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**BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY.**

High up on a precipice overlooking the scene of a terrible wreck on the Southern Pacific in California, somebody was written in great white letters on the brow of the rocks, the words from holy writ: "Behold, I come quickly." Several years ago a large number of people perished in the twinkling of an eye in a railroad accident there.

On the bleak rocks of the Mendocino coast this thought has been brought home in another terrible disaster in the sinking of the Columbia.

Capricious, indeed, is the uncertain fate on whose shoulders the human species ride. Today at high noon 50 men are killed in a railroad accident. Tomorrow at midnight three that number go to the bottom of the sea in a palacious steamer. And every second in the day human life gives up the ghost here and there in its myriad of abiding places.

But no matter in what form it comes, that is a sunny philosophy which says: "I am not afraid to trust myself with that power which put me here."

**HENEY, THE FIGHTER.**

Every Oregonian will be prouder of Francis J. Heney, the land fraud prosecutor, after having read the excellent review of his life and public services by Lincoln Steffens, in the August number of the American Magazine.

Steffens begins with Heney as a boy, "south of Market street," a ring-leader of the street fighting gang of the Bay City, and brings him down to date, the fearless, persistent, capable and irreproachable prosecutor of fraud in public lands in Oregon and in public office in San Francisco.

This review of the life of this useful upright citizen is inspiring and should be extensively read.

It was thought that official crookedness in Oregon was so safely entrenched behind political influence that it would be impossible to dislodge it. Vain hope!

This mild-eyed, soft-voiced attorney, fresh from Arizona, knew how to proceed and had the nerve to proceed, and dislodged the criminals and the record is now a part of the history of Oregon.

**COST OF RUNNING NEWSPAPERS.**

Very few persons, comparatively, have any adequate idea of the immense cost of producing a modern daily newspaper, particularly in the large cities of the country. Some authentic figures on the subject have recently been made public and will doubtless occasion surprise to the uninformed.

The "composition" (printers' weekly payroll), for instance, on the Baltimore American is \$2000; on the Boston Globe, \$4200; on the Globe-Democrat, \$3000; on the New York Herald, \$4000, and other papers in proportion.

Bills for special telegrams are another big item of expense. On the Chicago Herald a few years ago they ran to \$4500 per month; St. Louis Globe-Democrat, \$12,000; San Francisco Examiner, \$8000; Boston Herald, \$6000, and St. Louis Republic, \$4,000.

Then there is the white paper bill, which is greater than the others combined. On the New York World it is said to run \$700,000 per year, and on the New York American about the same; on the Chicago News about \$250,000, and on the Boston Globe and

Herald about \$250,000 each; on the Enquirer about \$300,000, and on many other papers it runs from \$100,000 to \$250,000 every 12 months.

While it does not cost nearly so much money in proportion, to run a newspaper in a smaller town as in the large cities mentioned, the bill of expenses would surprise many persons who are not familiar with the business. There are few local industries that contribute more to the business life of the community by virtue of their payrolls than the newspapers.

**THE DESPICABLE "SPOTTER."**

There is always a man for every job, no matter how low the job or how small its emoluments.

But of all the jobs created by the commercialism of this age, that of the railroad "spotter" or spy, seems to be the lowest and vilest.

The "spotter" works with men for months, makes their acquaintance, gains their confidence, worms into their friendship, learns their secrets, if they have any, and then turns traitor.

His treachery is far more despicable than any crime he may be in search of. He is a lower wretch than the lowest thief in the railroad service, because he betrays a confidence, sells a friendship for a miserable salary.

It may be true that there is no other way in which to reach certain petty crimes in the service of big corporations. But if corporations always set a good example and did not follow questionable tactics in their dealings with the public, would they not more fully prevent the crimes which they seek to discourage by use of the snake-like "spotter"?

The eagle-eyed statistician of Portland never sleeps. Last week Portland's exportations of wheat exceeded those of Seattle by three bushels. Portland bank clearings overshadowed Seattle's by 93 cents. Shipping activities in Portland "skinned" Seattle by four fishing smacks and two river boats, and livestock shipments into Portland were greater than those received in Seattle by six hogs, a cow and calf and 19 sheep.

