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WAITING FOR THE STORK.

A dispatch of a few days ago relates that several hundred of the morbidly curious surrounded the ga.. of the Astor mansion in New York wai.ing for the expected visit of the stork, and the jam became so great that the prospective mother gave up an intended outing in the park.

Now, isn't that a pretty way of treating a woman at a time when morbid curiosity is peculiarly distasteful to her; when she shrinks from public gaze rather than seeks the attention of the mob; at a time when not'iing should be done to excite or flustrate; at a time above all times when gentle attention should overcome vulgar curiosity.

That the woman is the widow of a dead millionaire does not change the conditions. Her feelings at this time are the same as if she had been the wife of a hod carrier. The son of a millionaire, the daughter of a king and heir of a czar come into this world of trouble and care in the same humble manner as the progeny of the carpenter, day laborer or street sweeper. The burden of the mother is the same, be she high or low. She suffers the same pain, requires the same attention and has the same dislike of being the cynosure of the eyes of the mob.

Have we none of the finer feelings that impel us to hold woman at this trying period of life as an object for respect—from afar?

When her surroundings should be mellifluous, must she harken to the babble of the rabble?

Must her sanctity be defiled with heathen eyes? Must her bedroom be made a public gathering place?

At a time when even the lower animals seek seclusion in nature's fastnesses, must the highest of procreative organism, woman, because she happens to be a favored daughter of fortune, be hawked about before the public gaze?

When Mrs. Astor looked out upon the morbid, noisy, vulgur mob waiting there for anticipated news that an heir had arrived from heaven or somewhere else to take the place of the father who recently went to heaven or somewhere else, she shrank back and refused to go out for an anticipated ride in the open air.

For shame!

Is this our great enlightened citizenship of which we boast so proudly?

Is this the thoughtfulness, kindness and gentle attention due woman in her hour of labor, when the winged flight of the stork may be followed by the hushed flight of the angel of death; when the giving of a new life to earth may mean the departure of another?

Decidely no! Such treatment is low, vulgar, thoughtless aud inhuman! The public needs some training in the laws of common decency.

Newspapers that announce expected events of this kind a year or so ahead are altogether too alert in their search for news.

The whole business is nauseating, disgusting to those of finer feelings.

The most popular thing Taft could have done would have been to have signed the wool bill. But he vetoed it because he thought that the only just course to pursue. Still they will say he has no backbone.

LaFollette is somewhat impertinent in questioning the "thou shalt not steal" candidate about what happened to the Wisconsin delegates in 1908.

BEST FOOT FORWARD

Right now is the moment Cottage Grove should put its best foot forward.

A road from here to Lorane next summer, and eventually to the coast, is an assured fact.

The Oregon Electric will be here inside of a year. Officers of the road have so declared.

The next twelve month is to be a big year for Cottage Grove.

Big men are going to visit our city.

Capitalists may drop in on us at any moment.

There is no telling what moment the president of the Oregon Electric may drop in for a public meeting.

Cottage Grove must be in a position to take care of these people when they come.

Cottage Grove must have a place where they can meet the citizens and business men of the city.

Cottage Grove must do the handsome thing on those occasions.

The place where these people will naturally expect to be entertained is at the Commercial Club.

The citizens they will expect to meet will be members of the Commercial Club, for they will naturally expect all "live wires" to be members of such a club.

That is what they meet with elsewhere. They will expect nothing less of Cottage Grove.

It is imperative that during the next year Cottage Grove have a "live wire" commercial body.

And yet with this imperative necessity for an organization that means so much to the city and every citizen and business man in the city, two-thirds of those who should be members hang back and let the few bear the burdens.

But they all have excuses!

Some do not want to pay for pool tables that they never use.

Others do not support it because apparently a few do all the business.

Others do not support it because promotion work is laggard.

And so the excuses go.

And the very reason that these conditions exist is because those kickers do not get in and actively participate in the business.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Cottage Grove can not properly fulfill the magnificent destiny for which it is intended with two thirds of the people waiting to see what the other third will do.

Walk right up; pungle up your initiation fee, get right in and change these conditions of which you complain.

One man has held an army at bay.

The personality of one man changed the map of Europe.

Maybe you are the man for the breach or the general to gather the scattered troops together and lead them to victory.

Come on in, the water's fine.

HEARST FOR TAFT

In view of his recent editorial utterances it does not seem improbable that William Randolph Hearst will come out flat-footed for Taft. He is disgusted with democratic party and could not under any circumstances be induced to support Roosevelt's personal party. He has even seen fit to speak many words of praise for the Taft administration.

Hearst has many peculiarities that do not make him popular as a national factor, but in New York he controls enough votes to swing an election between three closely contested tickets. And belittle him as much as you will every union labor man has a warm place in his heart for William Randolph Hearst. This fact alone would make his support felt, in view of the fact that Taft has always been weak with the union labor vote.

TEDDY CALLED COWARD AND HYPOCRITE

When A. C. Shaw, of Spokane, filed recently as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress at large, he obtained permission from Secretary of State Rowell to include in the filing a "statement of principle," covering over eleven typewritten pages and including a denunciation of Roosevelt. Shaw's statement says he is a republican and believes in the progressive principles as outlined by Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Taft and Governor Hay of Washington, but is no longer a 'follower of Roosevelt. The statement bitterly scores the former president and his standing on many questions since he has been out of office. Shaw's statement declares that he much prefers the word of a Spokane saloonkeeper to that of Roosevelt. In this statement Shaw says: "I despise a coward or a hypocrite and Roosevelt is both."

