# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## FINE CROP OUTLOOK.

### Eastern Oregon Farmers Rejoicing Over Recent Rain.

The Dalles—The rain and snow which fell here last week aggregated one inch moisture. Showers still continue and the snow on high elevations, which varied from four to six inches in depth, is gradually disappearing.

This will further retard plowing and seeding, which, owing to the miry condition of the soil, had but fairly begun throughout the country. When this last storm fell, farmers from the Tygh ridge wheat belt reported that the conditions for spring grain have not been as favorable in many years as now, because of the heavy freezing which loosened the ground to a depth of 18 inches, and the thorough soaking from the deep snow and heavy rain.

Owing to the long drouth and the lateness of fall rains, there is less acreage in winter wheat than usual, but under the present favorable conditions for spring seeding, there will be about the usual annual acreage in grain. The fruitgrowers regard the late snow storm as most beneficial, since it checks the budding until danger of killing frosts is past. No loss of sheep is feared, since lambing on the sheep ranges of the county has not yet begun.

## EARLY DAY POSTOFFICES.

### Inspector Richies Comes Into Possession of Interestiug Relic.

Portland—Postoffice Inspector Richies, of this city, owns a copy of a "List of Postoffices of the United States," which was issued by the government in 1862. The list has been, until recently, in the possession of John Hedden, postmaster at Scottsburg, Douglas county, Oregon, who had it from the government soon after its publication. Some time ago he gave it to Inspector Richies on the occasion of an official visit to that office by the latter.

Scottsburg is one of the oldest postoffices in the state, and Mr. Hedden was its first postmaster. In 1862 Oregon had 50 postoffices. In Multnomah county there were three, Portland, Springville and Sandy. Polk county led in the number of postoffices, having 13. Marion county came next, with 10. "Wascopum" county is credited with one, and Wasco county with one. Wascopum county's office appears on the list as Hood River. There were 20 counties in Oregon in 1862 in 1862; the state having made a gain of 13 counties in since that time.

### Beg to Get Deeds.

Salem—Jacob D. Holtzerman, of Minneapolis, attorney for the holders of 14 Kelliher-Turner school land certificates, covering about 2,800 acres located in Southern Oregon, appeared before the state land board at a recent special meeting in the interest of his clients, who want deeds to the land. Most of them live at Dayton, Ohio. These certificates were among those issued upon what is known as the Kelliher-Turner applications, which were alleged by ex-State Land Agent Oswald West to have been forgeries, and upon being investigated by the Marion county grand jury during the month of April, 1905, were so reported to the state land board.

### Add to State Asylum Site.

Salem—The state asylum board at a meeting in the governor's office authorized the purchase of the Riley tract of 25 acres, adjoining the asylum grounds, with the $10,000 appropriated for this purpose by the legislature. Dr. Mark Skiff has threatened to enjoin the board from making the purchase by throwing the matter into court, contending they are paying too much for the property. He says the property could have been secured for $7,000, but the board could not make any such deal with the Rileys.

### Fix Value of Polk Timber.

Dallas—The county court, it is understood, will very soon appoint a timber cruiser to arrive at a more equitable assessment of the vast bodies of valuable timber lying in Western Polk. School districts in the western part of the county will be extended to include this timber also, thereby making it liable to the special school tax. Approximately $100,000 in taxes was received before the expiration of the 3 per cent discount limit.

### Rich Strike in Pine Valley.

Baker City—The richness of the placer gold mines at old Auburn and even the wealth of the California placers are rivaled by reports of the strike recently made by Blair, Herbert and Underwood in the Seven Devils district. Pine Valley, about 60 miles east of Baker City, is the place where the discovery was made, and those who have been on the scene predict that it will be one of the greatest placer camps in the West.

### Arousing Interest in Horticulture.

Oregon City—Professor E. R. Lake, of the forestry and botanical department of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, and W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture, will be among the speakers at the next meeting of the Clackamas County Horticultural society, which will be held in this city Saturday, April 13.

### Large Sums in Short Time.

Marshfield—Prominent business men of North Bend subscribed $70,000 in two hours at a special meeting for the purpose of establishing a building and loan association in that city. The capital stock of the association will be $100,000. It has been established for the purpose of aiding in the upbuilding of North Bend and Coos Bay.

