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Who would succeed in the world should be wise in the use of his pronouns. Utter the you 20 times where you once utter the I. John Hay, "Disticha."

CONCERNING BRIDGES

MAJOR M'INDOE thinks harm would come to Portland from closing the bridges an hour morning and evening. He insists that the delays to river traffic would seriously injure river commerce.

And there, on the other hand, is the overhead traffic. The pedestrians, the loaded and unloaded trucks, the delivery wagons, the automobiles, the farm wagons, the streetcars with their thousands of passengers—all this moving caravan is obstructed, delayed and handicapped by open draws.

Yet, if attempt is made to facilitate overhead traffic, the river traffic is injured. If there is effort to help the river activity, overhead transit is hampered. And there you are. It simply means that the low bridge is accentuated futility. In so great a city with such conflicting interests, the low bridge is an impossible device.

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A POOR WAY

ON CHRISTMAS John Rylowicz, a laboring man of Chicago, got drunk and went home and beat his wife, for which offense he was sentenced to serve 118 days in jail. In the Rylowicz family are 11 children; the two youngest ones 10 weeks old, and last week these infants were discovered to be in the last stages of starvation, some of the others being in nearly as bad a condition, and one girl of 4 years being almost blind from lack of attention to her eyes.

punishment, or needs a guardian; but through these 118 days he is sufficiently fed and sheltered, and relieved from work; perhaps this is not much punishment for him. This heavy, severe, crushing punishment—supposing that the man used part of his earnings to support his family—falls on the innocent, helpless wife and little children. The fault, the evil, the cruelty of this system cannot be excused by saying that she is to blame for marrying such a man and having so many children; such a plea avoids the issue and dodges simple, inevitable facts and conditions. Human creatures must be taken as they are, not as some theorist thinks they should be.

A better way of treating such a man ought to be devised. Even whipping him severely and sending him back to work with a raw back is a better way, though much can be said against it. But a far better way still would be to take him in charge, compel him to work and to turn over nearly all his earnings to an officer of the court, who would use the money for the support of the family. Do this for a limited period, and then let the man handle his own wages again, with a warning that if the offense were repeated he would be deprived of them for a longer period.

WOMEN STRIKERS WIN

THE THOUSANDS of young women engaged for weeks in the shirtwaist makers' strike in New York have won their battle. And considering probable results to hundreds of thousands of similar women workers, now and hereafter, it certainly was a victory worth fighting to achieve.

That these demands were reasonable and just is not to be doubted. Women and girls in this and similar employments in great eastern cities have never been sufficiently paid, have been overworked, and in many cases have been subject to other ill usage. It is important not only to them, but to society at large that these young women be fairly well paid and decently treated.

The leaders of this strike made a good, reasonable, just and winning fight, and are entitled to praise for their courage, perseverance and good conduct during its progress. Great commendation is also due to wealthy women and society leaders who aided them, with money, good counsel and moral support.

GETTING TOGETHER

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TAKING PORTLAND'S CENSUS

THE BUSINESS of taking the census, especially the enumeration of the population, is one of importance to every city, one about which every city may well concern itself in advance. Presumably Supervisor Beach will put forth his best endeavors to have a full census of Portland's population taken, but he will doubtless welcome any friendly assistance that can be tendered.

selfishness, but mostly of that lack of mutual understanding due to the inability of one to see the viewpoint of the other. In Douglas county they are trying to unify all interests into a compact whole by getting together on a unity basis. It is a plan that appeals to common sense and that recommends itself for wide adoption.

A FAR CRY

RECENTLY, the Chicago Tribune made a poll of the newspapers of Illinois on the direct primary. Of the 55 papers, 37 were unequivocally for the direct primary, six were favorable to a mixture of the convention and direct primary systems, and only four were against.

The Chicago Tribune is one of the staunchest and most influential Republican newspapers in the country. No paper has a higher standing in the Republican councils of the state and nation. No paper is given a greater measure of confidence by Republican readers, and none is more worthy of it.

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especially those in apartment houses and other lodging houses. Doubtless the supervisor will see to it that the enumerators are thoroughly instructed as to their duties, and impressed with the importance of doing their work very thoroughly. Not a man, woman or child, down to the infant just born, should be missed.

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Boys Neglected by Parents

THE numbers of young boys allowed to roam at will on the streets at night move one to wonder what sort of parents they have and how those parents have come to feel that they can afford to have their boys spending their time on the streets in all sorts of company instead of in the home and in company that parents know to be the right sort.

