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Hunting for a Scape-Goat

WHEN things go awry people are not satisfied with looking in a mirror to see their own faults. They must hunt through the lot to find a scapegoat.

It is just the same thing now when business is not moving along with quite the briskness of a previous year.

We used to hear the trouble with the country was the buying of automobiles; but no one brings that up any more because it proved to be so foolish.

In our opinion no single thing can serve as a scapegoat for economic sins. The state of business is a product of many diverse factors, not the least of which is the state of mind.

The forces that make for better business are already under way. Commodity prices are being readjusted to lower levels. Indications are that price declines have pretty well run their course.

The best advice to give the public is this: now is the time to buy. Prices are down. It is only the general resumption of buying which will deplete stocks, call for orders which will start industry going again.

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Editors and the Succession

STATE editors are busy studying the situation caused by the sudden death of George W. Joseph. So far as noted the sentiment seems to be that the state committee should go outside the list of candidates at the last primary and select a candidate who will be best fitted to serve the state as governor.

Probably the best chance for a candidate on whom all can agree lies outside the list of men who participated in the primary race. Certainly Governor Norblad's conduct since the primary has shaken the confidence he enjoyed in the earlier days of his office.

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HEALTH

Today's Talk By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

When your doctor tells you some member of your family has "nephritis," you are greatly distressed. Of course the disease is serious, but I beg of you not to let a nephritis scare you into the incurable disease.

General inflammation of the kidneys is called "Bright's disease." It is named after Dr. Richard Bright, an English physician, who first described the association of symptoms in 1827.

High blood pressure, the pressure of albumen in the urine and frequently dropsy, may indicate the existence of nephritis.

An acute attack of Bright's disease may be brought on by exposure to cold, or by taking certain poisons.

The onset of the disease is usually severe in character. There is pain in the back, paleness and puffiness of the face, swelling of the ankles, fever, sometimes nausea and vomiting.

The urine is scanty and abnormal in color. There are chemical poisons which can be determined only by an analysis.

The patient must remain in bed, usually between blankets to stimulate the action of the skin. The diet is mild—often confined to milk. Large quantities of water and alkaline drinks are given to help flush the kidneys.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Salem, Oregon, June 17, 1930.

Salem Statesman, Editor, Dear Sir:

In your issue of today, there appeared an account of an opinion recently handed down by the attorney general that land being purchased on contract by an old soldier is exempt from taxation.

These are a few of the editorial comments thus far noted:

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"WHY BRING THAT UP?"



"The SEA BRIDE" THE ROMANCE OF AN EVENTFUL WHALING CRUISE

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

CHAPTER X

Noll shook his head dolefully. "I've been a hard man in the past, Mr. Ham," he admitted; "but I'll not strike a man again."

"I will, for you, sir," he said. "If Dan'l Toby had been mate and so minded, he could have kept the crew alert and keen; but Dan'l had his own troubles and he did not greatly care what came to Noll and Noll's ship."

This growing slackness culminated in tragedy. Where mates of life and death are a part of every day, safety lies in discipline and discipline was lax on the Sally Sims.

The big bull began to run headlong, and the men in Willis's boat balanced on the sides for "Narrow-tucket sleigh-ride." The whale ran straightaway, so tirelessly that they could not haul up on the line.

The weather thickened behind and hid the Sally as she stopped and the line and the whale run free, and a moment later Willis Cox's boat got fast when Loup pitched his great harpoon over 30 feet of water as the whale went down.

When Willis saw it was hopeless to think of killing the whale, he cut it with the full dark and blowing. Some rain fell, but the flying spume that the wind clipped from the wave-tops kept the boat a quarter full of sea water, no matter how desperately they bailed.

A whaleboat is always provisioned against the emergency of being cast adrift. Biscuits and water are stored in the lantern-keg, with matches and whatever else may be needful. The water is replenished now and then, that it may be fresh.

But when Willis opened the lantern keg he found the water half gone, and so brackish that it was unfit to drink, a condition directly to be attributed to the weakening of discipline aboard the Sally.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davey will drive to Mt. Angel, where he will deliver the graduating address before the students of Mt. Angel academy.

Dr. D. D. Keeler, veterinary surgeon, performed an operation upon a horse belonging to E. Belle of Oak Grove, as result of which he extracted a piece of board from the animal's chest.

The pupils of Professor F. Seley, dean of the W. U. college of music, gave him a farewell party at his home in Yow park.

Farmers in 23 Kentucky counties have pooled 150,000 pounds of wool this spring.

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Ralph C. Geer's address: Continuing the account of the trip across the plains in 1847 of the wagon train of which he was a member:

"On the Columbia river the Indians had become very saucy and insolent; would drive off stock and then demand pay for returning it; and some of the boys gave them the end of the whip lash, and I gave one the end of my right arm quicker than he wanted it."

"Mr. M. L. Savage brought old George, that year. Mr. Savage stayed over one year for the purpose of getting him to bring to Oregon, belonging him to be the best rice horse in the United States at that time."

"The next Sunday evening Dr. Whitman preached to our company on Willow creek, and complimented us and the young man by saying if more men would do likewise, instead of giving them presents for their impudence and theft, it would be better for all concerned."

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