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An Easter Innovation.

THE husbands of this broad land of ours are likely to hail and acclaim and applaud and approve an innovation which has just been heralded to the world by the women of the Christian church of Cottage Grove. These women purpose to go hatless to church on Easter Sunday, in order to prove that the ancient charge is slanderous which attributes to women generally the motive of vanity in their Easter church-going.

It has been estimated by a competent authority whose identity for the moment escapes us, that if all the money spent for Easter hats were converted into one-dollar bills and these were sewed end to end, the strip would be long enough to extend from Skamokawa, Wash., to Aden, Arabia, and thence to the moon and half way up the second highest mountain on the moon. Or, to put the thing another way, if the money commonly expended for Easter hats were withheld from that purpose and made otherwise available, there would be plenty for dad to pay the last installment of last year's state income tax and have enough left over to buy a tankful of gasoline. Such statistics as these are, of course, terribly convincing. They go far towards accounting for the attitude of high approval by husbands generally which may be expected to become manifest towards the Cottage Grove innovation. But wait; there may be a catch in it.

If the women of the Christian church of Cottage Grove go through on the lines which they have laid out for themselves by actually going hatless to church on Easter, it may be expected that their fame and that of their city will become far-flung. But after all the deprivation need not be so great. One may leave one's hat at home on Easter and yet wear it to church on the following and other Sundays. We suspect that is just what is about to happen at Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove husbands should not buoy themselves with futile hopes—nor other husbands elsewhere.

The Isle of Pines.

AMERICANS of the United States wonder sometimes why Spanish-American peoples distrust our motives towards them. Such incidents as that of the treaty of the Isle of Pines help to give the answer. That treaty was negotiated between the United States and Cuba 20 years ago and for 20 years Cuba has been fulfilling her obligations under it. It was ratified by the United States senate last week, over the opposition of the chairman of the foreign relations committee.

By the treaty with Cuba the United States relinquishes all claim to title in the Isle of Pines in favor of that nation. Under the peace treaty between this nation and Spain in 1898 it was declared that "Spain cedes to the United States the island of Porto Rico and other islands now under Spanish sovereignty in the West Indies and the Island of Guam in the Marianas or Ladrones." This was the loophole under which some American interests claimed that the Isle of Pines had passed to American possession. But the Isle of Pines always had been considered a part of Cuba, and the Teller resolution, adopted by congress also in 1898, declared there was no intention by the United States to exercise sovereignty or control over Cuba except for pacification.

When Cuba was evacuated by the army of the United States in 1901 an amendment to the army appropriation bill was enacted by congress, declaring that "the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left to future adjustment by treaty," and that "land necessary for coaling and naval stations at certain specified points" should be leased or sold to the United States by Cuba. It was understood that the conditions were to offset one another, and Cuba promptly gave us leases for the desired stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda. Two treaties were signed whereby it was provided that "this relinquishment on the part of the United States of claim of title to the said Isle of Pines is in consideration of the grants of coaling stations heretofore made by the Island of Cuba."

Thus Cuba had fulfilled her part of the agreement. American action lagged. In the Isle of Pines development companies had laid out and resold tracts of land to Americans on the understanding that the island was American territory. These people of course, were opposed to ratification of the treaty, but their opposition seems not to have been particularly vocal. Rather was the delay in ratification just simply neglected. The treaty lay in a senate pigeon-hole and nobody took interest enough in it to see it through to ratification. Cuba, who had fulfilled her own obligations under the treaty, was left wondering for twenty years what our real intentions were about the Isle of Pines. Ratification by the senate last week was the fulfillment of tardy justice.

Dean Straub is entitled to ease down a little, notwithstanding that at 72 he is younger than a lot of men whose respective individual accumulations of years are 40 or more less than his. He will still continue to know and call every student and alumnus of the university by his given name, anyway.

Editor Bert W. Bates, of the Roseburg News-Review, says the way to handle the printing business in a community is to give service. That goes for all lines of business. "He profits most who serves best."

Organization of a society of Lane county horticulturists is a move toward co-operation, and therefore it is a sound move and a good one.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The World is Misinformed (Cooz Bay Harbor) Some time ago this newspaper took occasion to criticize the two Marshfield papers for referring to the new power plant as being "near North Bend," or on Cooz Bay, where as the plant is in the very center of our city. In the hurry and pressure of business any newspaper is apt to

become careless and forget to be exact. This week we received a handsome folder issued by the Bylesby company, owners of the Mountain States Power Co., wherein appears a picture of the power plant located in Marshfield. As far as this newspaper is concerned the Bylesby plant can tell the world their new plant

is located in Marshfield or in the Sahara desert, and we will never dispute them. The point is if the owners are unaware of the location, we will be the last to tell them. Go to it, editor of the Times and the News, and the plant is in Marshfield if you care to, we don't blame you a bit.