### Big Orchards in Jackson.

Medford—According to the report of Horticultural Commissioner Carson, of the Third district, 350,000 fruit trees have been added to the orchard wealth of Jackson county during the past year. The acreage reported exceeds 7,000, and of this amount, the larger portion has been devoted to Comice pears and Spitzenbergs.

## OREGON'S EXPENSES FOR 1906

### Total For Various Sums Foots Up to $1,306,449 97.

Salem—Secretary of Sttae F. W. Benson has completed the statement of the annual expenses of the several counties of the state for 1906, footing a grand total of $1,306,449.97. Among the items of expenditure are $37,077.07 and $20,000 for new court houses for Clatsop and Columbia counties, respectively. The expenses are charged to the different accounts as follows:

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| County court | $ 61,595.25 |
| Circuit court | 115,919.10 |
| Justice court | 32,792.05 |
| Sheriffs' office | 132,732.39 |
| Clerks' office | 127,427.04 |
| Recorders' office | 21,042.77 |
| Treasurers' office | 25,870.48 |
| Coroners' office | 11,587.07 |
| School superintendent | 38,461.49 |
| Stock inspector | 7,167.44 |
| Assessors' office | 70,610.69 |
| Assessment and col. taxes | 20,451.53 |
| Tax rebate | 7,265 91 |
| Current expenses | 71,147.48 |
| Court house expenses | 71,220.34 |
| Jail expenses | 19,980.79 |
| Care of poor | 115,617.97 |
| Indigent soldiers | 8,995.51 |
| Insane | 3,835.01 |
| Reform school commitmts | 410.58 |
| Bridges | 113,304.76 |
| Ferries | 56,535.33 |
| Election expenses | 90,815.44 |
| Scalp bounty | 1,406.70 |
| Board of health | 3,044.03 |
| Fruit inspectors | 2,356.93 |
| Surveyor | 2,739.95 |
| Printing and advertising | 4,605.13 |
| New court houses | 57,077.07 |
| Fairs | 1,938.88 |
| High schools | 9,616.52 |
| Library fund | 201.80 |
| Miscellaneous | 17,235.91 |
| To al | $1,306,449.97 |

### Work on the Poorman Group.

Baker City—That there are 100,000 tons of copper ore assaying $14 a ton lying at the surface on the Poorman group of claims, is the declaration of Manager Arthur, of the mines, who has just returned from the property. There are outcroppings assaying from 2 to 5 per cent in copper, the greatest in Oregon. The Poorman group promises to be one of the richest copper mines in the great copper belt of Eastern Oregon. The company now has a double shift at work.

### To Inspect Company's Books.

Salem—At a special meeting of the state land board which Secretary of State Benson attended, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee consisting of Attorney General Crawford, E. B. King, W. E. Guerin, Jr., and John K. Kollock, attorneys, for the purpose of inspecting all books, records and other documentary evidence belonging to the Columbia Southern Irrigating company. This concern entered into a contract with the state for the reclamation of about 12,000 acres of arid land in Crook county.

### Ditch to Serve 70,000 Acres.

Medford—The Sterling Mining company has completed a survey for a 21-mile ditch from the summit of Jacksonville mountain to the little Applegate river. The work, which will cost about $50,000, will connect the Squaw Lake water system with the company's Rogue River valley irrigating system. It will furnish sufficient water for 70,000 acres of orchard land. The work is to be let by contract and is to be completed by March 1, 1908.

### New Bank Examiner Chosen.

Salem—James Steele, of Portland, has been appointed state bank examiner. He is a brother of State Treasurer Steele and was one of the founders of the First National bank at Portland in 1868, and later was connected with the Merchant's National bank of that city.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; valley, 70c; red, 71c.

Oats—No. 1 white, $29@30; gray, $28@29.

Barley—Feed, $22.50 per ton; brewing, $23; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

Rye—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Corn—Whole, $25; cracked, $26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, $15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@18; clover, $9; cheat, $9; grain hay, $9@10; alfalfa, $14.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37½c per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream, 36c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14c; spring, fryers and broilers, 20@22½c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese, live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21c per dozen.

