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No school is more necessary to children than patience, because either the will must be broken in childhood or the heart in old age.—Richter.

THE JETTY AND THE UPPER RIVER.

IT IS A SORRY, indeed a pusillanimous conclusion, that unless the people of these northwestern states are content to center all their efforts on securing an appropriation for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia, both this project and the improvement of the upper river must be "indefinitely postponed."

Unquestionably the mouth of the Columbia must be deepened, but unquestionably, too, the obstacles to the navigation of the upper river must be removed. It is not to be expected that the farmers and shippers of eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana will meekly abandon the fight which they have been waging for years for an open waterway to the sea.

It is folly to regard these matters from the narrow standpoint of the selfish interest of any single locality. Portland's welfare is indissolubly bound up with the welfare of the whole inland empire and this must be recognized if we are to hope for concerted, united action.

PEOPLE NOT ALL FOOLS.

SPEAKER CANNON and Secretary Shaw talk like blind men and ignoramus. They assume and in effect say that everything in this country is all right, just right, now; that there is no need of any reform or improvement or change in anything whatever; that there is no cause for dissatisfaction or complaint or criticism, and that there is none except on the part of a few chronic malcontents who are not worth noticing.

RAYNER ON THE TARIFF.

IN A RECENT interview Senator Rayner of Maryland made a strong presentment of the Democratic or reformatory view of the tariff question, which may serve as a "keynote" for the coming congressional and the later presidential campaign.

any of these matters is merely a mulish kicker and brayer. Secretary Shaw down south talks in a similar vein. The trusts are all right, and there is no occasion for any opposition to them.

Yet it is apparent that in spite of alleged and boasted prosperity there is a great deal of dissatisfaction, of unrest, of not only suspicion but assurance that the common people are not getting a square deal in the matter of prosperity.

IRRIGATION AND PRODUCTION.

THE IMPORTANCE of irrigation, not only in eastern but in western Oregon, can scarcely be exaggerated, and The Journal indorses and supports all efforts and arguments in behalf of irrigation wherever practicable; but it cannot agree with a statement attributed to Judge Hailey that except for irrigation Oregon had reached the limit of agricultural production.

This can be done by utilizing lands now partly or wholly idle, so far as the production of valuable crops is concerned; by the division of large into smaller farms, particularly in western Oregon; by rotation of crops and intensive farming; by greater care in the planting, tending, harvesting and marketing of crops, and by reducing waste to the minimum.

Will the newspapers have to print next December the president's message fonelessly in part? If so more people than usual may read it.

That old warhorse, David Bennett Hill, seems to be have been turned out to grass at Wolfort's Roost.

Surely no horrid laboring man would attempt to defeat the president's daughter's husband.

Now that President Roosevelt has butted in down in Cuba, what is he going to do with it?

It looks like a good many people were for Bryan whether they agree with him or not.

General Weyler's Birthday. General Weyler, or to give him his full name, Senor Don Valeriano y Weyler Niclaus, Marquis of Tenerife, was born in the Balearic islands, September 17, 1828.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

The Fleeting Year.

The spring is gone and summer wanes apace. And frosty autumn now is at the door; And while I strive to see his ruddy face, I sigh to think the summer time is over.

The Bee as a Doctor.

The bee, that wonderful little creature, the organization of whose community must always be a source of admiration, is among other things an excellent doctor, and goes about its work in this particular with the same scrupulous care that it exercises in all else that it does.

Town Named for Girl Clerk.

The power of personal charm is shown in the story of how the town of Willmathville, Missouri, got its name. Many years ago a man whose name is not remembered had a store there in a building now used by A. H. Ammerman as a stable.

Virgin's Tree Falls.

Tourists who have visited Egypt will learn with regret that the Virgin's tree at Matruh (Heliopolis), in the suburbs of Cairo, has fallen.

Without prejudice or praise, but just as a sober matter of fact, it can be said the Stewart opera company is the all around, capable company ever in Portland.

