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Vanity is the poison of agreeableness; yet as poison, applied, has a salutary effect in medicine, so has vanity in the commerce and society of the world.—Greville.

THE ARRAIGNED DETECTIVES

PORTLAND and Multnomah county are indebted to the late grand jury. That body rendered an important public service. It submitted a final report that is of value.

The report says: "After a thorough investigation of the May Real case and others in which the police, detectives, sheriff's and constable's force were depended upon for gathering evidence, we are convinced that the greater portion of these officials are derelict in their duty and of slight use to the public in the detection of crime and in the bringing of the guilty offenders to justice." It says, further: "Especially is this true of the detectives detailed on the May Real case. The circumstances in this case are such that the guilty parties could easily have been discovered immediately after the crime was perpetrated had the detectives done their duty." It says, further: "Particularly do we condemn the attitude of the detective department in this case for concealing and refusing to give such information as they apparently had, such evidence as given by them being of no assistance to the grand jury in arriving at the truth in this case."

This is an indictment of public servants in this city that cannot be overlooked or ignored. It comes from a body of men who have been engaged in an exhaustive investigation of the Real and other cases. In that investigation the grand jury was in complete touch with first hand facts. The jurors had perfect opportunity to learn on the oath bound testimony of witnesses what were the circumstances of the Real auto killing. The result of that investigation is that the grand jury says "particularly do we condemn the attitude of the detective department for concealing and refusing to give such information as they apparently had, such evidence as given by them being of no assistance to the grand jury in arriving at the truth."

That is, the grand jury charges that the detectives paid by the city to detect crime in this case covered up facts and did not aid the jury in arriving at the truth. It also says the circumstances of the killing were such that if the detectives had tried all the facts could have been disclosed "immediately." This charge is a grave one. It challenges the attention of the mayor. It is a blot on his administration. It challenges the attention of the chief of police. It is officially charged that members of his detective force have concealed a crime that they were detailed to ferret out. If the chief of police overlooks it, what must the public think of his administration as head of the police department.

The charge likewise challenges the attention of the police committee of the executive board. There is no way for those responsible for police affairs to misunderstand the grand jury's meaning. The language of the charge it makes is explicit. The facts upon which the grand jury arrived at its conclusions are within easy reach. The time seems to have come when those in authority must guarantee that the people will receive the service they pay for, and that detectives detailed on a case will represent the law and the city and not aid in covering up the facts.

SLAVERY IN MEXICO

REVELATIONS of slavery conditions in Mexico, as disclosed in a series of articles by John K. Turner in the American magazine, are almost beyond belief. If the story as told is true, and there seems little if any reason to doubt it, human beings in Mexico are in a severer bondage than they ever were even in the worst instances in the United States. In Mexico there is not only the purchase and sale of individuals, as well as whole families, but there is the added horror of unwholesome and inadequate food, which is never charged against the slaveholder in the south. There is whipping in which the bare backs of the slaves are lashed with a wet rope, and still the blood flows and they agree to this proposition. The bet-

ter course for hopgrowers, as a general rule, would be to make no contracts, for they usually get the small end of the bargain. If they would organize and stick together, and provide money among themselves to no sale contracts in advance, which at the best can result in but small gain for them, and at the worst result in heavy loss.

THE ROXANAS

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The scheme commends itself to the likes of James Williams. With them the trial process is not a trial, but a trick—a device for making geese of unwary women. It is a lure set for the Roxanas, with all the odds in the game in the hands of the other party to the play. Men worth while are not seeking trial marriages, but a home, and a home means a marriage that is not for six months, but for keeps. Any Roxana who is approached with a proposition for a trial go, will, if wary, at once divine that James wants to keep the way clear for another affinity. She may be equally sure that at the end of the trial she will be husbandless and that soon thereafter, hand in hand with a new spouse, James will be trudging merrily along through the green pastures and flowering meadows of life. The women who list to the call of the trial benedict merely add to the gayety of nations and hasten the time when, like Roxana, they will meekly give place to another in the procession of affinities.

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It is one thing to sit down in the national capital and read big figures about our products, descriptions of forests and fields and narratives of notable achievements; but it is quite a different matter to go out and see all these things face to face, to get into close contact with them, and to meet and greet millions of people who are doing things.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

The Big Man draws nigh.

