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It is for want of application rather than of means that men fail of success.—Roche-foucauld.

THE STRIKE SETTLED.

It is certainly in order for Portland to be congratulated, and to congratulate herself, on the settlement of the grainhandlers' strike.

Considerable has been lost, both by the parties to the contest and the public, but it is easy to see and to say in this case, "It might have been worse."

Indeed, few strikes that were so portentous of a long and disastrous struggle have been settled with so little disturbance of industrial conditions.

The interesting question about it now is: What if any good resulted? Is either or both sides to the contention better off?

Good will come out of this apparent evil. There are truly such things as blessings in disguise.

Both sides in this instance claim to have triumphed to some extent, and both are probably right, though it may not be best to boast of it too extensively.

The central, important lesson is—arbitrate. Get together. Make mutual concessions. Try to treat the other fellows fairly.

THE COAST REGION.

GREAT DEVELOPMENT of the coast region in Oregon, the comparatively narrow slope from the summit of the Coast range to the Pacific, will undoubtedly take place in the near future.

The arms of the Cuban rebels have been thrown into the ocean, but Mr. Palma continues to believe that the only way to prevent rebellion is by throwing the malcontents after their weapons.

could support a rural population equal to that of the counties in which it is situated. The possibilities of development in Coos county are almost unlimited.

RUEF'S DESPERATE COUP.

BEHOLD, projected suddenly, not indeed from obscurity but with a dramatic bound of elevation, that notorious if not eminent citizen of San Francisco, Mr. Abraham Ruef, popularly known as Abe Ruef.

Mr. Ruef knows Mr. Heney, who has been employed as assistant district attorney for the express purpose of indicting and punishing Mr. Ruef and his tools in the city government.

Mr. Ruef, then, supposing that he is guilty of what is as yet rather vaguely charged against him—and nobody seems to doubt that he is—is apparently "up against it."

It is incredible that this brazen coup can succeed unless the courts are also Ruef's creatures, and it has been intimated that some of them are.

Everybody is glad the strike is settled, of course, but why the contestants could not come to an agreement in a good deal less than a month's time is what nobody can find out.

When the clouds of trouble roll away they are soon forgotten. Everybody along the waterfront is busy and happy again.

It is a bad time—or is it a good time?—for Mayor Schmitz to be in Europe.

A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Why Vegetarians Can't Keep Warm.

"I had the best of it all summer," said the vegetarian, "but now that winter is coming on, you meat-eaters will shiver less than I."

A slow heart means a cool temperature. Hence, in the summer, the vegetarian has the advantage. But, contrarily, a quick heart means heat, means immunity to the icy blasts, and that is why, in the winter time, you meat-eaters don't shake and shiver as we vegetarians do.

Three Real Romances.

From the Kansas City World. Here are three real life romances found in the news of a single day. Take your pick:

In Norristown, Pennsylvania, 15 minutes after marrying Amanda McClain, Walter Johnson took a drink of whiskey. "Mandy deserted at once and will sue for a divorce."

In Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, Agnes Sullivan 15 minutes after she agreed to marry Charles Arner called a friend and said: "Tell Charles I do not love him and therefore cannot marry him." She didn't either.

In Topeka, Kansas, 10 years ago C. H. Gramly met Charlotte Hayes. Only once did they talk. Then he went away remembering. The other day, his circumstances having changed, Gramly hunted up Miss Hayes and she is now Mrs. Gramly.

Characteristics.

From Life. The Other Fellow is Strong-minded, Stubborn, Self-respecting, Vain, Extravagant, Hair-splitting, Foppish, Servile, Pushy up, Brusque, Inquisitive, Covertous, Sensitive, Frank, Rude, Effeminate, Fanatical, Long-winded, Whimsical, Trivialous, Particular, Well-read, Successful, Unlucky, Incompetent.

Whitelaw Reid's Birthday.

Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, was born near Xenia, Ohio, on October 27, 1837. He was graduated from Miami university in 1856. He became city editor of the Cincinnati Gazette, but at the outbreak of the war joined the staff of General Morris, and later that of General Rosecrans.

At Last.

