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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Did it ever occur to Mr. Capon, we wonder, that, even if the Express hasn't as much circulation as some of the older papers, publishing the school budget call in the Express brought out a larger crowd than generally attends school meetings in this city? The Whine cannot take to itself any of the credit for the attendance, for it published the call for Nov. 15th (three days before the meeting was held). Was this erroneous date run to keep people from the meeting, or was it merely one of Big Joe's little jokes?

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

The food problem is looming large before the British nation. Walter Runciman, president of the London board of trade, sounds a solemn warning to the government that timely steps must be taken in view of the likelihood of a long protracted war, to conserve the food supplies of Great Britain.

Simultaneously comes the startling declaration of Basil Manly, American food expert, that bread is selling for four and one-half cent a pound in London, while in America we must pay six cents for a 12-ounce loaf. In other words, bread, the staff of life, costs Americans 74 per cent more than it does the Londoners. The present epidemic of high prices in America is due to the war in Europe, at least so the so-called experts say. If the war is to be long drawn out, certainly we may look for still higher prices.—Portland News.

THE AUTO TAX

The action of the West Side Pacific Highway association favoring the framing of a new law for increasing the fee in licensing automobiles is a move in the right direction. C. C. Chapman is the father of this plan, however, and it is likely that many bills will be introduced in the legislature on the same proposition. The resultant tax would be applied to county road fund in each county from which it emanates.

The automobilist uses the roads a great deal and the revolving of the wheels at great rapidity reduces the gravel and rocked roads surface to dust. Hence it would follow that the demolisher of roads should meet its just share of taxation. In fact, the majority of autoists have no objection to an increase in the tax on autos, if the money will only go to the road fund in the county where the tax is levied.

The present method of collecting the automobile license or tax through the state department is too expensive, not enough of auto tax money returns to the county.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

WHY DO YOU WHINE?

Some of the Major Twin's friends ought to take him in hand and whisper in his ear that continual whining gets him nowhere except the dyspepsia ward in the horse hospital. Not an issue of his Distress Signal appears without one or more whines. Generally it is somebody he calls the "Squatter" or "Bushwhacker" which appears to be worrying him. Cheer up, Josey; all may not yet be lost. Since you have crowded

out the man who took you in when you came shivering from Minnesota, you may still be able to wax wealthy and lord it over the poor clods who have for several years been paying you real money for your so-called newspaper. It would not be right to lead you to believe that you will ever again have a monopoly in Forest Grove, but if you don't die of indigestion, (brought on by whining) there is a chance for you to live to a ripe old age and enjoy what Aaron helped you build. But be warned, Josey, this continual grousing will make you as big a scold as Sister Carrie Nation and another "Sister" who recently whined and groaned in this city.

Oh, why do you whine, dear brother; Why do you grouch and groan? Don't you know it is written "The grouch shall herd alone?" "Laugh and the world laughs with you" Is a maxim old as Ann Cheer up and smile, Dear Josey, That is, if you can.

What is it ails your tummy? Or is it in your head? Why can't you just imagine The durned squatter's dead? You've kicked out poor Aaron, Gobbled the whole durned bed; Why can't you smile one wee smile, E'en tho' it split your head? Do you seek new worlds to gobble, Where competition is squeezed out? Then smile, e'en tho' it choke you! Put Gloom and Grouch to rout! Gird on your shining armour, Once more grin like an ass, Spread the hot-air doctrine And joy may come to pass.

Oh, why do you worry, Dear Josey, About the Lion ad? Why not be a Gentleman, Joe— Like unto Sir Galahad? Does your conscience prick you, Josey, For what you did to Scott? It certainly was ungrateful, The deal sure smells like rot. He gave you part of his bed, sir; A bed free from pain; You kicked him out like a dog, Joe, Out in the Oregon rain. No wonder you have indigestion, The fantods in the runnet; It looks to this poor Squatter Like you hadn't ought to "done it."

