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Let it make no difference to thee whether thou art cold or warm if thou art doing thy duty, and whether thou art drowsy or satisfied with sleep, and whether ill-spoken of or praised.—Marcus Aurelius.

THE WILLIAMSON CASE.

SOMETHING TO be wondered at, in connection with the supreme court's reversal of the Williamson case, is that every land lawyer, to say nothing of every federal judge, should not have known long ago that the law was as the highest court has now decided.

ANOTHER LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

BRINGING FORWARD and into full view and play as much of inherited and acquired respect for the courts, and especially the highest court in the land, as we find in stock—and we think we have a fair supply—we feel free to declare again, and especially in view of a decision yesterday, that there is entirely too much court-made law. It seems that the business of the courts has grown to be not so much to interpret the meaning of laws and adjudicate, according to that meaning, controversies between litigants, as to overturn and annul laws, and to establish as laws something different from and often exactly opposite to what the people through their representatives have enacted.

A PASTOR'S LOVE LETTERS.

IT IS not his religion that has caused a Seattle pastor to write love letters to a Boston sweetheart, his wife to the contrary notwithstanding. Nor was it religion that induced the Rev. Jerome Cooke to desert his eastern wife and fly to San Francisco with a 17-year-old girl. Righteousness is not to be judged as to its worth by the conduct of the men who appear on the earthworks as its defenders. Colonels are sometimes faint-hearted, and generals have been tried for cowardice. The cause in which they were enlisted was not made less worthy by their weaknesses. Because Mr. Steel has had shortcomings as state treasurer the office is not to be abandoned, or the whole citizenship of Oregon and the whole system of government to be condemned. If the church is to be condemned because one of its professors was weak, then because one man commits murder the whole human family is condemnable.

A JUDGE TALKS POLITICS.

JUDGE WILLIAM Z. DAVIS, a member of the supreme court of Ohio, is evidently a zealous Forakerite, and does not think that his position bars him from free political speech, for he recently said: This is not the first time in the history of the Republican party that a vice-president who was made president through the work of an assassin, has used all his power and influence of the government to avenge himself upon those who ventured to have views of their own and to force "my policy" upon the party and the country. Some of us have not forgotten Andrew Johnson.

NATURAL UNKNOWN FORCES.

CAMILLE FLAMMARION, the distinguished literary astronomer, has just published a book under the title of "Natural Unknown Forces," which makes scientific investigation with critical positivism of the phenomena, known to those whom he designates "the credulous" as spirit manifestations, but which he designates as natural unknown forces. An interesting chapter in the book is that in which he relates his first experiences in the field of spiritism, when he entered into relation with Allan Kardec, the greatest propagandist of spiritism in France. Kardec had founded a "Society for Spirit Studies" and Flammarion, who had published his work on the plurality of inhabited worlds, procured admission to the meetings of the society.

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From the Salem Journal. The great, big man of Portland who comes through and does things in William Ladd's way, is back in town. He acts. All the rest of Oregon should take off their hats to Mr. Ladd or least stop abusing him. But there was never a good man who was not abused.

Their material, however, must be much stronger than ours, for it shows a thinness and filigree character in foundations that wouldn't support one of our gross establishments. It appears that the house had doors and each door had its staircase, so light, so serial, that one had to realize that they were mounted by the spirits only of Zoroaster and his neighbors, among whom were Mozart and Bernard Palissy according to Sardon's communications. Flammarion interprets the drawings and communications of Cardou as the "reflexion of general ideas with which he was familiar," and which were suggested by the "ambient, extra-terrestrial breathed in the Society of Spirit studies."

After a time, Flammarion sought to write under what was called spirit influence. At first his hand strayed about in lines like those which might be made by a babe of four years, and then it took to forming words. It was a thesis on astronomy by Galileo. But when concluded, he found that Galileo had not taught him anything, but that it was all matter that he had already written at some other time and it seemed to be work written in a half-wake condition. He adds "my hand stopped every time that my mind turned to other subjects." Flammarion's conclusion is that an unknown force exists, independent of the human will, which produces results, that, in the mind of the credulous and superstitious appear supernatural, but which, on the contrary, are only natural, though the cause and source are unknown.

SENATORS AND THE PEOPLE.