Apples—Common, 75c@$1.25 per box; choice, $1.50@2.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50 per dozen; celery, $4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; sprouts, 9c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 12@15c per pound; rhubarb, $2.25@2.50 per box.

Onions—Oregon, $1@1.25 per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, $1.50@1.75; No. 1 choice, $1.25@1.40.

Veal—Dressed, 5½@9c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3@3½c per pound; cows, 5@6c; country steers, 6@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 8@9c; spring lambs, 15@16c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound.

Hops—8@11c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@23c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28@29c per pound.

## FARMS UNDER WATER.

### Sacramento River Never Known to Be So High Before.

Sacramento, Cal., March 22.—From all down-river points come alarming news that the Sacramento river is higher than ever known, and that the situation all along the levees is appalling. There is already suffering and every able-bodied man is assisting in the fight against the water that is pouring into the breaches and inundating thousands of acres of the finest farming land in the state.

Special dispatches to the Union from Freeport, Courtland, Walnut Grove and Franklin state that the river has reached the highest stage ever recorded, and it is predicted that the terrible scenes witnessed during the tremendous floods of 1904 will be surpassed.

Standing on the levee near Courtland one may see for 60 miles to the southeast across an unbroken sea of water which extends clear to Stockton.

Thousands of cattle are being sheltered on top of the levees, as there is no other place for them, and if the water does not fall soon an indescribable condition of disaster is considered inevitable.

This morning the blockade on the Southern Pacific lines was made complete, when the line to the East was made helpless by a washout of 200 feet of track at Applegate, but during the afternoon the situation changed for the better when, with the report that the Applegate washout had been repaired, came another stating that it was expected the track would soon be open through to Stockton.

A trestle was placed in the gap at the Applegate washout this afternoon and more trains were dispatched East. One of these, a Portland train, will be sent to Utah and via the Oregon Short Line. The Placerville line is in full commission again, but no trains are operated on the Marysville branch further than Wheatland.

On the Portland line no trains are running beyond Redding, the tracks being out at Keswick, Campbell and Kennett, and it is not expected that travel can be resumed beyond Redding for at least ten days.

## ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE.

### Canadian Pacific to Enter Portland on O. R. & N. Tracks.

Portland, March 22.—Canadian Pacific trains will be running into Portland May 1.

Contracts were signed up here yesterday by traffic officials of the Canadian road with R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, allowing the use of the tracks from Spokane to Portland. The Canadian Pacific now reaches Spokane by the Spokane International railway from the C. P. R.'s main line at the Canadian boundary.

Freight service from Portland to all points in Canada, as well as to the Atlantic seaboard, will be started May 1 by the new traffic arrangement. Passenger trains will be put on at a later date. Through passenger service is promised from Portland to St. Paul.

The use of the O. R. & N. tracks by Canadian Pacific equipment was arranged for recently at a conference between President G. M. Bosworth, of the Canadian line and Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs, of the Harriman system.

This meeting was held in Chicago a short time ago.

### Historic Fort Swept Away.

San Francisco, March 22.—It is reported here that all reclamaion districts in Sutter county have been flooded. Near Meridian the water is in the second stories of the houses. Many families are said to be in want. Efforts will be made to send them relief. Probably all the stock in these districts has been drowned. The people of Yuba county district, above Marysville, are reported safe.

Near Tudor a break has occurred close to an Indian mound which was situated near the old iron fort brought from the East in sections by General John A. Sutter in the days before gold was discovered. The fort is reported to have been swept away.

### Steer Clear of Jerome.

New York, March 22.—In the course of an argument upon the indictments of the theatrical trust, Edward Lauterbach, counsel for Klaw & Erlanger, said in court today that Dixon and Zimmerman, who also were indicted on a charge of conspiracy, are in Pennsylvania, and will not voluntarily surrender themselves in New York. He added that they wanted the New York district attorney to cause their arrest in Philadelphia, so that the question of their extradition could be taken up before the governor of Pennsylvania.

### More Steel Men Strike at Hammond.

Hammond, Ind., March 22. — The strike situation at East Chicago was intensified today when 3,500 men employed by the Inland Steel company, walked out. The reason for the walkout was the demand of the laborers for an increase of 25c per day. Six hundred men struck yesterday at the Interstate Steel company and 1,200 at the Republic Iron & Steel company, and the walkout today brings the total number of strikers up to more than 5,000 men. Some rioting occurred today and one of the strikers was beaten.

