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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

FORGETFUL PA

My Pa says that he used to be a bright boy in geography. An' when he went to school he knew the rivers an' the mountains, too, an' all the capitals of states. An' boundry lines an' all the dates they joined the union. But last night when I was studyin' to recite I asked him if he would explain. The leading industries of Maine— He thought an' thought an' thought a lot. An' said, "I knew, but I've forgot."

My Pa says when he was in school he got a hundred as a rule. An' grammar was a thing he knew. Becos he paid attention to his teacher an' he learned the way to write good English an' to say the proper things, an' I should be

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WHY THE RICH MAN ESCAPES

LAWS are made primarily to serve the ends of justice but court interpretations and rulings sometimes show a greater regard for the technicalities of the laws than for their purposes.

Thus we see the conviction of Senator Truman Newberry, found guilty of buying his seat in the United States senate, reversed by the supreme court through the declared unconstitutionality of the law under which he was prosecuted.

As a matter of law one cannot contest this judgment of the highest tribunal of the land, but as a matter of justice even a layman can see that it leaves much to be desired.

The facts were pretty well established in the trial of Newberry that he or his relatives and friends used money in huge sums to influence a favorable vote for him. He and 16 of his principal backers were convicted of violating the corrupt practices act and sentences of prison terms and fines were imposed. The cases were carried to the United States supreme court which has held in effect that congress has no right under the constitution to pass laws regulating primary elections.

The decision of the high court is not only a blow to the forces working for cleaner government but it furnishes another case of a rich man escaping the penalties of his misdeeds. There is already too widespread a notion that the laws do not apply with the same equity to the wealthy man and the poor man, and

the sowers of discontent throughout the nation will not be slow to seize upon the reversal of the Newberry conviction and flaunt it before their audiences.

The advantage which the rich man has is not that the courts look with leniency upon his offenses but that he has the money with which to employ the most expert legal talent to search out the flaws and technical errors which creep into almost every case and which will continue to creep in as long as humanity exists—for there is no lawyer nor any court that is infallible.

The poor man has not the means to secure this expert assistance and he must perforce accept judgment of the trial court. One seldom hears of the rich man abiding by an adverse verdict or decision in the lower courts. He appeals and appeals again and every step in the proceedings from the filing of the first complaint is subjected to the closest scrutiny for irregularities, defects and errors.

Not until there is some reform in our system of the administration of justice will this condition be remedied. Not until courts consider the ends of equity more than they do the technicalities of the law, not until they regard the substance more than the form, the spirit more than the letter, not until they quit splitting hairs and strike out boldly and decisively for impartial justice will there ever be anything like an equality of opportunity in our law courts for all citizens, regardless of their material resources. The reform is long overdue.

Meanwhile if our federal corrupt practices act does not apply to primary elections, it ought to be made to apply even if a constitutional amendment is necessary. The will of the people should govern if we have to rewrite the constitution. That is democracy.

EDITORIAL SPARKS

When Noah died he took with him the secret of how to make the dove come back.—Washington Post.

"Kind words never die." Unlike human beings, they don't have to, to be appreciated.—Boston Transcript.

Knowledge that she has a bewitching smile has a great deal to do with a woman's cheerfulness.—Chicago News.

The ministers are right in advising Clara Hamon to keep off the screen and get behind it.—Woodland (Cal.) Democrat.

The taste is about the same, but sulphur and molasses are better medicine than the new-fangled home brews.—Galveston News.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, May 6, 1893.)

Mrs. A. M. Bates, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Cozzie, will leave this evening for Portland. They will remain for two weeks and will return here before going East.

A party of four Umatilla county braves has returned from a visit to the Bannock Indians. The Umatilla and Bannock Indians are planning a big meeting at which they will engage in barter and in good times. The place is Baker City and the date for the rendezvous is to be set after July 4. The chief of the Bannocks will arrive here shortly.

The children of the church of the Redeemer were given a free entertainment last evening when Rev. Potwin gave a stereopticon lecture.

HELIX HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT PLAY

(East Oregonian Special.)

HELIX, May 6.—The high school play, "Nothing But the Truth," will be given Monday evening May 9 in L. O. O. F. hall. The cast is well chosen and has been working diligently to make it a success. The following are the cast of characters:

Robert Bennett, a young stockbroker who says he will tell the truth for twenty-four hours.—De Lora Robertson.

E. M. Halston, the head of the firm who bets it cannot be done.—Myron Shannon.

Richard Donnelly, another young stockbroker who is in on the bet.—Randolph Cook.

Clarence Van Dusen, a sarcastic young stockbroker.—Benjamin Nelson.

Bishop Duran, a bishop of sixty.—Lloyd Davidson.

Gwendolyn Halston, in love with Bob.—Kathryn McIntyre.

Mrs. E. M. Halston, dignified and middle-aged.—Elva Bledsoe.

Ethel Clark—Leoric Dauner.

Mable Jackson, a soubrette.—Elva Alexander.

Sable Jackson, another — Olive Clark.

