***************** Merry Moments

As We Journey Through Life Let Us Laugh by the Way

******************* Exhilarating Sport.

First Tourist Abroad - Ha, ha, ha! This is worth all the time, money and bother I've spent over here!

Second Ditto-How's that? First Tourist-I deliberately kissed the little servant maid with the worst gossip in town looking on. There she is over there telling my wife about it, and the old lady can't understand a word of the language. -Judge.

The Near Prizes.

"Some men seem to enjoy bad luck," remarked the cynical ob-

"I never met anv such person." "Oh, yes, you have. Every fisherman you ever knew took more pride in the fish that got away than in those he actually caught."-Washington Star.



Bill-I hear Gill is looking for work.

Jill-No, he's not. He's trying to get a political job. - Yonkers Statesman.

An Alibi.

"You" made a break in making so much noise when you came in early this morning," she remarked, with a stony glitter in her eye.

"No, dear," he answered meekly. "That must have been the day's break you heard." - Baltimore American.

His Job.

"Why does a man have to hire a lawyer for every little thing? Ain't the laws plain?"

"You don't understand. A good lawyer can take any law and prove that it doesn't mean what it says." -San Francisco Chronicle.

Waiting.

Before we were married you said you would obey my slightest wish," said Mrs. Gab.

"And I will as soon as you make a wish that is slight enough," replied Mr. Gab .- Cincinnati Enquirer.

Self Sufficiency.

"Why should anybody try to uplift the stage?' "Why not?"

-Baltimore American.

"Hasn't it got wings of its own?"



"Darling, will you marry me?"
"This is so sudden! Why, you old confirmed bachelor, when did you ever get the idea that you ought to get married ?"

"I decided it yesterday." "But what decided you?" "I won a sidesaddle in a raffle."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In Varsity Terms.

Tapper-What is it a man longs most for after he's been married a few years?

Capper-A bachelor's degree.

Wooing the Wind.

Mary Stuart's house at Roscoff, a little village on the coast of Finistere, now the property of the French nation, was built as a chapel marking the spot where Mary, queen of Scots, landed in 1548 to marry the dauphin. In the chapel, which is named St. Ninian, a curious custom has grown up among the Roscoff women. They gather the dust from the floor and carefully blow it in the opposite direction from where their husbands and sweethearts are out fishing. This, they believe, will assure a fair wind

Japan's Sacred Island.

Kinkazan, the sacred island of northern Japan, now one of the most attractive spots for sightseers, was held so holy in the ancient days that no woman was allowed to land upon its shores, although it was visited yearly by hundreds of devotees from whom the priests reaped a rich harvest. But in 1873, when the temples were handed over from Buddhism to Shintoism, it lost much of its sacredness, and since that time the buildings have been gradually allowed to fall into decay, several having been completely destroyed by fire.

The Greatest General.

All things duly considered, the greatest general of whom we have any knowledge was in all probability the Carthaginian, Hannibal. All the information we have of Hannibal comes from his enemies, and yet what achievements they were forc-ed to credit him with! The second Punic war—the most brilliant in history-was practically one man against a whole nation, and that the strongest then known. With the army that he had molded out of raw and barbarous levies Hannibal had to fight a nation of the stoutest and best trained warriors of ancient times, and he had to do this without any assistance from home. It has been well said that there is nowhere else so good an example of what a single man of genius may achieve against the most tremendous odds. -New York American.

Cedars of Lebanon.

Only some 400 of the famous forest of cedars of Lebanon remain, and they have been inclosed by a stone wall, necessary to protect the smaller trees from the ever hungry mountain goat. The cedars stand on a small plateau at an elevation of slightly over 6,000 feet. A winding road from Bsherreh leads up the slope to the spot where the ancient trees excite the wonder and admiration of tourists. The highest rears its top eighty feet skyward .- Argonaut.

The Oldest Tune.

What is the oldest tune in the world? At the battle of Leipzig, about 100 years ago, where Napoleon was beaten, Bonaparte walked about softly whistling the tune of "Malbrook s'en va-t-en guerre." It is a very old tune and has many words put to it. It is the tune that has acquired "We Won't Go Home Till Morning" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

A Good and Safe Rule. It is a good and safe rule to soourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.—John Ruskin.

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The Name

The city derives its name from the falls of the Little Luckiamute River, which flows through the city from the West.

The first sale of town lots occurred in 1889, though donation land-claim settlers came here many years before that date. In 1900 the population was 269; in 1910, 969; 1914. about 1,250.

The Location

Falls City is situated in the south central part of Polk County. Oregon, in section 21, township 8, S., range 6, W., Willamette meridian, 27 rail miles southwest of Salem, and 73 rail miles southwest of Portland, in the narrow western end of the Little Luckiamute River valley, surrounded on the north, south, and west by the foothills of the Coast Range mountains. Elevation, 886.38 ft above sea level. Transportation-Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad, which extends from Salem to Black Rock, a rail distance of 30 miles, with S. P. main line connections at Dallas, Gerlinger, and Salem, and with the Oregon Electric at Salem

Falls City is incorporated as a city, contains about 800 acres, valuation for taxation \$252,000. The city administration is composed of mayor, seven councilmen, auditor and police judge, marshal, treasurer, engineer, health officer. Salaries: Marshal and water superintendent, \$60; auditor, \$25; attorney, \$25.

Water and Wood

The city of Falls City owns the gravity water system. Its first cost was \$30,000. Pure mountain water is piped from springs on Judge Teal's ranch, 3 miles away, at an elevation of about 300 feet above city level.

Oak and fir fire wood is plentiful and cheap.

Lumber, Fruit, Vegetables and Berries

Electric-power planing and saw mill, log pond, dry kiln and lumber yard in the city, lumber flume, logging roads and logging outfits, all owned and operated by the Falls City Lumber Co.

The surrounding bench and hill lands are as well adapted to the production of fruits and berries as any other section of the Pacific Northwest, and development on these lines is going on.

Vegetables and berries of many kinds grow to perfection in and adjoining Falls City, and many acres are planted to strawberries and loganberries. Market conditions are improving steadily, as production is increased.

Schools, Churches, Societies, Clubs

Falls City has a 12-grade school with a four-year high school course, with principal, assistant, and eight grade teachers. Its diplomas are accepted by the higher schools in lieu of examinaations. The entire community is justly proud of the school,

The Religious organizations are: Adventist, Catholic, Christian, Free Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, German Lutheran.

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Real estate agent, C. W. Lee.

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