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New Year, I look straight in your eyes. Our ways and our interests blend; You may be a foe in disguise, But I still believe you a friend. We get what we give in our measure— We cannot give pain and get pleasure; I give you good will and good cheer, And you must return it, New Year. We get what we give in this life, Tho' often the giver indeed Waits long upon doubting and strife; Ere proving the truth of his creed; But somewhere, some way, and forever, Reward is the meed of endeavor; And if I am really worth while, New Year, you will give me your smile. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

READY TO DEFEY THE LAW.

The people of Umatilla county have a right under the direct nominating law to nominate candidates for all county offices, and they should insist on the observance and execution of this law, whatever the political bosses say.

The gang should not nominate. This is the people's prerogative.

The Morning Tribune in discussing the question of the legislative ticket from this county says: "The republicans must not take chances on the direct primaries."

What does this statement mean? That the will of the people amounts to nothing in the estimation of the Tribune? That the people, at the direct-nominating primaries, cannot and will not be trusted?

Why should the republicans or the democrats, the socialists or the prohibitionists be afraid to trust the people, if those parties intend to nominate and elect clean men to office? Why is the Tribune advocating violation and non-observance of the law, if its intentions and principles are clean and honest?

Since the Tribune is afraid to trust the people, and says "it must not take chances on the direct primaries," what is the natural conclusion?

That it would select men whom the people would not stand for? That it is not in politics for principle, taking the will of the people as the supreme law, but that it is a republican paper for mercenary ends and is engaged in promoting personal interests rather than the common good? It openly defies the law and says the people cannot be trusted.

These are natural conclusions in the light of its own statements on the subject. The utterances of a newspaper are taken as an index to its character and objects.

The East Oregonian believes in the voice of the people, and whatever the outcome, the people should exercise their sovereign prerogatives in the nominating convention, or teach the politicians a lesson in the election that they will not soon forget.

When a party, a paper or a boss gets bigger than the people it is time to draw the line.

"THE TREASON OF THE SENATE."

Cosmopolitan magazine is beginning a series of articles by David Graham Phillips, entitled, "The Treason of the Senate," and intended to bring to light some of the secret corruptions of that aristocratic body.

The Cosmopolitan will secure an answer from every American citizen who will reply to their question as to the private opinion of the individual on the United States senate.

Beginning with Chauncey M. Depew and Senator Burton, the Cosmopolitan will review the entire list of

senators who have been suspected of unfaithfulness or treachery to the people, and the articles promise to be as startling as the Lawson articles on "Frenzied Finance."

Very few papers or magazines have the nerve or the information necessary to a thorough exposition of the senate's doings. It is generally conceded that Hearst has both the nerve and the information and the Cosmopolitan articles promise some intensely interesting reading matter for several months to come.

TOO MANY SEMI-CITIZENS.

The San Francisco Argonaut makes a "ten-strike" in commenting on the lax naturalization laws and the enormous number of bogus citizens or semi-citizens found in the United States today.

Especially is this condition alarming in the large cities where foreigners swarm like rats. Many of these are totally ignorant of the form of government; many of them carry the most vicious ideals and principles in their breasts, only awaiting the touch of the match to the revolutionary tinder in their minds, to break forth in rebellion to the laws and organized authorities.

Something should be done to check the inflow. Something should be done to elevate the tone and character of citizenship. The responsibilities of that position were never greater than now and the tendency should be upward and not downward, as it seems to be, when the great untutored hordes which are coming to this country are considered. The Argonaut says:

Chicago has 50,000 residents who hold citizenship papers illegally granted by the criminal courts. As a consequence of the discovery of these frauds on the spirit of our laws, Senator Cullom and Congressman Boutwell of Illinois, have filed a petition by the civic federation of Chicago, asking for a remodeling of American naturalization laws.

The facts which are the basis of the argument are uncontroverted. In happy-go-lucky style our courts have bestowed the benefits of citizenship on every man who has had two sponsors. Federal investigation in San Francisco has shown that the sponsors have sometimes made a business of perjury.