Martha, a maid.—Marie Kupers.

The baccalaureate sermon of the Helix high school will be preached by Rev. G. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Pendleton on May 8th. The service will be held in the Christian church at 3 o'clock.

Commencement exercises will be held Thursday night May 12th at the Christian church. The address to the graduating class will be given by Prof. W. H. Bleakney of Whitman college. Those in the graduating class are Marie Kupers, Elva Bledsoe, Randolph Cook, Myron Shannon, Benjamin Nelson, Lloyd Davidson and De Lora Robertson.

About thirty members of Bushes Chapter O. E. S. motored to Helix Tuesday where they were guests of Ionia Chapter of Helix.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson were week end guests with relatives in Dayton, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cook were visitors in Echo on Monday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drew.

A large delegation of Helix people accompanied the base ball team of the Baptist Sunday school to Pendleton on Monday. A delicious banquet was served all the visitors by the Pendleton people and a splendid program rendered.

The Helix base ball team defeated the Pilot Rock team on Sunday the score being 12 to 7. The game was played on the local diamond and enjoyed by a good crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed were week end visitors in Eggewater.

Rev. J. W. Stockton delivered an able sermon on Sunday morning, his subject being "The Bible and Education." In the evening the Women's Missionary Society had charge of the services. Mrs. Leroy Penland, president of the society presided.

W. H. Dale of Pendleton was a visitor in Helix this week.

New Jersey Sport Jackets

in browns, navy and black, also green and red, will be here for your choosing tomorrow . . . \$7.95 to \$11.95



NEW SPORT PLAID SKIRTS
Attractive styles that you will like very much, priced from \$7.95 to \$15.95.

NEW ORGANDY DRESSES
Made up in the latest of this season's styles, colors are blue, pink, white, coral, etc., from \$6.95 to \$18.95.

JAP CREPE
Imported, first quality, in all the bright summer shades for smocks, house dresses, etc. Our price, the yard . . . 35c

PAUL JONES MIDDIES
for the growing miss, in white or red, popular styles and the very best of materials at . . . \$2.98 to \$3.49
Others at . . . \$1.15 to \$1.98

WOMEN'S PINK CREPE BLOOMERS
Sizes 6 and 7, the greatest values you will find anywhere, the pair . . . 50c

"IT'S A PLEASURE TO SHOP HERE"

is what our customers are telling us everyday. A pleasure because of our quick, courteous service, and our low prices on real quality merchandise. We can do this because we sell for cash and eliminate all heavy overhead expense.

CURTAIN NETS
Marquisettes and madras from the famous Mount Vernon line are proving very popular, the prices are right from the yard . . . 19c to \$1.95

GEORGETTE WAISTS
Trimmed with laces, that are very pretty indeed, a good color assortment at each . . . \$3.49

Parcels delivered promptly. Phone 127



Try paying cash at this store and see what you can save.

THE FUNNYBONE

Too Expensive
Say "apartment," never "flat." The Landlords' Union voted. "Flat" hints too much of the way they leave their tenants to be it noted.

Dolly had been praying for a long time for a baby sister.

The other morning her mother reading the paper, exclaimed: "I see Mrs. Smith has a little daughter!"

"How do you know that?" asked the child.

"I read it in the paper," answered her mother.

"Read it to me," said the daughter.

The mother read: "Born on March 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, a daughter."

The child thought for a moment. Then she said:

"Mummie, I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to stop praying and begin advertising."

Nasty Man
Mrs. Newlywed: "Jack, will you meet mother at the station and show her the way home?"

Newlywed: "You bet I will, dear-est. Where does she live?"

Tuba Over Pop
"I dress the time when we men will all be wearing paper suits."

"What's your objection? They'll be cheap."

"I know, but my wife will make me wear the comic sheets to amuse the kids."

The Grand American Prerogative

THE right to choose is the grand American prerogative—the glory of American democracy.

And a most important part of it—the RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU BUY—was bestowed upon you by advertising.

Advertising is as much a part of today's life as electricity, antiseptic surgery or motor traction. It is the system whereby a man who has something to sell tells about it to those who do or should use it. For no one can want anything until he knows of its existence.

Advertising is the way by which you are told why you should have certain goods and how to identify those goods. So the advertisements you find in this newspaper make up a CATALOG of needed merchandise.

Articles of all kinds and for all purposes are presented in a pleasant way through the medium of type and pictures. The outstanding requirements of every member of the family are met by offers of good merchandise of proved value.

The advertisements will help you in the selection of all manner of things.

Use them for Guidance and you will be a constant gainer



ALMA TODAY

Don't Let Mother Be Without a Brunswick after May 8th

Join Our Mothers' Day Club

Give her a Brunswick 112 on Mothers' Day—May 8th

Keep Mother's Heart Singing You Can Do It!

What happier token of your affection can you choose than one which will bring limitless music into her life all the year 'round?

Special Terms, Which Make Giving Easy
Special Features, Which Will Make the Occasion a Treasured Memory for Mother

ECONOMY DRUG COMPANY