The time has come, my worthy friends, when statesmen go to jail.

You're apt to see any time haled Mr. Hallett by the rail.

What fun to step into court where other idlers gaze.

And see a senator sent down to serve his thirty days!

They flew quite high for many years, but times are altered now.

They greet us common people with a low, low croak.

They dare not look us in the eye, lest we a cop should hail.

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The Play

By Johnston McCully. The coarse suggestiveness of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" has already been apparent to the ordinary Shakespearean actor.

It has remained for Louis James to give a successful production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

It takes a man with intelligence to interpret the character of Falstaff and his lines in such a manner as to retain the beauty superior to the suggestiveness. This Louis James has done, and in such a manner that we need "The Merry Wives of Windsor" no more.

Louis James, the annual visitor, became Louis James, the new star, last night at the Seattle. It was a new, a different James, and he did it with artifice. His work took hold at the first appearance. He looked the part. He acted the part. He was in the part. He was in the part. He was in the part.

Norman Hackett, as Mr. Ford, was greeted by his admirers, and won more of them by his splendid work. Hackett acts evenly and in a manner artistic. He has been with James long and knows the temperament of the star.

He enters to it, giving a performance in sympathy with the work of James, and there is between these personalities not a jarring discord. Nellie McHenry was excellent as Mistress Quickly. Abbie James as Mrs. Ford revealed the fact that her best work is in the line of comedy rather than in emotional roles.

She made a good impression last night. Lillian Lancaster did well as sweet Anne Page. Horace Lyndon, as Shender, played an excellent fool and drew laughter from the audience. The others of the company are capable supporting players.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" as played in an abbreviation of what Shakespeare wrote. There is much thrown away, but there is retained the central plot in all its spontaneity and the action is at all times rapid and satisfying. James and his company has succeeded in reducing Shakespeare to the understanding of the average man in this production. The deep truths and beautiful witticisms of the lines are interpreted in a manner that throws the thought with the action. Nothing of value is lost, and to the contrary much is gained by the forceful, clean-cut manner of presentation.

James and his company will give "The Merry Wives of Windsor" again tonight, closing his annual engagement in Portland.

Another vessel, the first one in a long time, having been wrecked near

Legal Problem.

A woman in New York is placed in a peculiar position by the will of a close friend.

The friend willed her a \$700 gown. Just before her death she requested to be buried in the dress. Not knowing of the will, relatives complied.

Now the will is in court. The estate can't be closed up until the bequest is paid. To pay it the deceased must be disinterred—or the legatees must be paid \$700 in cash.

The courts are wrestling with the problem.

Marriage Colors.

Married in gray, you will go far away. Married in black, you will wish you were back.

Married in red, you'd better be dead. Married in green, admitted to be dead.

Married in blue, you'll always be true. Married in pearl, you'll live in a whirl.

Married in yellow, ashamed of the fellow. Married in brown, you'll live out of town.

Married in pink, your spirits will sink.

Diet Value of the Lemon.

It is not generally known that lemon juice, taken in proper quantities, is a most excellent tonic.

A lemon taken in a tumbler of cold water, a half hour before breakfast every day will stimulate the liver and digestive organs, causing an increase in the appetite and making the skin fresh and clear.

If the majority of women could be made to realize that their dull, colorless complexions generally are the result of the inactivity of their digestive organs, they would use less use for objectionable cosmetics that never, in the slightest degree, resemble nature.

October 27 in History.

1843—French frigate arrived at Annapolis, conveying French minister to the United States.

1858—Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth president of United States, born.

1864—Federalists repulsed at Hatcher's Run.

1871—"Boss" Tweed of Tammany Hall arrested and jailed.

1893—Philadelphia celebrated peace jubilee.

1894—Prince Albert made half mile in 8.57 1/2.

1904—The New York subway opened.

Gold Bricks for the British.

The experience of two people who narrowly escaped being the victims of one of the American "gold brick" gangs is related in a rather amusing way.

They were on the point of going back to the states with \$7,000 in hard cash, to be paid over to one of the swindlers, when their banker's caution concerning the same route with whom they had been in negotiation deterred them.