The Next President.

The next President of the United States is a currency reformer.

Governor Wilson says: "The question of currency reform lies very near to the prosperity of the country. We suffer from crises because of our unscientific system of currency."

Colonel Roosevelt says: "There must be a revision of our currency laws, because to leave them as they are means to incur liability of business disaster."

President Taft says: "Banking and currency reform is necessary to the interests of all the people"

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Roosevelt Platform.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug. 8, 1912.
Ed. Sentinel: Fearing you possibly might not be able to secure a copy of the new progressive platform, I have copied it in full for you and hand it in so that you may place it on file and if there should come a time during the coming campaign when you wish to refer to it, it will be at hand. It follows:

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There are two more lines of the document which might be copied, but up on close examination I found them to be a practical repitition of the first two lines, so left them out. However, if you wish the document in full, just repeat the first two lines in closing.

A. PHOOL.

Criticise not, lest ye be criticised.

There's a reason for everything—except women.

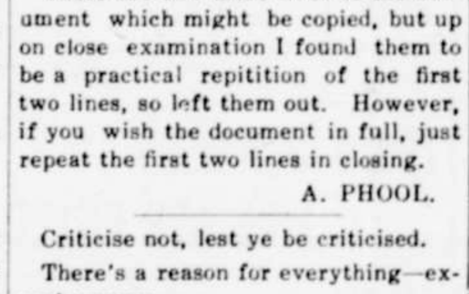
Some politicians are afraid that with wireless politics they will be unable to make the connection.

Women may be the wine of life, but they would strenuously object to being put on the shelf until properly aged.

Some people do not care to lay up treasures in heaven for fear that they will never get there to enjoy them.

As a matter of political history it would be interesting to know who was clerk of court when Adam got his marriage license.

The woman who went after her husband with a stick of dynamite evidently intended giving him a regular old-fashioned "blowing up."



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Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

An exchange says that all American girls are born with voices. It is not probable that anyone will contradict the statement.

The man who wanted to take out a fire insurance policy on his life must have had a hunch as to where he was going

A german savant wants to know how long a dream lasts. That often depends upon how long you put off the marriage ceremony, or how long before election day.

A dispatch says New York is to have a building 62 stories high, with a flag pole 150 feet above that. The whole thing sounds like another story, which makes 63 in all.

The proud parents who have their babies' pictures taken in the nude don't stop to think what an embarrassment they may sometime prove to the original in later life.

A young lady who tries to keep house on her musical education will find married life rather flat and out of tune. A poorly fed man isn't in a position to enjoy the best music, while a well fed one will listen to most any kind without kicking.

The man who spends his leisure hours improving his mind is making an investment that will pay more than a hundred per cent.

You hear many sharp criticisms of music produced by a flat piano.

A homsteader at Rainy River, Canada, woke up one morning recently and found that he had grown completely baldheaded during the night. Scientists are puzzled to account for the occurrence but it is probable that his scalp and hair had a falling out.

A physical giant with a dwarfed soul seems sadly out of place in this old world.

The man who keeps his eyes on the face of the clock will never see the wheels go round.

If some of the papers are to be believed, a coroner's jury is what they need down in Washington.

Don't traduce your enemies. It won't help you any—and then you may want to use them tomorrow.

The sun may never set on the stars and stripes, but a new star is hatched out every now and then.

A newspaperman always speaks of an article written for a newspaper as a story—probably because that doesn't sound as harsh as to call it a lie.

Time is ours to make what use of it we will—but it bows not to our will.

Even the most regular gas meter does not tend to the use of poetic language.

Every man has a right to his own opinions—so don't use them without giving credit.

Clothes may not make the man, but no gentleman will try to get along without them.

Gold is returning to Europe, after an interesting study of the financial system of this country.

Remember that today is the time to do the things that you put off until tomorrow yesterday.

Cigarettes are now said to cure the drink habit. Another case where the cure is worse than the disease.

If people were as careful about their religion as they are about the clothes they wear to church, what a pleasant place this old earth would be.

If voting at conventions could be done by secret or written ballot it would probably do away with the "band wagon" movement that often thwarts the will of the majority.

"The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children, even unto the third and fourth generations," so we are told—and some people will leave enough to go around.

In the olden times Assyrian lovers used to write their letters on clay tablets, resembling bricks, but somewhat thinner, which were often used as material for building castles in the air.

It must be some consolation to congressmen to know that if they are defeated the successful candidate will two years from now be asked to do the same explaining that the present congressmen are doing now.

"What's worth doing at all is worth doing well," and this even applies to thieves. The man who steals only $1.50 goes to jail, but the man who "misappropriates" $150,000 gets a job as a railway president.

The mistletoe, with its many pretty associations, has been found to be a wolf in sheep's clothing, whole forests having been poisoned by it. War has therefore been declared upon the venerated evergreen and it will no longer take a part in the osculatory demonstrations at Yuletide.

An eastern society woman declares a woman can't dress on less than $20,000 a year. We are willing to take an oath that there are many who cut two ciphers off that amount and cover more than those who spend a larger amount.

The Question of
Home Comforts

¶ To pave the way to better homes, a more comfortable existence for the people of this city and community, is our ambition.

¶ To acquire knowledge of how to make home life more enjoyable for you and to do so at the least possible expense is our duty.

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