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We did not come to our work by accident. We did not choose it for ourselves, but under much which may wear the appearance of accident and self-choosing...

MICHIGAN AND OREGON.

A FIGHT is in progress in Michigan over the proposition to give the people power to initiate amendments to the constitution. The people want the constitution amended in some particulars, especially in the matter of the initiative and referendum...

WHY TEACHERS ARE SCARCE.

IT IS NOT difficult to find the cause for the scarcity of teachers for the public schools. Complaint of this scarcity is heard all over Oregon. It will continue to be heard until conditions change. Thirty dollars a month and board yourself, with employment scarcely half the year, is not a tempting career...

STERILIZATION OF WATER WITH OZONE.

THE LOCATION of a city is commonly a commercial accident. When it is otherwise the qualifying factor is usually a water power for physical assistance. Beauty of scenery, potable water for a population, convenience of fuel supply or markets enter but little into the consideration of the planner...

while some nervous people have "killed the germs" by boiling the water. It is a startling and disgusting reflection that we, in Portland, were for years satisfied to use the water of our river, the common sewer of all the Willamette valley...

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right one to elaborate and perfect our school system, neglecting that prime essential—a properly equipped and properly paid teacher. Until we raise by taxation for the common schools enough money to pay teachers a wage worthy of their hire, our schools will continue to suffer for lack of teachers.

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"WE GET WHAT WE GIVE"

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1908, by American-Journal-Examiner.) "I do not make friends. I am anxious for some reason or other to get on with some person not apparent to me, I seem to repulse people, while I am at heart very cordial and anxious to have people like me. I dread an isolated life. Can I do something to make the friends of the people I meet? I have been told by some that my exterior appearance is haughty and exacting, but I am to be charitable in my opinions, and do not wish to be so thought of, as it makes me miserable to have it so."

TO RULE THE SEAS

Being the report of a special magazine writer upon the navy, with his recommendations for its improvement. By Wex Jones. To the navigating officer of McDoodle's magazine: Sir—Having spent several minutes with the United States fleetship Oklabaska, I must report the following grave defects in our navy: First—The big guns make a most unpleasant bang and racket when fired. No attempt whatever is made to muffle the sound by placing a blanket over the muzzle, a method which a long experience in opening clandestine beer bottles convinces one would be effective. Second—In heavy seas the ships roll in an exceedingly unpleasant manner, causing me to suffer from a most disagreeable feeling in the stomach. Nothing was done by the officers to lessen this movement; in fact, they hardly seemed to notice it. I suggested a time that the crew should move the heavy guns to starboard when the ship showed an inclination to roll to port, and vice versa. My only answer was a supercilious smile from the captain. Third—There is very little room on board Oklabaska, and the quarters are space is devoted to the engines and coal bunkers than to the comfort of the officers. I had to sleep in an absurdly small room with no room attached. Under such conditions no correspondent can do his best work. I pointed out a very simple way of providing more space, namely, to do away with the engines, boilers and coal. Of course, it would then be necessary to have the ships towed, but this could be done easily enough and would have the further advantage of removing the sometimes unpleasant smoke to the far end of the bay.

Diary of a Cop.

By C. B. Quincy. Going on duty tonight. Will be great to get out in the open and do something. Got a swell rubber blanket to wear—guess I won't make a hit on my best! Fine time tonight. Chased a suspicious cat about three miles, but it hid under a bush and I couldn't get it. Barked for some time until human cop—who assists me on my beat—came up. He was puffing hard after racing me for three miles, but when he saw me snooping under the oak he cheered up, and laid his gun down beside him on the ground. Then the heavy rain set in and heaved until he loved the cask over. The cat got a running start and I went after it. The cop seemed to be greatly amused and was using very strong language the last I heard of him. Followed the cat two or three miles, but it got away again. Got back to station house very late. Assisted by another human cop to-night. One of the dogs he'd had been horn-woggled and grasshopper-kicked if he'd got out with a blankety dog again. He wasn't much help to me, anyway. Nothing much doing. Great time last night. Chased same cat three miles, but it got away again, wriggling under a low gate. Suspect political influence keeping it free. Bling-bling will understand my failure on this account. Saw man going along lonely street last night with a large bundle. Very suspicious. Chased him. He was evidently scared, for he dropped bundle. Found it contained a fat turkey. Had a very satisfactory meal. Owner of turkey came into station today. Demanded its value. Captain told him he must have guilty mind to run when challenged by a duly appointed police dog. Man said he didn't know I was police dog. He threw back my blanket and showed my shield. Attacked by thugs last night—bulldog and two Irish terriers. Human cop who assists me didn't seem in a hurry to respond to my calls for help. Was severely bitten on the hand. Couldn't be in league with criminals I have scared and who are trying to put me out of the way. Saw a man last night with large diamond ring. Suspicious. Grabbed him. Cop said, "Turned out to be an alderman. Threatened to 'break' the cop, but I said, 'I'll call the dog on you.' Cop said, 'You sicked him on me, you scoundrel!'" Cop transferred to Staten Island. New cop helping me tonight. Something exciting on. People running away from a house down the street. Some of them shouting, "Black hand!" Cop goes that way and looks. Says, "Ah, here's a chance where I can make that dashed dog useful." So he pointed out something on the steps of the house and said, "Sic it. I go up to see what it is. It seems to be tickling. I'll smell it." (From the morning American of next day.) Jawbones owned by Commissioner Bingham's new police dogs, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb which had been placed on the steps of a tenement. Want London Times for Reform. From the Spokesman-Review. Chief interest to Americans in the negotiations for a transfer of ownership of the London Times, in regard to which a hitch is reported to have occurred just when it was thought the sale had been completed. Lies in the prospecting attitude of the paper on the tariff question. Charles Arthur Pearson and Sir Alexander Henderson, who are at the head of the scheme to acquire the Times, are both advocates of a protective tariff for England. The Times has been generally sitting on the fence, and occasionally firing at the tariff reform leaguers and at other times to the free traders, and having decided to make a vigorous campaign at the next election.