Where is That "Nigger,"

(Florence News) Rumor has it that special road taxes voted recently by Road district No. 31 are soon to be attacked in the courts, as illegal. The rumor says the acts of the voters will be hit at on the ground that the millage basis of levy is not in conformity with the law. The alleged objectors are said to claim that such taxes should have been voted on a dollars and cents basis. Residents of the Siuslaw section are "exceedingly interested" in the rumors. Thus far the sources of the alleged objectors to the will of the people is unknown.

Some credence is given to the statement that large timber interests, who seek to retard development of the coast country, are behind the purported movement. Many road districts in the county voted taxes for road improvement, under the same law and on the same basis. It behooves all the voters in these sections to "keep their ears to the ground" and if possible locate and "talk turkey" with the obstructionists, if any there be.

Turning on the Light.

(Sheridan Sun) How easily public debts can pile up and the taxpayers be loaded with interest-paying charges that will keep up taxes for generations to come is a matter of fact resulting from semi-secrecy that lulls the taxpayers into false beliefs. We had through the condition of Yamhill county, such as the county is, grave, but facts unearthed by the Tillamook Headlight show a more startling condition. And what is true of Tillamook must be true of other counties! Says the Headlight:

"The bonded indebtedness of Tillamook county, including outstanding road warrants, amounts to \$2,600,000. On this the taxpayers are paying out annually for interest alone \$145,000! Which sum, as the Headlight so truthfully remarks, is 'a sum that not to many years ago covered the whole amount of taxation, collected for the county.'"

Let there be publicity, truthful publicity, educational publicity, and let the administrative officers of our government cooperate in it if they wish to keep themselves free from scandal; for scandal, whether justified or not, is ever and always will be fodder of revolt, and revolt is as certain as the day of doom when taxes get unbearable.

Pestering the President

(Medford Mail-Tribune) President Coolidge's troubles forecast in this column only a few weeks ago are beginning rather sooner than expected.

In deciding to submit the name of Charles B. Warren for the third time as attorney general, the president is throwing down the gauntlet to the senate, and a battle to the death is certain.

It is interesting to note that the charge brought against Mr. Warren is very similar to the charge brought against former Attorney General Stone for admission to the supreme court. Both men, it seems, have some time in the past, represented large corporations, the former the so-called Sugar Trust, and the latter the Standard Oil.

In neither case has any dishonesty or impropriety been charged. But in the political text book of democratic insurgency, any lawyer who has been capable enough to be an attorney for a large corporation is, for some reason, unfitted to be an attorney for the largest corporation in the world—the United States.

In Lighter Vein

Fond of Nursery Rhymes. (Youth's Companion) The little boy was fond of nursery rhymes and fairy tales and was always asking questions about them.

One day he asked his mother, "Why didn't the man in the nursery rhyme put up a notice to 'keep off the grass'?"

"Then he wouldn't have been cruel to the maiden?"

"Which man, dear?" said his mother, "and to whom was he cruel?"

"Well, said the little fellow, 'nurse often tells me about the man all tattered and torn who kicked the maiden off the lawn.'"

Exceptions. (Cincinnati Enquirer) Mrs. Blinks—Men make me tired. They always are looking at the woman.

Mrs. Jinks—Except when the woman happens to be standing in front of them on a street car.

Not Needed. (Kansas City Journal) "Won't you have a medicine drop?" "Not with this prescription," said the man, holding it to his chest.

The Lonely Laughter. (Washington Star) "He looks dignified and repose," answered Miss Cayenne. "He's the sort that will put on the headphones and laugh on loud all by himself at radio comedies."

At Last. (Dublin Herald) A well-known author was vainly endeavoring to write the other morning, when he was repeatedly interrupted by his six-year-old son. "If you ask me one more question," the harassed writer declared at last, "I will go out and drown myself!" "Father," came the small voice, "may I come out and see you do it?"

Auto Vagrant ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—The auto vagrant has appeared in New York street. Joseph Sapin has been charged with vagrancy in a town near here because he is alleged to have made a practice of driving about the country in an auto and begging gasoline, instead of the proverbial food handout for tramps.

We'll Give You Three Guesses at What Is Coming

"HEY WIFE - D'YOU THINK IT'S WORTH WHILE TO HAVE AN OVERCOAT PRESSED AGAIN?"

"OH DEAR! I WONDER WHO I CAN GET TO HELP ME CLEAN HOUSE?"

"SEEDS"

"HOT DOGGIE"

"DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO ORDER ANY MORE COAL?"

"THE ICE MAN WUZ AROUND 'ASIN' DO YOU WANT HIM TO BRING ICE AGAIN THIS YEAR?"

"SULPHUR AND M'LASSES - BAH!"

"WELL SWEETIE, I BELIEVE I'LL GET OUT THE OLD GOLF CLUBS AND SHINE 'EM UP."

"JOHN, I SENT ALL YOUR LIGHT WEIGHT CLOTHES TO THE CLEANERS TODAY."

"WELL FOLKS - I DON'T BELIEVE WE'LL HAFTA RENEW THE ANTI FREEZE MIXTURE IN OUR RADIATORS."

