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IF I KNEW.

If I knew the box where the smiles were kept No matter how large the key Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard 'Twould open, I know, for me. Then, over the land and the sea, broadcast, I'd scatter the smiles to play, So that careworn people might hold them fast For many and many a day. If I knew a box that was large enough To hold all the frowns I meet, I would like to gather them every one, From nursery, school and street; Then, folding and holding, I'd pack them in, And, turning the monster key, I'd hire a giant to drop the box To the depths of the deep, deep sea. —Unknown.

Honesty in the discussion of tax measures is indeed what is needed in Oregon. The Port-

A Hilarious Joke. land Oregonian, however, wilfully declines to be honest in its own contentions. It seeks to deny the assertion of this paper that notes and accounts are for the most part now exempt from taxation in this state.

Why such tomfoolery as that? There is not a businessman in the state but knows better. The taxation of notes, accounts and money in Oregon is a farce. It is doubtful if 10 per cent of this property is ever listed for taxation. Aside from the assessor of Umatilla county it is improbable there is an assessor in the state that strives to make a real assessment of loaned money by checking up mortgages. For the course he has taken here Mr. Strain has been censured for years and the censure has come chiefly from the fact he has been alone in doing his duty. It is notorious that loans have not been taxed in Multnomah county. One Multnomah assessor even went so far as to privately announce far and near that people could make loans in his county without danger of taxation. Eastern Oregon money has regularly been lured to Portland on that basis. Any claim that there is any real taxation of this class of wealth in Portland or in Oregon is not only false but is ridiculous to all who are informed.

One of the chief arguments for the \$1500 exemption bill is that wealthy people are already exempt on a great portion of their personal property and that it is but fair the ordinary citizen should have an exemption. The exemption bill if passed will give the common man a taste of the identical benefits now enjoyed by the wealthy. The only difference is that this \$1500 exemption will be legal whereas the virtual exemption of notes, accounts and money is illegal and based on fraud and perjury, in which the Oregonian cheerfully connives and seeks to cover up with falsehood and buncombe.

The Oregonian's appeal to honesty in this matter is a hilarious joke.

Pendleton has always been active in the work of urging the improvement of the Columbia and will gladly support the River Bill.

Join with the Astoria people in urging that the rivers and harbor bill be not subjected to too much delay.

There is a vast amount of insincere and sometimes foolish carping about the rivers and harbor bill. No doubt the bill is subject to attack in places. It always is. But the river and harbor expenditures, taken as a whole, are among the most worthy expenditures the government makes.

Money that is spent improving rivers and harbors makes for more extensive transportation and cheaper freight rates. It helps everybody, producer, consumer and middleman. Money spent for this purpose brings a

KERMIT ROOSEVELT BRINGS BRIDE HOME



From left to right, Kermit Roosevelt and wife nee Miss Belle Willard.

NEW YORK, July 21.—At a family reunion held at Sagamore Hill, on the night of her arrival in this county with her husband, Kermit Roosevelt

better return than does money spent on battleships that become antiquated in a few years' time and have to be used for old junk.

Those who are trying to hold up the rivers and harbor bill are in poor business and should be rebuked.

Atlanta, Georgia, has become interested in the notion that it is paying too much for gas and an investigation is desired. How Much? Atlanta pays a rate of \$1 per thousand feet for gas and it is claimed the rate is 20 per cent higher than is charged in other cities of the same class as Atlanta.

In Pendleton the gas rate is \$2 per thousand and \$2.50 when used for illuminating purposes. If Atlanta has a chance to complain at its \$1 rate how much too much is Pendleton paying for gas? It is a subject that will bear investigating, particularly since the public utility commission now has authority to handle the charges of such corporations.

Whether the return of Huerta is demanded or not it may be taken for granted the constitution-ists will be allists when they come in-Justified. to power in Mexico are going to profit by the mis-take of Madero.

