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Records prove that the upbuilding of a healthy, prosperous city is a result of having given the other fellow a chance. Don't try to hog it all.

The Board of Control for the Normal Schools recommends a good appropriation for Weston, Monmouth and Ashland Normals and the abolishment of Drain. We believe the board is pursuing a wise policy in continuing their Normals and asking for the liberal support of them.—Vale Oriano.

During the blizzards reported from various sections of the country the hospitable climate of Oregon was, up to this week, especially recommendable to dwellers in the "Beaver State". The weather this week is the roughest seen in the Willamette valley in many years. A redeeming feature with Oregon she knows how to straighten out of a tantrum with better grace than most any other state.

1908 will go down in history as the greatest year Oregon ever enjoyed, and the numerous new year and holiday editions of the newspapers of the state will carry the story of this progress to thousands of Eastern people. Of all the holiday editions that have come to the desks of the Enterprise there is none that compares any more favorably than that of the Salem Statesman new year number. It is creditable, to say the least.

Yes, thousands of dollars are carried in the pockets of overalls and much more is tied up securely in the toes of old sox. Back of a homely face is often bestowed superior intelligence and under coarse linen may be found the truest heart. None of these circumstances argue for themselves more than that all people deserve courteous treatment. Their employment determines their attire and circumstances their linen. Some characters in overalls fill one with more reverence than any makeup of evening costume. So, be cleanly, be moral, be generous.

"Advertising today is the most potent force in finance and commerce," declared Stephen W. Bolles of the Humphrey Advertising Company, in a recent address before the St. Louis College of Finance and Law. "It is today the mightiest factor in the business world. It is a business builder with a potency that goes beyond human desires. It is something more than a drummer's knocking at the door of the customer; it is a positive creative force in business. Modern advertising has made the luxuries of yesterday the necessities of today. The constant dropping of the water of publicity wears away the stone of indifference."

From every corner of the world where civilized people dwell will come contributions to help swell the great purse which will be made up for the stricken country of Italy. There has been no calamity in the history of the world to compare with that which was visited upon the Italians last week. It is safe to say that every civilized race of earth is represented among the victims of the awful catastrophe. It is simply bewildering for the human mind to attempt to picture anything of the want and deprivation that hangs over that country. It is the duty of every community of the world to offer donations to the sufferers of stricken Italy. The Enterprise will take charge of any contributions that the people of Independence care to make and will forward them to the proper people in Salem or Portland.

January and February are the months of clearance sales. Watch the advertising of these sales in the Enterprise. It's a good time to get real bargains in merchandise. The Enterprise asks you to do the favor of patronizing the advertisers when you can do so without inconveniencing yourselves. It will pay you to do it because you know as well as you know anything that it is the best houses that advertise. Stop and think a minute. Isn't it a fact in almost every case that the merchant who does not advertise is the one who is too close and stingy to appreciate his own best interests. He is not pleasant to trade with. He never has a bargain for you and you will notice that he hangs on to his old stuff for good profits until there is nothing left in his shop that is desirable. Don't you remember stores that were like that? Perhaps you will remember also that they were poor patrons of the newspapers. Stand by the good advertiser for he is the substantial merchant and will prove to be your best friend.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

There are some people in the world who are so perverse that they will not let us show them how nicely the world could get along without them.



An obstinate man would rather have his own way than be popular and genial, and it is lucky for him that he would.

In the case of the town gossip a little knowledge is apt to be a slanderous thing.

Some men regard the man who has no troubles to be drowned as a truly pitiable individual.

Lots of men who are always running for office never seem to get anywhere.

Probably the greatest service a doctor does is keeping us from being scared to death.

The unpreparedness that sometimes overcomes us in an emergency is attained in some cases only by much preparation.

The mean things we didn't say don't keep us awake nights, even if they won't let us go to sleep.

Blessed, ah, blessed indeed, is it to give, more so than to receive, but how about the poor mortal who can do neither?

Pride is a very foolish thing, but it is the foolish things of the world that have made the most noise in it.

Perpetual Youth. What's the use of growing old? Not the slightest bit. At threescore a man need not fold his arms and quit. That's what the professor says. Calm your doubts and fears, You can just be starting in At one hundred years.

It is easy, so they say Who have never tried. Only need to have the rules Thoroughly applied. Just like falling off a log Backward, they allow. But they always die before They have shown us how.

Once in every little while Some one comes along Who can beat the dying game Or his guess is wrong. He can tell you what to do So you'll last and thrive For a century or two And still be alive.

What's the use of dying young. Dropping off for keeps. At the age of ninety-two? Hear them sigh, "He sleeps." You can spend some fifty more Years of pleasant ease. As the tall Missourian says, Show us, if you please.

Up to the Audience.



"Is your play a tragedy or a farce?" "I don't know yet. I want to wait and see whether it makes the audience laugh or cry."