Small Change

Fulton and Cakes—anybody else? Sales of skates and sleds poor. Holy Rollers need rolling unholy. The railroad's policy is rule or ruin. Will the average homeseeker prefer a wet or a dry county. Instead of a blind tiger it is called a jug jug down in Georgia. The Japanese consul at Portland has been changed. War! war! war! There never was such a mild January back east. But they dream about March. Senator Aldrich knows very well however, whom his currency bill dooms. Bourne may appoint a district attorney, but he can't get a Knox delegation. It is possible that Wall street will never get another president to suit it exactly. An enumerating its reasons for pointing with pride to the platform architect will omit the panic. It will soon be spring, when, unless frightened by talk of tariff revision, hens may lay more eggs. A New York woman who killed a man and then herself was "well healed"; she had three revolvers. Admiral Evans has rheumatism, but he can probably come as near as any one to talking to it as it deserves. Maybe Senator Bourne has received some of those articles written to get that \$1,000 prize, and has read them. Now will you keep quiet about congressional resolutions to reform the tariff? The duty on champagne has been lowered. There are some exchanges that the exchange editor looks over, and others that he overlooks. Queer thing, the English language. Some one once said of a man he disliked: "His smile was like a silver plate on a coffin." We expect to hear this applied to Hughes. Cleveland claims a population of exactly 491,401. We believe this is a few more than the population of Seattle yet, but not having the latest figures cannot be sure. A New York City man was arrested for writing on the sidewalks. That old village must be becoming quite metropolitan, as the country editors say of their towns.

Oregon Sidelights

Austin is the latest incorporated Oregon town. Many improvements will be made in Bandon this year. A well drill at Eugene went through 43 feet of rock in seven hours. A new creamery for Bandon is an assured fact, says the Register. Many Eugene people, and those of other towns up the valley, are preparing to make garden. There may be a "port of Astoria" also incorporated for local improvement. Good scheme. Holy Rollers are trying to get a foothold in Woodville in Josephine county, but people there mean to keep them out. The raising of hogs is one of the most profitable industries the farmer can engage in, remarks the Eugene Register. There are about 1,400 acres of hops grown in Yamhill county and out of that number 1,100 has been signed over to the union. Milton, a prohibition town for many years, is very prosperous. It owns its water and light plants, which yield revenue for needed improvements. A miniature cyclone in Umatilla county damaged a barn and contents to the extent of \$250. Back in Kansas this would be only a gentle zephyr. Although but one year old, yet the growth and development of the Grant Pass cannery company have been almost phenomenal. Satisfactory results are sanguine expectations of those who were backing it up, says the Courier. If Wallowa county goes "wet" next June, not to exceed three saloons will be permitted to run in Enterprise, and each will pay not less than \$1,000 a year license for the place. In addition, windows, tables, card playing, pool tables or other adjuncts will be permitted. The cyclone occurring six miles south of Athena, says the Weston Leader, came at night and moved Frank Martin's machine shed and two combined barns, and blew the roof off the latter. The roof and blew it 200 yards away, twisted and tore heavy timbers apart, ripped off a corner of the house roof and scattered the debris all over the place, being absent. A seeder was nearly torn to pieces, and the damage aggregate at least \$250. Garden huckleberries, which a Salem man is cultivating, are said to be especially good for pies, having the flavor of a better flavor than the mountain huckleberry. The fruit is about three or four times the size of its mountain kind, and is a prolific bearer in its fruit much taller. The fruit can be canned or used for pies. The plants are started from the seed, and grow in a manner similar to the tomato. On the receipt of the news at Primville of the "reversal" of J. N. Williams' case the Review says: "Sunset" that day was marked by a fair-weather celebration in honor of the event. A battery of anvils was started, the church bells were ringing for an hour, and a few sky rockets were sent up in the air. In fact, Primville has a Fourth of July celebration in miniature. A. T. Lewis, a Grants Pass photographer, after much careful work on a diligent study, and as a result of his studio labor, has patented and patented a ventilated concrete block and the which he claims is the best thing of its kind ever devised. Thomas Edison's cement houses not excepted. He claims that it can be manufactured at a saving of 20 per cent in cost of raw material, can be molded in an concrete block machine with slight change, and a house built with it blocks requires no laths or furring and various other valuable points. Dayton Optimist: At last the South Pacific company has decided to erect a "warehouse" at Dayton in which the same is waiting to be forwarded to its destination. You may not have noticed it, but they stand in an air of glory and red paint, and if you will take a good, long, earnest look toward the west end of the depot, you will see that vicinity, we doubt not you will be able to locate it. It looks to us very much like an old-fashioned warehouse, but the best days knocked out of it, but we were informed that it was a "warehouse" so we were not surprised that it is a decided improvement.