It is a happy one, of course, and it worked out happily. John Cort deserves the thanks of a suffering public for giving such a worthy production.

The chorus is indeed a singing chorus. There are no side antics on the stage. Everything moves with discipline.

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A Little Nonsense

The Old and the New Way. From London Tit-Bits.

"It was settled some time ago that he was to marry my daughter," said the mother of a girl of the period, but yet remained for the young man to see my consent. It was merely a formality, however, as my girl had arranged matters to suit herself without consulting me or my wishes.

Dancing a Lost Art. Miss Kittle W. Nathan of Denver, one of the dancing teachers attending the national convention in New York, said: "Dancing, as you know, originated with long-legged bipeds such as storks, flamingoes, cranes, etc."

Reflections. Many a girl with eyes like a startled fawn has an appetite like an ostrich.—New York Times.

An Astute Boy. The late Alfred Bell, the famous diamond magnate, had a small, handsome house on a huge lot in Park Lane, London's most fashionable street, and here he gave occasionally very elegant dinners.

Not All the Truth. Commercial travelers will appreciate this story, which is told of one of their own kind. He had been summoned as a witness in a case at court, his employers having sued a delinquent customer, and the lawyer for the defense was cross-examining him.

The Play. When the advance man for the Stewart opera company came to Portland and said the company had a singing chorus, we smiled. Last night, after the first half of "The Two Roses," we went to the box office and begged pardon for our smiles.

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BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE. 'Tis an evil time for ducks. Probably Bryan could preach, too. The Ohio voters are to hear from yet.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Oil struck east of Medford. Fine fishing in the John Day river. Ions needs a laundry and a flour mill. Provost needs a creamery and a blacksmith.

It is reported that a petrified horse is imbedded in a cliff near Twickenham. Southern Oregon expects to ship about 150 cars of apples, at \$2.40 to \$3 per box.

No finer region for duck shooting exists than the Klamath county, says the Republican. The ordinance against the use of obscene language on the streets is to be enforced in Baker City.

Since he has been in office the Tillamook county assessor has raised timber claims from \$600 to \$1,800. No business at the last term of circuit court in Wheeler county. It must be short feed for lawyers up there.

Loggers are now demanding from \$10 to \$11 per thousand for logs on the Columbia river. And the demand far exceeds the supply. The Hillsboro condenser has just put in a filling machine, which weighs 500 pounds and cost about \$400. It will fill 24 cans with cream at a time and does the work of six persons.

Sheep at \$4.50 per head, hogs at 7 cents per pound, apples at \$2.00 per box, does not look like all the western opportunities have been exhausted, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. The address of the Canyonville Echo, after mentioning a trip that she had taken, says: She resumes her duties with the same name and still single in station, despite the many guesses and bets to the contrary.

McIntinnville News-Reporter: School children are in the hop yards earning from \$1.50 to \$3 per day. The hop industry is a great money circulator and will continue to be as long as men will continue to hop yeast and other stuff out of hops. On a farm near Carlton were threshed 37 bushels of clover seed in one day last week. This is a record breaker for the county. The New England and the west have several record breaking yields. Six bushels an acre is considered a very good crop, yet some fields in Yamhill county have gone as high as 11 bushels to the acre. Clover seed is quoted at \$1 a bushel in Chicago.

Great is Abe Ruef. He is the boss of the labor party in San Francisco, controls the Republican party there, and has a balance of power in the Democratic party. Perhaps he is also a Socialist and Prohibitionist. The late General Treppoff's father became a very prominent man in Russia, but never learned to spell. By not learning Russian orthography, which is nearly as bad as English, he had time to devote to grafting and oppressing people.

