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Not like with traitorous kiss her slayful tongue. Not she denied him with unholo tongue; She, while apostles shrunk, could danger brave— Last at his cross, and earliest at his grave.

AGAIN THE CREMATORY

THIS is the third day of February, 1910. It is four years since agitation for a proper garbage crematory for Portland began. At the city hall there is an apparent deadlock between the mayor and health board on one side, and a faction of the council led by Mr. Lombard on the other.

The mayor and health board ask an appropriation by the council of \$120,000, all or part of which is to be used for crematory purposes. They claim, and rightly, that the selection of the type and appointments of the crematory are lodged by the charter in the health board.

And there you are. For the moment the crematory is at a standstill. The bargaining of four years on the subject of how, where and when the new incinerator shall be built is still without constructive result.

WHEN?

WHEN RENDERING an official opinion, an attorney general should not overlook statutes. Commissioner Bailey cites an opinion by Attorney General Crawford as his reason for not naming Portland dairy inspectors as deputy commissioners.

give, and that the laws vouchsafe, is denied. When, indeed, will the limit of public patience and forbearance be reached?

PRICES IN TWO CITIES

THE Boston Post gives prices of meats and some other foods in that city and also in Montreal, Canada; both large cities, in about the same latitude, not very far apart. The first figures following in each instance are the prices in Boston, the second in Montreal: Sirloin and rump steak, 35, 18; rib roast, 25, 15; pork roast, 20, 20; ham, 24, 19; fresh eggs, 55, 50; chickens, 35, 20; lamb legs, 18, 15; lamb chops, 40, 18; flour, \$7.50, \$6.00.

These figures seem to be pretty conclusive evidence that the high tariff enhances prices to consumers, and enables combines to raise them beyond reasonable limits.

The people, notwithstanding their general prosperity, are complaining, protesting, even in one case attempting to boycott; but the predatory combines only laugh at them. What are the people going to do about it? As long as they are unrepresented or misrepresented in congress, nothing.

HIGH PRICES AND PROSPERITY

WITH INCREASING prices a great many people are yet prosperous. Among these are the farmers, even if they do not get in all cases quite as much for their products as they should, considering the prices that the ultimate consumers have to pay.

Commenting on this, the World's Work says: "The fact might as well be stated flatly. The cost of living overruns the limit of the average man. The margin between the point where the ends meet and where they overlap is slight at best in such households."

As we have remarked before, high prices are all right if they extend all around, in due proportion. Prosperity that benefits some and injures others is not of a satisfactory kind, and will be complained of and attacked. It is a time of true general prosperity when, for the first time in our history, congress appoints a committee to travel about the country and find out what is the matter, what are the causes of high prices?

will under the powers which the Sherman anti-trust law apparently gives. This is no over-statement of the case, but a plain warning of which every interest in the country may well take heed.

INNOCUOUS INSURGENTS

SOME SO-CALLED insurgents in congress are not insurgent enough to hurt, or help, much. A member who merely rails at Cannon and the house rules, and expresses some slight antagonism to the rule of Aldrich, and yet voted for the sugar tariff schedule, for instance, might as well stand pat all along the line and keep quiet.

"All who have opposed the present rules and the power they confer upon the speaker are classed as insurgents. As distinguished from these men who are merely insurgents upon the rules and the power of the speaker, there is a small band of genuine progressives. These are the men who are in favor of fair play, not only upon the floor of the house of representatives, but also favor fair play for the people at large.

The name is immaterial. And talk is cheap. It is how a man votes on test questions that determines whether he is for the people or for the syndicates that are determined that the government shall continue to authorize and aid them to rob the people.

Some Republican members—eight of them from Ohio—have declared that they will not vote for Cannon for speaker again. They are therefore classed as insurgents. But most of them have only declared against the speaker because they believe that otherwise they cannot be reelected. But defeating Cannon for speaker is not the main thing; it is only incidental. What the people need is insurgents who will stand against the policies and practices in legislation that Cannon and Aldrich especially typify and represent.

CRIME AND THE VERDICT

SOME WEEKS ago a man was murdered and robbed near the Columbia river in Umatilla county, and a man named Arnold was subsequently arrested, tried and convicted of murder in the second degree, and Tuesday was sentenced, as required by law, to imprisonment for life.

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ing to his constituents that he was the first, genuine and only original insurgent.

Yes, indeed, the assemblyites dearly love the direct primary; but they want it to be one legged and bob tailed.

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt AMATEUR DAY.