Notice of Public Auction

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the following articles will be sold at public auction, to-wit:

1. One Elephant, about 61 years old, sired by Wall Street and dammed by everybody.
2. One perfectly dilapidated Republican Platform, all shot to pieces.
3. One Republican Machine, badly in need of repairs.
4. One set of Teeth, seen for the last time in public.
5. Two sets of beautiful Whiskers, guaranteed to antagonize the Barbers' Union.
6. One Billion-Dollar Special Train, with a flat wheel.
7. One Goat. Lost Tuesday by a gentleman at one time Justice of the Supreme Court.
8. Yards and yards of Tariff Bull.
9. One antiquated policy of attacking labor unions. This belonged to the late Harrison Gray Whotis and will be sold without reserve.
10. One Whistle, badly cracked, and of no further use to the Old Codger at First and Broadway.

We give further notice at this sale Elihu Root wishes to dispose of his premature appointment to the position of Secretary of State. Bids as low as 30c will be considered, while Mr. Raymond Robins will sell his chance to become head of the Department of Labor for a much less sum.

Any and all bids will be considered.
(Signed)
CHARLES ECHO HUGHES,
Auctioneer

For Sale—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red cockerel; full brother of pullets entered in Laying Contest at Washington State College. Inquire at this office. tf



Thanksgiving!

The spirit of the season prompts us to express our grateful appreciation of the good will you have bestowed on us during the past and we bespeak an opportunity to supply your Holiday Festival wants.

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Sensational Film Comes to Star

Outshining any of the sensational films recently shown here, exceeding in spectacular interest "Where Are My Children?" and different from that film in that it attacks and exposes commercialized vice, while that attacked another form of evil, "The Little Girl Next Door" comes to the Star theatre next Tuesday for matinee and evening performance. This film, based on the testimony of the Illinois vice investigation, has been suppressed by the censors at Seattle and other cities but has been endorsed by the press and pulpit and Mr. Hoffman expects to be able to show it here

The stories told by the girl witnesses before the commission, including the white slave stories, were re-enacted. The scenes are laid all over the country. The reels are connected by a running story, telling the history of one girl from her first false step to her appearance as a witness before the commission. The experience thru which she passed, as well as those of other witnesses are told.

The state senate investigating body in its report recommended that its report be placed before the public in pictures. The report in written form, it was suggested, would only be read by delvers into sociological facts, physicians, preachers, and persons especially interested in the vice problem from a standpoint of statistics. The senate passed a resolution authorizing the taking of a picture of that body in ses-

sion to be used as a part of the vice film.

Hundreds of characters have taken part in the picturization. Scenes of the sessions of the commission in Chicago, Washington and other cities are shown. Vice president Marshall and Congressman Mann, who attended the sessions in Washington, were photographed.

Go to the Show at Our Expense

The manager of the Express has arranged with Manager Hoffman of the Star Theater to give Express subscribers free show tickets, good for Saturday Matinees only. One of these tickets will be given with every 25c paid on subscrip-

tion to the Express or for every 25c spent for job printing. If you owe on subscription, pay up and get some free tickets; if you do not owe, pay a little ahead and get the tickets. This arrangement starts this week and runs for ten weeks—until Jan. 27th.

Free Methodist Church

Sabbath school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. All are welcomed.

J. N. WOOD, Pastor.

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The Black Cobra

To Sister Lucretia:

Snakes, like men, run up and down the whole scale of good and bad. Of all the bad snakes, however, the black cobra seems to head the list for genuine capacity for harm. He has been called the "most diabolical member of the snake family." Of course there is nothing diabolical about him, for whatever he does he does because "he's born that way"

Wherever this snake is found it is reported that the spray of his venomous saliva, which he can throw as far as eight feet, will produce instantaneous blindness when striking the eyes of man. Sometimes this blindness is permanent, sometimes it lasts but a day or two.

Here is a fine illustration of the slanderer who goes about blinding people by "spitting" the venom or slander and falsehood into the intellectual eyes of those she knows, till they are either permanently blinded to the truth, or at least so seriously incapacitated for seeing that they never see straight again. A CATHOLIC LADY.