The master plumbers of the state of Washington have resolved not to work for less than 30 per cent profit, and object to journeymen raising wages. We regret to see any disagreement between the two. Why not compromise by allowing the journeymen \$10 a day for five hours' work, and fix the profits of the master plumbers at 50 per cent? In fact, everywhere in the west, the figures are already prevailed.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. Apart from the fact that they were both Englishmen, both British subjects, and both on both sides American patriots, there was between the Puritan and the Cavalier but little in common. The men who settled New England and the men who settled Virginia were alike great, but in the greatness of the two, the Puritan was a marked difference.

In morality, in prudence, in thrift, the New Englander was always ahead of the son of the old dominion, but in depth of principle, in brain-strength, in enthusiasm for the ideal the Virginian was over head and shoulders above his northern brother.

For everything that exists there is a cause, and the explanation of the difference between the Puritan and the Cavalier is not far to seek. The men who settled New England gathered themselves together into towns, while the men who went to Virginia were scattered over the country, occupying large estates in the country, and having but little to do with town or city life.

This fact it was that so effectually differentiated the New Englander from the Virginian. The New Englander's mental vision was bounded by his township. Beyond the petty affairs of the "town meeting" his mind did not roam, while the son of the old dominion was intellectually related to the concerns of the entire province.

In Massachusetts the whole people ruled, while in Virginia the few ruled. The New England "town meeting" is the indispensable fountain-head of our democracy, while for a long time—Virginia, quite up to the revolution—Virginia was the hotbed of "royalty," being inclined far more to monarchy than to representative democracy.

And yet, when the crisis came, it was Virginia that furnished the American patriot, the lead in the mighty struggle against King George and his parliament. The idea of democratic government came from New England, where for a long time had been familiar to the people in their town meetings; but when it came to asserting this idea against the power of kings, cabinets and parliaments, it was the Cavalier who supplied the ways and means, the enticing principles, the brain-strength, the ability that made these principles good.

The New England town meeting, purely democratic as it unquestionably was, reared no leader, no great creative genius, no supreme administrator. It leveled everything down to a cheap mediocrity. It was in aristocratic Virginia where the great spirits were to be found who should make of the struggling colonies the continent's administrator. It leveled everything down to a cheap mediocrity.

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In the words of another: "A Virginian raised the first public voice against the tyranny of the motherland; a Virginian first moved our national independence in the continental congress; a Virginian wrote the declaration of independence; a Virginian was commander-in-chief of the continental army all through the revolutionary war; a Virginian brought that war to a successful close; a Virginian was the father of the American constitution; a Virginian was president of the constitutional convention; a Virginian was the first president of the United States; a Virginian first shaped our foreign policy; a Virginian first saw beyond the colonial into the national future of our country, and first discerned in the opening times that future which is now our manifest destiny."

Edward H. Harriman KING OF THE BUCCANERS.

From Collier's Weekly. For the stock exchange gambler who sold "short" what he did not possess, and was ruined financially when Mr. Harriman attacked the stock, sympathy need not reach the point of pain. The bona fide stockholders in the Union Pacific railroad, who sold his shares because Mr. Harriman and his other directors of the road withheld from him the true value of his property, and used their carefully concealed knowledge to induce him to sell to them at a grossly inadequate price—such a victim has his remedy at law, difficult and expensive as it may be.

Another aspect of Pirate Harriman's latest holdup is of wider aspect. What of the sources of the money which is being used to pay 10 per cent dividends on the heavily watered stock of the Union Pacific railroad? In that question every person in the United States who has contributed to the fund has an interest, and this list includes every person who has bought a California orange, a pound of prunes, a ton of ore, or any other article which ever passed as freight over the Union Pacific or the Southern Pacific. The freight rates on these two railroads should be the lowest, or among the lowest, in the United States, because the freight is billed, as a rule, in trainload, rather than in short lots.

Lariness' Last Refinement. From Stray Stories. "I don't see that there's any advantage in those clay pipes which you always seem to prefer." "Oh, but there is. When they drop on the ground, for instance, you haven't a stop to pick them up."