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THE CURSE OF TOIL.

The Curse of Toil! Oh! rather the ovation. Of Man's true soul whose life must be creation. The curse? Oh! Blessing in mysterious guise! Without it man were cursed in Paradise! Where Sloth exposed him to the Tempter's art, And Pleasure enervated brain and heart. Man lived not, till he crossed fair Eden's portal; The doom of Death first made his soul immortal. The death of ease was but the birth of power; He lost the Past—but gained the Future's dower. Behind him scarce had closed the flaming gate, When man—the creature—god-like could create! —Selected.

In his message to congress yesterday President Wilson pointed out so clearly the logic of the Currency reform at Reform Bill. This session that the need of action must be obvious to all. The substance of the matter is that the president does not want the country to take any chances with the pirates of privilege nor does he want the prosperity of the country to rest in any way upon the behavior of Wall street gamblers. He is giving the country a good tariff bill and he wants the people to get the benefit of it. He is freeing business from the evils of the protective tariff and he does not want this new freedom to be spoiled by any money combination.

As to the currency bill proposed it is the essence of simplicity. It provides for an elastic currency that may be used in emergencies and will supplant the Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency bill which expires June 30, 1914. But there will be regional reserves instead of one central reserve and the control will rest with the government, not with Wall street. With that scheme in force there could be no repetition of the wholly unnecessary panic of 1907. Under the regional reserve plan each section of the country will settle its own troubles. If Wall street has a spasm Wall street will have to provide the remedy. It cannot drag the whole country in to share its stomach ache as it did in 1907. With the control of affairs in the hands of the federal government there will be no opportunity for the great financial interests to use the thing to build up their own power. The administration currency bill is the sort of measure the country needs and there is every reason why it should be enacted at the special session. To delay would give the privileged interests an opportunity to spoil the benefits of tariff reform and furthermore there is little time for delay since the present emergency currency law will expire a year from now. There is not the slightest doubt but that the administration bill will be adopted by congress soon after it is presented. It will be equivalent to political suicide for a democrat to oppose the bill and if the republicans try to fight it they will merely be digging their grave deeper.

Woodrow Wilson is one political reformer who delivers the goods and he stays upon the job from the start to the finish.

"Only the coyote can keep down the jack rabbits in eastern Oregon," says the Oregonian which comment was inspired by the reports the Oregonian has been receiving from its Pendleton war correspondent. The rabbit is indeed a crafty foe and compared with him the yellow peril is a small affair. From the Oregonian's Pendleton report we learn that an army of jacks has invaded the Umatilla county grain fields and devoured 288 square miles of wheat. Their practice is to advance by rushes in line of skirmishers and keep always under cover just as directed by the book. As soon as they have subjugated the wheat belt it is

the purpose of the rabbits to attack the alfalfa region to the westward. They may dynamite the Cold Springs dam if such action becomes necessary from a military standpoint, though this has not yet been predicted by the Portland paper's informant.

What makes the victory of the jack rabbit army so complete is that they work absolutely in the dark and thus keep their movements a profound secret. The grain buyers who are making all preparations to handle Umatilla county's five or six million bushels of wheat have not yet learned that it has been eaten up. E. L. Smith, the best farm credit man in the county and who himself owns many thousands of acres near the "stricken" region has not yet learned of the invasion. Nor have the farmers living in the devastated section. Though A. F. May was in the war zone recently accompanied by his dog he saw but one lonely jack. Only to the Oregonian's war correspondent has the deadly truth been revealed.

It is a big joke and would be a good joke were it not for the fact the libel may be believed by some people and to that extent prove injurious to the county. But it is what may easily happen when a natural born submarine writer gets turned loose in the wheat belt.

In the view of the East Oregonian the council in conjunction with the civic club should accept the offer of the Railroad Block. O. W. R. & N. Co. with reference to improving the vacant block near the depot. The tract needs parking and needs it badly. Under the scheme proposed the city has a way of improving the lot with money virtually donated by the railroad. The plan may not be ideal but it seems to be the best thing yet proposed. It will at least result in having the block improved and that is the end desired. The council should either accept this offer or prepare to force the railroad company to park the block and keep it in condition. The present state of affairs is a disgrace and a nuisance to everybody.

The "Imperator," the greatest ship afloat has crossed the ocean safely in which respect she differed from the Titanic.

When theoretical rabbits eat theoretical wheat on winter sheep ranges no great harm is done.

The new president talks softly but says much and what he says seems to go back in Washington.

BY THE SCISSORS

WEDDING GIFTS.

(By Mrs. Frank Learned in the San Francisco Examiner.)

The question of sending a wedding gift must be decided by friendship or obligation. In the first instance there is the natural wish to please a friend, and in the other case one may be indebted to the bride or bridegroom or to their families for kindnesses or hospitalities. Those who are invited to a home wedding or a wedding reception usually send gifts, although there is no absolute rule to be followed as to this. As it is supposed to be a special compliment to be hidden to a home ceremony, a guest likes to return the courtesy by a gift, however simple it may be.

A gift is sent invariably to the bride even though she may not be known personally to the giver. The custom is to send a gift directly from the place where it is purchased. The visiting card of the giver is enclosed in a small envelope and placed inside of the box containing the present. A brief line expressive of good wishes may be written across the top of the card if the giver is a friend specially interested.

Wedding gifts are marked with the initials of the bride's maiden name. In regard to the display of wedding presents, there is a division of opinion. Some persons consider it ostentatious to show the gifts, or that it destroys sentiment to have critical eyes examining these offerings; others prefer to share their pleasure with their friends and are glad to give evidence of the good will and the generous attention they have received.

