

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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WOMEN AT TWENTY-ODD.

The Age at Which They Are Said to Be Most Entertaining.

Time was when to be sixteen was the best thing that could happen to a young girl. It was the age of dewy freshness, of innocent impressibility, and of all the other delightful but rather verdant virtues which have won the heart of the poet to song and wooed the mind of the sage to something better than his philosophy.

"There is no time in a woman's life when she is so delightful (married or unmarried, but particularly the latter)," said an observing man yesterday, "as she is from twenty-five to thirty."

"But there is something to be said on the other side," said a woman of twenty-six who heard him. "It may look very smooth sailing from the outside, but one can have little idea how much tact it takes to steer straight in the narrow path of the five years that lie between twenty-five and thirty."

"To the very young man she must be grandmotherly without hurting his dear little vanity by superior wisdom and patronage. To the middle-aged man she must respond with a maturity of judgment that matches his own, and yet she must continually suggest the innocence of sixteen."

HOTEL EXPERIENCES.

Queer Cases of Nightmare Developed in a Washington Hotel.

"Among the many queer experiences gained in a hotel," said the clerk of an uptown hotel, "are those connected with guests who are subject to nightmare, which is more common than many people suppose. It is not uncommon for a night in a large hotel to develop several cases of this kind."

"We had a case not long ago of a gentleman here who, during the middle of the night, began pounding on his door, yelling at the same time: 'Let me out! Let me out! Help! Help!'"

"The Northwestern Investment Company of Pendleton has incorporated with \$100,000."

"The Land Commissioner has ordered two townships in Columbia county, Or., to be surveyed."

"In San Francisco E. C. Lewis, aged 70 years, shot himself on his wife's grave; cause, despondency."

"Two acquaintances meet on the sidewalk. 'Why, hello, Anderson,' says Jackson, appearing to be much surprised, 'we haven't seen each other for a long time.'"

THE PACIFIC COAST.

An Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Wreck a California Train.

The Pacific Midland to Build to Seattle - Earthquake Shocks Felt in Southern California.

Patti is in San Francisco. Seattle had a \$42,000 fire last week. Conrad Buchter suicided at Astoria. Dallas has organized a Board of Trade.

Port Townsend has had an earthquake scare. Arizona Pioneers evaded General Miles. Whatcom's new Courthouse is to cost \$65,000.

Umatilla county's fall wheat is in fine condition. Halsey is offering a \$4,000 bonus for a flour mill.

Jack Palace killed W. H. Kelly at San Francisco. Nine seals, worth \$200, drifted ashore at Clatsop.

The Oregon is fully repaired and ready for service. Stock is dying by the hundreds in Harney valley.

A canal is to join Port Townsend bay with Hadlock. Money has been posted for the Carroll-McAuliffe fight.

The Pathfinder suffered damage in a gale off Victoria. Herman Leusch assaulted Augusta Colish at Tacoma.

The ferry at Peoria, Or., was washed away in the flood. All the stock of Salem's big new cannery is subscribed.

Lane county, Oregon, lost \$75,000 by the flood in bridges. Henry George has sailed from San Francisco for Australia.

Sidney E. Marsh, a Port Townsend newspaper man, is dead. Everybody is jubilant over the wheat prospect for next season.

The Union Pacific will not build wharves at Port Angeles. A New York capitalist offers to establish a creamery at Salem.

Seattle bakers have raised the price of their products 10 per cent. The Oregonian sold at 50 cents a copy at Salem during the flood.

Ned Buckley, the actor, was pounded by a rival in San Francisco. Arlington, Or., has had an unsuccessful attempt at jail-breaking.

Joseph Dinklespiel was fatally asphyxiated in a hotel at Gilroy, Cal. A clever check swindler has been operating at Tacoma and Seattle.

The Ellensburg and Northwestern is advertising for bridge material. Pete McCoy finished Charlie Gleason in six rounds at San Francisco.

Weston, Or., claims never to have had a business failure in its history. Earthquake shocks have been felt at Colton, Pomona and San Diego.

The Assessors' convention at Portland denounced the mortgage tax law.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Secretary Blaine Resumes His Official Duties.

The Methodists to Build a National University at Washington City - Other News.

Sam Randall is again very ill. The Navajo Indians have been pacified. The Blair bill is now on in the Senate.

Lieutenant Schwatka is back from Mexico. West of the Chicago Times is out on \$10,000 bail. A mail train was demolished near Connellyville, Pa.

General Sherman has just celebrated his 70th birthday. Natural gas exploded and killed two miners at Kittanning, Pa.

A gas explosion near Luzerneborough, Pa., killed three miners. Dr. Newton, the New York clergyman, has denounced the Calvinism.

Cleveland attends the Central Presbyterian church in New York. Colonel Isaac Patton, a prominent citizen of New Orleans, is dead.