The reform prayed for should come. The naturalization of aliens should be restricted within rigid limits. But with better laws should come better execution. Formalities are not enough. The testimony of sponsors should be circumspectly considered; the fitness of the would-be American carefully judged. Of course, a great injury has already been done.

There are many voters in San Francisco who never heard of Abraham Lincoln or the thirteenth amendment. These cases should be examined, and, if wrong has been done, their citizenship papers should be canceled. Every year makes American citizenship of greater value. It should not be sold cheap. If given to the unworthy, it should be taken away.

Secretary Taft is the champion long-distance traveler of modern times. Since he became governor of the Philippines in May, 1900, Secretary Taft has traveled at least 100,000 miles in pursuance of his official duties. Of the time required for his journeyings, 360 days were spent at sea and six full weeks in railway trains. In the course of his first trip to the Philippines Secretary Taft made a journey of 5500 miles around the islands, establishing provincial governments. His original trip out by way of Shanghai and Hong Kong covered nearly 12,000 miles. He came back to the United States in poor health, and traveled several thousand miles on the mainland here. He returned to the Philippines by way of Rome. Then he came from Manila to this country to become secretary of war. He next went to Panama, and recently he escorted a congressional delegation across the Pacific and around the Philippines. He then made another official trip to Panama. So far as purely official traveling goes, he has established a record that is likely to stand for many years.

KEEP THE BALL A-ROLLING!

Keep the ball a-rolling, boys! Keep 'er on the fill! 'Tisn't work that life allows; 'Tis the lack of it. When a man to doubtful schemes Destiny would pin, Fate will knock his foolish dreams— Got to work to win.

Keep the ball a-rolling, lad! Never pause to shirk. If you'd join the glory-clad, Work—and work—and work. Nothing gained by over-rest; Work must have his toll; Life gives zest to men of zest— Keep the ball a-roll! —San Francisco Call.

Two forest reserves were set aside January 6: Nevada, Spring Mountain, 845,969 acres; Wyoming, Bear Lodge, 197,929 acres.

MEANING OF RUSSIAN TERMS USED IN DISPATCHES.

PROLETARIAT—Instead of calling themselves workmen, the Russian laborers refer to themselves as the proletariat.

BLACK HUNDREDS are the loyalists among the workmen. They want reforms, but at the same time they have not lost their inborn respect for the czar and for religion. They regard as enemies all those who attack the czar and religion.

REACTIONARIES are those who oppose the granting of liberal government. They are the large class of superior office holders and nobles who realize that when Russia is free they will lose their jobs.

INTELLECTUALS—A general term applied to the Russian people apart from the proletariat and reactionaries. They are educated Russians who are trying to liberate the government and are split up into innumerable parties who have great difficulty in working together.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS are a small body who are opposed to violent means for securing freedom for Russia. They want all reforms to come from the duma, the new Russian parliament.

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS are followers of Tolstoy, who oppose all resistance to the bureaucracy and who want the establishment of a co-operative community through the abolition of private ownership of land.

BUNDS—The Jewish revolutionary organization, which is working for the establishment of full local government for Poland. It is the best organized revolutionary force in Russia and its work in Warsaw has completely terrorized the local authorities there.

ZEMSTOVISTS are the members of the various municipal governments of Russia who were the first to begin a systematic agitation this year for the granting of a constitution.

SOUTH AMERICAN MUSIC.

In the remains of the vast Indian nation shattered by Pizarro, the empire of the Incas, every man and boy almost from the age when he can walk, is an adept on their simple reed flutes and Pandean pipes.

They are a musical race; there are songs and airs for each season, for the planting, for the harvest, for the valorous deeds of the vanquished caciques, for their gods of old to whom a new significance has been imposed by a pious church, and the long drawn chants by means of which, at their yearly gatherings, they pass down the history of their race. As there is no written music; it is handed down from generation to generation by the ear alone.

Their national instruments are but three in number: the flute—a reed about 18 inches in length, with six holes, and a square slit at the end for a mouthpiece, played after the manner of a clarinet; the Pandean pipe—a series of seven reed tubes that, in the large ones, are four feet in length, and in the smaller ones scarcely as many inches, and the drum. The last is the universal instrument of all peoples; there are few races so low in the scale of human society as not to possess it.