Occasionally a suffering reader of this column, driven to desperation, perpetrates a joke of his own and sends it to this department with the vain hope of getting even. Some of these jokes are deserving of a better fate than is usually meted out to the average anonymous letter that strays into the fold. And so, to show that no jealousy exists between the general passenger agent of this department and the joke builders, an amateur day has been inaugurated. The following, then, is not the output of the officer of the day and someone who uses him for libel or anything like that, but only the voicing of the errors of a misapprehended life.

"Speaking of climate as a cure for throat trouble," said a deaf and dumb man with his 10 fingers, in a bass voice, "I want to offer my little testimonial regarding Slow Pup, Ariz. I used to be troubled a good deal with my throat and I couldn't talk above a whisper for a few years ago, so I went down to Slow Pup. When I first went there I had to carry a lead pencil and pad because in Arizona the people can't understand anything spoken in a whisper. But they couldn't understand my writing, so I was nervous and I couldn't spell. Well, sir, in less than a year I could make anyone understand my writing and in two years I could talk with my fingers."

A man and his wife stood in front of a meat market. "I'll go in and get a T-bone steak," said the man, and he went in. "No," replied his wife, "if you get anything, make it an O-bone steak." "All of which means a round. B.

Considering her beau "slow," a young lady told him to "take off his nose-shoes and get into an automobile." B.

"She was tired and disgusted. Back home the trains ran across the prairie and one could see for miles and miles. Here one was hemmed in by canyons and gulches and mountains and trees. The majesty of Mount St. Helens and Mount Hood was lost on the tired tourist."

"I want to go home," said she pettishly. "I have seen nothing but these horrid hills and big rocks till my eyes ache. I thought the scenery was so grand out here. I'm going back home where I can look out of the car window and see a big red barn away across the prairie, and a white house and a corn field."

Myrtle Point people have long been dubbed "the slow people of the world." The only energy shown is on the part of a few who take their lumps with them when they leave their homes to spend a day at the hotel playing what they call the game of "kiss."

By an uncalled-for burst of energy the card games are no more. "During the game," recently Rose said: "Southmayd, I heard a coyote bark this morning."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Comets used to cause war; now only floods. Think less of tomorrow's duties; do today's. The officials should get together and act, somehow. Almost any old excuse will serve to get a divorce decree.

The ground hog needed no "spec" to see his shadow this time. Sometimes a fool makes money; oftener money makes a fool. Parisians refuse to be and can't be unhappy very long at a time.

O well, we've gotten along for a good while without seeing a comet. The price of a dish of oysters hasn't risen; you only get less of them.

The meat boycotters seem to be in favor of revision of prices downward. It is February and no prospect yet of a start on a new garbage crematory.

Whatever may result, Binger Her-mann's old neighbors will believe in him still. Whatever the cost of living, Portland will grow a good deal faster than ever this year.

Halley's comet will find quite a change in this neck of the woods since it was here last. Insurgents who will only dabble their toes in the edge of the water don't amount to much.

It's Green can't afford to eat meat, but fortune's a-mong of us are not so poor as she is. We boast that this is a free country, and yet a man was arrested the other evening at 11 o'clock while he was looking for the comet.

Man who had abstained from meat for four days tried to make up for what he had missed and choked to death. It's a wonder more don't, even under ordinary circumstances.

Out came the groundhog, looked around, and scurried back into the ground, and so there be, we're supposed to know, six weeks more frost, cold rains and snow. This may be another sign to back east, where the next six weeks will be about the harshest time of all the year, but no such rule holds good out here. The Oregon groundhog is a jumpy, big-winded, and gave a joyful jump, and chuckled, and said "This looks very fine to me, for warm, sweet spring is near, I see."

February 3 in History—Oliver Cromwell

Today in the birthday of Oliver Cromwell, the "Protector," one of the greatest men, if not the greatest, that England ever produced. Years do not lessen but strengthen this opinion. Lord Macaulay says: "It has often been affirmed, but apparently with little reason, that Cromwell died at a time fortunate for his renown, and that, if his life had been prolonged, it would probably have closed amidst disaster and disaster. It is certain that Cromwell was to the last honored by his soldiers, obeyed by the whole population of the British Isles, and dreaded by all foreign powers, and that he was laid among the ancient sovereigns of England with funeral pomp, such as London had never before seen."

Cromwell had faults, but they were so overshadowed by his virtues that time has made them appear insignificant in summing up the great genius of the man. Long ago his own prophetic hope began to attain fulfillment—"I know God has been with me all my reports, and will in his own time vindicate me."

