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Not for one, but for the many. Is the richness of the soil. God reserved no riches for any. Save the willing sons of toil. Hear, ye weary shop repiner; Hear, ye homeless slave of rent; Hear, ye bowed and pallid miner; For man's use the earth was meant. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### MORE WORK. LESS POSING.

The coming regular session of congress should take some steps to improve the American consular service. At the present time important diplomatic and consular missions are assigned to politicians out of a job.

It is made the dumping ground for fossils, whose constituents will no longer keep them in office.

England has held the commercial supremacy of the world through her consular service. She has trained men for that work, just as West Point trains men for war.

The Englishman, on being assigned to an important foreign station, introduces the products of his country at his post, and directs the commerce of the country in which he serves toward England. It is a business mission. He has been educated to hunt trade for England. His object is to make a showing for his country, in dollars and cents. That is what he is paid for.

The American takes a consular appointment as a sort of recreation with whatever dash of honor may be attached to it. In a majority of cases the American consular appointments are filled with old politicians to whom some reward is felt to be due from the administration.

If an American battleship visits his post the consul feels in duty bound to hold a social function, which will outshine any native affair of the season. Occasional magazine articles are written home, and this is about the extent of the public service of the American consul abroad.

This is not the case in every instance, however. Some of the American consuls in countries susceptible to American industrial invasion are active, alert, thorough men.

One of this kind, and in fact the most active man in the consular service, is Henry B. Miller of Oregon, consul at Niu-Chwang, China.

Mr. Miller has introduced American products into China and opened up trade relations with that country which will stand as monuments to his energy.

The country needs more Millers who will work and less dummies who pose in foreign countries. This is a commercial age. If old politicians cannot be of service at home, it would be cheaper to pension them than to tie them as millstones to the neck of commerce.

Appoint young men, who are able to rustle for trade and dig up facts that will be valuable to the nation. The consular service costs enough to represent something more than empty titles.

Oregon's delegation in congress could do nothing more commendable than to revise the rules governing the consular service. Oregon is a young state, bordering the Pacific ocean, upon which the commercial battle of the future is to be fought. She could do nothing more valuable to the nation than to pave the way for the commercial supremacy of the United States by infusing new blood into the American consular regulations.

Whenever an Oregonian visits Portland he should go to the site of the Lewis and Clark exposition, familiarize himself with the details, and study the magnitude of that great event. There is too much ignorance in Oregon regarding Oregon. The

homeseeker coming into the state has read the story of her resources, in the advertising circulars sent abroad, but he can find little verification of those facts among the people of Oregon. The state is a big affair. It is as large as the entire area of New England, with New York thrown in. Its great resources and physical features cannot be comprehended at a glance. They must be studied. Everybody in Oregon should be familiar with the state. To do this, it is necessary to talk, think and read about the state.

Colombia threatens to go to war with the United States over Panama. If the United States backs Panama, and Colombia insists on war, there will be an exhibition of quick action annihilation on the Isthmus not seen since Dewey performed in Manila bay.

San Juan hill was a tame affair compared to the charge that Mr. Roosevelt will be called upon to make to win the presidential nomination. Hanna's money is stronger than any Spanish fort.

The people of Oregon take a long, deep breath of relief when they realize that the special session will have no United States senator to elect.

### THE SHOESTRING CRAZE.

The latest local craze is the shoestring watch fob. Since it invaded New York, not more than a couple of weeks ago, it has caused the sale of about 1,000,000 shoestrings. And still the demand exceeds the supply. The fobs do not come ready made—you make them your selves by braiding together two shoestrings, which ought to be of sharply contrasting colors.

The demand for the strings was so great last Sunday, that some of the retail shoe stores in Harlem, Brooklyn and Jersey kept open expressly to supply it. Manufacturers are daily sending to the New York market large quantities of pink, red, green, white, blue and orange shoestrings of silk or other material which could not be sold by the most persuasive salesmen except for the existence of the shoestring watch fob craze. But because of that craze, the goods are purchased voluntarily as fast as they can be made. The jaces sell for one cent each. Dame rumor says that they are really corset laces which have been dyed and thrown out to meet the demands.

