

SURE-THING OCEAN GAMBLING

All kinds of gambling nowadays! A class of "underwriters" in the big commercial ports insure ocean-going vessels for arrival for speculators who have no interest in the ships.

A few such experiences will go far towards eradicating the gambling underwriting business. The only wonder is that some shrewd shipowner had not before thought of this easy way to make money sailing his ship.

LAUDABLE INDEPENDENCE.

The Oregonian commenting on the refusal of Albany, New York, to play the part of a municipal charity recipient by accepting a proffered gift of \$150,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a new public library building, well says in part:

His (Carnegie's) income is given in figures too fabulous to be set down in cold type, and the feeling is that inasmuch as he amassed his colossal fortune in a few years, while thousands of men who contributed their efforts to the upbuilding of his industrial enterprise remained poor, the less he is favored and fawned upon in public ways the better.

NATURE'S AIR WASHERY

Our cold, bright weather usually brings sickness, while good health attends the winter rains. Why? The London Lancet the leading medical journal of the world tells how the falling drops of water wash the air clean and fit to breathe:

The continued bombardment of the air by millions of pure water drops exerts a mechanical effect, a physical effect and a chemical effect, all of which play a part in a hygienic purpose. There is the mechanical effect of removing suspended particles—dirt, dust, smoke, micro organisms—and carrying them to earth; there is the physical effect of a difference of electrical potential being relieved, removing a stress responsible, perhaps, for headache and a depressed feeling, and, finally, there is a very important chemical effect by which the air is freshened.

Don't scold the rain. It not only brings health, but fills the earth and our mountain reservoirs with the waters that carry vegetation to fruition during the dry summer months.

India is reported to be prosperous, notwithstanding the famine. The sum of \$7,000,000 has been set aside for the victims of the famine. It is added that "Lord Curzon's administration is pronounced a great success." Perhaps Lord Curzon had nothing to do with it. There may have been plenty of rain, and the crops may have been good without his assistance.

Nothing new under the sun? Yes! A prima donna playing in the East claims that she swallowed her tiny watch. If she did she will always have her time with her. Probably it is the latest scheme to get free advertising.

VOLCANIC FERTILIZATION.

The volcano is not entirely a nuisance. The slopes of Mount Vesuvius produce nearly treble the crops which other neighboring parts of Italy can be made to yield, and this is only one of a hundred such districts which owe their fertility to the soil being composed of crumbled lava.

Even the dust which volcanoes eject is often extremely valuable to the farmers upon whose land it falls. In 1812 a violent eruption of La Souffriere, the great St. Vincent volcano which has recently given so much trouble, covered the whole of Barbadoes with some two inches of ashes. At the time Barbadoes was suffering from a fearful plague of red ants, which rendered some parts of the island almost uninhabitable. The dust absolutely destroyed these pests, and not only that, but doubled the crop of sugar cane the next year. The fertilizing effects of that dust were visible up to the year 1830, nearly twenty years afterward.

LASOES THE JACKRABBIT.

They have a surplus of the pestiferous jackrabbit down in the Sacramento valley, California. The San Francisco Chronicle tells how a Marysville man lassoes them with a whip. It says:

Haack is an experienced handler of big teams of horses, and thus became expert in the use of long lassoes. He has trained a saddle mare, which ambles sleepily along to lull suspicion on the part of the rabbits until he is within range, when Haack uncoils his long snake-lash and lets fly for the rabbit's neck, and in another second the rabbit is caught. One morning Haack thus killed fourteen of the pests.

Corn advanced five cents a bushel in the Chicago Produce Exchange in thirty minutes one day last week. That is the gambling price went up that way. Good substantial corn in crib or elevator remained the same. They punish the small fry bunko men but let the millionaires and other big gamblers gamble to their hearts' content, and that in the main necessity of life—our bread-stuffs!

They took in fifty novices at a Mystic Shriner lodge up in Butte, Montana, the other night. The anti-initiation information was given the candidate that it was a rough trip across the desert, and in the event of his having but one suit of clothes it would be good policy to wear a nightgown, especially as they proposed to make a night of it.

The evident collusion between the Salem official state land ring and speculators in school lands makes one think that after all the Chinese method is the best—when they catch an official stealing out his head off. And it is the real article they decapitate, not an official head.

The owner of the twenty-thousand dollar box of gold dust found over at Seattle the other day by a poor workman will never die of heart disease. He has no heart, at least the payment of but a dollar and a half reward to the finder leads to such conclusion.

Reports come from St Petersburg that the Czar's ministers intimidate him in a way to do their bidding, and that he is dissatisfied and may abdicate the throne. Why not throw the ministers out of their jobs. He is boss. Maybe he thinks it might be a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. He would have to get a new grist of the objectionable counsellors.

The Sultan of Turkey now says his Christian and Mohammedan subjects are alike to him. Hardly. A good many Christians that would be alive but for his failure to give them protection are dead. The Mohammedans enjoy their usual good health with three meals a day, we suppose. Quite a difference.

John Jacob Astor, the manager of the vast Astor property interests, principally in New York City, is another millionaire who believes in using his wealth for public benefit. He has just relinquished his rights to very valuable marine turbine power patents to the public.