Doesn't Work That Way. How nice and pleasant it would be If now and then there would appear upon our family tree An uncle rich and good Who'd leave this world of pain and woe With much celerity And let a goodly fortune go To us in verity! But, alas,

I grieve to say, It very seldom works that way.

Frustrated. "I am looking for work." "Fond of it?" "Yes." "What kind of work?" "Any kind, just so it is work." "Mighty proud of your good old family, aren't you?" "What family?" "Ananias."

Answered the Description. "I have a book on small fruit culture." "It doesn't look like it. From appearances I would take it to be a historical novel." "Any way the clerk where I bought it assured me it was current literature."

Circumstances Alter Size. "How big is a dollar, anyway?" "That all depends." "On what?" "On how hard you have to work for it and how long you have to wait for it."

GIVES RELIEF TO SUFFERERS

CONGRESS VOTES RESOLUTION TENDERING \$500,000.

Latest Estimates of the Dead Exceeds 200,000—More Than Half of Coast Population Exterminated—Relief Work Reduced to System.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Although graphic stories are coming into Rome of the horrors in Southern Italy and Sicily, these are but repetitions of individual tragedies already recorded. What chiefly concerns the government and the people is the progress that is being made toward the relief of those who have suffered by the dread visitation. Considerable advance in this respect has been made at Messina, where, according to official reports received here, the supply service is beginning to work satisfactorily. The minister of justice has telegraphed from Messina to Premier Giolitti that large bodies of troops have arrived and are now occupying all parts of the town. The appalling extent of the disaster renders anything like a systematic search of the ruins, but persons are being dragged out continually and are being transported to the relief ships as soon as their wounds receive attention.

Dead Exceed 200,000. The latest investigation on both sides of the straits make it certain that many more than half the population of the coast towns and villages have been killed. Professor Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount



POPE PIUS X.

Etna, estimates that the victims of the earthquake exceed 200,000. Public opinion is greatly concerned with regard to the safety of the King and Queen and the possible danger from tottering walls. The King frequently has tried to persuade the Queen to return to Rome, but she has always refused to leave her husband.

Pope's Appeal to World. It is stated that the Pope has decided to send an appeal to the Catholic bishops throughout the world to obtain subscriptions to the earthquake fund. He will place particular dependence on the generosity of Americans, English and Irish.

An American recommends that through the co-operation of Americans in Rome, steamers be chartered at Naples to carry provisions, clothing and medical supplies of all kinds as well as doctors and nurses to the Straits of Messina.

The United States is far ahead of other nations in the relief work. Ambassador Griscom, has chartered a vessel for two weeks at a cost of \$50,000 to carry medical supplies, doctors, nurses and provisions to the devastated district.

Congress Will Give \$500,000. Washington, Jan. 4.—Resolutions were introduced today in the senate and house providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for Italian relief. The resolutions provide that the money shall be used for provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles and the president is authorized to employ any vessels of the United States navy or to charter and employ other suitable steamships to carry out the purposes of this government.

The Black Hand. There is a historical foundation for the name Black Hand. Back inquisition days in Spain there was La Mano Nera, a secret society which fought the government and the church. It passed, and the secret societies of southern Italy were its heirs. Twenty years or more ago a false report was raised in Spain that La Mano Nera had been revived. The story lingered in the brain of a Herald reporter, and one fine day he attempted to rejuvenate waning interest in a puzzling Italian murder case by speculating as to the coming to life of the Black Hand among Latin immigrants in America. The other newspapers seized on the idea eagerly, and kept it going.—Everybody's Magazine.

Grants Pass will soon have a competing telephone system, a new company having incorporated with a capital of \$30,000. It will ask for a franchise from the city and county for an up-to-date telephone system.



Parents Should Know. It is the duty of parents to ascertain if the eyesight of their children is perfect or defective. This We Tell You. If they are defective it becomes essential to correct them, otherwise their minds and nerve ends. Inaccurate, faulty vision may cause your child much misery and prevent his progress. If your child's eye needs the attention of a surgeon, we will gladly tell you so.

O. A. KRAMER Jeweler-Optician INDEPENDENCE

JOHN BRAMBERG

Plastering and general mason work. Stone, Brick and Concrete work. INDEPENDENCE, OR. Estimates free on application.

Plays and Players.

The Roger brothers will play "In Panama" for another season. Margaret May, a sister of Edna May, is to be in Fritz Scheff's company. George M. Cohan's new musical comedy is called "The American Idea." Virginia Earle may return to musical comedy, as she has been offered the prima donna role in a new musical production. William Vaughan Moody, the author of "The Great Divide," has completed another play, "The Juggernaut." Henry Miller controls the rights. George Grossmith, the author of "The Girls of Gotenberg," has been engaged as leading man for Hattie Williams in "Fluffy Ruffles." Marle Cahill's new musical play is called "The Boys and Betty." The book is by George V. Hobart. Eugene Cowles will again be a member of Miss Cahill's company.