Students are wearing fobs bearing the colors of their college. Among the most popular color combinations are the blue and white of Columbia, the orange and black of Princeton, the red and blue of Pennsylvania, and the red and white of Cornell.

The new craze has captured the school children. Each afternoon large groups of boys and girls can be seen in almost any section of the city braiding shoestrings. On some street corners enterprising boys have opened schools of instruction, where the art of shoestringing is taught. The rates of tuition vary slightly, but the average cost of a complete course is two cents, and one result of the craze was a shrinkage in the size of some of the Sunday school collections.

Many young women have also caught the spirit of the craze and are busy braiding shoestring belts, about a dozen strings being required to make one belt.

The shoestring watch fob craze is said to have originated last summer at a convention at Asbury Park.—N. Y. Times.

### IN GAYEST CONGRESS.

Representative P. P. Campbell is the "red-headed representative from Kansas" and knows a great deal of agriculture and other Kansas industries. When he came to Washington the other day he saw a fire engine go tearing down the street. He knew about the fire engine, but a hook-and-ladder truck followed.

"Look at those horses running away with those drunken painters!" shouted the Kansan to a colleague.

"I see," said Col. "Ike" Hill, the Democratic whip "that there is a lot of howling over in New York because them reform fellers didn't get in. I tell you gentlemen, reform never succeeds itself. It's like introducing the Ten Commandments into a gambling house. As soon as you establish the principles you break up the business."

Representative Fred Landis was explaining to a group to whom he had been introduced by his brother Representative Charles Landis how he happened to come to congress. "I was out of a job and there wasn't anything else left for me," he said.

### ENFORCED TEMPERANCE.

All the railroads that center in Chicago have prohibited the use of liquor or tobacco by employees while on duty. Practically all the important railroads now concur in this prohibition. The Western Electric company and numerous other great business concerns in the West forbid not only the use of liquor, but of cigarettes and the habit, now grown to an almost incredible extent among all classes of the community, of "playing the races." Business reasons thus make necessary control or avoidance of habits against which moral reasons are too often helpless.—Everybody's Magazine.

Over sixty land filings have been ordered cancelled at the Walla Walla land office, on account of irregularities.

### A STUDY IN RABBITS.

'Twas an Autumn morning on the Echo plain. Forty thousand rabbits played with might and main! In the sheltering sage brush rabbits fat and sleek. Prided on their nimbleness, playing hide and seek. Dodged the hounds that hunted, dodged the hunter's aim, Vanished by a thousand trails when the big drive came. Winked and blinked and frisked about, forty thousand hare. Little dreaming that they'd grace sweetest bills of fare! Rabbits old and rabbits young, rabbits halt and lame, Raouls who had blazed the trails e'er the squatter came; Rabbits tender, rabbits tough, rabbits fleet and slow.— On that Autumn morning frisking to and fro!

Then a whistle sounded down in Echo town— Woe to forty thousand hare, in their coats of brown!

Forty dozen rabbits stewing in a pot, Stacks of ears and rabbits feet on the vacant lot, Miles of shining rabbit skins hanging on the fence, Everybody eating hare,—says it is immense!

Wagon loads of rabbits coming to the mill, Will the hungry cannery never "get its fill?" Trails deserted on the plain, path ways all unused, Lonely blacktail meditating, thinks his race abused!

Tons of fancy canned goods flying here and there,— Lo! The swift translation of the frisking hare. —BERT HUFFMAN.

Pendleton, Or.

### THE MAN INVISIBLE.

Who prompted Brutus when he aimed At Caesar's heart that fatal blow? Who, but that man of ill repute, Johannes Doe—John Doe.

Who let the Normans in when they To Britain's shores came years ago? It was that self-same wicked wight, A man named Doe—John Doe.

Who steered the "Flying Dutchman's" crew, To graft and pillage in the flow Of ocean's wave? The novelists Well claim it was John Doe.

Who made good Rip Van Winkle drunk On mountain crests where sleeps the crew? Who but a Holland sailor bad— Mynheer John Doe—John Doe. —Puck.

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