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**Just Folks**  
by Edgar A. Guest

**THE HAPPY MAN**

From the whole world over and search it through and through,  
And the only happy man you'll find is the man with work to do;  
The man with cares to battle, the man with dreams to win,  
Is the one who wakes to gladness when the dawn comes streaking in.

You may dream your dreams of leisure, you may envy idle men,  
But it hurts to know that duty will never call again,  
And the days grow long and dreary, though the skies above are blue,  
To the man who knows no burden and has no tasks to do.

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**TAXATION FOR PRIVATE GAIN**

ONE of the most objectionable points about the proposed tariff on oil is that it would produce little if any revenue for the government yet would cost oil and gas consumers in the country many millions and perhaps billions each year. This would come about through the fact the domestic price of oil would be automatically raised to the extent of the tariff. At least it is a fair presumption and it is the view being taken by those who will be seriously affected should the tariff on oil be imposed.

In a letter to a New York newspaper, C. H. B. Chapin, secretary of the Empire State Gas and Electric association, says: "The tariff bill now before congress contains provision for a duty of 35 cents per barrel of forty-two gallons on crude petroleum and 25 cents a barrel on fuel oil.

In the manufacture of artificial gas such as furnished in New York, oil is used to the extent of from three to four and one-half gallons per thousand feet sold.

If this provision is enacted in its present form, the duty will in some be reflected in the price which the gas companies of the country must pay for oil, although only a negligible portion of the oil used by them is imported. This will mean an increase in the cost of making gas of from 2 to 3 cents per thousand feet. Ultimately this increased cost will be paid by the consumer, but most of the difference will go to the oil companies and very little to the government.

Possibly a duty on oil may be desirable when the revenue program is viewed as a whole. It would, however, impose a burden on the consumers of gas without any commensurate benefit to the government, at least so far as they are concerned, and it seems to us that they should be informed of the situation and should have an opportunity to express an opinion. For this reason we are presenting the facts to you for such as you may see fit to make of them.

Mr. Chapin expresses conservatively the view of a corporation that will have to increase its rates if the 35 cent tariff is placed on crude oil with most of the difference in the oil price "going to the oil companies and very little to the government."

It has been stated by speakers in congress that the Standard Oil company opposes an oil tariff and that the fight for the tariff is being made by Oklahoma oil speculators. But why should one hundred million people in America be penalized in order to make good on speculative oil ventures in Oklahoma or any other state.

**THERE IS NO BAR**

THE Columbia river bar used to be a terror to mariners. It was a formidable barrier to the use of the great waterway of the Pacific coast by commerce. It was one of the greatest obstacles to the rise of Astoria as a seaport.

Now when we speak of the Columbia bar we use the past tense. It belongs to things departed. It is no more.

If any further proof were needed of this fact than the increasing number of ships entering and leaving the Columbia, the recent announcement of Major Park of the United States engineers would serve with conclusiveness.

We have boasted of our 42-foot depth at low tide. Boasts are generally discounted but the official statement of the U. S. engineers gives the minimum depth as 43 feet over a width of one mile and the minimum over an additional 6400 feet as 42. In a year the action of the currents, aided by the jetties, has deepened the entrance by three feet. Our hope for 50 feet of water at the mouth of the river is on the way to being realized.

There is no bar harbor in the world that has an entrance so deep so wide and so safe as the harbor of the port of Astoria. Snipping circles are fast gaining a knowledge of this fact and it is bound to be a big contributing factor in the growth of the Columbia river commerce.

The bar is a thing of the past. Let no local resident be guilty of speaking of the Columbia bar as of something still existent and let none pass unchallenged such a mention by anyone else.

—Astoria Budget.

**FOR THE STRANGER IN OUR MIDST**

THE county court of Umatilla county is going to place signs at the points where the main highways enter the county. It is work that should be commended for such signs will provide information that travelers desire.

Even more to the point would be adequate road signs on the big highways and on the various lesser roads. All over Oregon there is complaint about lack of road signs and Umatilla county is said to be one of the worst sinners in this respect. Because of the amount of outside travel this situation works great inconvenience. There are local people who often become confused about roads when they get off the main thoroughfares. Then how can we expect strangers to find their way about? There should be road signs on all our roads and they should be placed not with a view to guiding those who are familiar with the country but instead should be arranged with a view to giving intelligent and needed information to people who are utterly ignorant of our territory and of the roads.

It looks like Secretary Hughes is going to bring Japan to a showdown on the so-called Pacific question. Japan should discuss that subject and discuss it openly with the whole world. It is a world question, for it carries with it the possibility of war if troubles are not adjusted.

That reported rush of gold to this country with consequent lessening of the financial strain is a wonderful thing to have at crop moving time.

**BASEBALL IS COMING BACK IN POPULARITY AFTER SUMMER SLUMP**

**Lack of Publicity for Game During Recent Fight Cause of Falling off in Attendance.**

(Written by Sid Mercer for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, July 18.—"What is the matter with baseball?"