Well now, wouldn't that make Tacoma mad?

After people have hot words, there comes a coolness between them.

Abdul Hamid and the ex-shah of Persia are among the forgotten already.

No Melican get teacher, no Clitun 'tigion, is the motto of John Chinaman.

In the case of the earth, or a high mountain there is "plenty of room at the top."

Most people like to be thought wealthier than they are by everybody but the assessor.

A man spitefully jealous of a victorious competitor's fame cannot himself be truly great.

Looks like Spokane's case was like that of the one who went out after wool and came back alone.

Every day come stories of automobile killings and they are likely to increase rather than diminish.

"Taft will not become a Mormon," says an eastern paper. No, he is more likely to become a Universalist.

Now, if the weather man will give us a fine, bright Saturday and Sunday we will speak well of him ever after.

Yes, the Eskimos deserve some of the glory, and what is the matter with doing a little hurrahing for the dogs?

There is some evidence that Mexico is more civilized than the United States. A case has been in the courts there for 340 years.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Haines people will vote on a new charter.

Many new settlers around Chico, Wal-towa county.

Dairy industry of Crook county developing finely.

Condon Athletic club gymnasium will reopen October 1.

Marshfield water company built a \$6,000 gallon tank.

One Union county tomato stalk had 10 large fine tomatoes.

Shipment of 29 carloads of sheep from Elgin to Chicago last week.

Lake county fair was a grand success; many eastern people there.

Redmond, a "desert" settlement, is sure of an railroad, and expects two.

Farmers of northern Union county busy hauling an enormous wheat crop.

Some Gilliam county apples measure 12 1/2 inches around, and are of fine quality.

Laidlaw is confident of a railroad, to be extended over the mountains from Detroit.

Columbia county's fair was so successful that it will hold one annually hereafter.

With one four horse and one six horse outfit an Elgin man hauled to town 16,000 feet of lumber in one trip.

Elgin is to have a new hay, grain and feed store, another livery stable, a first class hotel and other new establishments.

FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE

Graduation—By Phillips Brooks

(From an address at the Gannett private school closing exhibition, June 27, 1871.)

Each winter is a resting place before every new spring. Each June is a commencement season when the springtime seems to graduate into summer, and every year seems to come to a platform of pause where its successor starts out at a new angle to mount to higher things, to reach the perfect year.

Yesterday I again stood up before you, and I know how much sadness in the world. I thought life is what we make it, but that was before I had read one of your jokes.

Keep up the good work. You have shown me that the grave is, after all, the goal we find that it is not so hard to die now; you have prepared the way. Good-bye, brother, good-bye.

ON DINING WITH THE PRESIDENT

In entering the dining room, do not hunt for the chair nearest the pie or other delicacies. You can afford to take a chance and sit where you please.

Do not tack the napkin down the front of your neck and make a bib of it when you have finished eating. The best way is to put it in your pocket and use it as you see fit.

When the colery is passed, do not grab a stalk and insert it all in your mouth. That is not only out of date, but tends to cause a storm over the mouth and causes it to look like a cyclone cellar.

Do not let the waiter in a loud tone of voice if the oysters are thoroughly dead. That would be the caper, but it has been done.

Try to govern your speech so that it will not be necessary to make a noise like a cow stepping from a mudhole into the soup from the spoon to the mouth.

If you should drop a piece of pie, do not get down on your hands and knees and hunt for it. The janitor can use it in his business, anyway.

Do not say in a loud voice: "Help yourself to anything you like. These are my guests won't laugh at that any more."

(With abject apologies to Kipling.)

Why are the flags? What makes us daff?

Why do we take such pride?

'Twas done for Taft, 'twas done for Taft.

The Democrat replied.

Why does the mayor wear a tie?

What makes the children gay?

It is Taft's smile, it is Taft's smile, The Democrat did say.

Why are the men without tall hats?

Why do they look so glum?

They are waiting for a critic to say, They weren't asked to come.

Letters From the People

Letters to the Journal should be written on one side of the paper only and addressed to the Editor. The name will not be used if the letter is not signed. Letters are not to be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

Comments are notified that letters exceeding 500 words in length, may, at the discretion of the editor, be cut down to that limit.