County Allowances.

Table listing various county allowances including roadwork, bridge work, and other public works with associated costs.

Miscellaneous

L. T. Harris expense in trip to Redding, Ore., in heat case. 85 83
J. W. Caylor's new wood. 6 89
Isaac Jones wood. 17 69
W. S. Eddy cording wood. 12 75
Glass & Prudhomme blank records. 56 00
Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. services. 12 60
E. Schwarzschild stationery. 17 78
E. Bangs livery hire. 11 15
The Irwin Hodson Co. blanks and records. 53 25
J. W. Bradley taking pictures. 3 00
Heston case. 3 00

SOCIAL REALM.

There was a large and appreciative audience last evening in the Christian church to greet Miss Annie Ditchburn as she appeared to make her debut in the city where she was born but sixteen years ago. The audience was composed of the best of Eugene society and showed its appreciation of the artistic work on the platform by hearty applause.

The Fourth Regiment Band concert to be given tomorrow evening in the armory under the direction of Prof McElroy, is next on the program to concern society people of Eugene. The members of the band have been putting the finishing touches to a program of new, entertaining music and the result will be a first-class evening's entertainment.

The second Odd Fellows social will be held Wednesday evening Nov 26 in I. O. O. F. Temple. All visiting Odd Fellows and their friends and all visiting Rebekahs and their husbands are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs Polly Ann Leach, an old pioneer of Linn county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs Martha Holt, of Springfield, yesterday morning. She was 80 years old and past, and was a mother of a large family, most of whom are still living in different parts of the state.

We desire to extend through the GUARD our heartfelt thanks for the assistance and sympathy extended to us during the illness and at the death of our husband and father. MRS BILLMIKE AND FAMILY.

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Personals.

Daily Guard Nov 25
A. L. Roney, of Goshen, is in the city.
W. H. Lincoln, of Cottage Grove is in Eugene.
H. D. Wagon and wife are home from Portland.
L. A. Scoobert and R. H. Lovell went to Salem today.
Chas. Auelin has returned to Eugene from Eastern Oregon.
Mrs B. M. Burg is with her folks, the Atjufs, at Constock.
Miss Faith Buchanan was a passenger to Portland today.
M. D. Mitchell left this afternoon for Kansas with two carloads of prunes to market there.

Brevities.

There comes the old time complaint that there are cyclists who ride on the sidewalk after the lights are on.
It is about settled that there will be a game between the O. A. C. and Albany College football teams Dec 6.
There is an Albany man who has shaved himself once a day for seventeen years without ever missing a day. He is a smooth one.

The residences of Fred Bellman, W. T. Mallock and Frank Stewart, have been quarantined for contagious diseases, the first for smallpox and the other two for scarlet fever.
It is told that the death of Mrs Currie was forestalled in Junction City, by Prof Sterling, the palmist. The name was spelled out to the questioner who was a neighbor of the deceased.

Albany Democrat: It has been a good many years since Eugene had a football team without a Kuykendall in it. They are all first class players. The High School quarterback this year is a Kuykendall.
The "Terror" of a man called Montana Bill was a poor fellow quite inoffensive but decidedly under the "influence of liquor." He was arrested last night and all went to sober off in the city jail, being turned loose this morning.

The Albany Democrat is great on football predictions. Sometimes it is about right then again it is away off. It predicts a score of two touchdowns to nothing in favor of Multnomah in the U. O.-Multnomah game Thursday.
Oregon is again to the front. Rookwell, the great back, who did such marvellous playing in Saturday's game between Yale and Harvard, is a Portland young man. Ned Failing, another Portland young man at Yale, is as good a roofer as Rookwell is a player.

President Martindale, of the Eastern Oregon State Normal State Normal School at Weston, and formerly of Albany, is seriously ill. Two weeks ago he was taken with congestion of the lungs. He is also suffering from kidney trouble. He is reported quite low with little hope of recovery.

An Entertainment for the benefit of the G. A. R. Post, Eugene, Friday evening Nov 25th. Songs by the Hopkins', election by drag-class talent, comical readings, dog dancing and other amusements: too numerous to mention.
Post will be called to order at 7 o'clock sharp. Doors open to the public at 8. Supper about 10 o'clock in hall. Admission, including supper 20 cents, children 10 cents. A large reduction for families.

Notice to Firemen.
Notice is hereby given that the annual convention of the Eugene Fire Department will be held in the Firemen's hall December 1st, 1902, from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing one chief engineer and one assistant chief engineer of the department and to serve one year.
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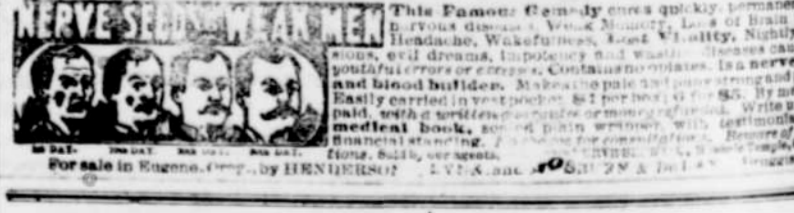
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