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MONDAY, JANUARY 7

The wonderful strides in invention for the use of gasoline as a motive power have made the airship a possibility, even if not yet fully practical. At Lake Constance, Switzerland, recently, an airship driven by gasoline engines flew about every way for several hours. The two engines weighed 850 pounds, but developed 170 horsepower. The world moves, and very fast these days. We hardly pay attention to inventions and discoveries now that not so many years ago would have been looked on as about miraculous. The Zeppelin airship above referred to held itself quite stationary against a thirty-mile-an-hour gale. It can lift and carry three tons besides its own weight, this carrying capacity allowing it to carry enough gasoline to propel it three thousand miles in ninety hours.

The Portland Journal is authority for the statement that the railroad battle which has raged for the past year for the possession of the north bank of the Columbia river—the greatest warfare of its kind ever known in the Pacific Northwest and one of the most memorable in history, is ended. The Harriman company, known as the Columbia Valley Railroad Company, is pulling off its construction forces, and within another week the last camp will have been dismantled. The victory is Hill's.

Our manipulators of high finance are credited with plotting to control the next president. If they do they are taking the longest sort of a chance, for as soon as they are found out, and they are certain to be found out, there will be more serious trouble for them than government investigations.

Dr. W. J. McGee, of St. Louis, says the future American will be taller, stronger and more intellectual than the men of today. If he is he'll have to cut out many of the habits now doing a brain and body stunting business with our youth.

Pendleton is so well pleased with its experience in paving that it is preparing to extend the improvement at once to several other streets not included in the first district. That is the way it will work in Eugene, when once begun.

Hearst is alleged to have tapped a new barrel, to irrigate arid and semi-arid regions in a number of states, and to be in the market with the determination to outbid the highest for the kind of help desired.

A stenographic report of the conference between "Teddy" and "Joe" announced on the ship subsidy bill, which "Joe" has been bucking on, would surely make mighty interesting reading.

Wonder the Chinese emperor an exaggerated idea of the extent of his authority when his keepers told him to sign an imperial edict; Confucius a god.

Star Shaw rung the bell of

truth when he said: "The spirit of speculation is among us, and, like the drink habit, the most addicted are frequently the loudest in its denunciation."

As we understand it the Fairbanks men are not expecting any help from Senator Beveridge, but are hoping to put him where he will not count.

Mrs. Taft owns 200,000 acres of land in Texas, but all the same "Big Bill" isn't figuring on getting the electoral vote of that state.

The scientist who claims to see in John D. Rockefeller the typical American is badly in need of the attention of a good eye doctor.

What's the use of being a member of the legislature if free railroad passes are a thing of the past?

The winner of the New York girl who is to raffle herself off will be the holder of the lemon.

Just a hint today of what winter is in less favored states.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

HOLIDAY STAPLE.

Would suggestion Of the question, Gentle reader, Be too rash— Did you ever Eat that clever Compound that is Known as hash?

For some reason At the season Of the joyous Holidays It is ready As a steady Diet every- Where we gaze.

Past believing That the leaving Of a gay and Joyous feast Would be greeting Us as eating For a week to Say the least.

At Thanksgiving Some misgiving, Like a lost Election bet, Haunts the shanty— It's the ante Of the hash we're Going to get.

Useless dodging This hodgepodge Of the feast of Yesterday. Supper, dinner, Lunch, the dinner From it cannot Get away.

And They Never Miss It



"Do you know why women step off a street car backward?" "Yes." "Why?" "To reach the ground."

Boni's Troubles. Poor little Boni is certainly having things thrown at him. With sarcastic Americans offering him all kinds of jobs from press agent to head waiter, life must be about as much of a burden to him as it is to a Russian prefect of police at the present time.

We are an unsympathetic people. We do not appreciate the feelings of a man who is thrown on his own resources in middle age after he has held for years a nice easy job as husband to an American millionaire.

Why cannot we let Boni go off by himself and enjoy his troubles? They are the only thing he has left. It is quite unfeeling in us to send him a few more by prepaid cable every morning.

Why He Didn't Apply It. "I know how to be good." "Indeed? Have you a working knowledge of it?" "No; purely theoretical, and not enough to allow for friction."

Born in Him. Whenever you meet Mr. Grouchy Don't let him get next to the quick, And try to reflect as his quips you deflect That he was created to kick.

Useless Information. "Mamma, is it right to tell a fellow he's a liar?" "No, my dear. He probably knows it."

PERT PARAGRAPHS. Nothing is funnier than an ordinary fellow taking himself seriously.

Too Slow. The rich can ride in chaises, But they're doing it much less, Because the latest craze is For them to go like blazes In the gasoline express.

Missed His Guess. "Are you courting an heiress?" "I thought I was, but it appears I was only courting a throw down."

