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PRINTING NEWS WHILE IT'S FRESH.

PEOPLE have discovered that if they want the news the surest and quickest way to get it is to take the Journal. A number of big news events have transpired in Portland in the last 30 days.

Our slow coach contemporaries might wait a day or two days after the original story had been published before they condescended to notice it, acting on the very pleasing theory that nothing could be regarded as official until it had found its way into their own dull and capacious columns.

COMBATTING THE DRINK EVIL.

IT IS NOT ONLY in the United States that increasing efforts are being made to check the drink habit and decrease its evil results. England is now trying a new law, providing, in brief, for heavier penalties on each recurring offense, and making it a misdemeanor to sell intoxicating liquors to habitual drunkards.

summer months. The conceded decrease in the consumption of beer in Germany in recent years is believed to be due to these efforts, as much as to industrial depression. Such diminution is especially noticeable in the larger cities of central and northern Germany.

NO MONOPOLY AT PANAMA.

WHAT would the people of this state say if the O. R. & N. company were to apply to the general government for the exclusive privilege of using the locks at the Cascades? What would they say, if when the canal at The Dalles is completed, the same application were made on the ground that having always enjoyed a monopoly, it should forever be continued and extended?

THE WAR SPIRIT AND THE PEACE SPIRIT.

IN ONE PARTICULAR at least Mr. Black's great "key-note" speech at Chicago was justly criticized by the Democratic keynotes at St. Louis. Mr. Black, eloquently, with candor, and presumably on such an occasion voicing President Roosevelt's sentiments, sounded and extolled the glories of war.

Small Change

The blessed rain. Oregon is herself again. There is no gold standard issue. More than ducks and frogs are happy.

The man in the moon changed his mind. L'hasse, L'hasse, or Lasse, as you choose. Judge Parker's cattle slept quite well last night.

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Oregon Sidelights

Anti-carnival ordinances in Oregon towns may be in order next.

Notwithstanding the light crops there, harvest hands are scarce in Benton county.

Grain and fruit are making a fine showing in the Echo, Umatilla county, neighborhood.

The hops held a wireless telegraphic conference and concluded to grow and ripen, after all.

Seaside is not only a popular summer resort, but is going ahead at a lively rate as a town.

Benton county is issuing warrants instead of cash, temporarily, but is otherwise entirely out of debt.

Ashland, a "city" town, is not "dead," but, according to the Tribune, is building up much faster than ever.

Oregon in summer is the hobos' paradise. Don't try to make them work; you can't succeed, but don't feed them.

A summer rain after a long dry spell tempts one to essay poetry almost as much as a fine early spring day after a hard winter does.

Dell R. Morgan, aged 24, crazed by whiskey, having at one time squandered \$1,500 that he received for a piece of land, committed suicide at Paisley.

Through some miscalculation several Oregon hatcheries will not be used this year, on account of the lack of funds. This is bad, and must be remedied next year.

Not quite so many eastern tourists may come here this year as would have done except for the St. Louis fair, but think of the crowds of them that will come next year.

The Echo rabbit cannery may be converted into a fruit cannery. When the jackrabbits have the ears that they will prick up their ears and take a few extra long jumps.

A fine team belonging to, and being driven by, Ed Bangs at Eugene, happened to think of their master's name and being sportive, ran away and caused him to suffer bangs.

The deputy county coroner of Baker county says that if he had a billion dollars he could dam Bering strait so that dry land would connect the two continents. Other people can damn Bering strait without a cent if they choose.

The Willamette valley desires a good soaking rain.—The Dalles Chronicle. No adjectives needed.—Just rain. It will be, what is, "good" and "soaking." The Willamette valley is—or was—like the elderly spinster: "Good Lord, anybody, so long as it is a man."

As mail carrier Klensner of Eugene was standing talking on the street, his revolver went off, all on its own motion, apparently, and inflicted a severe wound in his leg. Moral: Mail carriers should not stand and talk, should not carry revolvers, should stand straight when talking, should—but that's enough.

The biggest thing for Salem, the biggest thing for Dallas, the biggest thing for Folk and Marion counties, that ever happened, will be the building of the Salem-Dallas railroad, says the Salem Statesman. But it is not constructed "if" All Salem should immediately declare war to the death on that "if."

Roseburg Plaindealer: The prune business in the Park northwest is now readjusting itself quite rapidly. The districts in which good crops of Italian prunes can be expected early every year will keep on raising prunes and will find the business more reliably profitable as the acreage decreases in the districts in which there is a crop only once in a while. There are a number of rather limited sections in which the Italian prune has proved as reliable a bearing as can be reasonably expected of any fruits.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax—Having no mother to advise me, I would like to ask your advice in this matter. I am a girl of 17 and have been engaged for the last six months to a young man two years my senior. We were to be married in a year or two, but lately he has become more and more suspicious of me as a jealous disposition and he thinks if I marry him he would not be so jealous. Dear Miss Fairfax, kindly advise me, as he is good, but I don't know if I will be doing right or wrong on account of my age.

A. C.

You are very young to marry, and I do not know that matrimony will cure the young man's jealousy. Do you give him cause for jealousy? If so take my advice and try and help him conquer the miserable feeling by giving him no cause for it. If I were you I would wait a year or so before marrying. You are both too young.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young girl and want to go on the stage. Now, will you please tell me how I can get a position in a good company in some large city. I think I have a talent for the stage—at least I have been told so. I can sing and recite. I am tall and dark. I will be very much obliged to you for your excellent advice.

MABLE DODGE.

My dear girl, have you any idea of what going on the stage means? There is no profession which requires such hard work. When you see a girl dressed prettily, singing or dancing to the applause of the audience, if so takes for granted that it is all like that. It is not all like that by any means. Those girls have to work long and hard to make even the smallest kind of a success. Singing and reciting that sounds very well in private would not sound at all in public. You need training. The public does not pay to hear amateur singing. No actress ever advises a girl to go on the stage. Stay at home, dear girl, and be content with your home life.

IN THE WHOOP DEPARTMENT.

From Harper's Weekly.

A prominent physician tells this story at the expense of the modern craze for specialisation in the medical profession: A poor woman from the east side of New York went to a nearby dispensary to get salt for her little son, who had to get salt for her little son, who had to get salt for her little son.

When she got home, she found that the salt was gone, and she went back to the dispensary to get more. The doctor, who had been examining the boy, saw that the mother was in a state of great distress, and he called her to him. She told him what had happened, and he said that she should not worry, as the salt was not so important as she thought it was.

"Where's that salt?" she asked. "It's gone," he replied. "But I brought it here, and you saw me when I brought it. Where did it go?" "It went down the drain," he said. "You should have put it in a tin or something."

"But I didn't know it would go down the drain," she said. "Well, you should have known that," he replied. "You should have asked me when you brought it, and I would have told you to put it in a tin."

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