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"Cotch Your Rabbit"

THE old rule about rabbit stew was "first cotch your rabbit." The committee of the senatorial inquisition which has been reconvened to boil in oil all the lobbyists they can find around Washington who don't know the grip of the patrons of husbandry, thought they would have a real mulligan when they called Joseph R. Grundy, veteran tariff high-binder of Pennsylvania. Grundy is 70 years old, has preached republicanism and practiced high tariff for half a century. The combination of the two he thinks is what has made Pennsylvania great, and because Pennsylvania is great, so is the nation. Grundy makes no pretense. One may not like his policy nor agree at all with his conception of government, but he is one man whom a senatorial inquisition does not terrify. Grundy has appeared some three times before the committee, and the committee has not had its mulligan yet—they are still short a good healthy rabbit.

When Senator Blaine of Wisconsin said if he would urge placing of steel used in farm implements on the free list he would not be classified as a lobbyist, Grundy smilingly replied: "I have no concern about where you classify me."

Referring to the tariff on wool Grundy said that it was one of the best ways of helping the farmer outside of giving him \$500,000,000.

"Who is giving the farmers \$500,000,000?" asked Blaine. "You fellows did it," smartly replied Grundy. Then Senator Carraway of Arkansas came to the breach and called the attention to Grundy's constant attendance in the senate gallery during the tariff debate. Grundy retorted: "Yes, I thought the show was worth the price of admission."

Then Carraway remarked that Grundy seemed able to divest himself of his various offices in a manner like a Ku Klux Klansman taking off his white robes, to which the witness replied:

"You come from a section where you ought to know about that."

There is this about the Grundys. You know where to place them. They are frank lobbyists for special causes. The menace of the Grundy type lies not in their being active as lobbyists so much as being the men who provide the money for campaign treasuries in primary elections, in state and in national elections. The senate committee will get nothing out of Grundy, they still have to "catch their rabbit," and his appearance has been at least diverting to the public.

More About City Managers

ASTORIA has been trying the city manager plan of government for a year past. The Morning Astorian recently devoted a lengthy editorial dealing with the city's paying the expenses of the manager's trip to Fort Worth to attend a convention of city managers from over the country. That of course is the popular sport nowadays. Every public officer from governor to court house janitor has to go at least once a year with expenses paid to national, international, regional, coastal and other "conventions," always, be it known, with all expenses paid.

The Astorian makes its comment as follows:

"It is amusing to see something or another, probably the ridiculous, when the city commissioners vote to send the city manager to Fort Worth, Texas, at city expense, to attend the annual convention of city managers. Regardless of Mr. Garrett's ability, the city is already paying him more than he can return in value, and to add to that another \$300 to \$500 just to give him a jaunt to Texas, where the most he can accomplish is to find a chance to get a better job, appears to be the limit in view of the city's financial condition. Mr. Garrett has already had one vacation and has been paid during that time. Now he is to get another and not only receive his pay for the time, but have his expenses paid to boot.

"There is a lot of 'Hokum' about the importance of the city manager's job and a lot of foolish talk about his being the head of a \$3,000,000 corporation. The truth of the matter is the manager has little to do with the \$3,000,000 corporation. The city spends about \$400,000 annually. Of that amount all but about \$135,000 goes to pay interest and into sinking funds. The manager does not control its distribution. Of the \$135,000 again, at least two-thirds goes to pay salaries which are fixed by law. Of the remaining \$40,000 about half again goes to certain fixed expenses established by long practice and primary needs of government. This leaves a few thousand dollars of the taxpayers' money that the manager might be said to more or less direct in expenditure. However, according to the city charter he cannot spend more than \$250 at one time without approval of the city commission. Has any one ever heard of the manager of a \$3,000,000 corporation being limited in such a manner?

"The manager also has considerable to do with the matter of public improvements, another form of expenditure, and it might be possible that considerable judgment is required in such instances. Very true under other conditions but with the present business and financial depression existing here, the improvement work is hardly likely to run beyond \$50,000 a year and here again it is the city commission that exercises the final judgment and not the manager.