The Pandean pipes are in a double row, and at the time of preparation by the Indians for the intertribal wars the outer series is filled with cannassa, the native liquor, and the player receives the benefit of the intoxicating fumes without the delay incident to drinking from the bottle.—Harper's Weekly.

CURIOUS PLACE NAMES.

There has recently been published a report on the place names of the United States, from which a few interesting instances are given below. Chicago is an Indian word meaning wild onion or skunk weed; Chesapeake is also Indian, and is variously interpreted as highly salted water, great waters or country on a great river. Chautauquon is also an Indian word, and has had several interpretations—as a foggy place, a bag tied in the middle (referring to the shape of the lake), a place where a child was washed away, where the fish are taken out, place of easy death, or, finally, place where one was lost.

Des Moines is usually supposed to refer only to the Trappist monks, and it is also connected with an Indian word meaning the road. Niagara is an Indian word signifying across the strait, or at the neck. Shenandoah is Indian, and means the spruce stream, or a river flowing along side of high hills. Massachusetts means near the great hills, or the hill shaped like an arrowhead; or, again, the blue hills. Mississippi means great water, or gathering in of all the waters, or an almost endless river spread out.—Lewie's Weekly.

A \$5 BILL NOW WORTH \$2560.

L. C. St. John, of this city, has a curiosity in his possession in a \$5 bill which is 125 years old, says the Indianapolis Star. He has just gained possession of it, although it was left to him by his mother, who died some 12 years ago. The bill was given her when a child by a relative.

It was issued under the act of July 2, 1770, by the state of Rhode Island, drawing 5 per cent interest per annum, and signed by John Arnold. Figuring compound interest, it is now worth \$2560.

It is the intention of Mr. St. John to communicate with authorities at Washington to ascertain if the state of Rhode Island will redeem the bill.

HONEST ENGINEER.

"Texas is one of the most moral states in the union," said Ople Read, the lecturer. "Now don't laugh. An old Kansas man now living there told me so. No swearing there at all. Why, the only swearing I heard there was myself talking about railroad trains, and that wasn't real cursing—just justifiable criticism. Great train service they have in Texas! Cotton

belt train came in on time in a little town on the line, and the Commercial club was so pleased it raised a purse for the engineer. Honest man, he was, though, and he said, 'I can't take this money, friends; this is yesterday's train.'—Kansas City Journal.

NATURE PROMPTS INVENTION.

"We get our hints from nature," the inventor said. "Take, for instance, the hollow pillar, which is stronger than the solid one. The wheat straw showed us the superior strength of the hollow pillar. Solid, the wheat straw would be unable to support its head of grain.

"Where did man get his idea for carriage springs? From the hoofs of the horse, which, like the springs, derived from them, are made from parallel plates.

"Scissors we get from the jaws of the tortoise, which are natural scissor chisels from the squirrel, who carries them in his mouth; adzes from the hippopotamus, whose ivory are adzes of the best design; the plane from the bee's jaw; the triphammer from the woodpecker."—Chicago Journal.

COMING EVENTS.

January 12-13—Oregon Press Association and Oregon Development League, Portland.

January 12—Wheat convention, Pullman, Wash.

January 18—Oregon Horticultural Society, Portland.

January 12—Washington State Horticultural Society, North Yakima.

February 5-19—Walla Walla Poultry association, Walla Walla.

April 19—Registration for nominating primaries closes in Oregon.

April 20—Primary nominating elections in Oregon.

LOVE LEARNS SLOWLY.

For just a few brief hours Her he forgot; The waves of pain swam 'round her heart, The tears sprang quick and hot; And he, amazed, beheld them fall. Love learns so slowly, after all!

Then—ah, the pity!—straight She spoke the bitter word, That hurt as she had little dreamed. When silently he heard; Fate holds us ever in its thrall, And love learns slowly, after all. —Ella Higginson.



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