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OTHERWISE IT IS VERY PRACTICAL

Referring again to the proposed box factory at the penitentiary, for which a bill in the Legislature carries an appropriation of \$30,000; the box factory making boxes "from the log" proposed by the Governor's message being the one referred to:

There is no suitable timber available this side of the summit of the Coast Range.

\$30,000 would not build more than the smoke stack of a mill big enough to handle the spruce and hemlock logs of the Coast district.

And ten times \$30,000 would not be enough to build such a mill. No mill in the Willamette valley could handle them.

Then boxes are successfully made only as a by-product of a saw mill, in this district. The main part of the log must be marketed in lumber of various grades.

And a saw mill of the modern kind could not work many convicts. The main part of the force would have to be highly trained experts, drawing high wages.

Then the freight rates on logs from the Coast region is prohibitive—absolutely. Logs cannot be hauled over the mountains at all. There are no trains heavy enough.

Then a mill pond would have to be made at the penitentiary, and this would pollute the water supply of the Salem paper mill, and its owners would fight for their lives in the courts.

And they would win. Of course they would win. They have rights; vested rights; rights that are right and good in law.

There are a number of more reasons why the proposition for a box factory, "from the log," at the penitentiary is fantastic—as fantastic as the famous railroad to Mars of familiar old Oregon political history. But the above few should suffice, for the present.

Otherwise the scheme is very practical.

P. S. Perhaps it was a box factory from the log-rolling that was meant; a cigar box factory, for instance, for the jitney size.

A private letter from Congressman Hawley to a Salem friend, speaking of the work of the Ways and Means Committee of the House that is working on the new tariff bill, says: "We expect to begin the actual framing of the bill immediately after the conclusion of the hearings, which will be in about two weeks. How long it will take we cannot now tell, but Chairman Fordney hopes to have it through the House in May if possible. The sooner it can be passed, consistent with due care in the preparation of so important a measure, the better. Industry generally is at a pause, waiting for its next decided move upon the passage of the new tariff and the character of the act." That is reassuring. Every one who is interested in the prosperity of this country hopes that this matter may be hurried—that it may be finished in April, if possible, as Mr. Fordney predicted a few weeks ago. In the mean time, in case there is any delay, no doubt the new Congress will pass an emergency tariff bill, in case the present one fails to do so, or President Wilson vetoes it if passed.

Prunes and potatoes go well together this week, and all weeks.

Today is the last call on spuds. Tell the Salem slogan editor what you know about potatoes.

A number of the present members of the Wilson cabinet, it is announced, "have made no plans for the future." In other words, they are looking for a job.

There will be no saw mill at the state penitentiary. Not if the courts will give justice to the Salem paper mill people. And they surely will, if their help has to be asked.

The flax mill at the penitentiary will run this year and next, and it will run throughout all

the years of the future, if it is given a chance for its white alley.

THE JUDGE AND THE GAME

Now some of the congressmen want to investigate Judge Landis. They think he is getting too much money. The judge was getting \$7500 a year from the United States and when the big leaguers offered him \$50,000 a year to become the supreme arbiter in baseball, Judge Landis said he would take \$42,500 and give the national game the time not taken by his duties on the bench. In this way it was figured that the judge would receive the \$50,000 and be serving both his country and the diamond. But some of the congressmen are afraid the

judge will be handling foul tips in the United States court or else be sending Ty Cobb to the federal prison for stealing bases. They think the judge should do one thing or 't'other. They also figure that a man who can get \$50,000 a year for watching the ball game ought to be willing to make room for some other patriot on the bench.

NEEDING A LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln was simple and direct and he ever planned to conduct government on those lines. He was a foe of red tape and extravagance, the things that conspire most against a sensible and economical administration. Lincoln possessed dignity, but he did not hedge himself about with it. He used it rather to preserve amenities. Beyond that he would have cast it to the winds. With Lincoln in the seat of authority there was no careless and irresponsible squandering of the public funds. An office was a trust, to be accounted for to the ultimate farthing. Lincoln was of "the plain people." He was proud of it and he remained true to them to the end. Oregon could well use a Lincoln in her state business today, but they only seem to come once in a million years.

TAKE A CHAIR

Furniture must be coming down. A seat in the Chicago stock exchange sold for \$5000 the other day. This is less than half the usual price. If the drop continues, a lot of us who have been standing up may be able to get a seat.

A WOMAN SPEAKING

A woman has been made secretary to the speaker of the Massachusetts assembly. It is easy to see who will be the real speaker. To be merely secretary to a speaker would be tantalizing to a woman.

FOOLISH HUSBANDS

A husband is asking a divorce because the wife made him wash the dishes while she danced with her lover. If a husband cannot

FUTURE DATES

February 16, Wednesday — Business Men's league regular meeting.
 February 19, Friday — Symphony orchestra concert for members of Commercial club.
 February 14 to 21 — Prune week in Oregon.
 February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 February 17, Thursday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.
 February 18, Tuesday — Debate, Salem high school, affirmative vs. Albany, negative, at high school, Salem, negative vs. Albany, affirmative, at Albany.
 February 19 and 20, Friday and Saturday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Gossaga, at Spokane.
 February 22, Tuesday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
 February 23, Tuesday — Washington's birthday.
 February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday — Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem.
 March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday — Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
 April 15, Friday — Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
 April 16, Saturday — Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
 May 26, 27 and 28 — Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 October 1, Saturday (tentative) — Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.
 November 11, Friday (tentative) — Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
 November 24, Thursday (tentative) — Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Malheur, at Salem.