"It might be pointed out that we have suffered in the past from foolish improvement jobs. True, but if the public and city commissioners, for the present at least, have not been educated in this regard, all the advice of a manager would be useless, and in such matters, all the manager can offer is advice.

"The trip to Texas is of course a small item in comparison with the city debt burden, but it is like brandishing a red flag in the face of the over-burdened taxpayer, for the city commission to authorize the trip and for the manager to ask for such authorization."

"Pig Trees Bear," we read in a headline. What confusing possibilities there are in that group of words! It might be "Pig trees bear;" or "Pig bears tree;" or "Bear trees pig." One is about as absurd as another; and the original fact of a pig treeing a bruin is nearly as freakish.

A "school for parents" will be held in Portland next month. It is to consider the "molding" of children. Folk still think of rearing children as though they were pouring so much protosol into a steel bullet mold, with the expectation of getting a uniform product.

Among others who are praying for a change in the weather are the editors who have worked heavily on October themes, for weeks past. They cry aloud for rain with perhaps a skiff of snow. Perchance their readers hope for the same change.

Doesn't it make you pinch yourself to read about snow back in Illinois, or to hear Mr. Hoover remark about the sleet at Louisville? Out here those who are praying for rain haven't struck the right weather length yet.

Careless hunters near Oregon City mistook a farmer standing in his barnyard for a pheasant and peppered him with shot. They should know that no Clackamas farmers wear wings.

From what Dean Hewitt and Dr. Tully say, a Chinese banquet is more deadly than a Chinese battle.

The Right Brand of Salt



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

"Why not?"

Under the heading of the above two words, the Portland Journal on Oct. 7th contained the following editorial article: "Restoration of barge navigation on the Willamette river as far south as this city is the purpose of a definite project launched by the Eugene chamber of commerce directors, who will work on the program in conjunction with the Columbia Valley association."

"That is a dispatch telling the purpose of Eugene to again make use of a cheap transportation artery that has long been abandoned," goes on the Journal editor, commenting: "And why not?"

"The Willamette valley is one of the great producing regions of the west coast. The lumber, the grains, the fruits, the manufactured and other products of the valley are shipped in large quantities to local and foreign markets. With increasing demand abroad for many of these products the demand for transportation is constantly becoming greater. Every additional nickel that is spent for transportation is a nickel taken from the producers and manufacturers of the valley. Every additional nickel that it costs to get these products to market is a nickel taken from the profits of those who produce them. Water transportation constantly and consistently proves that it is the cheapest transportation known. There are no insurmountable problems connected with barge transportation on the Willamette. The Willamette river has been used before as far south as Eugene, and it can be employed again as a cheap channel for the flow of valley products to the ocean and the markets on the seven seas. Why do Corvallis, Albany, Salem and other communities on the Willamette not join with Eugene in the project to make use of one of the state's valuable transportation assets?"

The bits man is highly pleased at the above from the Portland Journal; especially the news part of it. He has reason to be. For years, he called upon the people of Albany, Corvallis and Eugene, and the other towns along the Willamette river above Wilsonville, to join Salem in its efforts to get still water the year through in the Willamette.

It is gratifying that the members of the Eugene chamber of commerce have at last become fully awake to the importance of this development. We should now hear from Corvallis and Albany. Also from Lebanon, and the towns on the Yamhill river, for, as was shown in this column a day or two ago, time was in the pioneer period when boats navigated the Santiam and the South Santiam, and the Yamhill still later regularly floated cargoes of freight.

President Hoover pledged this administration in his Louisville speech of a few evenings ago to a full development of the inland waterways of this country. This greatest of the world's engineers knows well the possibilities of the Willamette river and its tributaries.

The project of maintaining a boating stage the year through in the Willamette as far up as Salem is already a continuing one, stamped with the approval of the engineers of the Federal government. That is not enough. This part of the project will help all the rest, and all the rest will help this part.

The rivers of Germany and France, like the Rhine and the Rhone, have long been made navigable all the way up to the foothills of the Alps mountains,

through the construction of locks and dams and other works known to modern engineering, and their channels bear the heavy traffic of those countries on boats and barges that churn their waters in a continuous line, almost night and day.

