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HE WHO IS TAUGHT TO LIVE ON little wisdom more to his father's wisdom than he that has a great deal left him does to his father's care.—William Penn.

DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSMENTS

THE CLACKAMAS county assessor has chosen not to conform to the new plan adopted by most of the assessors of Oregon in raising assessments to cash valuations, or nearly so, and consequently the assessable property of Clackamas county totals officially only \$10,559,000, while that of Marion county, whose assessor fell in line with the new system of valuations, shows up with taxable property amounting to \$28,755,000, a difference of nearly \$18,200,000.

SECOND OR THIRD TERM.

WHETHER another term for Mr. Roosevelt as president would be a third term, a question now being much discussed, from a broad point of view can be answered both ways.

When his present term expires he will have served nearly two terms, one term and about seven eighths of another, so it is not very much out of the way to say that he has served two terms, and another one would be his third.

But technically there is no room for discussion; he has not served two full terms; he has been nominated for and elected president only once; and his election in 1908 would be for a second and not a third term.

Mr. Roosevelt himself, however, has chosen to regard his administration of the office for the greater part of McKinley's second term as a term for himself, and this as his second term, and on that ground, at least in part, he positively announced immediately after his election that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

That resolution he has adhered to, though what he might do if the convention should nominate him in spite of his protests and refuse to nominate any one else, is problematical. This, however, is not likely to occur. His wishes will probably be respected.

A professed savant of Washington, D. C., says the earth slipped around out of its upright position after the Noachian flood, and earthquakes are caused by its effort to right itself—so that the north pole will be directly beneath the north star, we suppose, instead of where Wellman will look for it; and that in 1982 the earth will make so tremendous an effort to get straight that all the cities of the world will be destroyed.

As he finds the foundation for all this in the Bible, where nobody else ever discovered it, he may be checked off as a Bible crank. Anyway, few of us will be here in 1982 to see.

It is one of the easiest and most natural things in the world for some routine officials, clothed with a little brief authority, to make asses of themselves. Forty Jewish children, orphaned by the massacres in Russia, were brought over to this country by a Berlin woman, after homes had been definitely provided for them among wealthy or well-to-do Jewish families, but though this fact was not disputed the 40 ways were all ordered sent back, though they have no parents or homes to be sent to, on the ground that they might become a public charge. This assinine decision ought to be set aside.

Very different from that which had been planned and prepared for will be Secretary Root's reception at Valparaiso and Santiago de Chile. Instead of gay, prosperous, illuminated and bedecked cities, he will find heaps of ruins, and all the evidences of distress due to a great disaster. The original itinerary will be carried out, but it will be for the most part a visit of condolence and sympathy.

Elder Petterman's assertion that the members of all churches but his are doomed to eternal perdition shares interest with that other extraordinary statement of Mayor Lane to the effect that detectives are supposed to work.

The newspapers of Nebraska are demanding an answer to the question: "Shall our girls wear pants?" Why not wait until the girls get married, and then they will decide the matter for themselves?

The courts of Chicago have saved Mr. Rockefeller a vast deal of trouble

many of them, in various directions, for securing at a moderate price a lot of two or more for a future if not a present home.

If you made a mistake by not buying ten or five or two years ago, when property was far lower than now, don't make the same mistake by neglecting to buy now, for the advance will continue right along.

If you have to go a mile or two farther out now than you did a year or two ago, remember that this will be the case right along. The sooner you get your little plot of ground for a home place the better. Prices will go up continuously, and with only so much money to buy with you will be forced to go farther and farther out every year.

Every man who hasn't a home ought to get one, or the foundation for one, the start of one, in a piece of ground. It won't run away. With fair judgment exercised in the buying it will increase in value far more than the interest you have to pay if you go in debt for it.

Because you made a mistake last year or before, don't make the same mistake now. Don't look back; look ahead. Get a home.

From the New York Tribune. There is reported from the Moral district of Switzerland a case of mule suicide. The beast had received rough usage and was being driven daily with a heavy load, back and forth from Binn valley to Morat.

The other evening, as the mulester had added, as usual his own weight to the tired mule's already heavy load, the beast plunged and reared so violently that the man was thrown with violence, breaking his arm, while the pack was also flung off.