The parents are directly to blame for such conditions. It is beyond question. The boy did not begin to stray out in the evenings all in a minute and where were the parents the first time he did it and the second and the third. Were the parents not shirking a sacred responsibility when they did not stop at any cost to restrain, who but the parents should never stop until obedience is enforced? What is the office of parent if not to protect and guide the child?

Does the boy know it spells ruination for him to hang around the streets at night? No. How should he? But the parents know and the ones who do not make home the most attractive spot in the world for their boys and who do not know that they are doing and where they are at all times are willfully negligent of their boys' welfare and blame only themselves to blame if the boys go wrong.

L. B. Akers, in writing to a Grants Pass newspaper on this subject, says: "The numbers of boys who were complained of to Judge [name] in the month of for three months, to report themselves every 30 days, rather than send them to the reform school. Recently 15 of those boys came before the grand jury for encouragement; three of them reported staying at home in the evening for their lessons. I reported going out after supper until 10 o'clock. When asked where they were, said they were on the street, at the depot or anywhere. Three of them said they had some time attended Sunday schools, I had never seen them on Sunday school, I don't know the ages of the boys, but some had not reached their teens, and I would not suppose the oldest was more than 14."

"Boys that spend their evening hours and the hours of the city Sunday school as they are spending them are not an encumbrance to the law and order element of a city. If they only make home a sort of kennel to crawl into for a few hours' sleep they will never appreciate it as anything else and will grow up with their childhood affections for it blunted to carelessness. If such boys go wrong to blame for it? The parents will say the company they have been in, or the Sunday school teachers and officers that didn't get them into the Sunday schools. I have known such parents to say the Sunday school boy is no better than mine; but how few Sunday school boys go wrong compared with the many who go wrong without having had the influence of a Sunday school?"

Live on 20 Cents a Day

IN advocating the use of corn meal, oleomargarine, cheap syrup and especially heating and potatoes as substitutes for meat, Dr. Franklin A. White, Harvard's expert in dietetics, said: "There is no reason why any working man or woman could not live on 20 cents a day. The great trouble is that we neglect the cheap nutritious foods because we do not care for their flavor, or because we imagine they are not as palatable as other and much more costly foods. The very best outcome of the present no meat movement will be the discovery by many people of the cheap foodstuffs on little or no meat, and feel in better health than ever before."

German Dessert

CREAM PUDDING.—Work up three yolks of eggs with three table-spoons of sour cream, add one rounded tablespoon of sugar, one half teaspoon of ground cinnamon, a pinch of salt, and one cupful of bread crumbs (soft and white) or cake crumbs. Beat up the three whites of eggs to a stiff froth, and mix with the above. Fill a buttered pudding tin or bowl, cover with buttered paper, and steam or boil for 45 minutes. Unmold and serve with wine sauce or hot custard or vanilla sauce.

Creamed Salmon

COOK one half cup of milk and one egg until quite smooth, then add one can of salmon free from oil, skin and bones, and flaked, and season with a little salt and pepper and two table-spoons of lemon juice, then add two eggs beaten until very light; pour into a buttered mold and steam 25 or 30 minutes; serve with white sauce, one half cup of peas added to the sauce.

Stuffed Bananas

CUT off one quarter of the ends of a banana. Remove the pulp and press through a sieve. Add to each cupful the juice of half a lemon and two table-spoons of fine sugar; whip a cupful of cream, fill shells, set on ice, serve with cake.

Pegging Away

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-verse often regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) There's room at the top for the fellow who's bound to land on the summit some day; the trail's pretty rough, and there's holes in the ground, and a number of going astray; but the top will be reached by the strong, patient soul, who ever is keeping his eyes on the goal, and always keeps pegging away. There's trouble to burn in this valley of grief, and the skies are oft silent and gray, but a man never finds that it brings him relief to murmur and grumble and bray; he'll find that it lightens his burden of gloom, and chases his grievances clear up the flume, if he only keeps pegging away. It's tough to be poor when the insolent rich go past in their carriages gay, to jump from the highway and into the ditch, avoiding the wheels of their shay; but you in your auto or carriage may ride, and stir up the dust of a whole countryside, if you always keep pegging away. The men who are busy making half of the money that's hunting for victims to slay; they get all the cream in this valley below, while idlers subsist on the whey, while Fortune kicks others she'll give you a kiss, you'll find it's an applause, and you'll know more of bliss, if you always keep pegging away.

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