\$2 WHEAT KILLED FARMER RELIEF

Senator Capper Thinks High Price of Cereal Caused Brakes to Be Applied on Bill

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 17.—The farmer has been framed again, in the opinion of Senator Arthur Capper. Two-dollar wheat did it. Wheat at \$2 a bushel, Capper thinks, was largely responsible for the brakes being applied to proposed agricultural relief measures, pending in congress.

The result was the failure of congress to enact the recommendations of the president's agricultural commission, by which the administration's pledge to agriculture was to have been redeemed.

Interests hostile to farm relief, Capper charges, with \$2 wheat as a club, hammered home the idea that here was not and never had been a real farm problem justifying the overhauling of the machinery of farm marketing.

"According to these claimants," says Capper, "the farmer is now a Croesus, luxuriating in the golden stream of \$2 wheat."

"But this is not a true picture. 'Spectators and gamblers, not the wheat growers, reaped this Chicago wheat pit harvest.'"

"The facts are that last year's wheat crop brought the wheat farmer between \$1 and \$1.25, and not the \$2 he is now credited with getting."

"To be sure, \$1.25 wheat, and an unprecedented large yield per acre, made last year's crop the most profitable since the war."

"But the farmer sold his wheat—

rainy night I doubt if one could be found in all the streets of New York.

Patrolman Oscar Hettler is said never to have been seen on duty without a smile. He tends traffic at Lafayette and Grand streets. A year or so ago he won a fine big home at Forest Hills in a popularity contest. Now he's trying to keep it and a family of five children on a cop's salary. Despite this, he's still smiling.

On the crest of a hill overlooking the Hudson, just above what is now 182nd street, several of the most important engagements of the Revolution were fought. Fort Washington stood there and it was occupied first by the Americans and later by the British. Apartment houses now surround the site and unless the land is purchased by private money or a public fund it will be covered entirely with modern apartment houses within the next year or two.

Tom Sims Says— IN OKLAHOMA a plumber was sent to the pen there for five years. So maybe they have a leaky pipe.

Spring floods are with us. Caused, perhaps, by the wild waters rushing to see the new bathing suits.

Now is the time for all good weather to come to the aid of the farmers.

Sheiks are passing. An Egyptian tells us real sheiks are considered boos. Same here.

In central Africa fatness is considered beauty. This is where the cannibals love their fellow men.

The Scotch average nearly an inch taller than the Irish. But then the Irish were kept down for 700 years.

When an auto kicks back and breaks a man's arm it is merely trying to replace the horse.

The Swiss have two women judges. That's a new item. We have millions who think they are judges of women. That's a fact.

Bad Indiana news. Her accidents are increasing. These are real accidents, not new poems.

25 Years Ago (From The Guard March 17, 1914) The Chicago Bakery management have fitted up elegant ice cream parlors in their new quarters in the Young block. The next class of trade

Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. TUESDAY The Great Fundamental

Read Lk. 8:22-25. Text: 8:25. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? MEDITATION—Jesus did not so much consider the little things of character as he did those essential to full spiritual manhood. Steadfast faith was one essential.

"The highest security against temptation lies in the steady development of an affirmative life. The final aim in life is to be something rather than to avoid or to escape something. . . . The best form of defence lies in spiritual attack. If we walk in the grip of some splendid, far-reaching purpose, we shall put down temptation under our feet. We are in 'the conqueror's path' if we walk in the Spirit; we shall then walk secure from attack."

"In what is your faith? Is it in material things, machinery, wealth, position, health? Let us guard against absorption in these things. 'Have faith in God.' Put first things first. PRAYER—Eternal God, we pray thee to make our lives centers of living faith. Let there be an outflow from our hearts that will cause men to turn their thoughts to thee. May we put our faith in things everlasting. Amen.

Oregon Briefs

Earwigs are becoming a serious menace in the city of Hillsboro and citizens are urging the council to take steps to prevent their spread.

The load limit on the six-mile section of the Baker-Quartz highway, east of Baker, has been lifted, according to state highway officials.

Many virulent cases of influenza have broken out among the Indians on the Klamath reservation. Several deaths have occurred during the past few days.

Grover Wallace, John Kelly and Price Ryan pleaded guilty at Canyon City to illegally having venison in their possession and were each fined \$50 and costs.

Suzanne Holmes Carter, superintendent of schools in Jackson county, reports an increase of school children in that county of 700 with an increase in Medford alone of more than 300.

Organization of the Oregon Bottlers' association was effected at a meeting of representatives in Salem. Walter Stolts of Salem was elected president.

Three large maple trees standing on Ninth street in front of the two residences of H. H. Kincaid and the Oregon State Journal office, have been cut down. They averaged about three feet in diameter and 75 feet in height. They will be greatly missed by people who have for almost lifetime been accustomed to pass under their shady foliage in summer time.

The barometer indicates a continuance of fair weather. The government prediction is occasional rain.

A large crowd in town today and considerable politics is being discussed.

Farmers in town today report roads are rapidly drying up all over the country.

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