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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1909.
GOVERNOR FOLK AT EUGENE.

Ex-Governor Folk delivered a lecture at Eugene Saturday evening.

Three years ago Governor Folk said he wanted no boodler's vote. Today he says to the insolent outlaw, liquor dealer, race track gamblers and criminal wealth—"I do not want your support. I prefer your enmity to your good-will. If I can succeed in pleasing the law-abiding and displeasing the lawless, I shall be entirely satisfied." Therefore

He has become the most hated man in Missouri by crooks and outlaws. Brewers, saloon keepers, gamblers, grafters and corporate monopolies who would break the laws or oppress the people, curse him and denounce him. He is vilified by all who hate right and sympathize with vice, crime and monopoly. All he has is the support of the law-abiding people of Missouri, who believe in him and support him. The enemies he has made prove his sincerity. He refuses to permit the police departments and boards under his control to be a political machine. He has no machine except the heart and conscience of the people. He is conservative in charging wrongdoing, and would not oppress lawful capital or legal business, but once sure of an evil he is radical in its extermination.

POINTER TO THE S. P. COMPANY.

A bill is to become a law providing for the establishment of a stone crushing plant at the state reformatory at St. Cloud, the crushed stone to be used for building roads. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads have offered to haul this rock to any point on their lines not to exceed 75 miles distant, free of charge. Here is a pointer for our state railroad authorities. Get busy and assist in the great good roads movement throughout the length and breadth of the state.

The Albany Democrat says: "A man can do a thousand favors and then get it in the neck for one imaginary offense." No one experiences and realizes this fact so much as an editor.

Indications are that Congress will not adjourn before July first. It is said hot weather is the only thing that will hurry the passage of the tariff bill.

TOO MANY CONTRIBUTORS.

The Leader is "swamped" with articles for publication all bearing on the recent speech of Haywood in this city. A local champion of the temperance cause gives him an unmerciful flaying for his expressed opposition to temperance. Another writer charges him with treason for his denunciation of the supreme court; a third article puts him down and out on the injunction question, while a fourth contributor comes to his rescue and eloquently defends and eulogizes the term "agitator" as applied to Mr. Haywood. These articles are all evidently carefully prepared and well written, but the Leader not being supplied with a type setting machine, its space being limited and its subscribers demanding that at least a few news items be published in its columns once in a while, we do not see our way clear to handle all of these able contributions, which appear as a kind of a "tempest in a teapot" anyway. When the Leader puts in that new linotype then we will be prepared for such emergencies.

SOME REASONS WHY.

Ten good reasons why every respectable man should swear just as often and as hard as he can.

1. Because it is such an elegant way of expressing one's thoughts.
2. Because it is such a conclusive proof of taste, character and good breeding.
3. Because it is such a sure way of making one's self agreeable to his friends.
4. Because it is positive evidence of an acquaintance with good literature.
5. Because it furnishes such a splendid example and training for boys.
6. Because it is just what a man's mother enjoys having her son do.
7. Because it would look so nice in print with one's name signed to it.
8. Because it is such a good way of increasing one's self respect.
9. Because it is such a great help to manhood and virtue.
10. Because it is such an infallible way of improving one's chances in the hereafter.

It looks like there is certainly a great field for a live civic improvement club over at Coquille, the county seat of Coos county, where cattle are still allowed to roam the streets, browse on the succulent young shade trees, eat the hay out of the farmers wagons and vegetables in front of the grocery stores. At the recent election the town cow won out by only a majority of one over at Coquille, against a majority of twenty last year. At this rate the Coquille cow will have to give up town life and take to the woods next year.

MURDERER THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN INSANE

Hillsboro, Ore., May 16.—Because his girl wife gave him skim milk instead of cream, John D. Roselair picked up a cleaver and crushed in her head.

The murder occurred Saturday morning in a lonely mountain home 29 miles from Hillsboro, near the scene where Walter Johnson killed Elmer Perdue early in July last year.

Removing the woman's bloody clothing and destroying all trace of the crime, Roselair set things to rights about the house and waited until 10 o'clock last night, when he traveled 29 miles through the rain and darkness to Hillsboro and surrendered himself to Sheriff Hancock.

There are already a good many orchardists who are congratulating themselves upon the fact that they set out winter apples, pears or cherries instead of English walnuts, since the late frost wrought such havoc to many walnut trees, both old and young. Better stay with Oregon's famous big red apple, Mr. Orchardist! It is a safe and practically sure proposition—has been tried and fills the bill perfectly as a commercial commodity.

Spring wheat, which would have been hardly suitable for hay, in the condition it was growing before the rain, and which would not have been high enough stalked to be cut with the reaper, will grow to full harvesting size now, and a fair, if not a bumper crop, is predicted. Half the spring wheat had not sprouted, but it will now come up and grow.

About 250 new claims have been added by the assessor to the tax rolls that have been proved up on by homesteaders or cash entry since the last assessment a year ago. This puts considerable more land on the tax rolls and it must be worth at least \$5 an acre.

The Umpqua Valley News published at Roseburg, issued a handsome illustrated special edition Monday setting forth the resources and advantages of Roseburg and Douglas county. It was a creditable booster edition.

When you are in an argument with a fool you may be sure he is engaged in the same employment. The Leader don't argue.

The new city administration is now in a fair way to accomplish some very much needed street improvements.

They Worried Offenbach.
 When "La Belle Helene" was about to be produced, Offenbach was most anxious that his airs should not get about before the first night and had asked all his company to be most careful not to let any one hear them, but his tunes were so catchy that it was almost impossible to help singing them. One day Ernest Blum and his friends were sitting opposite Offenbach in a cafe when one of them began to hum a leading air of "La Belle Helene."

"Who taught you that?" cried Offenbach in a rage.
 "No one," replied Blum. "I have known it for ages." And they all agreed that their nurses used to sing it to them when they were children. Presently Albert Wolff, who was one of the party, began to sing another of the airs.
 "What!" cried Offenbach. "You know that too?"
 "I composed it myself," said Wolff.

Offenbach then saw that they were playing a practical joke on him and demanded the name of the slugger who had sung them the opera. They refused, and so the composer threatened that he would fine every one in the theater unless they told him. So Blum and his friends stood up and began the first chorus of the first act and declared they would sing the finale before the whole cafe unless Offenbach relented. The composer, in terror for his music, gave in.
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Humor and Philosophy
 By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is too bad, but there are people who find it simply impossible to be clever and good at the same time.

There are people who are so absorbed with being conscientious that they never have time to do anything.

People who have had spring fever straight through the year can't have the pleasure of acquiring it with the first balmy day.

People who have nothing to say can very easily make a reputation for bravery and farsightedness.

Spring elections will soon be crowded to the wall by baseball and spring millinery.

As a maker of explanations a man may be a good demonstrator, lecturer, teacher or just a plain liar.

Deciding on a spring suit is very difficult when you must determine whether you will have your old blue or your old brown suit rejuvenated to play the part.

The connection between a good guesser and a sure winner may not always be obvious, but still it is apt to be close.

There is no use in claiming a thing as your right unless you have a strong arm or something just as good to back your claim.

Proof Not Lacking.

I will venture to say that when those modern scientists make their report it will be along this line.

"After years of strenuous labor and scientific research we find that the bugs had possession long in advance of the swallows and those found in the nests were simply an overflow from the dwellings."

One pair that has nested under my roof for three seasons have no bugs in or about their nests, and all the scientific research employed was search for a ladder.

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