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ROUGH-NECK AND MOSS-BACK
Under the above caption the Astoria Budget presents a Salem newspaper paragraphers quip styling it the "rough-neck city," with the following ill-humored attack:

"Astoria has been enterprising and progressive enough to lay out a program for the development of her own destiny and has not achieved her present growth or prosperity by grace of having her fore-feet in the state trough. Her nourishment has come from industries and not from institutions supported by public appropriations and, though her exterior may not be as pleasing to the eye as her Willamette valley sister, an examination will probably show that the tissue of her body is more sound and healthy."
"A comparison of the vote of Clatsop and Marion counties on the various measures which have made for the progress and development of Oregon will prove quite conclusively that the citizenship of the former has been a much greater asset to the state than has that of the latter. We may be a bit crude down here and a little shy on Salemian culture, but we have been spared the unenviable distinction of having voted overwhelmingly against every educational measure on the state ballot for the past ten years nor do we harbor in our midst right now the only organization in Oregon that is opposing the millage bills for the support of our schools. We may be lacking in refinement but, thank God, we are enlighten enough to appreciate the needs of the state and unselfish enough to cast our support for their attainment. We would much prefer to be a rusty screw in the ship's propeller than a beautiful barnacle on her bottom."
A rough-neck city Astoria may be but a moss-back city never.

Most of what the Budget says is true of the past—but we hope not true of the present. Salem is growing out of the narrow provincialism that characterized the capital city in the days gone by. Her life is no longer centered in state institutions. She has become a manufacturing and industrial city utilizing the products of the most fertile valley of Oregon and the change has broadened the vision and widened the perspective of her citizens.

While it is true that we have one organization that is opposing educational measures and good roads, we have many organizations working for them: While we have a few who place the dollar above the child and whose great concern is to hold down taxes we also have many who are enlightened and progressive enough to rally to the support of measures designed for the welfare of the people and the development of the state.

As Astoria is fast losing the rough-neck characteristics that typified the early days of the seaport, so is Salem losing the moss-back propensities that made her a synonym for prejudiced provincialism, and a source of derision to the state.

THE REAL CAUSE.
The only moves made by congress to curtail the high cost of living or to provide necessary reconstruction legislation are investigations—and with every investigation, the prices soar still higher.

Sugar began to climb as soon as congress began to probe. Congressional investigation sent the prices of shoes and other articles upward. The more congress probes paper mills, the higher goes the price of paper. And so all along the line.

Why doesn't congress act? Because it is following a definite plan of sabotage, inspired by the desire to discredit President Wilson and his administration, to create unrest and discontent to reap political advantage in the presidential election.

Since the republicans secured control of congress, all legislation, with the exception of one or two measures, has been held up in order to throw the blame for conditions upon the democratic party. The republican leaders have blocked legislative procedure, not only with the peace treaty, but every other measure. The welfare of the country, as that of the world, has waited on the political maneuvers of small visioned partisans.

These investigations have cost the nation many millions of dollars and accomplished nothing. Every phase of the conduct of the war has been probed, with a view to discrediting its management and with the sole result of a 3 by 2 partisan report—not disclosing facts sufficient for congressional action.

Now, industry is under the probe—despite the fact that congress refuses to heed the plea of industry, revise war taxation, ratify peace and pass essential measures. Industry is handicapped by conditions congress refuses to remedy—and if the probe was other than grand-standing for votes, it would disclose that the source of the ills that afflict the nation is congressional sabotage—the use by congress of the very weapon whose utilization by labor is stigmatized a crime.

The fear that capital punishment exercises on the murderer is shown in the case of Walter Andrew Watson, the Los Angeles blue-beard, who has confessed to the murder of at least five of his many wives and pointed out the grave of one of his victims. Watson says that all he wanted or expected to accomplish by his confession was to escape the gallows.

Rippling Rhymes

HOUSECLEANING.
I'd like to be an Eskimo and in an igloo dwell, and eat fried ice and snow, and go outdoors and yell. The humble Eskimo is glad, we see him dance and sing; his womenfolk don't drive him mad by cleaning house each spring. He isn't driven out of doors to hunt for frozen grub, the while the women scrub the floors—there are no floors to scrub. He is not chased, to beat the band, from out the divers rooms, by dames with brooms and mops in hand—there are no mops or brooms. Year after year he sits in peace, or lies upon his back, clothed in his wholesome film of pease, and no one cleans the shack. His treasured goods are not mistaid, as mine are, every year; and he can find his blubber spade, his corkscrew and his spear. And if he spills a cataract of ashes on the floor, no woman reads the riot act, no female heart is sore. I'll go to join the Eskimo when next a vessel starts, for I am tired of all the woe that cleaning house imparts. I'm tired of sitting on the stairs, oppressed by fantods three, because the rouches and the chairs are hung upon a tree

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE
By the Noted Author IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

A GIFT FROM JOHN.
I didn't waken until the next morning was well advanced. The knowledge of what was coming oppressed my first wakening thought. There was such a difference in my feelings from those I had when I first found myself about to become a mother.
I felt that the gates of heaven had opened, and I hardly dared look within for the brightness, the golden radiance seemed almost more than I could bear. And now, nothing but shadows, nothing but the blackness of despair, and in the background of my mind a feeling of sinfulness that I felt as I did about the coming of a child.
I tried to put the whole thing out of my mind, but it came with renewed intensity as Hannah brought in my breakfast and the usual box of gorgeous roses that John had sent me every day since he left.
"Shall I put the flowers in a vase," Katherine? asked Hannah.
"Do just as you please, Hannah," I said drearily.
"Your room is so full of flowers now," she remarked.
"Yes, the fragrance of roses almost overpowers me."
Take Them to Church.
"All right, honey, I'll tell you what we'll do," said Hannah. "We'll just take these new ones and send them over to the church. They'll look lovely on the altar tomorrow morning. I'll have Miss Alice write a little note and say you are sending them in memory of your mother."
That will be charming," I said heartily. "But first you must look in the box John has been in the habit of sending me a note with them."