Boiling then along the torrent side, the mule was nearing the bridge of heavy logs, when a party of men barred the way and the mule, seeing escape thus blocked and re-

capture inevitable, with a return to the river, sprang into the water, and, with a great splash, plunged headlong into the abyss.

The Color of Water. From the Scientific American. It was long ago discovered that the natural color of pure water is blue, and not white, as most of us usually suppose. Opinions have not agreed on the cause of the green and yellow tints, since it has been discovered by W. Spring, are due to extraneous substances. Dissolved calcium salts, though apparently giving a green tint, due to a fine invisible suspension, have no effect on the color of the water when adequate precautions are taken. The brown or yellow color due to iron salts is not seen when calcium is present. The cause of equilibrium between the color effect of the iron salts and the precipitating action of the calcium salts.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

How Fabrics Were Named. All the world is represented in the common names by which we ask for these materials from which our clothes are made. Heavily a fabric but derives its name from some city or country, and all ages as well as all the four quarters of the globe are included, says the Cleveland News.

Melin is named from Mosul a city on the bank of the Tigris in Asia. Cambric is from Cambria, a city in France.

Causes is probably from Cassa, in Syria, though possibly from the Hindoo word meaning this cloth. Satre, which we commonly think of as green, was named from its original color, a reddish-brown. The word is really the plural of say, and the color is that of a horse which is known by that name. A form of the word is common to many tongues.

Damaak is readily seen to be from the city of Damascus, in Syria. Silk and serge are both from the Latin Seras, meaning the Chinese. These fabrics first came from that portion of Asia which is now Northern China.

Velvet is from the Italian veluto, meaning woolly, this from the Latin vellus, a fleece. Vallum is a derivation of the same root—a wall or hedge.

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Dinkelspiel At Saratoga

BY GEORGE V. HOBART.

(Copyright, 1908, by W. E. Hoar.) Saratoga, Today. Mein Lieber Loosy—I had left your mother at home to enjoy a well-earned vacation while I am up here Saratogating myself, as far as der law will allowance.

Beauty and fashion and all of us round boys dot make life hot it is in der great metropolis was here at der races.

I was hafing der time of my life. At night we drink highballs to make us look in der morning we can drink Saratoga water to make us well.

Dis is vot is called reciprocity in dis country, because it works both ways against der middle.

Nefar before dis before did I see in vun bunch such a crowd of sports and sponges; of plunchers and pluggers; of shrimps and looters; of canary birds and hen hawks; of hotel waiters, bell-boys and plain robes; of bookkeepers and accountants.

Here at Saratoga it costs money to draw a deep breath, and der low, hoarse voice of der cash register follows me all der day and haunts my dreams by der night in.

Society is out in force, especially at night, ven der full dress idea lets dem out a leedle more den der law allows.

Nefar before in der history of Saratoga had so many peoples rushed here mid vide-open pocket-books and mid delr bank accounts frothing at der mouth.

Hall bedrooms in boarding-houses vich biddeets was used only as an envelope for der broken furniture was now selling rapidly at \$100 a front foot.

At some of der hotel dining-rooms it costs six dollars to peep in, eight dollars to walk in, and twenty dollars to shovel in enough French cooking to start vun stick of dyspepsia.

Many der peoples has been seen in dees dining-rooms who was now using a fork in public for der fairst time.

Der result is always picturesque, but not mitotid surprises for der shirt buttons.

You haf read it in der papers, Loosy, vore gambling in Saratoga has been given a knock-out blow in der solo applexus, but don't believe your listener, Loosy, don't believe it.

Any man dot comes to Saratoga mit nine dollars spending money and says he could find no place to play fero or loosteet and a gambler—he is just a plain lunk.

Dick Canfield's betting bungalow ain't open as usual, but it is usually open. Der difference between dis year and last year at Canfield's was a door mit a fancy knob on it.

Last year der door was vide open. Dis year der door is closed and you haf to turn der knob before entering. Dis is der up-to-date idea of dot oit choke-vich says, "Ven is a door not a night in."

In Saratoga der answer is, "Ven it's at Canfield's."