When a wedding takes place in the country and friends are expected from a distance, the custom is to show the presents on the wedding day; or if the wedding is an informal one, with only relatives and intimate friends present, the gifts are shown.

The preferred custom is to show the presents a few days before the wedding. The bride-elect, or her mother, may write informal notes asking intimate friends and all those who have sent gifts to come in on a certain afternoon, during hours designat-

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ed, to see the presents. It is allowable to write on one's visiting card, "Will you come in on Saturday afternoon, between four and six o'clock, to see the presents?"

The gifts are arranged on tables which are covered with white damask tablecloths. Here and there are vases of flowers. Great care is taken to place each article at its best advantage, especially the small and simple gifts, which should be among the more beautiful ones, so that the givers may feel that the bride has truly appreciated their thoughtfulness.

The cards of the givers usually are placed with the gifts.

The informal serving of tea finishes the afternoon. The bride-elect is careful to write a note of appreciation to every one who sends a gift. When she sees those who have sent presents, she remembers to repeat her thanks in person. The best rule is to write without delay and to mention the gift definitely, so that the note may not be a duplicate of others.

KANSAS MUSICAL PRODIGY.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

A 6-year-old boy climbed upon the piano stool in a country home on Parallel road, six miles west of Kansas City, Kans., and thumped the keys while mother did the dusting. Suddenly mother's duster passed in mid-air. The chubby baby fingers were playing clearly the soft, sweet notes of "Suwanee River," playing them as well as a visitor had played the song earlier in the day.

That night, over the dinner table, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hosp discussed the wonderful performance of their little son. "He must be a musical genius," they both agreed. In the end they decided to move to Kansas City and give the child a musical education.

The Hosps are living at 647 Oakland avenue, the Kansas side, and Master Melborn the pianist, is 6 years old. Already a favorite as a performer at small music "by ear," he is learning his notes under competent instructors, and is practicing scales just as any other beginner in music. His training differs from that of the ordinary pupil only in that he is not compelled to practice. His teachers permit him to largely follow his own inclinations. They fear that rigid instruction might restrain his natural ability. The progress of the child is attracting the attention of musicians.

Disillusioned Jake Riis.

(Chicago Daily News.)

While Col. Roosevelt has been vindicated in the eyes of the world, we cannot imagine how he will ever square himself with Jake Riis after confessing to those occasional mint juleps.

Old Home Week at Sing Sing.

(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

From the way things have been going recently, it looks as though official New York might soon be able to hold a very interesting Old Home Week in Sing Sing.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN

Turning the Phrase.

"They used to call him a bonehead." "That was before he succeeded." "Yes. Now they express it differently. They call him a man of hard, solid sense."—The Washington Star.

Sticking Around.

A fly had just got stuck on some fly paper.

"Come with me," said a companion lifting his wings and starting off.

"No," said the detained one. "I guess I'll stick around a while."—The Chicago Record-Herald.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

Gladys Evangeline Evelyn Rose.

She went a-shopping, to buy some new clothes; She wandered all day from this store to that,

Trying on everything from a boot to a hat.

She came home at evening, triumphant, but tired,

For she really had bought everything she desired.

So next day the purchases duly arrived.

And her family much sport from them surely derived.

The poor girl, discouraged, gave up in despair,

"Oh!" she sighed, "I'll return them—they're 'charged.' I don't care!"

So she wrote just as follows: "Please call for the suit,

Please call for the hat (that I thought was so cute);

Please call for the petticoat, call for the lace,

Please call for the slippers and vells for the face;

Please call for the polo coat, call for the belt,

Please call for the cushions of satin and felt"

"I'm so glad I 'charged' them—'twill save me much pain—

Though now I must buy them all over again!" —Judge.

CALIFORNIA GRAPE JUICE.

It is not likely that the wide publicity given to Secretary Bryan's grape juice dinner will do much for the cause of temperance, but it is to be hoped that it will do something for the grape juice market. California grape juice is sweet and bland. Eastern grape juice is sour and has the strong "foxy" taste of the Concord grapes of which it is made. It happens that California juice is more wholesome and far more nutritious than the Eastern grape juice. Also, it can be produced more cheaply, since grapes in California are cheap, and in the East are very expensive. But the Eastern grape juice got started first and it has been difficult up to the present time, for the California juice to compete with it. California grape juice, to be properly palatable, should be served cold—the cold minimizes the sweetness and brings out the acid. Many people, also, like the California grape juice

Your Child's Health Your First Thought

If you have children, naturally your first thoughts are for their health. You certainly want them to develop strong, healthy constitutions. The most careful attention must be given when children show the first symptoms of the many common ailments. Perhaps they are weakly and thin, or grow too fast, thus sacrificing strength. These and other apparently minor ailments may be the forerunner to a weak constitution for life.

Such children need Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge which is essentially a children's tonic. First of all, it will properly care for the child's stomach. It will also improve the appetite, and will add strength to the other organs of the body. In cases of thin or impure blood, it increases the number of red corpuscles, enabling the enriched blood to keep the body healthy and strong.

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better with a dash of lemon, which, of course, is always available. There is no essential superiority in the Eastern juice except greater advertising, and the familiarity of the Eastern, public with the peculiar taste of their grapes.—Fresno Republican.

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There is no better investment than a fifty cent piece in a bottle of Meritol White Liniment. Muscular and rheumatic pains, swellings, lameness and soreness of the muscles are promptly relieved. Meritol White Liniment is especially recommended as a general pain killer of unusual merit.

To the People of Pendleton.

We wish to again call your attention to the fact that we are sole agents in this city for Meritol Pile Remedy. Our success with this remedy has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Therefore, we are pleased to recommend and guarantee every package of Meritol Pile Remedy.

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