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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Mail Order Shopping

Yesterday was skiddoo, or lemon day, at the Albany postoffice. During the day just 21 letters were stamped and mailed from the office to Montgomery, Ward & Co. and Sears-Roebuck, suggesting business that should be given to home merchants. Albany has some of the best stores in the county, prices here are the lowest of any place in the state, besides, you know with whom you are dealing when you trade with Albany merchants, and if the thing doesn't fit you can take it back, but these Chicago houses are out for enormous profits and those who trade with them generally get trash.—Albany Democrat.

The Democrat talks to the point in the paragraph reprinted above. There is but one way to build up a prosperous town and that is for people to spend their money as much as possible at home. As a local merchant's business increases he will be able to carry a larger stock and offer greater inducements to purchasers, and he spends his money in the town, erecting store buildings and making permanent improvements.

The big mail order houses of the East have made millions in profits, not one cent of which ever finds its way back to the people who patronize them in the West.

The greatest trouble with Oregon is that too much money is sent out of the state for the purchase of goods.

Hood River people claim that there are no equals to their apples. They have gotten in the habit of claiming this so much that some of them have apples on the brain and actually believe it. Hood River people can't be blamed for making such claims, for they really have fine apples. But there are others, though, and the Willamette valley has them. The trouble, though, is that our proportion of fine apples is not as big as that in the Hood River country, and therefore we fall short of that country, says the Albany Democrat, but we can present just as fine individual apples as they can there and lots of them. It may be a good thing to get up a discussion on the relative merits. The people of this valley need to be stirred up to the Hood River methods, and if this once occurs and they take the universal pains that Hood River growers do there won't be any question at all as to the position this valley will occupy, for we have the natural goods to deliver.

Even if you never chewed his gum the picture of Dr. Beeman is probably familiar to you. He is just dead at Cleveland, Ohio. Twenty-five years ago he quit the practice of medicine to manufacture chewing gum. That he struck a popular article is shown by the several million dollar fortune he leaves.

A big dirk knife with a keen edge was discovered by Henry Hoos, on trial for his life at Portland for the murder of his mistress, in the drawer of the table at which he sat while being tried for his life. Fortunately his nervous manner called the attention of a deputy to the drawer, probably averting another tragedy.

Mrs. Evans, Portland's market inspector, demands that grocery stores,

markets and bakeries post conspicuous notices in their places of business that smoking and expectorating on the floor are prohibited. She says the main objections come from proprietors, who smoke themselves.

When J. P. Morgan, millionaire trust promoter, voted in New York Tuesday he stood in line just the same as the man who could boast of but two bits. It took him ten minutes to reach the ballot box.

The treasury department formally announces that there is a famine in bills of small denomination. Most of us are willing to accept the larger kind.

Now is the time for any gentleman who desires the honor of being mentioned for the cabinet to stand up and be counted.

Current Topics of Interest

J. T. Harahan has been elected president of the Illinois Central railroad by the Harriman forces. This victory gives Harriman a line of railroad from ocean to ocean.

In a statement issued from the White House yesterday, the announcement is made that Hitchcock will retire as secretary of the interior on March 4th, to be succeeded by James R. Garfield. Herbert Knox Smith will succeed to Garfield's present position.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

After supper, after sunset,
 When the only thing in sight
 Is the street lamp's feeble flicker,
 Come the voices of the night—
 Not the ocean ones, however,
 That the poets tell about.

But the ones that call for language
 Which, to say the least, is stout.

Hardly have you nicely settled
 On your porch to have a smoke
 Till you hear a noisy jumble,
 Half a squeak and half a creak.
 Inwardly you groan in silence,
 Outwardly you'd like to roar,
 Partly to express your feelings
 Toward the phonograph next door.

Wishing some one you might mention
 Were as good as dead
 Or would save to Madagascar,
 You go in and go to bed.
 Scarcely have your weary spirits
 To the land of slumber flown
 Till the tomato in the alley
 Starts a concert of their own.

Boots and bric-a-brac and so forth
 Drive them to another street,
 And with words that can't be printed,
 Back you crawl to your retreat.
 Hardly on the slumber wagon
 Have you started for a spin
 Till upon your ears comes buzzing
 The alarm clock butting in.

Annoying to the Flier.

When the gentleman who has conquered the air—all but gets his sailing apparatus in fine shape and is placidly soaring in the thin blue air, all of a sudden something goes wrong with his machinery and he has to do some artful dodging to escape the tall steeple that is pointing its finger right at him.