One of the chief characteristics of Cromwell was that he wanted to be nothing but just himself. Walpole is responsible for the story of Cromwell and Lely, the portrait painter. The Protector was sitting for his portrait, and for fear the artist might try to flatter him in his likeness, he remarked: "Mr. Lely, I desire you would use all your skill to paint my picture truly like me, and not flatter me at all; but remark all these roughnesses, pimples, warts, and everything, otherwise I will not pay a farthing for it."

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When I returned from the barn about milking my cows last Friday, I was called to the telephone. While I was talking, my wife exclaimed, "There is the comet, come and see." Of course, we were both delighted to see the comet, the children were all excited about it. I know positively of two families beside ourselves that saw the comet. There is no guesswork about it. The sky immediately above the horizon was clear perhaps to an extent of 10 degrees, above that it was cloudy. It stood in a southerly direction, just a short distance north of Venus, which was unusually bright at that time. We all agreed that we had never seen such brightness of Venus before. The comet first appeared in the high sky above the horizon as Venus, and went down together. The nucleus of the comet appeared to be of the same magnitude as Venus. The tail stood straight up in a vase shape and extended into the cloudy sky. The tail seemed to be nearly the same length as the distance between the comet and Venus. At the time we thought most everybody had seen the comet, otherwise I would have made more comparative observations. It was visible about half an hour.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Port of Astoria proposition carried by a vote of about 5 to 1. Many Paisley houses are yet partially filled with ice, the owners awaiting a thaw.

A Pleasant Valley, Walker county, man killed a big panther whose hide is valued at \$100. Development of new coal property in the Coquille valley will be begun in the very near future and that within eight of the city of Coquille, says the Sentinel.

The year 1910 will see a bigger acreage of apple orchards planted on the Mt. Hood-Puget Sound country, than all the past put together can boast of, declares the Eagle.

Seaside Signal gives several reasons why that is a good town to live in as well as to visit as a summer resort, and why it will be a still better one. The signal will help make it so.

Already the improvement to be caused in mining interests in eastern Oregon by the reopening of the Summit smelter is to be noted in the reports of the many properties preparing to ship ores to that smelter next summer, says the American.

Madras Pioneer: "That the people beyond the state of Oregon are becoming interested in the Deschutes country is evident by the great number of inquiries that are received from all over the east, caused by the commercial clubs of the county and other parts of the state."

One of the essential things to be considered by our people is the improvement of the Necanicum river, says the Signal. The Necanicum is one of the most beautiful of rivers in the world, and one of the pieces of nature's handiwork that makes Seaside the most popular summer resort on the north Pacific coast.

Given paved streets, a sewerage system, wool scouring plant, woolen mill, and new steel and iron factory with the already established modern lumber, planing mill and box factory, that ship daily to the east, and the six weeks of the big sugar factory, manufacturing sugar from beets grown in the Grand Ronde valley. La Grande and the Grand Ronde valley, the Signal thinks, will double their population in three years.

Two railroads are striving earnestly to see which can get to Jordan valley first, says the Express. One is a "dark horse," that is supposed to be the Pittsburg and Gilmore, which has been pushed away from the northeast with speed that even the deep snow and cold weather are not standing in the way of the speeding and firing engine, and said that Hill is back of this road and is trying to get to the southern coast.

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Moping and Whining Out of D. THE day for moping and whining things is long past, declares Theoda Bush, who recently finished both men and women.

"In winning 83½ points out of total 70, there is really nothing to talk of," said Miss Bush in explaining success. "Any girl who takes to moping and whining is not a true spirit, can succeed in just such achievement. It is all in your own mind and application."

"I have never been interested in so-called fashionable and ultra-feminine doings which concern so many men. The day of moping, of whining and whining is over. The things that some chosen man will bring to things we desire, including health, long since past."

"I believe that every woman should have a sort of a club in physical exercise is a factor. Many men will be shocked at the thought, but in the modern world, we have graduated into the stress of life. They find that they have not a sufficient physical foundation of strength to stand the work-day strain."

Miss Bush evidently believes in after the things she says and means, for she is not a mope and whiner. She can not do the things she says she can not do the things she wishes, and be the things she wishes, herself down with a load that is too heavy for her to carry. She is to keep her right there all her life, and that is to do them. But please ask: "Make a start, no matter small, and the rest will come. One small lead to another which could be seen before the first was an obstacle which looked like moon when you get into moon."

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