I walked in dere last evening and der maknificance of der brilliant picture spread before my eyes is something I deref der fore because I lost nine dollars and my sleeping-car ticket.

As der post says it, "Wice is der monster parent of a 'ousand sins—unless we put our money on der card dot vich."

Yours, mit luff, D. DINKELSPIEL, Per George V. Hobart.

And-Street Cleaning. Portland, Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mayor Lane has begun a good work in encouraging the employees of the city to earn their pay. Now if cleaning that will clean the streets instead of leaving them mud-puddles, as by the wretched system now in vogue of wetting down the soil and filth instead of removing what is left, he will deserve and no doubt receive the approval of a large portion of the suffering public. A WALKER.

Thieves Rob Visitors. From the London Express. Visitors to Switzerland are almost terrorized by a daring gang of international thieves, whose operations are so cleverly conducted and whose plans are so carefully planned that nothing is safe from them.

Jewel-cases have been abstracted from locked bedrooms and valuables taken out of hotel strong rooms without any traces being left that would lead to the arrest of the actual offender.

An Englishman forgot his pocket-book containing over \$20 in his room at a hotel in Basle, and on his return a few minutes later it had disappeared.

An English lady who arrived at Basle from Paris was robbed of her jewels and purse which she had looked up in a Jew's hands.

Several thefts from visitors staying at Montreux hotels have occurred recently, and much property has been lost on the trains from Lucerne to Milan. The thieves are women as well as men. All are well dressed and speak several languages.

Beautifying the City. From the Boston Globe. Many of the German cities are engaged in a work that ought to commend itself to American municipalities. Consul Joseph I. Brittain reports from a recent visit to the Rhine that every city is engaged in beautifying the cities and cultivating the beauties of the people.

Saratoga lately held a competition in the decoration of show windows in mercantile houses, and the prizes were awarded by the stadtholder; the imperial government who made a personal tour of inspection. It is believed that the sense of beauty, once aroused in the people, will not soon be lost.

An effort in another direction is being made to make the towns and cities more attractive. This consists of the encouragement to keep the roads and streets in good repair and to construct parks and flower gardens at street intersections.

Help make the state fair a big success.

A Little Nonsense

Left Behind.

Mrs. Maude Miller Hippie, whose advocacy of a "curse" in "motherhood" for young matrons has already begun to bear good fruit, was talking of the duties of young mothers.

"And no young mother," she said, "no matter how many her millions, nor how high her station, should trust her little one entirely to a nurse's care. A nurse may be most intelligent, most conscientious; but to rear a baby properly is a difficult task and only one person is sufficiently interested in this task to perform it well. That person is the baby's mother."

Mrs. Hippie smiled. "A young mother," she said, "was walking with her husband on the Atlantic City board walk. Suddenly she gave a little cry of pleasure.

"Oh," she said, "there is nurse—nurse wheeling baby."

"And she ran lightly to the luxurious coach of leather with its swan-shaped carriage and its rubber-tired wheels, and she pushed back the parasol that shaded the occupant from the sun.

"Then she gave a gasp and started. "Why, nurse," she cried, "where's baby?"

"The nurse gasped. 'Goodness gracious, ma'am! I forgot to put him in.'"

Or Jim and Jimjam. Race outside was the subject under consideration at a conference of travelers in the foyer of the St. Francis.

"Roosevelt may be right about it," said one with a big voice and a huge cigar, "but where I come from the young ones are so plentiful that we have a hard time naming them. Although we do not consider them troubles, they resemble them in that they never come alone, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

"There was one woman who had twin girls.

"What shall we name them?" she asked her husband.

"One must be Kate," he dictated. "Duplicate for the other," was the reply.

"The second pair were boys, and came to the altar as Pete and Repeat.

"At the third christening both parents were out of town, so as twins came again it was decided to name them Max and Climax."

"Simply Indescribable." "It is impossible to convey to the reader any adequate idea of the beauties of the Bosporus at Constantinople," says William Jennings Bryan in one of his letters in the Indianapolis Star.

"Impossible!" I am reminded of a true story. There was a country editor down south who went to New York and got a real newspaper. One day there was a big story on the bay, and then new man was sent out to "cover" the descriptive side of it.

"The dashing and the fury of the water," he wrote, "was simply indescribable."

