

READY FOR BUSINESS

Tis said the world should be at peace,
That nations should from turmoil cease,
That all, their armies should disband,
And stay the ruthless, bloody hand.

This may be proper, sure, it may,
But, yet, I learned, the other day,
That O. A. Wolverton doth seem
As one dissenting from the scheme,

And Marshal Nott, so we did hear,
Holds to the same opinion, queer,
For since they chased the convict,
bold,

Both have been armed, so we are told.

And, now, provided with the best,
Why should they let those pitols rest?
For man is but a tall, grown boy,
And dearly loves the noisy toy.

The guns supplied, were from a friend.
And so we cannot comprehend,
Why these men bold, and likewise gay,
In silence hid those guns away?

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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Ore., Aug. 15—Oregon may very likely be given first choice in locating its state building on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Due to the good feeling that prevails between the two Pacific Coast states and the help given San Francisco by Oregon in being made the Panama Exposition city, a sentiment favorable to letting Oregon place its state building anywhere it wishes on the entire exposition tract has developed and will probably develop into a definite promise.

Oregon commissioners expect to score a big hit at the coming exposition and assert it will be as much an Oregon affair as an exploitation of California. Exhibits to be shown from this state are expected to equal fully, if not actually outshine, the showing made by California itself.

Pendleton's Round-Up, the unique animal feature of that city that shows the disappearing wild west, will be bigger and better than ever this year, with more attractions and larger crowds. The dates are September 14-16. The management is making arrangements for additional features never before shown in Oregon.

Harrisburg will have an interesting exhibit during the last week in August, when a potato show will be put on by the women of the Improvement Club. That section of the state produces splendid potatoes and the crop this year is excellent. Considering the high prices of potatoes, this exhibit should attract much attention.

Freewater and the surrounding country will hold its annual peach day festival on Aug. 24. On that date there promises to be a great shewing of luscious peaches, for which that district is so noted.

Mosier will hold a big banquet on September 4, when its commercial club will get together the business interests of the Mosier Valley and outline the work intended to be accomplished during the coming year. Portland interests will be represented.

Port Orford promises something unusual for August 23, 24 and 25, and announces an agate carnival, which is expected to develop into an annual affair. There will be a happy blending of the old times and the new, with clambakes, pioneer reunions, prizes for the biggest fish caught and the finest agates picked up from the beaches, and the historic conflict of Battle Rock will be fought over again between a tribe of make-believe Indians and the whites.

The Plymouth Rock's Complaint

Elucidated by John Hobbs

I was crowing one morning before break o'day,
Which is quite my accustomed, usual way.

When a sound like a shriek from the Rhode Island pen
Quite shocked me and thrilled me again and again.

I knew 'twas a crow, or at least, meant to be,

And conjectured the chicken was answering ME,

And there's nothing so hard to endure, don't you know,
'Sfor a pin-feathered chicken to copy My crow.

Men say (I have heard 'em) "There's trouble for all,"

And they'll argue from crow-time till evening shades fall

'Bout elections and schools, about Freedom and Sin.

(Whatever *that* is, something outside or in.)

But the matter I find much too hard to endure,

(Not like Men's frivolities, easy to cure.)

Is a thing out of which insurrections might grow—

An unwarranted liberty took with MY CROW.

So I tried to peer over and tried to see under,

Which one of those chickens was "stealing my thunder,"

And I furthermore said, "Bless my gizzard," says I—

"That'll make me so nervous I know I shall fly."

Then I said to my wives, "Look-e here, now, I say,

Some o'you are to blame for that Freak's hatch or lay;"

But they sleepily grumbled, as they turned on their toes

"He's a Red and we're Rocks, as all the world knows."

So I said to the man that I keep around here,

I said to 'im—says I—"It does seem mighty queer

That a patriarch, hatched in the far, long ago

Should be 'copied in cambrie' like that little crow."

"Those little frivolities you talk about

Are not 'in it' with this, and I tell you, straight out,

That, considering MY Dignity, its easy to see

I *can't* have him trying to imitate ME."

A Joke That Failed.

Once when Henrik Ibsen was engaged in writing a play he by chance dropped a scrap of paper on which were the words, "the doctor says."

Mrs Ibsen determined to have a joke and one day casually remarked: "Who is that doctor in your new play? I suppose he'll say some interesting things?"

Ibsen at first was silent with astonishment. Then he broke out into a fit of rage, full of reproaches for her spying.

Tenuity.

The convivial boarder as he sat down explained that if anybody present noticed an odor of cloves it was due to his having been trying to relieve a toothache

"Among the permissible synonyms for 'thin,'" observed the taciturn boarder, breaking the long silence that followed, "are 'gauzy,' 'diaphanous,' 'exiguous' and 'anguliform.'" Mrs. Irons, where are the pickles?"—Chicago Tribune.

Different Ivories.

"Let's go down and have a game of billiards."

"Excuse me, but I'm a greenhorn at billiards."

"Greenhorn? I am surprised, sir. Why, you told me you were at home with the ivories."

"So I am, sir. I am a dentist."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

One Comfort.

"Nothing is so bad that it couldn't be worse," quoted the wise guy.

"Yes," agreed the simple mug, "we can't suffer from insomnia and nightmare at the same time."—Philadelphia Record.

Life is a campaign, not a battle, and has its defeats as well as its victories.—Don Platt.

Only a Decoy.

"I think she will make a very domestic wife. I have been calling on her for several months now and always find her darning one of her father's socks."

"But have you noticed that it is always the same old sock?"—Louisville Courier-Journal

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