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RESTORE THE ERRING:—Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Corinthians 6:1.

THIS IS NOT SO; THERE IS A BETTER WAY
 (Portland Oregonian.)

There is but one means by which the government fleet can be transferred to private owners as the nucleus of an American merchant marine which will be maintained and will grow in competition with ships of other nations. That is that the government pay the amount by which operation under the American flag exceeds that of operation under the principal competing flags. The highest excess demands that the government assume that obligation. The excess cost is the result of laws which the United States has made, of policy as to standard of wages and living to which this nation is fully committed, of treaties by which we are forbidden to give preference to our own over foreign ships. Since the government imposes this excess cost, it should bear that cost itself. All that men ready to engage in shipping business ask is that, as to cost of building and operation, they be put on an equality with foreign competitors, and they will build up business, expand foreign trade and maintain a fleet ready for the nation's service in the event of war. If this be a subsidy, call it so, but it would be a small price to pay for the great service rendered to our commerce and our national defense.

The above is a paragraph of the leading editorial of the Oregonian of yesterday, in the course of which the impression is given that a ship subsidy bill may be successful in Congress the coming winter, in case it can get the support of the West and South. If it were true that "there is but one means" by which an adequate American merchant marine can be built up and maintained, and that means a ship subsidy, the stand of the Oregonian editorial writer would be well taken—

But it is not so; there is a better way.

The better way is the way in which the founders of our Republic built up a great American merchant marine that had become the wonder of the world when our Civil war broke out—

And that was done by preferential rates of duty on goods carried in American bottoms.

That is the way that should now be adopted. It will cost the American people not one cent. It will be no charge upon the treasury of the United States. Its effect will be instant and continual—

It will positively do the work, and keep it up.

It seems strange, in the light of history, and in respect to common sense, that there are men in Congress, in either branch, who put forward other schemes for developing an American merchant marine.

There is only one right way.

LAY BARE THE FACTS

The contract between the anthracite coal miners and the operators will expire on August 31, this year. The miners are asking for a ten per cent advance under a new agreement to go into effect upon the expiration of the present contract.

In their argument for the advance they are insisting that there be taken into consideration the difference between the cost of the coal at the mine and the cost in the consumers' bins.

The present cost at the mine is \$15 and in the bin \$8, leaving a margin of \$7 a ton for transportation and handling.

The operators contend that higher wages cannot be granted without loss to the industry. They point to the fact that the use of substitutes for anthracite is steadily increasing and that the use of this kind of fuel will soon be greatly decreased by oil, electricity, gas and the bituminous variety of coal. They try to substantiate further their position toward no rise in wages by the improbability of possible reduction in transportation rates.

In the cross-fire of these contentions the miners claim that the decreasing use of anthracite could be overcome by cutting down the margin between the cost of the coal at the mine and in the bins; that then wages could be increased, the price to consumers reduced and a fair profit still accrue to the operators. This picture appears rosier apparently to the miners than to the operators. And the public accustomed to the proverbial position between the upper and the nether millstone is trying to figure out just what the outcome will be anyway.

Accusation of the railroads of excessive rates has been heard many times. And now when the miners urge the operators to unite with them in petitioning the interstate commerce commission for reduction of rates on anthracite coal from the mines to pivotal commercial points their request is held in obedience as the matter of rate readjustment is already in the hands of the commission.

The first step in the process of the desired readjustment is to determine whether there is combination of interests between the mine owners, operators and the coal-carrying railroads. If there are co-existing interests between the companies and the roads reduction of rates means reduction of operators' profits. If no connections between transportation lines and companies the reduction of rates should result in increased wages or reduced costs to consumer or both.

There is evidently lack of economic balance. At the present cost of anthracite to consumers its use will probably continue to decrease and with this decrease higher wages will be maintained, no doubt, with difficulty.

The claim for increase in wages urged must be based primarily upon the reduction of rates on independent coal-carriers or less profits to the operators. Whatever the out-

come of the controversy the consumer will receive little additional comfort or benefit, no doubt.

With absolute justice as the goal this present controversy requires thorough inquiring into all phases of the anthracite industry by a fair and impartial board of arbiters. Miners, consumers, operators and all others directly interested are entitled to all the facts in the case. And when these facts are laid bare there should be found means for equitable adjustment of wages without serious dissension or controversy.

MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

Adela Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER F67

HOW WAS MOTHER GRAHAM'S "CURE" SO SWIFTLY ACHIEVED?

I flushed with pleasure at Katherine's commendation of my telegram, for I value her opinion highly, and the fact that she has found no technical change to make in the message to Dr. Braithwaite pleased me inordinately.

"I must send this telegram at once," I said hastily.

"Wouldn't you mind?" Katherine hesitated deprecatingly, as she hurriedly rolled up a bundle of clothing and thrust it into a serviceable yet gaily-decorated laundry bag. "You said you would take these uniforms to Mr. Ticer, and I don't know when I'll have a chance to get out of Mother Graham's room again. She's certainly on a rampage. I'd advise you to keep out of her way for a while unless you have a hankering to—"

"I fly!" I exclaimed with a wry smile. "But you must come down to luncheon Katie will be desolated if you miss her surprise."

