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## Who Imposed on Colonel Astor?

Colonel John Jacob Astor of New York believes he has a "bear-dog." He has made a perfectly serious statement to that effect and has thereby stirred up the scientists of the world. Instead of laughing Colonel Astor out of court they are apparently impressed by his millions and argue seriously that a bear-dog is a physical impossibility. Of course the colonel is a good fellow and all that, but somebody has been nature faking him. Hundreds of books have already been written to show that there cannot be crossbreeding between animals of different families, at least those as widely separated as the bear and the dog. Dr. William T. Hornaday is willing to raise the colonel's ante and says:

"Some one ought to go the colonel one better and offer a \$10,000 prize for a reindeer-horse. It would be both artistic and useful, especially around Christmas."

Something should be done for our millionaires. Their capacity for child-like belief is pathetic.

Early in the session the legislature will be asked to request the United States government to send the cruiser Boston to Portland for use as a training ship for the Oregon naval militia. It is believed the legislature will pass a bill establishing the militia in official conformity with the regulations of the United States navy, the object being to secure a training ship for use by Oregon men.

With an emergency clause on the end of it, a bill was introduced in the senate by McCulloch, of Baker, asking for an appropriation of \$20,000, to be used jointly with a similar appropriation from the State of Idaho in the construction of a bridge across Snake River from some point near Robbette, Oregon, on the Northwestern railroad, or some point near Brownlee, on the same railroad.

The Siuslaw national forest has been closed to homesteaders who seek to take up land under the forest homestead act. The secretary of agriculture has sent word to Acting Supervisor Fitton of the reserve, that he has issued an order forbidding the filing of further applications for presentation.

Governor Oswald West will be tendered a banquet soon by the members of the class of applicants that were admitted to practice law in Oregon with him by examination before the supreme court of this state in June, 1910.

## Theology and the Leech.

There is a waterfall near Coonor, in India, which some writer christened Leech falls. It abounded in leeches, which had a habit of attaching themselves to the skirts of ladies who passed across the marshy ground. "I remember on one occasion," says an English official, "when I had taken some of my friends to see it, that one impulsive lady, looking round at the beautiful spot, exclaimed, 'Is this heaven, or—after a short pause, during which she became suddenly aware that a leech had attacked her—or the other place?'"

## Hard to Please.

Early in the season a man applied at a farmhouse for board, but the farmer slowly shook his head. "I'd be glad to keep you," he said, "but city people are too hard to please." "I am not at all exacting," the applicant replied. "You will find no difficulty in pleasing me."

"That's what the last man who came along here said, but it wasn't so. Fact is nothing pleased him. First he complained about sleeping in a bed with the hired man, and when we gave him a bed to himself in a room with four of the children he was still dissatisfied."

"Then he didn't like to use the towel we all used, and he wanted a wash basin in his room. Nothing suited him at all. I don't know whether you would be so hard to please or not."

"Well," the city man said, "perhaps I'd better not chance it."

## The Finished Part.

A reporter was once sent around to make some inquiries concerning a new play that David Belasco was engaged in writing.

"Yes," said David, "I am writing a play. What do you want to know about it?"

"Anything you can tell me will be interesting," was the reply.

"Well," was Belasco's response, "it is to have four acts and three intermissions, and I've just finished the intermissions."

## KNOCKER VS. BOOSTER

WITH Col. Ed. Cooper's broadside, published in The News this week, the knocker-booster controversy which has been raging for some time is, in diplomatic language, declared a closed incident.

It is rather difficult to say just who is a knocker and who a booster. Every man is sometimes one and sometimes the other. And quite properly so. If conditions exist which should be knocked down and out to make room for new and better conditions, then it is time for every good citizen to be a knocker and knock hard. Then when it comes time to boost for something better, this same good citizen, having helped destroy undesirable conditions, should become an ardent booster for a new and better order of things.

The knocker and booster are both necessary for the advancement of the community. However, he who sets out to be nothing but a knocker or nothing but a booster makes a mistake. There is a temperate middle ground which is a more comfortable position.

After all, sincerity is the main thing, whether a man is knocking or boosting. Tell the truth and hide nothing. This is only common honesty, and brings the best results. The honest knocker and the honest booster work side by side for the betterment of the community.

Col. Cooper and his worthy opponent, "W. W. T.," have pretty thoroughly threshed out the knocker-booster business in the last few issues of The News. Each has called the other a knocker. They are both boosters, Col. Cooper choosing to boost by calling attention to certain disagreeable conditions in Gold Hill, and "W. W. T." considering an antidote necessary, calls attention to certain very agreeable conditions existing in Gold Hill. Both are sincere and both are right. Both desire the advancement of Gold Hill, and both are contributing to that advancement, though their methods differ diametrically.

If either of these worthy knights of the quill desire to discuss any subject under the sun other than each other, their contributions will be welcomed by The News. But the knocker-booster controversy is closed.

"How to start a mining boom" is the heading of an editorial article in the Medford Sun, whose editor explains that he has "devoted over fifteen years of his life to the cause of mining and has followed it in its various forms." In fact, the peripatetic publisher of the Sun has a choice chapter of rip-roaring dime novel stuff, which he puts in the form of a newspaper interview with himself when he goes to Portland, and which torridly tells of his several heroic encounters with the horrid high-graders down at Tonopah or Goldfield, or some of the other places down there where at present he is only a malodorous memory.

## Captains of Industry of Future Must Be Made.

By J. C. ATHEARN, San Francisco Business Man.

HERE are the captains and generals and lieutenants of the future to be obtained? Many business men are asking this question, and it has forced them to adopt some method TO MAKE CERTAIN THE SECURING OF MEN TO BECOME THE FUTURE MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE BIG BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

The man at the head of a big business must be able to RECOGNIZE THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS INSTITUTION AT THE SAME TIME. If such a man cannot be found he must be made. The success of the modern day business institutions depends on whether we can get men of trust, ability and broad education on general lines TO TAKE THE REIGNS OF THEIR MANAGEMENT.

The task of training the youth is a task that belongs to the public schools and cannot be undertaken by the corporations. But the task of giving the special training that fits men for office can and is being undertaken by many corporations.

WE CANNOT ANY LONGER DEPEND ON MEN RISING FROM THE MASSES. THAT IS TOO SLOW AND UNCERTAIN. WE MUST HAVE MEN OF BROAD TRAINING AND HIGHER EDUCATION, AND WE MUST LOOK TO THE COLLEGES TO GET THEM. IN SECURING THE RIGHT TYPE OF MEN THOSE GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGES SHOULD BE GIVEN THE PREFERENCE. THEN THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO OTHER TESTS AND FINALLY GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE COURSE OUTLINED BY THE BUSINESS INSTITUTION BY WHICH THEY ARE EMPLOYED.

## Air Currents Will Act as Fuel In the Future.

By Dr. HARVEY W. WILEY, Chief Chemist of the United States.



MEN will freeze to death on the equator millions of years hence. The earth is slowly cooling and the people of the distant future must freeze for a million years at least, though humanity will not suffer from lack of food or fuel. In the frigid days that are yet to come the winds will serve as fuel.

From my knowledge of the laws of electricity and from practical experiments already being made, I prophesy that the currents of air which have been agents of destruction to man will yet be harnessed for his benefit. In the future the air will furnish heat, fuel and power, and companies will be formed for utilizing it.

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