WHAT IS Dupont in the senate for? Does he represent the people of his state? Is he a specimen of representative government to which we can point with pride? Dupont is in the senate to serve certain specific business interests that are intent on getting immensely rich off the people, whom, instead of representing they are plundering. And he is only one of many such senators. Platt is there to represent the express companies, and whatever other "interest" may be allied with them. Guggenheim represents the smelter trust, and others. Aldrich represents Standard Oil, and the protected interests generally. And so, we might go over a long list of senators who represent, more or less distinctly and specifically, one or more "interests." They not only do not represent the people, but they represent enemies of the people. The Omaha Bee, a Republican newspaper, says: Senator Dupont has been placed at the head of the one committee in the constitution of which the powder trust is most deeply interested. He will represent the senate, the government of the United States, the people of the country and the powder trust! Thus we shall have a community of interest of the far-reaching kind. Who, with the record of the Standard Oil company before him, will for a moment think that Senator Dupont, as chairman of the committee on expenditures in the war department, will ever use his power and knowledge in the interest of his trust? The senate has no such fear, and we know what a fierce foe of the trusts the senate has been.

THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL.

WHILE congratulating the depositors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank on the arrangement made by which they will all be paid in full, and the depositors in the high-low-jack-and-the-game joint operating under the name of the Title Guarantee & Trust bank on the action of Mr. Ladd in coming voluntarily to their rescue, we should not overlook the agreeable outcome of the temporary suspension of the Merchants National bank, which, it is understood, will soon resume business. This bank, unlike the others, had been doing no bad or unsate business; it was in a good, sound condition, when a prolonged, persistent run was made on it, during which it paid out nearly two and a half million dollars, forcing its temporary suspension. There was no good reason for the scare about it and the run on it. Few perfectly sound and safe banks could have avoided suspension under such circumstances. But it is soon to resume, and we doubt not will do so with the full confidence of the public, which in fact it deserved all the time. The bank was never disturbed by reasonable, level-headed people, and now that the fright has subsided it will rest under no suspicion, but we doubt not will be able to do a larger business than ever.

ADMIRAL GOODRICH'S BIRTHDAY.

Rear Admiral Caspar Frederick Goodrich, U. S. N., who delivers the memorial address today at the unveiling of the Bennington monument in San Diego, was born in Philadelphia January 7, 1847. He was appointed to the navy from Connecticut in 1861 and graduated from the Naval Academy at the head of his class three years later. From 1865 to 1867 he was attached to the Colorado, at that time the flagship of the European squadron. During the Tel-el-Kebir expedition he was the American naval attaché on the staff of Vice-Admiral Dewey. Later he was a member of the board of officers of the navy and the president of the naval war college and the gold medalist of the naval institute. He directed the last naval engagement in the Spanish war, the fight at Manzanillo, Cuba. He also commanded the expedition which first drilled the fire of the battleship of the Pacific fleet. On that occasion he was in charge of the work of cutting the cable and the first of the battleships. He was the time of the San Francisco earthquake Admiral Goodrich was in command of the Pacific fleet. On the day of the disaster he was nearly 900 miles away and received his first intelligence of the event through the medium of a steamer which was nearly fully full. He steamed to San Francisco at full speed and rendered notable services in the period following the catastrophe.

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From Life. With eyelids heavy and red, A woman sits in her gladdest days, Playing her cards in turn. Bridge, bridge, bridge! Daytime and night the same; And still with voice at excitement's pitch. She sings the "Song of the Game!" "Play, play, play! The whole of the evening through; Play, play, play! Till the milkman's almost due. Morning and noon and night—The same thing every day—What is it that men call work if this be only play?" "Play, play, play! For play must be in the swim! Play, play, play! Till the cards grow blurred and dim. Diamonds, hearts and clubs, All in a mist they seem, Till when I am Dummy I fall asleep And still play on in a dream!" "O, but for one short hour To feel as I used to feel, When I played my round of golf a day And longed for a hearty meal! A day on the links I would dearly love, But at home I needs must stay, For I play, play, play!" "O men with sweethearts dear! O men with sisters and wives! It's not the rubber you're playing out, But the foolish women's lives! Nervous, tired and worn, Excited, flushed and rash—Paying at once a double price in health as well as in cash!" With eyelids heavy and red, A woman sits in her gladdest days, Playing her cards in turn. Bridge, bridge, bridge! Daytime and night the same; Till the breakdown comes, as come it will. She will make and double and play and still Will sing this "Song of the Game."

KEEP THE DOLLAR HUSTLING.

From the Boston Herald. Keep the dollar at work! Every man with a dollar contributes to the country's strength when he lets his dollar work. It is useless when hoarded. It is so much strength withdrawn from the body politic. The working dollar is the only one that has value. When it is in the bank it works, and gives rise to more work. When it is hoarded it is idle, and has only the value of waste paper or metal scrap. Keep it working.

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gan and Pettus of Alabama, and their successors, Bankhead and Johnston, were so elected, the legislature merely ratifying the people's choice. Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina and now Oklahoma elect in the same way. It is the right way, and Oregon would better stick to it in its entirety.

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Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred C. Denton. Tacoma authorities are marking for destruction numbers of ramshackles that offend the eye, endanger the city and provide comfortable incomes for mosquitoes. Here in Portland we are carefully preserving all ours for a calamitous configuration of sun or about the first long dry spell and a windy day.