### Austria Guards Frontier.

Vienna, March 22.—The Austrian minister of the interior has ordered a considerable increase in the number of gendarmes upon the Roumanian frontier in order to prevent riotous peasants from crossing the frontier and starting disturbances in Austria. The opinion is expressed at the foreign office that unless the Roumanian government promptly suppresses the agrarian movement in Roumania it is liable to soon get beyond control.

### Giving Away Sage Money.

New York, March 22.—Announcement was made today that Mrs. Russell Sage has donated $150,000 to the American Seamen's Friend society, to be used by that body in the erection of a proposed sailors' home and institute. Mrs. Sage has also given $75,000 to the Syrian Protestant college, of Beirut, Syria.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## ADVANCE WILLIAMSON CASE.

### Hoyt Wants Decision Before Supreme Court Adjourns.

Washington, March 22.—Next Monday Solicitor General Hoyt, representing the attorney general, will submit to the Supreme court a motion to advance the appeal of ex-Representative Williamson in the hope that the case can be tried this session and before adjournment in May. In a formal motion, which he has prepared to submit to the court, Mr. Hoyt briefly reviews the progress of the Williamson trial from its inception to and including the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals on March 11, and then states that his motion to advance is based on the following reasons:

First, this is a criminal case; second, a constitutional question appears to be involved; third, it is a case of public importance involving the question whether the immunity from arrest granted to senators and members of congress by the constitution extends to a sentence of imprisonment after legal conviction; fourth, an independent writ of error from the Circuit Court of Appeals has been dismissed by that court as to Williamson.

## INCREASED MEAT EXPORTS.

### Total Value of Products Sent Out Last Year $250,000,000.

Washington, March 26.—The total exportations of meat and dairy products and food animals from the United States last year aggregated over $250,000,000 in value, according to a statement issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor.

This represents an increase of $76,000,000, or 45 per cent, during the decade from 1896 to 1906. More than 60 per cent of last year's exports went to the United Kingdom. Of the $250,000,000 worth of meats, dairy products and food animals passing out of the United States last year, $40,000,000 was in live animals, $58,000,000 in lard, $36,000,000 in bacon, $25,000,000 in fresh beef, $21,000,000 in hams, $18,000,000 in oleomargarine, $14,000,000 in pork other than bacon and hams, $4,500,000 in butter and $2,500,000 in cheese.

### Australian Mail Delayed.

Washington, March 26.—In consequence of the withdrawal by the Oceanic Steamship company of its steamers on the route between San Francisco, Auckland and Sydney, the Postoffice department is without means of dispatching parcels-post mails to New Zealand and Australia. Postmasters have been instructed to decline to receive such packages addressed for delivery in this country until further orders, which will be issued as soon as other arrangements can be made. These are expected in the near future.

### Must Account to Hanley.

Washington, March 27.—The Supreme court of the United States today dismissed the case of the Empire State-Idaho Mining company vs. N. J. Hanley, involving a claim by Hanley for part of the ore of the Skookum mine in Shoshone county, Idaho. It was represented that the company had taken out more than $1,000,000 worth of ore without accounting to Hanley, who claimed to be a part owner. The court held itself to be without jurisdiction. The action is favorable to Hanley.

### Will Carry Relief to China.

Washington, March 21.—The United States army transport Buford will take a load of provisions at once to China for the relief of the famine sufferers. The War department advised the State department today that the transport, which is at San Francisco, is at the disposal of the Red Cross Cross for immediate use in the shipment. The transport will stop at Honolulu on its way to Shanghai and probably will carry a special party of congressmen, who are to visit Honolulu as guests of the citizens of the Hawaiian islands.

### Conference Proposal Received.

Washington, March 21.—President Roosevelt has received from Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, the letter recently sent by him bearing on the subject of a national conference with a view to reaching a common understanding as to the powers to be exercised by the states in the event of an extension of Federal authority in railroad regulation. The president has discussed the queston and expects to promptly reply to Governor Johnston's suggestion.