The city editor called him in.

"What do you mean," he asked, "by this expression, 'simply indescribable'?"

"I mean," replied the new man, "that it is simply indescribable on a salary of \$15 a week."

So it was with William J. B. He might not have found the task so difficult if he had been paid more.

Under Suspicion. "There are in the world's good many men like Jonathan Scarborough of Hamelin," said Mark Twain, at a banquet in New York.

"Scarborough was one of those men with nothing evil absolutely known against them, who are yet looked on, and no doubt justly, with suspicion."

"It was thought of Scarborough that, for a poor man, he ate too much chicken. And one day the blow fell. He was arrested for chicken stealing.

"When he was called to testify about Scarborough's character.

"Did you ever know this man to steal poultry?" said the lawyer for the defense.

"I never did," said the witness. "But this is what I do know: If I was a chicken and Jonathan Scarborough was a chicken, I'd roost high."

Yes, What? It happened in the history class. Miss Rose Goldsmith, principal of the Fremont school, was talking to the young men of the superiority of the American government to that of England, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

"In the United States we elect our rulers, while in poor England they come by accident," said one of the young men.

"No voice as to who shall be their ruler, but must take the eldest son of the king."

There was silence, and then a small hand went up. It was little Willie Gerra.

"What, ma'am," piped his small voice, "if the king had twins for eldest sons?"

The Dalles Military Road. From the Blue Mountain Eagle. It is said of the United States government that it is most particular. This may be true in small things and where certain individuals are concerned, but when it comes to a big steal the United States government is a howling infant.

One of the most glaring examples of this is the pseudo military road connecting from Tule Lake to Boise City. The company contracting to build the road is a company that has been in the business for a long time.

The road is one of the humorous things of these government contracts. It runs from the summit of the John Day pass directly across the mountains, along a route that a packhorse could travel. There is no semblance of a road. The trees are not even cut, being left to grow as they please.

The company "building" this military road is a company that has been in the business for a long time. The road is a county road and is today the only road through that section of the country.

The Dalles military road is marked by biased trees, and that is all. The company got every odd section for a distance of three miles on either side of this road, and where there was land already settled upon the company got the land scrip and took up all the good lands in the Logna valley, the Summit valley, Crane valley and innumerable other rich sections.

And now this company owns this land absolutely and even charges sheepmen and cattlemen for crossing it to get to the pasture lands in the forest reserves.

There are two absolute idiots in the United States government administration. One is the man who accepted this Dalles military road and the other is the man who is responsible for this forest reserve policy. The first belongs in the penitentiary and the other should be in an insane asylum.

Some hoggrowers expect 30 cents.

BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE. Now watch the fonstikere fite. No rain wanted yet—by the hop man. They invariably "break down" before they confesa.

It is only the worker who knows the delight of rest. It is rumored that Joe Day can afford to take a vacation.

Now a laborer can take his choice of several kinds of jobs. Good streets and sidewalks are a good investment in any town.

Bryan has too much brains inside his head to allow it to swell. Astoria regatta this week; Portland should be there numerously.

Plum trees near Bend have made a growth of six feet this year. There are an unusual number of "star witnesses" in the land fraud cases.

It will be Labor day sure enough next Monday for most of us. Bams as other days. When you read the news from Cuba you don't know whether much of it is so or not.

If now the car would only follow Teddy's example and reform the Russian language. Several people have been killed in the Cuban revolution already, most of them generals.

Maybe the crazy man who imagines he has millions is happier than the man who has them. What to do with Roosevelt after his term is out is settled; he will get up a fonetic dictionary.

Alfalfa does well on the Luckiamut, one man securing 84 tons per acre from land planted last year. If hunters would kill a cougar for every deer they kill they would be rendering the state some service.

A man nearly three-score years old met a good swimmer yet, but he mustn't expect to beat an expert half his age or less. Persons in Russia carrying bombs with which to kill somebody should be trained so as to carry them until the right time to throw them, and not drop them inopportunistly.

It hasn't rained so much in Oregon during the past decade as it did in former decades, and so some people predict that this region in a century or so will "go dry" entirely. But don't worry; probably the fear is unfounded, but whatever happens can't be helped or hindered.

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