The famous Planters' hotel of St. Louis has been closed by the Sheriff. Little is done in congress but to quarrel over the proposed new rules.

Louis T. Barin has been nominated United States Marshal for Oregon. The largest dance hall in New Jersey burned at Patterson. Loss, \$300,000.

The Atchison road's earnings last month showed an increase of \$364,000. General Morgan has been confirmed as Indian Commissioner after a hard fight.

The House committee will report favorably on Casey's Wyoming admission bill. Daniel Desmond was killed and four others injured in a gas explosion at St. Paul.

The death of Mrs. Tracy has put an end to Washington society events for the present. General Miles is in Washington to help out the projects for Pacific Coast appropriation.

A lady gave birth to a child in the Grand opera house at New York during a performance. The annual convention of the National Electric Light Association is in session at Kansas City.

The President promised the colored people's convention that he would do all he could for them. The American Building and Loan Association at St. Paul has a deficit of \$75,000 in its accounts.

The Methodists will erect a national university at Washington near Cleveland's country home. Thomas Kane was hanged at Toronto for the murder of his wife in November. He met his fate resolutely.

W. H. Marsteller and wife of Youngstown, O., were struck by a passing train at a crossing and killed. Ellis Bard, cashier of the Lincoln (Pa.) National bank, is a defaulter for \$20,000, and has not yet been captured.

Nellie Bly le-tured at Union Square theater, New York, on her trip around the world. The receipts were \$1,400. The Dania from Hamburg to New York reports passing through fifty icebergs in the North Atlantic on her last voyage.

Two boats containing eight boys were upset in the Mississippi river at New Orleans, and all of them were drowned. The schedules in the assignment of Robert K. Davies & Co., New York, show liabilities of \$796,000 and assets of \$273,000.

The Senate Naval Committee has ordered a favorable report upon the bill to transfer the revenue marine to the naval department.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A New Peruvian Cabinet Has Been Formed.

The British Premier Said to Be Suffering From an Incurable Disease - Death of a Sultan.

George Augustus Sala has married. Emin Bey has decided to go to Europe. The Empress of Austria is growing insane.

Oporto will vote money for national defenses. Fred Douglass is pleased with his Hayti mission. The American squadron has arrived at Ville de France.

The German troops in East Africa are being reinforced. Dr. Schliemann, the explorer, is back at Athens from Troy. Several plotting Bulgaria commanders have been dismissed.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is dead. His brother succeeds him. Mobs are crying for a Dictator in the streets of Rio Janeiro. Russia is becoming alarmed at Chinese aggression in Manchuria.

Zorilla, the most popular Spanish Republican, is living quietly in Paris. Tolstoi's new drama, "The Power of Darkness," has just been produced.

The Duke of Orleans has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Serpa Pinto has accepted the leadership of the Portuguese Republicans.

Parnell has compromised his libel suit against the London Times for £5,000. Grace Darling's brother George is still living at North Sunderland, England.

English merchants are being expelled from Lisbon's commercial associations. The troops of King Menelek of Abyssinia have routed the army of Ras-Alula.

Edward Grieg, the Norwegian composer, is the rage in London musical circles. A duel is on between the British Minister at Lisbon and a prominent Portuguese.

The dock laborers of Dundee, Scotland, have struck for an advance in wages. Lieutenant Andreas and his sweetheart poisoned themselves at Stuttgart, Germany.

The heir to the throne of Roumania has fallen in love with Queen Natalie of Serbia. Brazil is trying to form an offensive and defensive league of Hispano-American States.

John Morton, 75 years old, shot and killed his son and daughter-in-law at Miami, Manitoba. General Salananco, Captain-General of Cuba, has been interred with great pomp at Havana.

The Elthorn Mining Company of Montana was placed on the London stock market last week. The former palace of Margaret of Navarre on the Rue de Seine, Paris, was burned; loss, \$400,000.

The opposition of British bankers has killed proposed legislation in Parliament for an issue of £1 notes. Lord Salisbury, the English Prime Minister, is said to be suffering from an insidious and incurable disease.

A partner of Herr Most is under arrest in Germany for a murder done in 1886 there before he came to America. King Mwanga has regained authority over Uganda, destroying the slaveholders, and is friendly with the Christians.

Louis Rubenstein, champion fancy skater of America, won the championship of the world at St. Petersburg. The Parnellite members of Parliament have re-elected Parnell Chairman and adopted a vote of confidence in him.

The Australian Colonial conference has unanimously adopted Sir Henry Harker's motion in favor of Colonial federation.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Jobbers have been exceedingly busy all the week getting off orders and receiving goods delayed by the blockade. Continued bad weather still retards outside business, but as soon as weather and railroads assume their normal condition a considerable increase is anticipated.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Agricultural Implements like Breaking Plow, Broadcast Seeders, Binding Twine, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Coffees like Green, Guatemala, Java, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Vegetables (Fresh) like Cabbage, Carrots, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Poultry like Chickens, large young, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Fresh Fruit like Apples, Bananas, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Grain like Barley, whole, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Dairy Produce like Butter, Oregon fancy creamery, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A new post-office in Virginia has been named Poverty. A Milfin (Pa.) woman threw some medicine in the fire, and an explosion took place which carried the stove out of doors.