SLEEPY-TIME TALES
THE TALE OF RUSTY WREN
BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

THE ACCIDENT.
Chippy, Jr., proved to be a great success. Even Mrs. Rusty Wren had to admit before he had finished his first day's work, that he was an agreeable person to have about the house.

Of course, he isn't much of a singer," she remarked to Rusty. "but he seems to have a quick eye for an insect, and he is kind to the children. He is very neat, besides. I have watched him sharply," she added, "and I haven't caught him tracking any dirt into the house—nor brushing any off his clothes onto my clean floor, either."



Rusty, too, declared himself well satisfied with his helper.
"Neither did they happen to notice that Chippy, Jr., was beginning to have a good deal of trouble squeezing thru the door. For some reason—due, perhaps, to the way the opening was made—for some reason he could get into the house more easily than he could get out of it."
He said nothing about this new difficulty, not wishing to disturb the happiness of the Wren family nor find himself out of work, either.
Since he continued to grow from day to day there could be but one outcome. And at last when Rusty came home late one afternoon with a pump insect in his bill he found Chippy, Jr., blocking the doorway. His head protruded through the round opening. And his face wore a worried expression.

Just what real enjoyment means.
"Wood's Lead In Indiana Grows In Late Returns"

Indianapolis, Ind., May 6.—Major General Leonard Wood, with a total of \$1,574 votes apparently is assured of a plurality of almost ten thousand over Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, who has 73,432 on the face of unofficial returns from 3183 precincts out of 3387 in Indiana in Tuesday's presidential preference primary election. The 264 missing precincts are in fourteen scattered counties of the 92 in the state.

Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois with a total of 36,682 votes continues in third place, while Senator Warren C. Harding of Ohio is fourth with 19,216.

General Wood, returns indicate, has carried nine of the thirteen congressional districts in the state and has a plurality in fifty-three counties where unofficial reports are complete. Senator Johnson won four congressional districts, and 24 counties. Governor Lowden carried three counties and Senator Harding one, Ohio county. Fourteen counties are in doubt.

H. J. Bernard, San Francisco wholesaler, and C. E. Waymire of Sacramento, deportation agent for the state of California, both temporarily at Salem, are 300,000 in their forecasts of the primaries in California. Bernard says it will be Hoover and Waymire says it will be Johnson by 150,000.

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blocking the doorway. His head protruded through the round opening. And his face wore a worried expression.
"Hurry up!" said Rusty. "I want to come in."
And at that Chippy, Jr., began to struggle to get out. But he couldn't move either forward or back.
"Be spry!" Rusty said impatiently. "Don't keep me waiting, boy!"
Chippy, Jr., looked actually frightened.
"I'm stuck fast!" he cried. "I can't move either way!"

HOPELESS DISEASES CAN NOT BE CURED BY DOCTORS OR MEDICINE

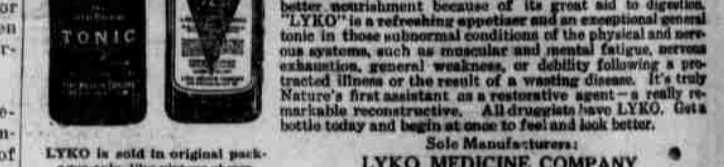
There are some diseases which are absolutely hopeless and past cure by any physician or medicine, but they may yet be palliated and a medicine if it does not help in one case, may help in another. To any one suffering from a disease a remission is a degree of health and a medicine that relieves or palliates a disease is of great benefit. We can not guarantee to cure any disease with amber 40 for the Blood, but we quote word for word what the ingredients in 40 are recommended for in the U. S. Dispensary and New American Materia Medica: "In the treatment of blood troubles an acknowledged remedy among all schools of physicians, removes the cause of disease, stimulates the removal of waste, thus indirectly encouraging nutrition. Disorders of the nervous system demand this remedy, such as neuralgias, chronic rheumatism, gouty conditions, intoxication, constipation. Used with phenomenal success in eczema and skin diseases, lumbago, glandular swellings, ulcerations of mucous membranes and in general disorders of the stomach, liver, kidneys and spleen." Prepared by J. C. Meredith, Evansville, Ind., 40 years a druggist, W. S. King, 362 E. 4th St., Pueblo, makes the following statement: "I suffered for a number of years with kidney trouble, sciatic rheumatism and constipation, tried numerous remedies with little or no benefit. I was induced to try Amber 40 for the Blood. I found I was benefited from the start, and after taking six bottles received such wonderful satisfactory results. I am prompted to make this statement." Witness to signature, Edward Reiss, druggist. Sold at Schaefer's drug store.



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