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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

THE ROUTE-MAKER

The route-maker sat in his office warm, with a lecturer's dates before him. And he heaved a sigh as he started in to work out a schedule for him. "Now what will I do with this chap," said he, "who preaches of doctrines sunny. To be sure he'll know, when his day is done, he has honestly earned his money?"

He thumbed his tables and railroad guides and he cunningly planned and planned: "Now here's a train he can take," said he, "a local to Lecture Land; it will leave Last Night about one-fifteen and get into Fine and Dirty by way of the village of Sleepyville and connect with the seven-thirty."

"In two hours more I can dump him off at the village of Stand and Wait. Where till 4 p. m. he can watch the boys in the railroad yard shout freight; Then he can climb on the old four-teen," and he grinned in his glee—the sinner. "And get there in time for his lecture date, but he'll lecture without his dinner."

"I hold no grudge against any one. I have followed the route man's chart. And though I have raged at the trips he planned, no malice is in my heart; I have suffered and hungered and cursed him, too, but a glad farewell I wave him— Though he's doomed to the sulphurous realms below, I'll pray to the Lord to save him."

THE CORN MAN'S PLIGHT

THE Producer, a paper published in Spokane in behalf of farmers' cooperative work, carried the following story in its issue of January 21:

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 16.—The movement to cut corn acreage 50 per cent in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, combined with efforts of cattlemen in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado to discontinue further breeding of stock feeders, has reached a concrete stage.

The farm bureau federation of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas and more than eighty county grainers in the three states have officially taken up the matter and are urging all to comply.

Thousands of acres of last year's corn remain untouched and in many cases the corn is cribbed by the farmer only for his own use.

Other factors which will materially decrease the corn production are the fact that half of the tenant farms will be vacant this spring, since the renters have been forced to vacate as the result of economic conditions; many farmers still have a part of the 1920 crop in their cribs, and cattlemen everywhere are substituting sheep and stopping production of fodder cattle because of the corn belt farmers' failure to purchase feeders to fatten for the market.

The Western Nebraska Cattlemen's association announced today that all of its members would cease breeding cattle this spring in favor of sheep.

The Northwest Iowa Farmers' association has voted to plant only enough corn for personal use and to raise only enough hogs for their own table.

Whatever may be the difficulties confronting the northwest farmer they are plainly not so serious in character as the conditions narrated in the story from Council Bluffs. The wheat farmer did not have a profitable year yet most of the wheat of Umatilla county has been sold and there is no disposition to cut down production this year in order to strengthen the market. The average farmer is striving for the largest possible yield at the lowest possible cost and in that course he is right.

AN ANGEL OF MERCY

To make-up for protecting and shielding convicted millionaires from the consequences of their sins, Attorney General Daugherty has ordered a probe of retailers to unearth petty profiteers and thus divert attention from the real profiteers who are conducting business as usual at the old stands. Such notorious profiteers as the Pacific coast paper trust, the farm machinery combine and the oil monopoly are passed up to permit a grandstand play against the butcher, the baker, and the candle-stick maker—for this is an era when we have less government in big business if not more business in government.

When millionaire profiteers get into the toils, Attorney General Daugherty is as solicitous in their behalf as he was in behalf of millionaire disloyalists. His "confession of error" that federal district and circuit courts deny exist, is ever handy to atone and defeat prosecution undertaken during the wicked Wilson regime. * * * Mr. Daugherty last week interfered in behalf of alleged ship-building profiteers at Portland, who are said to have piled up great fortunes during the war, who refused the government access to their books.

These ship-builders, A. F. Smith and the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, and Joseph R. Bowles and the Northwest Steel company, declined to submit to a probe by the special agents of the department of justice, even though ordered to by the federal court. They were therefore held in contempt of court, find \$2500 each and ordered committed until they delivered all papers and records in the case. Before the highest court could act on their appeal, Mr. Daugherty came to the rescue by causing the solicitor-general to again admit error and dismiss the whole proceeding—so that the profits of the patriots are secure from the prying eyes of the public and the patriots themselves safe from prosecution.

If this sort of thing keeps up, Mr. Daugherty will not need to confess error—for the people will hold him in error for making equality before the law a travesty on justice. His pose as an avenging angel chasing the poor little retailer is a satire on his record as angel of mercy rescuing millionaire malefactors.—Salem Capital Journal.

The sale of the Stanfield wool and of other wool from Idaho, the latter clips selling at from 22 to 30 cents, indicates an unmistakable strengthening of the wool business and will be good news for our sheepmen.

There are rumors of lively building operations here when the money from the soldiers' compensation act is available. Go to it boys, we need the houses.

How's your coal bin?

Cigars Don't Hurt David!



David E. Brown of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, smokes cigars all day long and never at a time. Still he shows no ill effects. He does it by means of a machine which automatically draws on the cigars and demonstrates their smoking quality.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

PROHIBITION A SUCCESS

(Editorial in Athena Press.)

It is plain to the observant that prohibition is a great blessing to at least the smaller towns and cities. A drunken man is seldom seen where once he was an object so common as to excite no comment unless he became unusually obstreperous. The curse of the open saloon with all its attendant evils is no longer with us. The bootlegger and the speakeasy have taken their place, to be sure, but they are lawbreakers. Their evil business does not have the sanction of government, as was the case with their licensed predecessors.