### Plan for 1908 Campaign.

Washington, March 26.—Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou and Timothy Woorduff, of New York, chairman of the Republican State committee of New York, were in conference with the president at the White House for more than two hours tonight. Mr. Woodruff said the conference related to presidential campaign plans for 1908, but that candidates were not discussed.

### Coa Land is Reopened.

Washington—The general land office has issued a statement giving the location of the following public lands reopened to entry by the president's order of March 12 last: Montana, 2,000,000; Oregon, 710,000; Washington, 320,000. The land was, previous to the order of March 12, included in land classed as coal land and withdrawn from entry.

### Cost of Pacifying Cuba.

Washington, March 22.—Extraordinary expenses to the United States up to date caused by the sending of an army of pacification to Cuba, aggregate about $2,500,000, according to figures which have been prepared by the War department. It has not been determined exactly when the money will be collected from Cuba by the United States.

### New Land Office Appointee.

Washington, March 27.—Harry H. Schwartz, of South Dakota, was today appointed chief of the special field service, division of the general land office.

## DISCUSSED ALTON DEAL.

### Roosevelt Denies He and Deneen Are Booming Taft.

Washington, March 21.—"Governor Deneen and Attorney General Stead did not come to see me on any politacal matters at all."

The above were substantially the words the president used in his talk with Senator Hansbrough today when the latter asked him about the report that Saturday's conference at the White House with the Illinois officers during which Secretary Taft and his brother called, was for the purpose of launching a boom for Secretary Taft for the presidency.

From authoritative sources it was learned today that the visit of Governor Deneen and Attorney General Stead had to do with the Chicago & Alton deal which figured in the Harriman investigattion before the Interstate Commerce commission. The president was anxious to learn what was being done, or what the state contemplated doing in the matter.

Secretary Taft issued the following: "I had an appointment with the president at 3:30 p. m. Sunday and went to the White House to keep it. I found Governor Deneen and Attorney General Stead with the president and I was introduced. They left immediately. There was no political conversation."

### Accepts Bonds as Security.

Washington, March 27.—The secretary of the treasury today announced that he would accept in substitution for United States 4 per cent bonds of 1907, now held to secure public deposits, any other government bonds, Philippine bonds and certificates, city of Manila bonds, Porto Rico bonds, Hawaiian bonds, also state, municipal and high-grade railroad bonds, such as are legal investments for savings banks in the states of New York and Massachusetts, upon the basis of 90 per cent of their market value. It is understood that any of such bonds thus withdawn must be assigned to "the secretary of the treasury for redemption," under the provisions of the department circular of March 14, 1907.

### Much Land is Reopened.

Washington—The secretary of the interior has restored to entry a large quantity of government land which was withdrawn last summer on the supposition that it contained deposits of merchantable coal. In all 710,000 acres are restored in Oregon and 320,000 acres in Washington. The geological survey, after examining, reported its inability to find coal indications in this land. The land now becomes subject to entry under the general land laws. Oregon land is in the Portland, Roseburg, Dalles and La Grande districts, the Washington land in the Seattle, Olympia and North Yakima districts.

### Will Enforce Fence Law.

Washington, March 27.—Secretary Garfield today issued an order for the strict enforcement of the law prohibiting the fencing of the public domain. In doing so, he mentioned the efforts made at the last session of congress to obtain a modification of this law, which was passed in 1885, and expressed regret that no discretion is given the government to permit the continuance of fences "that are clearly for the benefit of all interests." He predicted that hardships and losses would be occasioned.

### Extends Sympathy to Russia.

Washington, March 21.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor today listened to addresses by Alexis Aladyn, representing the Group of Toil in the first douma of Russia, and Nicholas Tchykovsky, representing the revolutionary party, regarding the question of economic improvement, material advancement and political liberty for Russian workmen. The council unanimously adopted resolutions expressive of its sympathy in the struggle of the laboring men of Russia for their freedom and pledging co-operation.

### Penrose Is Exonerated.

Washington, March 27.—The senate committee on military affairs today received from the acting secretary of war a copy of a telegram from Brigadier General McCaskey, commanding the department of Texas, concerning the Penrose court martial. The following is the text: "Major Penrose was exonerated by the court martial, but the court found that the shooting in Brownsville was done by the men of the Twenty-fifth infantry."