"I'll get away in half an hour if I have to chloroform your respected mother-in-law," she promised. "At that, I think I think when I have a chance to tell her the news about Mrs. Durkee she will calm down a bit."

"I'll tell Katie to have luncheon in exactly half an hour," I said, and then, tip-toeing out of the room, with an apprehensive glance at my mother-in-law's closed door, I stole downstairs, and making my way to the kitchen, gave the promised directions to Katie.

"Half an hour!" she exclaimed in dismay. "Dot no goot! I fraid surprise no good eet stand so long."

"Oh, I feex qveeck!"

Her voice was a doleful, but I know her little ways, and I guessed that she had not yet prepared the "surprise," but that, like most temperamental cooks, she wished no exact time set for the serving of luncheon, and snatched at the most plausible excuse.

"Im sorry, Katie," I said with a decisive note in my voice, "but Mrs. Bickett and I have something most important on hand, and we cannot eat any luncheon if it isn't ready just at that time."

Katie capitulated, as she always does when I take that tone with her.

"Oh, I feex, qveeck as dot lightning!" she promised earnestly, and then with an impudent twinkle in her eye, she added with pretended meekness:

"I carry me ot clock in yum hand all time, and shoot at second half-hour you find lunch-

BILLY'S UNCLE

THAT'S A DANDY PIPE MESHANEY'S STENOGRAPHER GAVE ME—ITS GOT AN AMBER STEM

LEAVE SEE IT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO AMBER

—THAT'S TO HOLD THE PIPE OUT IN YOUR HAND LIKE THIS—

—AND THEN TURN YOUR HAND OVER AND LET THE PIPE FALL OUT AND IF IT BREAKS—

—IT'S AMBER!

DOROTHY DARNIT

I EAT MY LUNCH AT NIGHTONES EVERY DAY

OH, GEE WHIZ

NOW, TO-DAY, I HAD OYSTERS TOMATO SOUP BLACK BASS PLANK STEAK SMOTHERED WITH MUSH ROOMS AND ONIONS

THEN I HAD CELERY CORN ASPARAGUS, BEAS PLUM PUDDING, COFFEE AND CHAMPAGNE

YES WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME?

DID YOU EAT IT ALL?

YOU'RE EITHER A MILLIONAIRE OR A LIAR

BARE-LIMBED FAD IS HERE AT LAST

Two Young Damsels Are Spotted By Observing Spectator, Each Expected at State and High

If only he who so long ago wrote so beautifully of the bare-foot boy with cheeks of tan could return to this sterile promontory old earth for a day, what a masterpiece he could make out of the subject of the young lady, or young ladies, since two of them have been seen on Salem streets of late, that go a promenading, all dressed up in the season's latest, including bare legs, beg pardon, limbs.

Perhaps you have not seen this latest and once seen never to be forgotten spectacle. If you have not, then take a tip, stand on the corner of High and State at about 3 o'clock this afternoon, provided it is one of those days when the ground hog can see his shadow, and be prepared for the worst, for the worst will come, at least it is the worst the writer of this article has seen for some time.

The fad of no stockings hit Portland and Seattle several months ago and now at last it hits Salem. Again let it be stated, what a shame that the immortal poet of long ago should have had to live in such an old-fashioned age.

NEW THEATER PLANNED

PORTLAND, July 24.—A \$1,000,000 theater will be erected in Portland at once by Ackerman & Harris, theater operators and at present owners of the Hippodrome theater here, it was announced today by Sam Harris, partner in the firm.

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COMPROMISE OFFERED FOR DIVISION DITCH

ALDERMAN PATTON TO PRESENT HIS PLAN TODAY

Property Owners Demand That Excavation Be Filled and Paved by Spring

Alderman Hal Patton will approach the officials of the proposed new Western Paper Conserving company with a compromise proposition for the filling in of a ditch along Division street some time today it is expected. The filling in of this ditch is the only thing that keeps the new company from definitely settling on Salem as the site for its new plant, according to officials of the company.

Property holders along Division street met Thursday nights and prepared an ultimatum to be delivered to the city council's special committee selected to investigate the question of filling in the ditch. The ultimatum calls for the work of filling in the ditch to be commenced within the next 30 days and to be completed by fall. Paving work on the street to be started next spring. The property holders also state that they do not care to pay for having the ditch filled in and will expect to pay for the paving no more because the ditch is where it is.

It is understood that the compromise proposition to be put before the officials of the new company, entails an equitable division of the expense of filling in the ditch among the parties interested.

We often hear of the burning of witches in old Salem; at Salem, Massachusetts. The fact is that the people executed for witchcraft at Salem, Mass., were not burned. They were hanged. In 1692 19 or 20 persons were convicted of witchcraft and hanged—at that place. One old man was pressed to death for refusing to plead when accused. A number of persons had been executed in the colonies for this imaginary offense before this period, and a few executions took place later. But all those condemned were convicted by juries in regular courts of "justice" and executed in the same manner that ordinary criminals were put to death.

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BIBLE HEAD NAMED

SPOKANE, July 24.—The Rev. Marion Stevenson of St. Louis, editor of the Sunday school publications of the Christian board of education, has been named dean of the college of Bible at Spokane university. Officials of the university said today that he will begin his duties here in September.

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