ROUND ABOUT THE LOBBY

Illustrating how easily errors can happen and how often they are detected before anything serious happens, the speaker announced yesterday that he was about to sign enrolled senate bill No. 19. Frank Davey, member from Marion and former speaker of the house, was the only one who noted that the bill was the one which is a special order for tomorrow, which has not yet passed the house and could not become a law no matter how many times it might be signed by the officers of the senate and house and governor of the state. How the bill got to the enrolled bills committee is a mystery. The detection of the error by Mr. Davey probably saved considerable confusion and embarrassment later in the session. The bill in question is the free text book bill. A less important bill might have gotten by without notice. Representative Davey demonstrated that he is on the job every minute.

PRACTICAL HELP

New Zealand has bought farms and homes for its returned soldiers and supplied them with all the essentials for an adequate start on a new life. There are some things more durable and serviceable than a cash bonus, and New Zealand is not as well equipped as America to supply them, yet New Zealand has possibly done better by her service men than any other country involved in the world explosion.

LINCOLN

A youthful artist, weary of age-old themes of angels, heroes, saints and Cherubim. Gazed upon the canvas of the Occident. And thought to paint the portrait of a MAN. He dipped his brush in pigment, somber-hued. And in forgetfulness, awhile he in vision dream he saw the virginia plains. The forest, stream, the hills, the cliffs and crag. The cataract that rolls majestically. He saw the storm, the lightning's blinding flash. He heard the hurricane, the thunders crash. The elements composed his reverie, and then he heard the zephyrs whispering. He caught the low, sweet note of the thrush's song. The azure tint of skies, the quiet stars. The solemn stillness of the summer night. Inspired thus, he traced the rugged outlines— The tall, lank form, the easy, natural pose. The drooping shoulders, lean and sinewy neck. The thin, strong arms, the massive, bony hands. The bearded chin that rested on his breast. The homely, rough-hewn features, wandering hair. The deep, calm eyes, where sadness sat enthroned. And under those sad eyes -he wrought a smile. Then over all the artist cast a plan of patience, humor, love and sympathy. He named the canvas "NATURE'S NOBLEMAN" And hung it in the Hall of History. There awhile unnoticed it remained. A few observed, and thought they saw in it A touch of genius, and they hurried on. Then came back to look again. Still others Came until at last the whole world stood In reverential awe and with one voice Praised the modest work a MASTERPIECE. —D. C. TRAVIS.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Answer is Made to "One Puzzled." Editor Statesman: I note in Statesman of the 13th inst., "One Puzzled" makes inquiry as follows: "A client of mine is planning on placing a loan on his farm and can secure money on the following terms: He borrows \$9000 and repays it in 20 annual payments of \$816 each, which retire the principal and interest in 20 years. He asked me what rate of interest this would be if computed as ordinary simple interest. Can you tell him?" To retire the principal in 20 years will require an annual payment of \$450. The difference between this amount and \$816, or \$366, is the annual interest payment. The first year \$9000 is the amount on which interest is computed. The last year only \$450 will remain unpaid. The average principal will be found by adding \$9000 and \$450 and dividing by 2, which gives \$4725, on which \$366 interest is paid each year, using the common rule for finding rate when principal and interest are given, gives us 7.47-63 per cent. Proof: \$9000 at his rate for one year, \$697.14 2-7; \$450 at this rate for one year, \$34.85 5-7. Total, \$732. Divided by 2 gives \$366—the amount which was paid each year. —N. S. SAVAGE.

Really Funny

According to some of the returning doughboys, the English really have a sense of humor. Seems a pair were inspecting London, and in passing a butcher shop, decided to have some fun with the proprietor. "I observe," said one of the Sammies, "that your sign says you have cuts to suit all purses." "Sir, the sign is correct," said the butcher. "Well, then," said Sammie, "what have you to suit an empty purse?" "A cold shoulder," was the prompt reply, as the butcher reached for a cleaver.

ways and means chairman, is driving a car with a damaged fender sustained when Carl Shoemaker drove his car into the Gordon car during the Sunday snowstorm.

Archie Phillips, former county commissioner of Coos county, and Edgar McDaniel, editor of the Coos Bay Harbor, are attending the sessions in the interest of several pieces of legislation.

Judge Austin F. Fiegel of Portland is here in the interest of senate bill No. 284, relative to the organization of co-operative organizations.

Earl Kilpatrick of the University of Oregon was here again

yesterday on one of his periodical visits to the halls of legislation.

"I want to be excused," said a worried looking jurymen addressing the judge, "I owe a man \$10 and as he is leaving for a post abroad to be gone some years, I want to catch him before he gets on board, and pay him the \$10. It may be my last chance." "You are excused," returned "his honor" in icy tones, "I don't want anybody on the jury who can lie like that."

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