Usually it is the gasoline engine that has ceased to chug and no amount of coaxing will make it see the error of its ways.

To train up a gasoline engine in the way it should go is a job at which the patient inventor may well hump himself. Apparently kindness is lost on this inanimate bunch of machinery. Think what base ingratitude it is when the air skipper has been so kind as to take it for a sail in the air for it to act spongy and refuse to play in plain sight of the audience.

Immune.

"I just came here!"
 "Opportunity is a knocker."
 "Perhaps, but it never hit me."

Stand Off.
 For hours in indecision
 The jury argued,
 But still to save their gazards
 They couldn't quite decide
 Which had the smartest lawyer,
 And so the case was tied.

Got Around It.
 "You swore you would never speak to Jack again, and now I hear you are engaged to him."
 "Well, I didn't say a word. When he asked me to marry him silence gave consent."

Made Clear.
 "They say mind reading is all a trick."
 "Sure, I know it is."
 "What is the trick about it?"
 "Just the trick of mind reading."

Early Training Neglected.
 "Children were not pert when I was young."
 "Yes, and see what a lot of uninteresting old people they got to be."

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Teach Children Politics

By FREDERICK O. BRADFORD, Mayor of Brockton, Mass.

MAN'S interest in his city government should be next to his interest in his church.

The time is coming when the ethics of politics is going to be taught IN THE SCHOOLS. Civil government is an excellent study, but I hold that we should go farther and teach our boys and girls something of the practical side of things which make for good HOME LAWS and which will give us the model city of the future. The idea of installing permanent voting booths in the various school buildings I think is a good one, and the Brockton teachers have agreed with me. It gave the children a chance to see a very important phase of their city government IN PRACTICAL OPERATION.

Many business men have the idea that politics is something beneath their standard, that a man lowers himself when he goes into a campaign. A more mistaken conception of gentility never existed. POLITICS SHOULD BE NEXT TO A MAN'S RELIGION.

WHAT BROCKTON AND EVERY OTHER CITY NEEDS IS A QUICKENING OF PUBLIC INTEREST, OF INDIVIDUAL INTEREST, IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT.

A Poem for Today

ARNOLD WINKELRIED

By James Montgomery

THE incident narrated in the following poem occurred in the fourteenth century at the battle of Sempach, in which the Swiss, fighting for their independence, totally defeated the Austrians.

"MAKE way for liberty!" he cried—
 Made way for liberty and died.

In arms the Austrian phalanx stood,
 A living wall, a human wood—
 A wall where every conscious stone
 Seemed to its kindred thousands grown.

A rampart all assaults to bear
 Till time to dust their frames should wear.

So dense, so still, the Austrians stood,
 A living wall, a human wood.
 Impregnable their front appeared,
 All horrent with projected spears,
 Whose polished points before them shined.

From blank to blank, one brilliant line,
 Bright as the breaker's splendors run
 Along the billows to the sun.

Opposed to these, a hovering band
 Contended for their native land—
 Peasants whose new found strength
 Had broke the olden rule.

From many necks the ignoble yoke
 And forged their fetters into swords,
 On equal terms to fight their lords.
 And what insurgent rage had gained
 In many a mortal fray maintained.

They came to conquer or to fall,
 When he who conquered, he who fell,
 Was deemed a dead or living hell.

Such virtue had that patriot breathed,
 So to the soil his soul bequeathed,
 That whosoever his arrows flew,
 Heroes in his own likeness grew,
 And warriors sprang from every sod
 Which his awakening footsteps trod.

And now the work of life and death
 Hung on the passing of a breath.
 The fire of conflict burned within,
 The battle trembled to begin,
 Yet, while the Austrians held their ground,
 Point for attack was nowhere found.

Where'er the impatient Switzer gazed
 The unbroken line of lancers blazed;
 The line 'twere suicide to meet
 And perish at their tyrants' feet.
 How could they rest within their graves

Swift to the breach his comrades fly,
 "Make way for liberty!" they cry
 And through the Austrian phalanx dart.
 As rushed the spears through Arnold's heart,
 While, instantaneous as his fall,
 Rout, ruin, panic, scattered all.

An earthquake could not overthrow
 A city with a surer blow.
 Thus Switzerland's age was free;
 Thus death made way for liberty.

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