They tell us that baseball attendance is falling off, that the ball is too lively, home runs too scarce and games too long.

So we started out to secure some reliable testimony on the decline of a season that opened with indications of prosperity on every side.

"Over exploitation of hitting and the Dempsey-Carpenter fight," he answered without hesitation.

And then he unfolded his theories.

"Baseball touched the high-water mark last season," he said. "There were several seasons when all clubs made money. One was the raise in prices. To my way of thinking, though, the Babe Ruth ball was the greatest contributing factor. Ruth alone drew hundreds of thousands through the gates in the American league. He made countless new baseball fans and all other leagues profited by the renewal of interest in the game.

"The industrial depression had not begun to be felt acutely when the baseball season opened last spring. But it is apparent now in baseball, which was the last of our amusements to feel it.

"Lively Ball or Just Bad Pitching?"

"In the early part of the season the ascendancy of the latter was explained by the backwardness of spring pitching. But when the weather turned warm and the heavy hitting continued, with its attendant evils of large scores, long games and procreations of pitchers, the public began to tire.

"Personally I do not believe the lively ball is altogether to blame. Of course, I think the ball is faster now—you can tell that by the way ordinary hitters drive it past infielders and the distances they get on slams to the outfield.

"It is my impression, however, that this is the poorest season we have ever had for pitching. Possibly the passing of the spitball is partly responsible. I have seen a lot of games in both leagues this season and only once did I see first class pitching on both sides. The good pitchers do exist, though,

because occasionally we hear of shut-outs.

"I know that the lively ball has been a subject of delectable concern to owners of ball clubs and that they have discussed it seriously in the last few weeks. Most of them are convinced that the man in the grandstand is fed up on hitting.

Depreciating the Value of Ruth.

"I heard a story not long ago which I don't believe, but I'll pass it along to you for what it is worth. Certain club owners, it is said, pointed last winter to Ruth as an example of how home runs could be commercialized and insisted that the ball be made livelier, so that there would be a dozen Ruths instead of one.

"If these men had this they are guilty of gross stupidity. Ruth's value lies in his ability to hit a ball farther than any other man. The value of a home run lies in its occasional delivery. In other days they were rare enough to deserve special mention. It was a real treat to see a ball knocked over the fence. But now when everybody is doing it, the glamor is fading away from Ruth's accomplishments. He still may be able to hit a ball farther than the others, but the others are hitting them over the fence, and Babe's long wallows no longer thrill the huge as they once did.

"So much for the theory that home runs can sustain interest.

"Another drawback this season is the lack of great teams. In the National League this being seems to outclass the field. There are no really great teams in the American League. At the most there are no more than three teams in each league capable of turning in championship form.

The others are just stragglers along. No wonder business is bad. Why, I read only the other day where the management of the Phillies permitted one pitcher to remain in the box for nine innings though he was slammed for 29 hits. Perhaps another pitcher would have fared no better, but a switch might have rejuvenated the fans that the management was at least trying.

The Angle of Publicity.

"Now I'll mention something that may surprise you. The big right baseball news on the sporting pages for a month or six weeks, and that was reflected in the attendance.

"It was the first time in several years that we have had such a demonstration of the power of publicity in sporting events. Publicity made the fight and lack of it hurt baseball.

"During the period when Dempsey and Carpenter were in, training the newspapers devoted columns to them and much of the space was then taken away from baseball. Then, too, the feature writers who have helped to popularize baseball were turned loose on the fight.

"There is nothing wrong with baseball. Probably the owners will ban the lively ball and remove some of the restrictions on pitching.

**DOINGS OF THE DUFFS OLIVIA HAD THE REAL GUIDE. BY ALLMAN**



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**28 YEARS AGO**

(From the Daily East Oregonian, July 18, 1893.)

W. H. Daughtry recently made purchase in the John Day country of 150 beef cattle and they are now on the way to Pendleton. About the 20th inst. Mr. Daughtry will ship 300 heads to Wilbur for the Pacific Meat company.

W. M. Scott, the Helix farmer, is in the city. He says that it is evident that grain is damaged to some extent in that locality, but there will be fair crop.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Gwynne returned last evening to Portland, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. H. L. Talkington, who will visit them during the summer.

Harry Oakes and wife have returned from a pleasant sojourn at Lehman Springs.

C. D. Brooks, well-known as a good school teacher, is now an occupant of the county clerk's office, having been engaged as deputy.

Miss Ella DeGraff, assistant principal of the Weston School, is visiting friends in this city.

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These bonds bear interest payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 of each year. Principal and interest payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon, New York City, New York.

All inquiries should be addressed to the undersigned.  
FRANK PATTON, Treasurer,  
Port of Astoria, Astoria, Oregon.  
Dated at Astoria, Oregon, July 15, 1921.