

SHORT STOPS.

It is partly amusing to hear people here talk about "hard times."

It would be wholly amusing were it not that these people who go around talking about "hard times" make the rest of us as well as themselves appear ridiculous.

No community wants to appear ridiculous, but these croakers and prophets of evil make Astoria appear in a ridiculous light.

Other communities catch up the silly utterances and gravely comment on them and make it appear as though it was worth notice, and the city suffers thereby.

People in Oregon, or Clatsop county, or Astoria don't know anything about "hard times."

The fact that they are here, happily keeps them from the possibility of "hard times." With a grand climate, genial surroundings, boundless resources, a combination of the heavens above and the earth beneath to form a conjunction of favorable circumstances, it is laughable and pitiable at the same time to hear anyone here who can stand on two legs talking about "hard times."

Miserable dwellers under sunless skies, on arid plains, by alkali soil, amid fierce Boreal blasts, among the rigors of a frigid clime, might it be able to get away, and sick, complain of "hard times," but it is out of all place to talk of "hard times" in this favored location where earth and air and sea and sky, form so harmonious a combination, as if to show how bountiful Mother Nature can be when she tries to create a little bit of earthly paradise, where simply to feel that we breathe, that we live, is worth the best joys that life elsewhere can give.

Times are always hard with some people; with them nothing is right; they are in a constant state of discontent. They are afflicted with a dry rot, and while not envious, nor malicious, nor ill-natured, yet they croak and prophesy disaster and take melancholy pleasure in seeing an enterprise fall through or an ambitious man fail in his efforts.

They are built that way and it would be only to institute a quarrel with the Almighty to question His purpose in creating them.

Sometimes they serve a useful purpose; but they often get tiresome, and occasionally degenerate into a nuisance.

They are more to be pitied than blamed, and must be borne with, the same as other ills of life from which no place is exempt.

THE CRUISER CHARLESTON.

Started On Her Trial Trip Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—At five o'clock this morning the cruiser *Charleston* started on her trial trip. She steamed slowly around the bay at the rate of eleven knots and at 9:15 passed through the Golden Gate. She is commanded by Capt. Charles Goodall, Jr., of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. The *Charleston* will proceed direct to Santa Barbara channel, though on the way informal tests will be made. On her arrival she will be given time to be prepared for the test which will be a severe one. On board the *Charleston* are only the officers and men of the naval board, consisting of Commodore Benham, Capt. Glass, naval constructor Joseph Fisher, chief engineers Harris, Smith, Wilson and ten assistant engineers.

The associated press representatives are G. M. Gunn, G. W. Dickey and Robt. Forsyth of the Union Iron Works, and W. R. Eckart, mechanical engineer.

No special time is set for the trial trip, which will probably be decided on upon her arrival at her destination. If the first trip is unsatisfactory another will follow.

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TO THE INCREDULOUS.

There Was Never the Man Who was Fooled or Humbled—He Humbled Himself.

The human race affords in itself a most singular study. There are among the many class of thinkers, those who repose too much confidence in others, too little confidence in themselves, or no confidence in anything. The man who knows it all himself, the man who thinks somebody else knows it all and the man who knows he knows it all and knows it all. The egotist, the simpleton and the skeptic. Recognizing the fact that people require more substantial evidence than mere words and promises, Drs. Darrin resort to the most legitimate method of advertising themselves by advertising their cures. That those among the community may be afforded an opportunity of investigating before calling in person upon the doctors, the following testimonials are published bearing evidence of the doctors' ability and skill as well as success.

SORE EYES RESTORED.

EDITOR ASTORIAN, Dear Sir:—I have for over eight years been troubled with my eyes. Lately my left eye became very much swollen and painful, and I could not at times open it. I consulted Dr. Darrin in this city, at the Occident hotel, and he said that my eye could be cured in about a week. He accomplished what he had promised in less than that time. I can be referred to, and I know of other cases that have been cured.

ALEDA RUPPA.

Astoria, Ore.

A RHEUMATIC PATIENT MADE HAPPY. Editor Astorian: For four months past my wife has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism in her arm. For weeks at a time she never knew what it was to have a good night's sleep, and only from sheer exhaustion could she rest from the effects of pain. All my friends tried to persuade me not to go to Drs. Darrin because they advertised. I did go, however, and found to my surprise a man who possessed more skill and knowledge of her case than any I had applied to. His charges were reasonable and my wife is cured. Thanks to Drs. Darrin. Refer to me at 183 D street, Portland.

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LITTLE FOLKS.

A little girl was once asked by an artist to define drawing. "Oh," she replied, "drawing is thinking and then marking around the think." *Seranton Truth.*

He Didn't Fit—Little Johnny witnessed a military drill. One of the officers rode a horse which was unruly, and in some of his antics nearly threw his rider, whereupon little Johnny exclaimed excitedly, "Mamma, mamma, Mr. Fissel's horse don't fit him."—*Youth's Companion.*

Harry had been asking questions for nearly an hour, and his father had very patiently tried to answer them all. The examination was closed abruptly, however, when the boy, with a look of pained surprise, asked: "Say, papa, why aren't you president of the United States?"

"Didn't George Washington ever tell a lie?" asked Harry. "No," he always told the truth; and his father was so glad that he didn't whip him. "I wish I'd been Washington. He could be awful bad if he wanted to and never get whipped, just because he'd go and tell on himself."—*Harper's Bazar.*

Tom's Toothache—Little Tom suffered with the toothache and had worn himself out crying. His grandpa told him to be a man and not cry any more. The little fellow looked tearfully toward his aunt for sympathy and said: "Grandpa thinks this is a slow, soft toothache," but it's a toothache. Poor Tom got lots of pity after his remarkable definition of toothache.—*Exchange.*

Wanted—A Royal Road—Little Mabel, three years old, showed a strong desire to know her alphabet, and her big sister kindly began to teach her. After a few moments of instruction Mabel flew into a dreadful passion of displeasure. "Ah," said the big sister, "so you don't want to learn your letters after all?" "No," said Mabel, very positively, "I don't want to learn 'em—me want to know 'em!"—*Youth's Companion.*

A Settler for Auntie—"What did Mr. Smith mean by saying that the gospel must be spread all over the carpet?" asked Teddy, aged five, of his aunt as they were on their way from church last Sunday. "I didn't hear him say any such thing, Teddy. What he said was that we must spread the gospel all over creation." "That's what I said. When I spilt my milk on the carpet last night, you said I was spilling the milk all over creation."—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

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FATE OF THE BOOMERS.

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C. H. PAGE, Assignee.

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