Current Comment.

"Oh, I shall win that cup eventually," says Sir Thomas Lipton. No Doubting Thomas this.—Richmond Times-Dispatch. Several airships can cut a figure 8 in the air, but when it comes to profits they all seem to cut a figure 0.—Philadelphia North American. Customs officers have decided that bagpipes are toys. For the love of the land don't let the children in on the secret.—Baltimore American Star. It may not be long now before that famous saying, "What is the constitution between friends?" will be translated into Turkish.—Washington Post. America leads the world, says the national board of fire underwriters. In what? In fire loss. It is a grand distinction, to be sure.—Springfield Republican.

The Sultan's Name.

American and English newspapers have a way of mangling the name of the sultan of Turkey. Often he is called simply "Abdul"—nothing more. Sometimes it is "Abdul the Artful," "Abdul the Wary." The proper way to write the name, according to the London Chronicle, is "Abd-ul-Hamid" or, as some would transliterate it, "Abd'l-Hamid." This means "servant (or slave) of the praised one"—i. e., God or Allah. The "ul" or "l" merely represents the Arabic definite article, which in writing is always joined to the following word.

"Abd" is a very common first name with Mohammedans, as in Abd-ul-Kadir, Abd-ul-Latif, Abu-ul-Aziz. "Abdul" with or without the Hamid, makes nonsense, but no one seems to notice it. On this principle George du Maurier might be called "Georged" for short, and T. P. O'Connor would lose his nationality under the Italian looking disguise of "Thomaso."

Jupiter's Eighth Satellite.

The new satellite of Jupiter, discovered at the Greenwich observatory last winter, proves to be a very interesting object both on account of its great distance from the planet, more than 20,000,000 miles, and its retrograde motion. Professor George Forbes suggests that this satellite may turn out to be the long lost comet of Lexell, which was last seen in 1779, when it made a very close approach to Jupiter.

Pith and Point.

In spite of our troubles we all do pretty well. Let the devil alone, and he'll not bother you. No scheme pays as well as legitimate business. Some people never get to the front because they stop and talk too often. As soon as an old fool acquires a little sense a young fool steps up to repeat his mistakes. Patronize our advertisers.

Owing to the recent snow storm which prevented many people from taking advantage of our great

20 Per Cent Discount Sale

We shall continue the sale until Saturday, January 16, 1909, which will positively be the last day.

We've too Many Goods on Hand

and we need the room for our new Spring lines, some of which are already on the way. We offer every article of our splendid stock at

20% OFF

with the single exception of Boston and Bay State Rubbers and Rubber Boots. Every pair of Shoes in the house reduced 20 per cent. Every suit of Clothes in the house reduced 20 per cent. 20 per cent discount on every yard of dress Goods. Every yard of Silks, Satins, Velvets, Velvetene, Trimmings, Bear Cloth, Dress Linings, Flannels, Outing Flannels, Flannellette, Muslin, Sheetting, Gingham, Calico, Bedticking, Toweling, Table Linens, Oil Cloth, Laces, Embroidery, Ribbons, Ladies' Furs, Lace Curtains, Corsets, Hosiery, Underwear, Blankets, Comforts, Umbrellas Sweaters, Shirts, Gloves, Hats, Overalls, Duck Coats, Leather Coats, Mackinaws, Slickers, Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Mens' Overcoats, Boys' Overcoats, Men's and Boys' separate Trousers, Suit Cases, Notions of every kind.

Every item in our immense stock, with the single exception of Rubbers and Rubber Boots. Every article in the store is marked in plain figures and you can figure the 20 per cent discount for yourself.

Table with 2 columns: Bill amount and discount. Rows include: \$20 to \$16, \$15 to \$12, \$10 to \$8, \$7 to \$5.60, \$4.50 to \$3.60, \$1.00 to 80c, 50c to 40c, 5c to 4c.

We are not paying any sales agency a commission to manage this sale for us. We are simply overstocked and realize that a deep cut in prices is the only way to make this clearance Sale a success.

It Will Pay You

to buy a year's supply of goods for your family, because it is a genuine 20 per cent discount Sale and you'll not find values elsewhere like we offer. Remember that this is the first general sale that we have had in seventeen years and you'll find everything exactly as represented. No misrepresentations of any kind allowed in our store.

Barnes' Cash Store

Salem, Oregon

A HOME for \$500

44 acres, located on the Luckiamute, four miles south of Monmouth, one mile from railroad. Has good ash and maple timber standing, enough to pay for the place. Land is particularly adapted for gardening purposes. No improvements. Price \$500.

Chas. E. Hicks

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