Small Change

Brownell was never able to collect. Politics were pretty rotten in those days, anyway. "How long is Oregon going to be held up by Harriman?" The chances are that Roosevelt will boost the convention. Smokes is beginning to rise from under the various political pots as they were over. If "the interests" are for Hughes, the people are not. Bryan isn't going to let people forget that he will win if nominated. Now you shall have a daily look at Harry and Evelyn for awhile. Yes, we'd like to be an officer on that fleet, but only a few are born lucky. Can Republicans be made to "get in line" and "stand shoulder to shoulder" with the Democrats? No, the T. & G. concern was not a bank; what it was is difficult to determine. The state escaped having Br-nell for congressman or district attorney; that's considerable. Americans are just about as sad over Elmer Gory's death as they were over Gorky; they don't shed a tear. The merchants hope that all the holiday trade will be changed; they are busy with January sales. It doesn't take a leap year to cause a woman who wants a man, to propose to him, or to induce him to propose. Brother Geer is praising La Follette and advocating immediate tariff reduction. Isn't he a re-cusant and a reprobate? Unless that revenue cutter is kept at Astoria, that city, to judge from threats of a paper down there, will secede. All the thousands of depositors who are going to get all their money back should be able to give liberally to the Red Cross. Nine cents of the evidence in the "How can" will be really, though not legally, "incompetent, immaterial and irrelevant." Say, don't you know that you can make 1908 a good, prosperous, glorious year by just believing and saying that it will be so? If Ohio people hear frequent fire alarms, they will not become frightened; they are only Foraker-repeatedly opening his campaign. New York "sensitity" is to be credited with one thing, at least—cutting Croxy and his kindred from the ranks of its members are no better. Once in a while a man who is to reap 100 times the dollar where he was expecting only 30 cents complains and finds fault because he isn't to get more, and that right away—right after breakfast.

Oregon Sidelights

Ripe wild blackberries were picked last week near Jasper in Lane county. A Weston man caught a coyote in his barn and put an end to his hunger with a pitchfork. The editor of the Ione Proclaimer was presented with an 85-pound squash for a New Year's present. A Grant county man has been sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for stealing the trunk of a horse on a railroad or wrecked a bank he would have been immune. Irrigon Irrigator: Two days of the leap year have already passed and the editor of this paper is still single, as we heard at the hospital, that he is, and we side-stepped them all. One was too old, one was too young and one too foolish. A tide at Astoria Saturday was scheduled to reach a stage of 9 feet 4 inches but it failed to do so on a heavy backed up by the strong southerly swell. This is about the highest stage reached there in several years but did little damage except flooding a number of cellars. Gold Beach Globe: Although this county is supposed to be "dry" and a statute forbids the giving or selling of spirituous liquor to minors, we are frequently aware of the infractions of the visible condition of some of our men and boys and by their night howling and profane language. Mr. Hise of Lane county has been having a streak of hard luck. A little son stepped on a nail and was five or six years at the hospital. Then their boys burned and they lost nearly everything they owned and now comes the fatality of the mother. There are three or four little children. Pilot Rock Record: The Saltwater Annie in the United States and Europe could not find one family in this country surrounding Pilot Rock, or in the town of Pilot Rock, too poor to care for the welfare of the children, a girl in need of clothes or food. What a blessing it is to live in a small town in a country where hungry mouths are unknown. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse were married 23 years ago. The bride says the Pilot Rock Record. They have made this country their home upwards of 40 years. They were formerly by Indians while crossing the plains, shot at and narrowly escaped with their lives. Both enjoy fairly good health and are as devoted to each other as there is to be found in the country. Correspondence of the Klamath Falls Republican: Sixty families have moved in and made Butte Valley their home during the past seven months and during the last eight weeks about 6,000 acres of land have been sold. Much of the land sold during this winter has been sold to the Klamath Falls people, and many are now ready to move there in making Butte Valley blossom as the rose. It is expected that during the next six months that from 100 to 150 families will come to Butte Valley.

An Appropriate Text.

From the Circle. It was the custom in a minister's family to have each member repeat a verse from the Bible at the beginning of every meal. One day the 5-year-old son had been naughty and was put at a little table by himself by way of punishment. When it came time for his verse, he said very solemnly, "Thou hast prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

A Hint.

From the Circle. Four-year-old Harry was spending the day with his aunt. Dinner was late, and the child began to grow restless. "Auntie," he said finally, "does God know everything?" "Yes, dear," answered his aunt. "Very little thing," he persisted. "Yes, every little thing," was the reply. "Well, then," he said in a tone of conviction, "God knows I'm hungry."

Powdered Egg.