During the past two weeks the O. R. & N. company has had perhaps 50 cars of material tied up in this city for want of men to unload them. It has been impossible to secure men to work at unloading ties and track materials at any price. This is an illustration of the many strange causes which enter into the car shortage of the country. The company needed its cars and tried every way to release them for service, but could not do so.

The Oregonian complains that several state institutions in Oregon are not located at the state capital, "as provided by the state constitution." There are many, many things which have been done by political machines in Oregon which are not strictly within the provisions of the constitution. That's why the people are now doing things for themselves.

Just think of people wandering aimlessly up and down the dreary sand beaches at the seacoast resorts, when they might be really enjoying a summer outing in the huckleberry patches and along the trout streams of Umatilla county's Blue mountains. Summer resorts, like prophets, have but little honor in their own country.

The conservative democrats and the Associated Press may be able to eliminate Bryan's railroad ownership plank, but they will not be able to eliminate Bryan from the next presidential campaign. And if Roosevelt does not run, it is very probable that Bryan will be the next president.

**MEMORY OF SLEEPWALKERS.**

The memory of sleepwalkers is occasionally prodigious under the influence of the dominating impulse that moves them.

There is an instance of a poor and illiterate basketmaker, who was unable to read or write, yet in a state of sleep he would preach fluent sermons, which were afterward recognized as having formed portions of discourses he was accustomed to hear in the parish church as a child more than 40 years before.

Quite as strange a case of "unconscious memory" is referred to by Dr. Abercrombie. A girl given to sleepwalking was in the habit of imitating the violin with her lips, giving the preliminary tuning and scraping and flourishing with the utmost fidelity. It puzzled the physician a good deal until he ascertained that when a child she lived in a room adjoining a fiddler, who often performed on his violin in her hearing.—Pearson's Weekly.

**FOLLOWED SHERMAN'S TRAIL.**

The ride of the army officers over the route of General Sherman's march to the sea has been completed with entire success and the best of feeling on the part of the southern people. The press furor of last year when this ride was attempted was so far based upon misapprehensions that the Georgia papers were this year decidedly reasonable. The ride, it is now seen, was taken merely to enable the officers to make practical field studies in campaign strategy.

**THE WHITE BELL-MARE.**

Across the plains I see them sweep,  
Against the ebbing light,  
The pace they keep they still will keep  
At silent noon of night:  
A fleet foot rules the caravan,  
And sets the pace for beast and man!

The bell-mare takes the dusty road,  
No rowel pricks her side;  
She knows no rein, she owns no goad,  
Save in her mottled pride.  
The steeds that follow need no scourge,  
So well they feel her vanward urge!

For her, is neither lash nor check,  
She keeps the pace she will!  
A single bell about her neck,  
Sounds sweet, when all is still—  
When all is still, and night is deep;  
And they that ride, ride half asleep!

She sets the pace—that leader fleet;  
The rest—they but pursue.  
They have their fate from her swift feet,  
Yet fate o'errules her, too;  
For 'tis the pace—the pace—the pace  
Controls her fleet and snowy grace!

They vanish on the glimmering plain,  
Beneath the western verge,  
And all our life is like that train,  
That heeds a vanward urge:  
We deem we travel as we will—  
But 'tis the pace controls us still!  
Edith M. Thomas, in the August  
Everybody's.

**UNCLE SAM GETTING TOO RICH.**

A surplus of \$87,000,000 is unwieldy and if the treasury's receipts continue to grow as they grew last year, sound national policy will dictate a reduction of taxes. The fact that imports are increasing even more rapidly than exports, and the further fact that a larger share of import duties is collected on materials needed for manufacturing, suggest the conclusion that the Dingley schedules have done their work in certain lines and need revision. The balance of taxation on imports could be shifted so as to readjust burdens and encourage trade. We do not want to collect taxes just for the sake of piling up money in the treasury, and the nation's incessant growth and rapid changes in the conditions of its trade and industry make it desirable to overhaul our tariff and internal tax systems at suitable intervals.—New York Tribune.

**WHAT MARY SAID.**

Judge Brewer cites a striking example of the sort of spoke which the trickster can insert in the wheels of justice.

