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And I know that the solar system
Must somewhere keep in space.
A prize for that spent runner
Who barely lost the race;

A PHASE OF A BIG ISSUE.

IF IT is really necessary for the railroads to raise rates, why don't their presidents give the public, or the public's proper representatives and servants, the interstate commerce commission and the state railroad commissions, all the facts and figures in relation to their business?

Reduction of wages should be rejected as soon as suggested, unless it be the salaries of some of the high officials and attorneys. The employees are paid none too much, and they ought unflinchingly to fight against any reduction.

NO NEED TO RAISE RATES.

THE RAILROADS are receiving no encouragement from any quarter in their rate-raising movement. Almost all sorts of business people, many of whom are pretty well informed on the subject, believe the raise under present conditions is not justified.

But the railroad officers will never give the public this information, except on compulsion. They go on the theory that these details are none of the public's business, and it is just here that the people and the railroads are going to have a continual fight until one or the other cries quits and gives up.

The question of increased freight rates is therefore only one phase of the broader, greater question: Shall the people control the railroads of this country, or shall the railroads control the people, the government, having entirely their own way and making no more explanations or disclosures than they choose?

AN UNWARRANTABLE INJUNCTION.

WHILE THE Hill roads have for the present at least yielded to the decision of the interstate commerce commission on the question of lumber rates, the Southern Pacific has taken a new tack, or rather invoked the old and overworked means of injunction, to prevent the reduction of rates from Willamette valley points to California from \$5 to \$3.10.

With this movement the big lumber manufacturers of Portland and Puget sound are supposed to be in sympathy, though they may have had no hand in bringing this injunction suit. The commission considered the case fully and carefully, no doubt, and decided that the new rate of \$5 is too high and the old rate about right, and this decision ought to stand as final.

The influence that controls the American senate is not political considerations. If so, why did it not hearken to the late petitions of Theodore Roosevelt, a Republican president addressing a Republican senate? To have legislated into existence the measures he pleaded for would have made the Republican party unrepresentative before the country, and the senate knew it.

COL. HARVEY ON THE WEST.

COLONEL GEORGE B. M. HARVEY, editor, lecturer, litterateur, publicist, and the literary spokesman of J. Pierpont Morgan, has been out west, and it did him good. He attended the Denver convention, and the trip greatly enlarged his vision.

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The One Who Hears. IXLOLA GRIZZLY SMITH, in writing of 20 different kinds of husbands, discloses one variety thus:

"Dinner ready," says the Husband That Just Hears With His Wife, dexterously sidestepping her fond caress and making for his bedroom to take his collar off.

A little saddened by the matter of fact demeanor of the crackle-knave who had vowed to her that Uncle Klumpan was a beam because it sagged in a load of laundry, she sits on the sofa after him along the hall of their box of bliss.

The woman standing before him, once the angel of his dreams, the end of his hopes, now exists now only as a minister extraordinary to his stomach. Unless, to be sure, in the course of dressing he misses the studs from his clean, white shirt, and a lightning transformation to his only other role in which he sees her, that of a half-baked potato than a half-baked brain.

But the husband that just hears through his stomach, the husband of the disillusioned, it is also the shortest way out of a woman's love. He is a man who never really has an underdone steak than an overdone wife, a half-baked potato than a half-baked brain.

Toilet Helps.

Small wisp of hair will stay in curl much longer if, just before the hair is curled with the heated iron, the locks are dampened with bay rum. This often proves very helpful on damp days.

The Outdoor Supper.

Here are some recipes for refreshing things for an outdoor supper. Lettuce sandwich. Season mayonnaise dressing lightly, and in the middle of a lettuce leaf put a little minced ham, well saturated with dressing, and place between thirty sliced bread. It is impossible to make good sandwiches unless the bread is a day old.

The Daily Menu.

BREAKFAST. Raspberries and Cream with Cocoa. Poached Eggs on Toast. LUNCHEON. Tomato Soup. Potato Salad. Currant Leaf. Black-Cap Jam. Bannana. Iced Tea. DINNER. Baked Halibut. Creamed New Potatoes. Green Peas. Cold Salad. Succotash. Cottage Pudding. Black Coffee.

A Big Contract.

Merchant—'Til give you a position as clerk to start with and pay you what you are worth. Is that satisfactory? Applicant—Oh, yes, but I don't think you think the firm can afford to—illustrated bits.