THE GERMAN chemists promise a new food article. This powdered egg. Information has been furnished in a report by Thomas Norton, who says that much success in attending to efforts to preserve eggs in this manner, and in Australia it has been found feasible that the Farmers and the Cooperative Society of Sydney, Australia, has erected a plant for the manufacture of the powder on a large scale. The principle is as simple as one principle is that of preserving fruit by sealing it hermetically in a bottle. Before the method was accepted, eggs, freed from the shells, were rapidly executed in containers kept at this temperature, from which the air is dried by means of a desiccating agent, the aqueous vapor is drawn away as fast as given off by evaporation from the eggs. The fact that there is no alteration in the chemical composition of the greater part of the water is due to the greater part of the water being chemically in combination, as when fruit is dried by free exposure to the air and sun or by more rapid artificial means. When thoroughly desiccated and brought by pulverization into the state of omelette powder, the method was accepted for an indefinite period in ordinary packages, if kept in a dry place. The eggs are "reconstituted" by the simple addition of water to the powder, the resultant mass being quite indistinguishable from newly beaten eggs. The Victorian department of agriculture, which has been insuring the safety, ease of digestion, flavor, etc., were entirely unaffected by the operation of desiccation, prepared for a long period, and reconstruction by the addition of water, provided that fresh eggs were employed at the outset. This latest novelty in the process of drying is an inexpensive and healthful preservation of staple articles of popular diet-forming a welcome addition to the already highly valued, such as freezing fresh meat, the evaporation of fruits, and the desiccation of milk.

By an Unknown Friend.

A WORD of encouragement does no harm and may be more valuable to the recipient than the given imagination. A letter which comes to the kindly interest takes on an apart of our column by a grateful writer who forgets to sign her name. Under the circumstances it can be no breach of confidence to print it, and it is hereby given, with thanks to the writer for her interest: "To the Editor: I want to thank you for the letter which you published in your paper. It is indeed a great blessing to housekeepers. I have been a subscriber to your paper, over one year, but have never enjoyed it so much as I have since you began to print a daily menu; it is the first thing I look for in your paper, and I am sure that you will continue to give us the menu; wishing you success and a happy New Year."

Daily Menu.

BREAKFAST. Hominy and milk. Bacon and apples. Corn and carrot. Rice griddle. Coffee. LUNCHEON. Spanish omelet. Orange salad. Tea. DINNER. Chicken soup. Baked cod, tomato sauce, and green peas. Lamb chops, with chicken livers, brown sauce. Macaroni au gratin. Lettuce salad, French dressing. Venice pudding. Cate noir.

Bacon and Apples.

Cut into one-half inch slices. Fry the bacon in its own fat until crisp, and drain on a hot paper. Fry the apples in the bacon fat until a light brown. Arrange around the bacon and serve very hot.

Spanish Omelet.

Cut into very small bits, about two ounces of raw ham. Fry for five minutes, or until the fat is out of the ham; then add a bunch of onion minced fine, a clove of garlic also minced fine, a Spanish pepper in silvers, a large potato sliced and two okras, also mince, white pepper, a little cayenne and a spoonful of capers. Fry slowly about 10 minutes, then add a cupful of boiling water, an egg, seven eggs will make an omelet sufficient for six persons. When it is ready pour out the filling, and serve on a hot dish. The right recipe ever put together can be spoiled by serving on a cold dish. A little more tomato could be added to the filling, and the egg simply stirred in, or scrambled. Left over vegetables, such as beans, peas, corn or carrot, could be added, and the dish would always be good. It is subject to a great deal of variation according to taste.

Venice Pudding.

Make a custard of five eggs and a half pint of milk sweetened to taste and flavored with a teaspoonful of lemon. Pour into a mould when nearly cold. Soak a sponge biscuit in brandy or wine and let it float on the custard. When set, drop some pieces of preserved fruit, such as pineapple, into the mould. Turn out when required.

French Salad Dressing.

is one of the simplest and easiest to make. Take three tablespoonfuls of sweet oil, one of vinegar, one saltspoonful of salt, half teaspoonful of pepper, and a quarter teaspoonful of onion juice. Mix together and taste. The oil may be extracted with a porcelain line lemon squeezer; or, a bit of raw onion may be scraped into the oil and allowed to stand for 15 minutes, or longer, then press the oil out and mix with the dressing. French salad dressing is made by adding a teaspoonful of made mustard to the French dressing.

A Boast Goes Wrong.

From the Circle. First Man (proudly): There was time, sir, when I rode in my own carriage. Second Man (when your mother pushed it, I presume): Anomony. From Puck. The Professor—Some of you gentlemen are not giving in your lowest attention. Mr. Biggs, what do you see under the kidney? Futuro M. D.—Toast, sir.