The same sights will some day greet the eyes of the people of the great Willamette valley, which will then be one of the most populous sections of the globe, and the most uniformly prosperous.

The irrigation development of the Willamette water shed will assist in this consummation, for the impounding of the waters of the rainy season in the streams flowing down the defiles of the Cascade and Coast Ranges will add to the summer depth of the summer channels, and so will the water lifted from wells and pumped from lakes, for adding to the production of our rich acres in the fastest growing seasons of June, July, August and September.

When that time comes, this will be the greatest dairy district in the United States, surpassed by none anywhere. The Willamette valley, clear up to the summits of the mountains on both sides, will be transformed into one great garden and orchard, checkered and interspersed with green fields the year through, and becoming such an amiable of fruit and annual abundance as the ancients only dreamed of the sons of men have not yet seen in the cornucopia of nature's forming—in the horn of plenty that will pour out its golden stream, born of our soil and sunshine and showers, utilized and conserved by the knowledge and training and industry of our cults of culture working according to the laws of nature.

In that good time that is surely coming soon or late, and the bits man believes will arrive before long, this valley will contribute more than any like section of all the earth in pushing back the fears of Malthus, or postponing their dark foreboding indefinitely.

"Did you ever see such fine weather at this time of the year?" You have heard this question many times in the past several weeks, if you live in Salem. The answer is, yes. Many times. Always here in Salem. At least half the years. And so did our fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers, and on back. Listen to this from The Statesman of Nov. 25, 1871: "Wild strawberries are ripe and in bloom; wild roses are blooming, and oak trees are starting new leaves."

In the forties and fifties, when the covered wagon trains brought tens and scores and even hundreds of thousands of people across the plains, following the old Oregon trail in the mightiest movement of the kind in the annals of history, the tired and half-starved and footsore pioneers arrived in the Willamette valley all but ready and willing to die—many of them. And they never ceased telling, in after years, of the heavenly weather they experienced; the sunning of the late falls and the "open" winters. This was the case in most years during the high tide of the covered wagon period. There were some exceptions, as there have been since, and will be in the future.

But our climate has not changed and will not change, materially for a long, long time. Not in our lives or the lives of those who follow us for the next few hundred or perhaps few thousand years. It is not in the nature of things. The ocean currents and

H. B. MARTIN WILL WED MISS FRENCH

DENVER, Oct. 31. — (AP) — Mr. Martin will marry Miss French "within a few months" in England. And that statement today was taken to mean that wagging tongues have been all wrong during the past few weeks when they cast doubt upon the union of the daughter of the late Field Marshal Sir John Denton Pinkstone French of England and Henry Bradley Martin, Jr., son of one of New York's wealthiest families.

Reports have come and gone, all to different effects, that the marriage would and would not take place ever since Miss Valerie French made a trip across the Atlantic and half way across the continent to be with Martin following his injury in an automobile accident near Limon in July.

"Mr. Martin and I," Miss French told reporters, "will be married within a few months—in England."

The announcement was made as Martin, his fiancée and Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin shook the snow of Denver from their feet and entrained for New York. Mr. Martin, Sr., and Mr. Martin, Jr., had little or nothing to say, but Miss French's French maid in difficult English, made known a mild dislike for the American hinterland because it will be so far away from home.

GRAND JURY PROBES BOOTLEGGING RINGS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 31.— (AP)—A federal grand jury inquiry into the alleged activities of a bootlegger during a recent state convention of the American Legion at San Diego, Cal., involving two public officials and a number of residents there was begun here today.

Major Harry Clark and Chief of Police A. R. Hill were summoned by the inquisitorial body among several other citizens of San Diego. Their connection with the investigation was not disclosed.

Federal agents admitted, however, that the action resulted from the arrest of Charles Mullock, an alleged bootlegger of San Diego. Mullock, government evidence disclosed, was believed to have been given exclusive rights to sell liquor to persons attending the convention under "influence" of the organization members, agents claimed. Liquor was brought to San Diego in a bold manner and stored in a downtown building.

