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Meditations

This would have been a great day for Theodore Roosevelt.

Studying the election returns we may wonder what became of the labor vote and the railroad vote through which Cox was to profit. We suspect that labor men and railroad men divide on political lines very much as other groups of people do and their suffrage is not to be handed bodily to any one.

November 22 to 24 are the dates of the corn show to be held in Independence. Corn growing is a new institution in the Willamette valley, comparatively speaking. The time was when it was asserted there were lots of things the climate of the valley did not argue with and which consequently could not be produced here at a profit. Each year the list grows smaller and the corn show is an institution that will evidence our progress in growing the crop that is the mainstay of the states along the Mississippi. Prizes aggregating \$200 in cash and \$250 in merchandise are offered as rewards to exhibitors. People interested in the development of this part of Polk county should plan to take in this show and if possible have exhibits there.

While it may be true that the country was set for a change of administration and anything Cox might have done would have had little to do with averting the avalanche, we may speculate on what would have happened had he lived up to his reputation and appealed to the wets the same as Governor Edwards of New Jersey appealed to them last year. He appears to have lost his old friends and gained few new ones. To paraphrase the Vicar of Wakefield, "they who are wet and will associate with none but the dry, are hated by those they avoid and despised by those they follow". The nation honors sincerity and somehow the spectacle of Cox in the guise of a moral reformer did not appeal to it.

The late A. N. Halleck was of the type known as everybody's friend. He had a cheery greeting for everyone and if he had any personal enemies the fact never appeared in his private conversation. "Present" he would exclaim, as he entered the Herald office, and then add, "Oh, I thought some one started to call the roll". He delighted in homely rhymes and expressed the opinion that he was a poet and didn't know it. The Chinook jargon was also a favorite accomplishment of his and if he could get hold of another pioneer who was similarly accomplished they would hold joyful converse in which the least talented auditor would catch such expressions as "cultus", "skookum", "tillicum", "wake ike copni nika". His mind was stored with the lore and traditions of the early pioneers and he liked to recall the unusual in weather, in crops, in the economical conditions of the country. He was one of the fast disappearing links between today and the time of the early settlement of Oregon.

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The Hippo's Day Off

The teacher of English I in High School has chosen one of a number of compositions for publication.

There were many animals in the Zoo but there was only one hippopotamus. He was known, by all the other animals, to hate his keeper, which was very odd because all of the other animals liked him. But the Hippo had a reason for his hatred. Once when he was very hungry the keeper had brought him a fine dinner and was standing by the cage ready to feed him when some visitors walked by. Of course, they were very much interested in the animals and the keeper, forgetting about the Hippo, said he would show them around. So he went off forgetting to feed Hippo. Now Mr. Hippos, you can imagine, was very angry after he had seen his nice dinner, and then to have it taken away in such a manner. So he thought he would let the keeper know about it. He started a great commotion. The keeper heard the noise but only thought the Hippo was up to one of his tricks and paid no heed.

Now Mr. Monkey, who lived in the cage next door, wanted to know the cause of this sudden anger. The Hippo told him the story only to have the Monkey laugh as if his story would burst. By this time all the other animals had become curious and it was only a few minutes until the story had spread to every part of the Zoo. Of course, the animals thought it a fine joke. This made the Hippo very angry to be laughed at so he decided to get even. One bright day Mr. Hippo called over to Mr. Monkey and told him of his plan. Mr. Monkey thought this a huge joke and settled down to watch the fun. About noon the keeper came to feed the Hippo. He had a nice meal for him but as he started to open the door the Hippo jumped forward and escaped into the outside world. The police and attendants saw him but were unable to get him back as the Hippo was a fast runner and played so many tricks on them. He ran around the trees, went over to visit the other animals in their cages and on the whole had a very enjoyable time. After he had played around all day, a little boy who had been watching the excitement suggested that they get the Hippo to chase the keeper and have the keeper run into the cage thus trapping him.

This was considered a good plan. Now Mr. Hippo is known not to be a very dangerous animal, but when he gets his temper roused he is very fierce. So the keeper knew that he must be prepared to get out of the cage in a little time.

He then thought of a plan. The cage was made with wide spaces between the bars, large enough for the keeper to get through, but not large enough for the Hippo to get through, so the keeper ran around the Zoo and, of course, the Hippo gave chase. The keeper then ran into the cage and out through the bars. The Hippo, of course, had followed, but finding he was trapped, gave up.

Now Mr. Monkey told me this story and I am hoping that you will not repeat it as we all know Mr. Hippo is very sensitive on this point and we would hate to hurt his feelings.

By Dorothy Clark.

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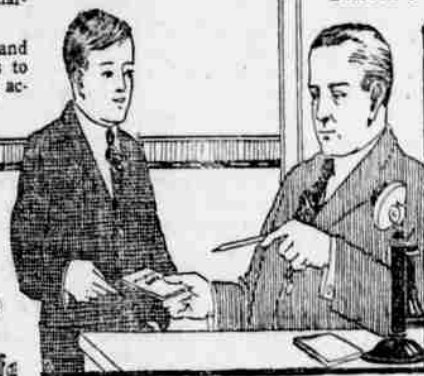
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