The opening act of the swindle is to address from America letters to some gentleman recently deceased and whose will had been proved. The letters are designed to imply that the deceased gentleman has been, unknown to his family, affording financial assistance to some person unknown in the far west.

The letter addressed to "Thomas" who is engaged in prospecting for gold. The letter announces that "Thomas" operations have been rewarded by the discovery of a mine of surpassing wealth, and that he has decided to convey a half share of the property to his benefactor in England.

In the present instance Mrs. S. and her brother-in-law were tempted to go to New York and meet "G. James Cromwell," who wrote the letters. He showed them a sample of what looked like gold, as big as a tennis ball, and he told them that he had 73 sacks of similar stuff, valued at \$300,000.

It then appeared that the vein of gold encroached on adjoining property, but the owner was unaware of it. They had to go cautiously to work and purchase the land from him. The man only wanted a modest \$7,000 for it, and after numerous interviews Mrs. S. and her brother-in-law came back to England to get this sum.

Their banker, however, asked them the reason for drawing such a large sum, and his suspicions saved them from being duped.

This swindle is tried on somebody in Great Britain almost every day with a sufficient percentage of successes to make it highly profitable.

Creeks and Ten Lost Tribes.

From the Kansas City Star. "The Indians are the most superstitious people on earth," said a few days ago who had taught for years in a Creek Indian school.

"They have myths and legends by the score. Some of them are as beautiful and picturesque as the legends of the old Greeks and Romans."

"I boarded for five years with a Creek Indian who had been educated at Carlisle. He knew the Indian legends and used to tell them to me and his children as we sat around the fireplace of an evening. You know the Creeks have a legend that they are one of the lost 10 tribes of Israel. This Indian was the son of a medicine man who was once great and powerful in the tribe. All his knowledge of Indian lore came from his father, the medicine man."

"This medicine man said that the Creeks were one of the lost 10 tribes of Israel. The legend ran that they were once associated with the other tribes and that they had wandered and become separated. They wandered for years for the north until they came to a sea. There they built boats and embarked. They steered their course by the wand of a medicine man. Each morning he went to his tepee and set

From Newsboy to Millionaire

Tom L. Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, who rose into note by selling newspapers, presents the paradoxical picture of a man who has amassed a fortune of \$10,000,000 through street car franchises and monopolistic ventures of different kinds, yet who is the forerunner of his wealth and influence for the destruction of the very means whereby he ascended to power.

He is a nepotist who has used his privileges and arranged himself against the throne. The gigantic corporations fear him because he is the only enemy they have who possesses intimate and practical knowledge of their methods.

A fighter by nature and training, Johnson's physical and mental endurance and resourcefulness are little less than marvelous. He goes thoroughly into the minutest details of every matter that comes to his attention, and brings to Cleveland's municipal problems the same incisive mentality that in the past has built a railroad overnight. Expecting what was to be a long and arduous city in technical work frequently come from a conference with Mayor Johnson saying that before they left him he would more about the new tracks to use which they were arranged that they did themselves. It is this quality in him that earned him the title of "the best mayor of the best governed city in the United States."

He says the secret of his success is that he excels in the amount and quality of work he can get out of the first man he meets on the street.

An excellent example of the way this unique mayor wins his battles occurred in Cleveland last July. Johnson had been conducting a crusade for lower fares on the street cars.

The present occupant of the streets refused to accede to his demands and a new company was organized with 3-cent fare as the basis of its appeal for lower fares.

The city council granted it a franchise for one line, a part of which ran along a street already occupied by the old company. The street was not wide enough for the new tracks to be laid beside the old, so the council passed an ordinance requiring the old company to move its tracks to one side to make room. Thirty days passed without any steps having been taken toward obeying the ordinance.

This was the mayor's opportunity. Mayor Johnson smuggled a few carloads of steel rails into the city, and on the twenty-fifth of July he arose at 5 o'clock, marshaled 500 city employees, and with the most improved track-lifting devices began to tear out the tracks of the old company on Cleveland street.

