our city each with a box of provisions lasting each family about one week. These homes are absolutely worthy and deserving, and we wish to send each a box of provisions this Christmas. We are enclosing a list of the articles. The provisions of each box will cost about \$4.

Each box will contain the following articles: Two pounds coffee, one-half pound tea, seven pounds sugar, one pound butter, five pounds rolled oats, 10 pounds Graham flour, one pound cheese, 25 pounds potatoes, 15 pounds flour, two 3-pound cans of fruit, one glass of jelly, two pieces of soap, two pounds bacon, two cans of cream, two loaves of bread, five pounds roast beef, mixed fruits and apples.

The provisions will all be delivered a day before Christmas.

If you wish the name of a poor family to whom you can send a box yourself, we will be glad to furnish you with a name.

We give no dinner for the following reasons:

First—The impossibility of eliminating the unworthy class, such as bums, loafers and professional beggars, as our diners have been free to all who came.

Second—The worthy poor, especially families, will not, with the best of acceptance of public charity, therefore remain unreached.

We hope you will see your way clear to make us the distributing agents for at least a part of your Christmas gifts to the poor widows and their fatherless children, and rheumatics, invalids, etc. Please let us know what you can do for this philanthropic enterprise by return mail, on enclosed postage card. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to "The Volunteers of America."

Wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, I am, yours truly, CAP