Cigar Sets Fire To Parked Car

DONALD, October 30.—J. H. Dixon, employe of the S. P. & S. railway of Portland nearly lost his car by fire here. He drives to Donald each morning from his ranch south of Donald and parks his car by the depot and takes the electric car into Portland.

WATER ESSENTIAL TO BABY'S GOOD HEALTH

Never Fear Giving Infant Too Much Drinking Water, Says Dr. Copeland, in Advising Mothers of Its Value in Aiding Elimination.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York.
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MANY mothers, especially young mothers, seem to be quite at a loss what to do when the baby becomes constipated. Yet this is one of the most frequent disturbances of infants and young children, and its management should be understood.

If the baby is a nursing baby, the symptom is likely to be due to the mother's own condition and especially to her diet. The young mother eats heartily of milk-producing foods in order to assure an abundant supply of nourishment for the child. This change from her accustomed diet may result in constipation for the mother. There is no doubt of the relationship.

If this is the cause of baby's trouble, the mother is called upon to rearrange her own diet. During warm weather it must include for the mother plenty of fresh milk and eggs, fresh green vegetables and fresh and stewed fruits. She should drink water abundantly between meals. A calm and even state of mind will aid the health, promote the digestion and, thus, will do much to prevent conditions which cause constipation.

From the first few weeks of its life, the baby should be given orange juice. It makes no difference whether it is a nursing or a bottle-fed baby. Begin with one teaspoonful of the strained juice, giving this amount before the first feeding each day. As the baby grows older, gradually increase the quantity until at one year of age the child is taking the juice of half an orange every day.

Bottle-fed babies suffer more from constipation than nursing babies. In such cases it is necessary to give the formula which is at fault. Consult your doctor who will modify the baby's formula.

Constipation in babies is sometimes due to the lack of sufficient drinking water. They must take an abundance of fluid to dissolve the waste products and to carry them away from the body.

Don't be afraid of giving a baby too much water. It is necessary to its health and happiness. Try giving it frequent drinks of water that has been boiled and cooled. Even colic will sometimes disappear if a little warm water is given, and many a crying baby has been made happy by a drink of water.

When the baby is old enough to hold on a commode much can be accomplished in the way of establishing regular bowel movements by this method. Have a stated time each day, preferably just before the child's bath, for this discipline. For the first few days, suppositories of glycerine may be used to start the movement but they should not be continued.

From the time the child begins to take cereals and other foods, usually at about eight months, his diet may



DR. COPELAND.

Answers to Health Queries

B. L. Q.—What do you advise for neurasthenia?

A.—Try to build up the general health and this will benefit the nervous system. You should consult your doctor for treatment.

MISPAH Q.—I am troubled with gas after eating, what do you advise?

A.—Correct your diet and avoid constipation. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for further particulars and repeat your question.

K. E. Q.—Do you advise cod liver oil as a body builder?

A.—Yes.

W. J. C. Q.—Can a person who is suffering mentally from "flu" complications be cured?

A.—If properly treated I see no reason why the depression should not clear up. Fresh air, nourishing food and exercise will help.

Some one noticed smoke coming from the car and upon investigating for the cushion and side of the door was smouldering. The car was locked so it was necessary to break the glass in the door to put the fire out.

It is thought that sparks from a cigar was the cause of the fire.

Brush College Grange Meets

BRUSH COLLEGE, Oct. 31.—The regular meeting of the Brush College Grange was held at the Community Hall last night. Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, lecturer, pre-

pared an excellent program, including a lecture on extension work by Ralph Beck, county agent of Polk county, several readings by his wife, Mrs. Ralph Beck, piano numbers by a little Japanese girl, Hoshie Watanabe, of Salem, piano and violin duet by Ruth Bedford and Miss Emmett of Salem, talks on "Why We are Thankful This Year" by Mrs. Walter Hatch, Mrs. A. R. Ewing, Mrs. Oliver Whitney, Mrs. U. J. Lehman. The committee appointed to serve the 6:30 o'clock supper follows: Mrs. Corrydon Blodgett, chairman, Mrs. Alvin Madsen, Mrs. A. R. Ewing, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. Frank Rivet.

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