Drinking may be indulged in as a social fad among those who never drank before, but a fad it is and as such it will ultimately die out when the fact is driven home that the "best people" who drink are no longer regarded as the best people by the sober minded majority. Such among the really substantial citizens of the country who insist that "a gentleman must have his highball," are bound in time to see the error and folly of their ways and appreciate their responsibility to the public. A few of the more wayward young people may indulge in sly drinking and think it smart, but no longer is the drink appetite assiduously and constantly cultivated among the young by the "live" saloon man with an eye to future business.

When so much is said and written about the alleged failure of the 18th amendment, it is refreshing to read an authoritative statement from Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, showing the good effects of the law. He cites twelve points that clearly establish the success of prohibition. He declares also that arrests for drunkenness have decreased 60 per cent. Liquor withdrawals have been reduced 50 per cent, while last year's importation of liquor was one-half of one per cent of the total consumption of liquor in America the year before prohibition.

The number of drinkers in the United States has decreased from 20,000,000 to 2,500,000, according to Mr. Haynes, and the nation has already saved the astounding sum of two billions of dollars on its drink bill. Instead of saying that prohibition does not prohibit, it is the average citizen's duty to help this remarkably good work along by precept and example.

'WHY ALL THE GLOOM' ASKS RETURNED SOLDIER

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)—"Why the gloom? Wow, I'd rather be back in Germany."

This was the first sentiment of Pvt. Sewell D. Palmer, who has just returned from his watch on the Rhine with the American army of occupation.

Palmer announced with a shiver that this country "gave him the creeps," and demanded "who hung out all the crepe."

"I believe the people in Germany are better off than the people are here," he said. "Here there is business depression, and everybody seems to have it. Over in Germany wages don't amount to much, but nearly everybody has a job and nearly everybody is happy."

"But over here there is too much gloom."

FIRST PUBLIC TIME PIECE OF PORTLAND IS FOREVER STILLED

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 21.—(U. P.)

The first "public" time-piece ever installed in Portland, the old clock tower in the cupola of the Old Fellows building, will strike no more. Fire was its Nemesis.

The big four-faced clock was put in the tower when the building was erected in 1869. It was regarded as one of Portland's landmarks. People got into the habit of making allowance for its eccentricities because of its faithfulness back in the days of swashbuckling Romeos who were wont to make trysts by its mellow tones.

The fire starting in the locker rooms of the building, which has been used as I. O. O. F. headquarters since its erection, thoroughly gutted the old building and did not spare the clock. The flames loosened the timbers supporting its works, plunging the whole mass down, to the level of the third floor. Three of the "clock windows" now gap vacantly upon Portland's wholesale and shipping district scattered about the ruined structure.

The kindergarten is a place where, in an atmosphere of good will and industry children develop happily and normally.

PARTNERS



About Eight COATS

Left Now That We Will Not Carry Over

They're this season's styles that sold for \$28.00 to \$45.00. Monday you can have your choice for \$12.00

ABOUT 8 MORE COATS that have been marked so ridiculously low that you will wonder if it is true. Just this, we will not show an old coat next year. You can buy these at about your own price.

SKIRT PATTERN LENGTHS
in fine striped wools, 2 1-8 yard lengths, regular prices were \$11.00 to \$12.00 on sale at \$8.95

MIGHTY GOOD TURKISH BATH TOWELS
A good big size and a splendid weight. These are real bargains at 3 for \$1.00

WAYNE KNIT SILK HOSE
For women, the best value you ever saw for, pair \$1.00

BLACK AND WHITE KID GLOVES
All sizes in a real kid glove, two clasp. Special sale price, pair \$1.98
ALL OF OUR HANDKERCHIEFS
That sold for 35c regularly are going in this big sale at, each... 25c

January Clearance Sale All This Month



See Our Shoes for Children at Lower Prices

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, January 21, 1894.)

Mrs. F. E. Page of Walla Walla is in the city.

Mrs. Wm. Erickson of La Grande is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine.

The celebrated Widow Sniggles and her eight beautiful and accomplished daughters will appear this evening at the dime social at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Furnish on Water Street. A musical treat is also promised.

R. A. Dozier is in the city today. Mr. Dozier has purchased the Youkum place and has moved his family to it. He misses the more excellent mail facilities enjoyed when he was a resident of Adams, as he now must get his mail in Pendleton, and as a consequence frequently many days elapse between visits.

Mrs. W. J. Furnish gave the parish party of the week and the pleasant Water street home was thronged with guests who were treated to a reproduction of the parlor play given the previous evening at the cooking club, "The Widow Sniggles." It was again a complete success, and added to the fact and hospitality of the hostess, rendered the evening most enjoyable.

Ten Years From Now

Ten years from now, will you be envious of your friends or will they be envious of you? It depends on what you do with your money NOW. If you spend all there is no chance of your getting ahead. If you save a part of what you earn, you will be in position to greet Opportunity with a smile when it knocks at your door.

It is surprising how quickly savings accumulate. Almost before you know it, you have built up a Savings Account that you thought hardly possible. And you did it without any hardship or self-denial. The 4 per cent interest we pay helps your savings grow. If you haven't already started a Savings Account, do so without further delay.

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P. H. S. Dramatic Club

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"Dolly Reforming Herself"

4-ACT COMEDY

TONIGHT

High School Auditorium

CURTAIN RISES 8:45 P. M.

RESERVED SEATS 50c GENERAL, 25c