Madero was humane and sought to deal with his foes in a spirit of justice and fair play. Even when Felix Diaz was captured after an attempt at a revolt in Vera Cruz he was not executed as might have been his fate. He was held in jail for a time and then liberated. The result was another revolt, then the treachery of Huerta and the downfall of the Madero government.

Had Madero shown severity instead of leniency he might be alive today and Mexico might have been saved two years of bloody strife. Carranza will show judgment if on coming into power he insists on punishment for those responsible for the misery the Mexican people have endured as a result of Huerta's treason.

THE PERSONAL HABITS OF A GREAT OPERA SINGER.

In the August American Magazine Mary Garden, the celebrated opera singer, writes an autobiographical article of extraordinary interest—full of stories of her experiences on the stage. On the question of the personal life of a great opera singer she says in part:

"There is little self-denial in my abstinence, since my tastes are extremely simple. To those who are fond of a good table and a glass of wine, however, it is a hardship. But they just have to give it up, that's all, unless they want to get to be enormously fat and lose all of their vitality. You may think it curious of me that I don't like whiskey, I being a Scotch-woman—and Scotchmen are either falling all over the streets or they don't touch it at all. My father belonged to the latter class, and probably I get my near-teetotalism from him.

"I do all my work in the morning, see anybody I have to see, and in the afternoon do nothing at all unless I go to a matinee or something like that.

"As to exercise, I do a great deal of horseback riding, not in America but in Scotland, and much tennis playing but no walking. I don't think walking does one a bit of good; at any rate, it tires me very much.

Mrs. Roosevelt, formerly Miss Belle Willard was warmly welcomed into the family by its members. In a short time Mr. Roosevelt will depart with his bride for Curitiba, Brazil, where Mr. Roosevelt, who is an engineer has a contract to build a public market.

"When I get through my work I am all in. I don't want anybody to talk to me, even. I go home with my maid, get to bed, and sleep eight hours without moving. I don't even remember next morning that I sang the night before. But I have such a constitution that I build right up, and the minute I open my eyes I am wide awake. They say that eight hours is an awful lot of sleep—that five or six is enough. But I sometimes have nine. I almost never eat before going to bed. I have my dinner about three o'clock in the afternoon, a nice cup of tea and some toast at five or half past, and then nothing until the next morning.

Sometimes if I feel very tired when I come home I take a cup of bouillon or half a dozen oysters, but that is all I am too nervously fatigued to eat. As for suppers, they are the most awful things! I can't imagine anybody being able to go out and sit and talk after they get through singing, but they do. You have no idea of the people who ask me out to supper. It gives me indigestion to think of it. The singer must be very careful of her diet. She must eat very plain food and above all very little pastry and sweets, since these contribute to obesity, which is fatal."

Liverpool street cars last year carried 144,985,927 passengers.

COLORADO GOVERNOR WRITES POEM FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

DENVER, July 21.—Governor Elias H. Ammons has written the following poem as his contribution to the literature on Roosevelt:

Teddy's River of Doubt, He scoffs at the college professor; Declares that his strength's on the wane; Denounces the grape juice of Bryan; Insists that it's not even sane; He dreams all his friends back in office.

And all of his enemies out, As he dines on a morsel of monkey. And sails up the River of Doubt. He revises the Ten Commandments, And brings them all quite up to date; Bewails the mistakes of Old Moses, And sighs at poor Lincoln's slow gait; While Washington's blundering tactics produce a most terrible pout, As he swallows a wee bit of monkey And sails up the River of Doubt.

In dreams he's enraptured the people, And all of creation subdued; To the furthestmost side of this planet There's against him not even a feud; While the world's population will honor, And angels will bow round about, As he dines on a diet of monkey And sails up the River of Doubt.

If ever the colonel awakens From delight of his beautiful dream If ever in strenuous fashion His pledges he tries to redeem, Perhaps he'll discover his error; And, surely, he'll not take the goat, If he sticks to a diet of monkey And sails up the River of Doubt.

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