A witness testified in a certain case that a person named Mary was present when a particular conversation took place, and the question was asked: "What did Mary say?" This was objected to, and after some discussion the judge ruled out the question. An exception to this decision was immediately taken, and on appeal the higher court reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial on the ground that the question should have been answered.

At the second trial the same inquiry was propounded and elicited the information that Mary said nothing! —Putnam's Magazine.

**RICHER THAN ROCKEFELLER.**

For more than 30 years the name of Frederick Weyerhaeuser has been linked with the lumber industry in this country, and the man has even been classed by good authority as "the leader of American lumbermen." Of late a new distinction has been put upon Mr. Weyerhaeuser—that of being "the richest man in the world—richer than Rockefeller."

Mr. Weyerhaeuser himself asserts that he is not rich, but "can pay his own expenses;" those who have watched his career from outside the pale of his partnerships declare that if he is not already a billionaire he has good reason to look forward to something like that distinction. —Technical World.

**EVERYBODY'S FOR AUGUST.**

The August Everybody's is a mid-summer number, bright with color and offering an inviting spread of short stories for vacation days. However, those who look to a magazine for something besides entertainment, even in hot weather, have not been forgotten, the preponderance of fiction being happily balanced by the first installment of a new series by Charles Edward Russell.

Under the title, "Where Did You Get It, Gentlemen?" the author prepares to investigate the sources of some of our "swollen fortunes," beginning in this number with an account of the rise of Thomas F. Ryan. The series promises to stand high in the list of sensational financial articles that have appeared in this magazine.

**THE SLAYER, SPEECH.**

Thought is to Deed, as seed to flower;  
And Speech too often seems the shower  
Which rakes and breaks the half-grown stalk  
'Neath helter-skelter, weltering Talk.  
—Florens Folsom in The Nautilus for August.

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Did you tackle the trouble that came your way,  
With a resolute heart and cheerful?  
Or hide your face from the light of day,  
With a craven soul and fearful?  
Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's an ounce,  
Or a trouble is what you make it;  
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,  
But only how did you take it.

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?  
Come up with a smiling face:  
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,  
But to lie there—that's disgrace!  
The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;  
Be proud of your blackened eye;  
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,  
It's how did you fight and why.

And though you be done to the death, what then?  
If you battled the best you could,  
If you played your part in the world of men,  
Why, the critic will call it good.  
Death comes with a crawl or comes with a pounce,  
And whether he's slow or spry,  
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,  
But only, how did you die.

—Edmund Vance Cook.

**WHAT IS A LATTICE?**

What is a lattice?  
That is the question which perplexed more than 2000 boys and girls who took the examination for admission to the high schools in Philadelphia. The question was sprung on them in the language examination, and as yet most of them are much in doubt about the answer.

They have looked through dictionaries, encyclopedias, architectural magazines and text-books on physiology, but most of them haven't been able to decide yet whether a lattice is part of the human anatomy, a board fence or a peek-a-boo waist.

The question was down in the language test in connection with the poem, "An Apostrophe to the Wind." Several verses of the poem were quoted. In one of the verses the poet

referred to the wind as "The spirit which breathes through the lattice."  
The question was, "What is the meaning of the word 'lattice' in the poem?"

When the examiners started in to mark the papers they didn't know whether they were marking for a physiology examination or a test in language. The trouble was all over the question, "What is the meaning of 'lattice'?" About one quarter of the answers put lattice down as a synonym for nose. Others declared that lattice in this case meant mouth.

"By lattice is meant the net work of hairs in the nostrils," was the answer of one bright boy.

"Lattice is the pores of the body," said another.

The most novel explanation was given by a boy who wrote:  
"A lattice is a deKoltay waist. My sister has one. See diagram."  
And appended to the examination paper was a neat sketch of a peek-a-boo waist, made with a lattice effect.

**THE PADDED PAYROLLS.**

"Railroad 'spotters' are not all engaged in 'shadowing' conductors," says a magazine article. "Some men go out as tramps and count the ties as they slouch down the right of way. For the leprosy of graft spares neither roadmaster nor superintendent, and the company likes to make sure that it does not pay for more new ties than it uses. Other hobo spotters keep tab on construction work to guard against stuffed payrolls. More than one contractor has drawn pay for 300 men when he was only working 200. One man I knew built three houses on the company's time and with its material and men."

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