The mayor led the way, and the men went down with a speed and a professional franchise grabber. Johnson had done the same thing many times before, and only his private interests were at stake.

The coup had been so carefully planned and so dexterously executed that the old company did not have time to organize for any physical resistance. They applied to the courts, however, and just as the work on the tracks was being completed, an injunction arrived from the supreme court of Ohio, forbidding the inclusion in his pocket and thanked the officer who served it. Then he ordered the work to go on.

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BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE.

Everybody works but the hobo. That invention of odorous hamburger isn't worth a cent.

Much of this October's weather couldn't be beaten anywhere.

Bryan can't expect to be noticed very much till we see what happens to Hearst.

"Magoon is growing," says a dispatch. Trying to become as big as Taft, perhaps.

A comic opera chorus girl has been fined for flirting. With the wrong males, probably.

A Chicago man has a new kind of alarm clock. His wife knocked him down with it.

On an iron cot in an iron cell in Ironton, ex-Senator Burton can meditate on the irony of fate.

Roosevelt cannot sit on the lid heavily enough to keep that third term proposition down.

Either times are unusually quiet lately in Russia, or else the censorship has become strictly censorious.

Some southerners began organizing a lynching party on hearing that a black frost had appeared.

A Chicago man wants a divorce because his wife is a witch. Doubtless she is bewitched by some other woman.

Most of the prominent Democratic enemies Hearst has made ought to be good for a good many votes apiece for him.

It looks as if President Roosevelt must be elected several more times if he is the only man who can "bust the trusts."

It is curious what a great effort must sometimes be made in the courts, often with doubtful results, to prove something that everybody knows.

A London doctor wants hoboes exterminated, because, he says, they are reverting to apes. But apes would be no such nuisance as hoboes.

What an argument it is that if the Republican majority in the house should be decreased a little it would be a staggering blow to Roosevelt.

Bleim is soon to have a city election. In order to support Roosevelt every Republican candidate should be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Strange to say, no paragraph, so far as we have observed, alluding to the conviction and sentence of a Mr. Polate, has remarked that he had bugs on him.

The woman on the front page of the current number of Collier's is not only fully clothed, but has a hat and an automobile veil, indicating, we suppose, frosty fall weather back east.

A New Era in Street Railroads

BY TOM L. JOHNSON.

The situation in Cleveland is only an acute and well-defined example of a situation which is being felt in many of the cities of the country.

It seems to me that the fact that stands out most prominently is that a new era has opened in the popular conception of the relationships between the public service corporations on the one hand, and the public, upon which they depend for their franchise grants and to whom they render service, on the other.

This fact is the most important one, in that it has forced in Cleveland an admission on the part of the street railway company that it is to the public in general that public service corporations must in the future look for further privileges.

Two recent events in Cleveland emphasize this new relationship. The first is that the present railroad company, in seeking a new grant of privilege in the streets, has voluntarily appealed to a vote of the people, agreeing to submit to the people the terms upon which the grant is to be made.

The second is the announcement of a broad legal doctrine by the courts. The railway company has in times past opposed the granting of franchises to a low fare company, first by seeking public control, and later by a mass of legislation, all being directed to technicalities and taking advantage of every quirk in the laws.

As it is the low fare franchisees who are to be technically faulty the council of Cleveland has given new low fare grants curing the defects.

The last ditch of the company seeking to maintain a monopoly of the franchise grant, and that the public informed as to the cost of construction, maintenance and operation, and the public will know whether or not the rates which it pays for services are fair.

As far as I have seen, I believe that the public of Cleveland are most jealous in guarding the rights of invested capital, but I believe that they can no longer be deceived by watered stocks and bonds.

I believe that out of this struggle will come a better public service, cleaner politics, lower cost to the public, and that this will be accomplished without working the least hardship to legitimate invested capital.

about the tower of Nimrod that he particularly wished to find one coin with a special design. On the one side was a horse's head, with some sticks placed roughly between the ears, and on the other side a bull and a fowl in the act of crowing. The guide requested him to draw on paper a picture of the two sides of the coin, which the traveler did. About a week afterward the very coin came to light.

Carnegie Spelling.