### Not Dead, but Sleeping.

Washington, March 21.—The ship subsidy bill is not dead, but sleeping. When congress reassembles, in December, the bill will be reintroduced; in fact it will probably be reintroduced in various shapes, and then the friends of subsidy will join hands and attempt to pass some compromise bill.

### Advance Eight-Hour Cases.

Washington, March 27.—In the Supreme court of the United States Solicitor General Hoyt made a motion today for the advancement on the docket of several cases against dredging companies on the charge of violating the eight-hour law.

### Will Open Antung to Trade.

Washington, March 21. — W. D. Straight, the American consul general at Mukden, notified the State department today that he has assurances that the Antung custom house will be opened by the Chinese soon.

### Let Roosevelt Arbitrate.

New Orleans—President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is quoted as acceding to a request of President Roosevelt for arbitration of the war troubles in Central America in a letter received here from Bluefields.

### Battleship Plans Ready.

Washington, March 26.—Plans and specifications for the two battleships authorized by the last session of congress will be ready for competitive bidding April 1.

# LET US ALL LAUGH.

## JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

### Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

"Yes, sir," said Bragg. "I've decided to have a long talk with the boss and tell him just what I think."

"Is it possible?" remarked Nagg.

"Why? Don't you believe I've got the nerve to tell him what I think?"

"Oh, yes; but if you tell him just what you think how are you going to have a long talk?"—Philadelphia Press.

**On to Him.**

"Inspiration's a queer thing," said the tragedian. "Coming east, while I lay dozing in a sleeping car——"

"Well! Well!" interrupted the comedian. "some kind-hearted brakeman gave you a berth in the caboose, eh?"—Philadelphia Press.

**Tips.**

Mrs. Easy—Yes, Fred, they call this place Palm Beach.

Mr. Easy—Very appropriate, Helen. Everybody you meet holds out his palm.

**Chicken.**

Chaplain—This world, my brother, is full of trials and temptations.

Prisoner—Yes, boss, but de temptations ginerally comes afore de trials."—Boston Transcript.

**Heard at a Winter Resort.**

Dr. Florridder—I had a great many more patients last year than I have this. I wonder where they have all gone to?

Mrs. Oldun—Well, all we can do, doctor, is to hope for the best.—Life.

**A Consistent Position.**

"Are you personally in favor of an income tax?"

"Yes," answered the painfully flippant person; "if anybody will guarantee me the income."—Washington Star.

**A Real Barrier.**

"Is there anything between those two young people?"

"Nothing that I know of except poverty."—Baltimore American.

**Comparative Eloquence.**

First Child—Our baby can say "papa."

Second Child (with lofty superiority)—Our parrot can say "pa-pa" and papa's swear words, too.—Baltimore American.

**Not for Her Ears.**

Stinjay (playing host)—Tell me, now, what do you think of that cigar?

Kandor (holding the weed at arm's length)—Well—er—can't you first send your wife out of the room on some pretext or other?—The Catholic Standard and Times.

**Enigmatical.**

"So that busybody, Mrs. Gadfly, made herself so much at home at her first call as to go upstairs to your library? What did you do?"

"Why, we called her down."—Baltimore American.

**With a Club.**

Kid—A man beat his wife with a club here this morning.

Cop—Right here, on my beat?

Kid—Sure! Ain't dis de golf links?

**Military Etiquette.**

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening, colonel?" she asked.

The colonel drew himself up haughtily and replied, with every evidence of offended dignity:

"Madam, I command a regiment."—Kansas City Independent.

**Only One Artist.**

Model—Pardon me, sir; but isn't there another artist in this building?

Artist—Well, that is a matter of opinion. There is another fellow who paints.—Browning's Magazine.

**But His Blood May Have Been Blue.**

Mater—Do you know, John, I can't decide whether we'd better send Tom to Yale or Harvard.

Pater—Harvard, of course; he'd have a nice time with that mop of red hair at Yale, wouldn't he?—Boston Transcript.

**The Big and the Little of It.**

Lady (to little girl)—And what's your name?

"Maxey, mum."

"No; I mean your first name."

"Minnie, mum."

**No More Sisters, Thank You.**

"Mamma," said little May, as she looked at her baby sister for the first time, "I'm very much obliged to you for offerin' her to me for a sister, but I have all the sisters I want, so I'll take her for a cousin."