"Let Well Enough Alone" Is Un-American



... By ... United States Senator A. J. BEVERIDGE of Indiana

"Let well enough alone" is not AMERICA'S motto. That maxim would have kept every law of the last five years off the republic's statute books. "Let well enough alone" never sent a pioneer into the wilderness, NEVER BUILT A RAILROAD, never set upon the ocean a single ship, never invented a machine. Columbus sailing into the unknown seas flew no such ensign; no such spirit burned in the hearts of the ragged Continentals who chose VALLEY FORGE AND ITS HORRORS rather than home and its joys. No law securing the rights of man would have been written, NO STEP IN HUMAN PROGRESS ever been taken, no discovery of science ever been made; we should today have no telegraph, no telephone, no steam or electric railways, not one of our thousands of modern comforts, had these words of reaction been written on American hearts. Not "let well enough alone," but "MAKE BAD BETTER AND BETTER BEST"—this is the real motto of Americanism. "Make bad better and better best"—let all American school boys and girls put that at the top of their copy books.

Today the new laws we have written are nothing but the working out of a NEW PRINCIPLE which our complex social and industrial order has developed, just as every new principle has similarly been developed in the past.

That principle is the life and reason for the railway rate law, the pure food law, the meat inspection law, the employers' liability law and, greatest of all, the law creating the department of commerce and labor. That principle is this: When any business becomes so great that it AFFECTS THE WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE it must be regulated by the government of all the people. The people cannot permit SOME of them to practice methods hurtful to ALL of them.

AND THE PEOPLE HAVE NO AGENCY FOR THEIR PROTECTION EXCEPTING ONLY THEIR GOVERNMENT.

The day of railroad and corporate power in American politics is drawing to its close. The CONSCIENCE OF THE MILLIONS is ending railroad and all corporate interference in the people's government. Any man who is nominated for any office, from president down, by railway or corporate influence ought to be overwhelmingly defeated, and hereafter such men WILL BE defeated. Laws are being placed on the statute books making railway and corporate interference with free government a CRIME. More laws will be added until every railway and corporation corrupter of primaries, conventions, legislatures and congresses who thus corrupts the people's government will find himself BEHIND THE BARS of the people's prisons. And there is where he ought to be. Every man who on behalf of any corporation or on his own behalf spends a dollar to corrupt free institutions ought to be sent to jail, for in a republic the worst of crimes is attack on the LIFE of the republic.

AND THAT CRIME IS ALL THE WORSE IF THE HAND THAT STRIKES THE BLOW BE A HIDDEN HAND AND THE DAGGER IT HOLDS BE OF GOLD.

A Poem for Today

WHY TRUTH GOES NAKED

Unidentified

LIST to a tale well worth the ear Of all who wit and sense admire. Invented, it is very clear, Some ages prior to Matthew Prior. Falseness and Truth, "upon a time," One day in June's delicious weather ("Twas in a distant age and clime), Like sisters took a walk together. On, on their merry way they took, Through fragrant wood and verdant meadow To where a beech beside a brook Invited rest beneath its shadow. There, sitting in the pleasant shade Upon the margin's grassy matting (A velvet cushion ready made), The young companions fell to chatting. Now, when in voluble discourse On this and that their tongues were running As habit bids each speaks her force— The one is frank, the other cunning. Falseness at length, impatient grown With scandals of her own creation, Said, "Since we two are quite alone And nicely screened from observation, Suppose in this delightful hill, While all around is so propitious, We take a bath." Says Truth: "I will. A bath, I'm sure, will be delicious!" At this her robe she cast aside, And in that stream that ran before her She plunged, like Ocean's happy bride. As naked as her mother bore her. Falseness at leisure now undressed, Put off the robes her limbs that hamper. And, having donned Truth's snowy vest, Ran off as fast as she could scamper. Since then the subtle maid, in sooth, Expert in lies and shrewd evasions, Has borne the honest name of Truth And wears her clothes on all occasions. While Truth, declining to appear In Falseness's petticoat and bodice, Still braves all eyes from year to year As naked as a marble goddess.

LANE COUNTY PIONEER DIES IN LAKE COUNTY

Word has been received here of the death of another of Lane county's early pioneers, but for the past 30 years a resident of Lake county. John Partin died at the home of his son, at Summer Lake, Christmas night, aged nearly 89 years. He leaves an aged wife, two sons and many grandchildren. He crossed the plains in 1852 in company with the late Hon. John Whiteaker, Mr. Partin being a brother-in-law of Mrs. Whiteaker. He was the last to go out into the great beyond, who in 1852 represented in that large train of immigrants the head of a family. He rendered great assistance to the train when they at times were beset by hostile Indians, he being familiar with many of their dialects. The deceased will be remembered by many

pioneers in and around Cottage Grove, he having taken up his donation land claim near there and where for many years he resided.

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