A man shot sixteen times at a sparrow and finally killed it, but one cow, a log and two cats went along with the sparrow. When you want to compliment a woman on the uncertain side of thirty, speak of some one a little older than she is as a "giri."

As Peter Baur, of Pottsville, was opening a large oyster a strange fish flipped out. It had eaten part of the oyster. It had the head of a catfish. A Newark, Ohio, woman bought a lot of Christmas gifts for her husband and children, and hid them away so carefully that she is now unable to find them.

A grocer in Wheeling, W. Va., after a three days' search for his favorite pug dog, found the animal in a back room of the store, under an inverted half-bushel measure. "Cigarettes for ladies' smoking" are sold in London, provided with specially prepared mouthpieces. They are perfumed with musk and violet, and they are enjoying a very extensive sale.

A tearful widow at Charleston W. Va., obtained an order for four dollars worth of groceries from the poor commissioners. Next day the provisions were spread as the refreshments at her wedding banquet. A physiologist in France has been observing the working of flies in flying and has arrived at the conclusion that the wings of a fly make about 350 beats a second, and that such a fly can travel at the rate of 3,280 feet a minute.

The schoolmas of St. Paul not long ago were instructed to give occasional instruction in plain and fancy sewing to the girls under their charge, and the horrible fact came out that few, if any of the teachers, could do any kind of sewing whatever. A watch made in France during the reign of Louis XV., is owned in New York, and still keeps good time. It was made by hand, and is inclosed in a 24-karat fine case, which is ornamented in Louis XV. style, with sixteen corners. The works are no thicker than a silver dollar.

A Washington County (Kan.) man named Steers mortgaged "four white steers to a loan company. The foreclosure proceedings developed the fact that the man mortgaged his four children. The loan company had Steers arrested, as one of the children was a girl. In parts of Brooklyn the excellent custom has been adopted of placing on street lamps the number of the houses nearest to which they stand. This is a great convenience to people who are searching for a certain number in the dark of the evening, since the general methods of displaying house numbers are far from satisfactory. The idea is not new, having been adopted in New York at least ten years ago.

Who says a dog has not intelligence? A Gardiner (Me.) lady set a dish of soup out in her yard the other day to cool. The dish was very hot, but had a handle. The house dog soon came along to the dish, lured by the fascinating fragrance, contemplated the contents long enough to find that it was his favorite soup, then taking the handle between his teeth, he backed off several rods very carefully, pulling the dish after him to a place which he considered both cooler and more sequestered. He waited for the broth to cool, devoured it with infinite relish, then dragged the dish back to the spot where he found it.—Bangor Commercial.

Recently the dentists of St. Louis have begun to employ young women as office assistants. Probably a dozen are thus employed. They are paid from \$6 to \$10 a week. Among other things, it is their duty to assist in bracing the nerves of patients. One of them says: "If the patient is a woman I frequently stand by her side and hold her hand sympathetically. Some people may laugh at this, but it's an immense help to the person in the chair. Once or twice when a very nervous man was being operated on I have taken his hand, and it really braced his nerve wonderfully." A young poet, not averse to letting strangers know that he was a poet, was one day in the country with a party of friends. Stopping for some milk at a humble farm-house, they saw an old lady weaving a rag-carpet on an old-fashioned loom in a small out-building. Several of the party had never before seen a rag-carpet woven, among the number the young poet. After watching the process for several minutes, he said, in a patronizing tone: "That looks simple, but I dare say, grandmother, I could write a poem easier than I could weave a yard of that carpet." "Like enough," replied the aged weaver, simply, with no intention of placing the young man in an embarrassing position before his friends, "like enough, sir; for, after all, it takes some brains to do this."—Youth's Companion.

Remarkable Astronomical Fact. Two persons were born at the same place, at the same moment of time. After 50 years had rolled by they both died, almost at the same instant, yet one had lived 100 days more than the other. How was this possible? Not to keep our friends in suspense, we will give the solution, which turns on a curious, but, with a little reflection, a very obvious point in circumnavigation. A person going around the world towards the west loses a day and towards the east he gains one. Supposing, then, that these two persons were born at the same instant in St. Louis, from whence a voyage around the world may be easily performed once a year; if one of these persons constantly goes towards the west in 50 years he will be 50 days behind the stationary inhabitants; if the other sails equally fast towards the east he will be 50 days ahead of them. One, therefore will have seen 100 days more than the other, though they were born and died in the same place, and at the same moment, and even lived continually in the same latitude and reckoned time by the same calendar.—St. Louis Republic.