**Long Like Him.**

"Well," asked the Rev. Mr. Tallman, "what did you think of my sermon?"

"Oh! er—it was like you," replied Mr. Kandor.

"Characteristic, eh?"

"Well, it certainly wasn't stunted."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

**This Is Awful.**

Gyer—My wife made a brilliant remark last night.

Myer—What was it?

Gyer—She told me to light the gas.

**Notable Twins.**

Teacher—This is a memorable day, children. It is the birthday of Luther and Schiller.

Ella—Were they twins, then?—Lustige Blatter.

**Safe Investments.**

"Are those mining-stock certificates safe investments?"

"In a sense. They are the sort of investments that you lock up in a safe and then hope for the best."—Washington Star.

**Lucky She Didn't Hear Him.**

Marks—Say, old man, did I ever tell you about the awful fright I got on my wedding day?

Parks—S-sh! No man should speak that way about his wife.—Boston Transcript.

**His Little Scheme.**

"How do you manage to sell so much stock?" asked the president of the mining company.

"Oh," replied the successful agent, "I throw gold dust in my victims' eyes."

**What He Needed.**

Sapleigh—I—aw—would nevah mawry foh money, doncher know, because I—aw—don't weally need it."

Miss Caustique—If you ever marry I suppose it will be for brains.

**Willing to Oblige.**

Angry Father—How dare you show your face here again, young man?

Persistent Suitor—Oh, don't get fussy about it. The next time I call I'll wear a veil.

**Of More Importance.**

Long—That girl you are engaged to has a graceful figure, but her face is rather plain.

Short—Yes; it was her figure that attracted me. She's worth $50,000.

**Meant Well, but—**

Mr. Hunter—Well, I have always aimed to be honest.

Miss Nipper—Undoubtedly. But—er—did you always have your gun loaded?

**Going It Too Strong.**

She—Belle is one of those new women. She declares it's a woman's privilege to be plain.

He—That's all right, but Belle abuses her privilege.

**A Mother's Club, Indeed.**

"A mother's club!" exclaimed Mrs. Farmer Hayrick, putting the newspaper down. "The very idee o' setch a thing. I never use nothin' but a shingle! Nice sort o' mothers they must be that has to use a club!"—Browning's Magazine.

**More Diplomacy.**

"These photographs," protested the fair maid, "are rather indistinct."

"Naturally," rejoined the wise artist. "Your face is anything but plain."

And she went away satisfied.

**Judging by Experience.**

Uriah Upstate—Young Pason Gadsby has mor'gaged his hundred acres for $2,500 an' gone tew Noo York tew buy an autymobile.

Silas Graball (who once purchased green goods)—Has, hey? Well, I'll jest bet yew a good 5-cent cigar thet when he gits hum ag'in an' unpacks the said autymobile it'll turn out to be a nice red wheel-barrer!—Puck.

**Left Alone.**

Beggar—I've lost all my kinfolks.

Lady—You poor man! All dead?

Beggar—Naw; rich.—Woman's Home Companion.

**Kept His Promise.**

Young Wife—When we took this flat you promised to enlarge it for us.

Landlord—Well, madame, I did. Didn't I scrape the wall paper off and put on paint instead.—Boston Transcript.

**Weather Wisdom.**

"When in doubt," said the weather prophet, "always predict something disagreeable."

"What for?"

"If you're wrong, people are so pleased they don't criticise you."—Washington Star.

**A Floral Freak.**

There is a singular floral freak called the "occasional" flower for the reason that it has no particular time to bloom. It is said that when closed the occasional flower is in color and form something like a ripe poppy head, but with the stem attached. Submerged in a bowl of water for a few minutes and then taken out and placed by its stem in an empty bottle, the outer petals begin in several minutes to open out. This process is slow, but distinctly noticeable. The petals continue to rise and to expand until they gradually recede. When this action is completed it resembles in appearance the sunflower. The occasional flower remains thus open for a few hours, during which time, the state of humidity lessening by degrees, the fiber begins to shrink and the petals close up gradually in the same way that they opened until the flower resumes its former position. It is said that, properly nourished, with regard to temperature and air, and carefully handled, the occasional flower never decays or degenerates in its radiance and splendor.