The Liquor Traffic

Albany, Or., Sept. 30.—To the Editor of the Journal—Some time ago the Grants Pass Observer published an article under the heading of "Prohibition in Oregon," in which the editor, Josephine, said: "On this burning issue all men, generally, and newspaper men especially, should not only speak with candor but should speak truthfully. Let us examine some of the statements made by that paper."

It is a little over a year since Josephine became "dry" and at that time there has been more whiskey drinking in the county than ever before.

The Observer does not produce the facts to show that this statement is true, so it is safe to say that there is no reason to believe that it is true. I am free to admit that the local option law is violated in more or less in all the counties where prohibition has been adopted under the local option law. But that furnishes no reason why the local option law should be repealed.

The reason for the repeal of the local option law is that it is a failure. It is a failure because it has not been able to keep the saloons out of business. It is a failure because it has not been able to keep the saloons out of business. It is a failure because it has not been able to keep the saloons out of business.

This great issue is growing warmer every day. The day has come when we are asking ourselves: "With which side of this great controversy shall I align myself?" Every man who loves his country, his family, his neighbors, and his fellow-citizens should align himself with the side of prohibition.

Consider the Men

"The tired man has a legitimate place in the life of the world," declares the Cleveland Press, and then adds, "If, wily mothers and daughters generally would give a little more heed to him, he sometimes wouldn't be quite so tired."

It is asked about this question of consideration of the tired man, "What, then, should the men be entitled to so much more consideration than the women themselves? They are not entitled to more but they are entitled to their share which many of them do not get."

Women should never forget that men spend most of their lives out on the firing line of life's battle and that home is the place where they find rest. Woman on the contrary, spends most of her life in the shelter of that home, while the man is out there, minutes in the morning and a few hours at night.

He comes home at night more or less tired from the day's buffeting and hard knocks and maybe brings with him a pocketful of money and a "grouch." But it is only because he is tired and possibly it has been an unusually hard day with things on the brain. Then if the time he spends at home is not to be a time of consideration and there is nothing that will put him on his feet quicker than to be met by a wife who is all smiles and a husband who is all smiles and a husband who is all smiles.

The woman who is considerate of the man's comfort and who is willing to be a little more of a slave to his whims and fancies is the woman who is the best of wives. She is the woman who is the best of wives. She is the woman who is the best of wives.

Maybe the woman I tried herself and things have not gone home either, but it is worth the effort to brace up and be as fresh as a daisy for the man who is a fight with hard knocks outside.

Marshall Pudding

S OAK two dozen marshmallows four hours in cream flavored with half a cup of caramelized sugar. Cut an angel cake in half crossways. Spread a portion of the marshmallow preparation on the lower half of the cake. Put on the upper half and cover with the rest of the marshmallows. Cover the whole of the cake, or heap on the top only, sweetened cream. Bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes. A little elaboration in the way of a few candied cherries, violets or half a dozen almonds may be added. As a dessert, the fact that it is a delicious dessert, it has the attraction of being easy enough for a child to prepare.

Omar as Vegetarian

S OME peanut butter on a leafy cow. Six dates, a dab of olive oil, and thou Beside me Fletcherizing uncooked bread.

And that's what I call solid comfort now.

Peach Pie

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Down on the Farm

(Contributed to the Journal by Walt Mason, the famous comic poet. His column is a regular feature of this column in the Daily Journal.)

The stars were glimmering overhead when the farmer rose from his downy bed; he yawned, as he rapped on the bedroom door, "Boys, get up. It's nearly four! When I was a young man and as spry as you, I always got out of bed at two! Boys nowadays aren't worth a hang; I never saw such a lazy gang; it's four o'clock and you're still in bed, and the cows not milking, the hogs not fed! I reckon you'd sleep all day and more, if I didn't break down the bedroom door! Get up, get up! It will soon be dawn, and the best of the morning now is gone!" The boys obeyed him and quit their moans and groans their raiment and went outdoors. The farmer sat by the kitchen range, where his wife was working, and said: "It's strange, how the boys are crazy to quit the farm—the city life has a wondrous charm. They have lots to eat and a place to sleep, and they're always sure of their board and keep, and why they're anxious to quit the land is something I cannot understand. The good wife said in an undertone, 'placed in the skillet a piece of bone, and stuck her fork in some thingummygum. It's maybe because they are not pigs.'"

George Arthur Adams.