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Gifford Pinchot who was one of Teddy's favorite pets during the rough rider administration, has had all kinds of trouble since the crown was lifted from the Roosevelt brow. His latest is to be fired out of Belgium by the German authorities.

Some people are awfully hard to please in their domestic relations. A Portland man, a member of the well known Smith family, first fell out with his spouse because she attended dances, and now since she went to revival services and was converted to religion, he has applied for a divorce.

Those of us who have been away from Indiana many years had supposed that the vote repeater at election time was a person of the past, but it seems that at Terre Haute, at least, he demonstrated at the last election that he could "come back"—in fact, so many of "him," that jail room is scarcely ample to house all who have been convicted in the election fraud trials.

It seems that the Graphic created a near panic at the meeting of the city council Monday night by presenting a bill for 86 cents for publishing the mayor's proclamation calling for "clean-up day" on date of March 6. The bill was tabled for a thorough and scrutinizing investigation and in the meantime there will doubtless come a brighter outlook in financial circles so that the bill can be paid without any great embarrassment to the city treasurer.

We have heard many words of commendation of the work of those who took part in the play given at Duncan's hall on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, but the suggestion has been made by some who attended that had the cuss words and the cigarette smoking been cut out, the entertainment would have been more in keeping with what the Parent-Teacher Association, under whose auspices it was given, is supposed to stand for.

Rumors have been floating about at intervals for several weeks to the effect that the Oregon Electric people are going to build the proposed branch line out this way from the main line this season. What the rumors are being based on the Graphic is not able to say and no charge is made for this information. We do know that the company has a track of heavy rails laid in concrete for a distance of some fourteen blocks on First street in Newberg that only needs the proper connections to make a splendid track and "Barkis is willin'."

Recently a young man who grew up in Portland, the youngest son of one of the pioneer newspaper men of Oregon who was respected in his day, was convicted as a defaulter by a jury and sentenced by a Portland judge to a term in the penitentiary. At intervals in the years gone by the writer had the pleasure of listening to interesting recitals by the father of early inci-

dents in his career as a newspaper man in Oregon, and it is with sincere regret that we learn of the downfall of the son. And yet when it is remembered that after the father had become incapacitated for active work on account of his age, and the rasper death had taken from him his wife, this ungrateful son turned him out, refusing to give him a home, our sympathy for him is tempered to a degree. The young man who fails to show respect to his aged parents is so constituted that he is liable to go wrong in other ways at any time.

A Portland policeman who abandoned his family and ran away with another woman, was arrested a few days ago in Seattle and brought back. On his arrival at the police station he is quoted as saying, "I have suffered the tortures of hell in being away from my wife and 5-year-old daughter," which no doubt was an experience quite different from the heavenly time he anticipated when he turned his back on the woman he had promised to love and support. Just one more instance to prove that the way of the transgressor is hard.

At every election many who are interested in affairs and who would like to cast a ballot are prevented from doing so on account of pressing business matters that call them away from home on election day. North Dakota has recently passed a law that makes it possible for the absent voter to express his choice along with others. The law provides that any voter who cannot conveniently be at home on election day, may write to the county auditor for an absent voter's ballot. With the ballot he will get an envelope, on the outside of which is an affidavit that he is a qualified voter in the place he has mentioned, and that he is going to vote in secret. Having marked his ballot, he puts it into the envelope, seals it, signs the affidavit on the back of it, and mails the whole, in a larger envelope, to the auditor. The auditor sends it to the voter's home precinct, and there the election officers check the name and deposit the ballot. North Dakota appears to have solved the absent voter problem. Now what can be done to stir up the indifferent voter who fails to take enough interest to go a half mile to vote?

THE UNITED STATES A HAVEN OF PEACE.

When the European war broke out it was with feelings of horror that the people on this side of the Atlantic read from day to day of the awful loss of life that was taking place, and the papers were scanned, with the coming of every mail, in order to get the latest news, but after all has been gleaned from newspaper reports that is obtainable, it is difficult for our people to realize the awfulness of the conflict.

Possibly, too, we of the United States do not fully realize how much we are favored in being far removed from the scene of carnage and in being able to remain at peace with all nations.

Herbert N. Casson, who has been living in London says in a recent article:

"From the European point of view, the United States is a haven of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dares mention to Belgium or Austria, or France, or Germany, or Serbia, or Great Britain, or Russia.

Every tenth Briton has enlisted. Every tenth Frenchman is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the United States know of trouble?

If I could afford it, I would charter the 'Mauretania' and 'Lusitania' and convey a party

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of 5,000 American advertisers to Europe for a trip of education. I would give them a week in London, a week in Paris and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the scene of war. I would give them a look at real trouble. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes apart, packed with the maimed and the dying.

Then I would say to them, go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Get ready for the most tremendous boom that any nation ever had. Build your factories bigger. Train more salesmen. Go ahead, and thank God that you live and that your family is alive, and that you are living in a land that is at peace, at a time when nearly the whole world is at war."

REX

A. H. Dean made a business trip to Portland Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Leota Howard, of Newberg, visited the family of O. Woodworth several days last week.

Miss Nellie Miller spent Easter in Portland visiting friends.

Clarence Kienle of the Kienle Music Store, Newberg, was in Rex Saturday to tune the schoolhouse piano.

Mrs. W. M. Roberts left Saturday for Portland where she will join her husband and proceed to Centralia, their future home.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, of Portland, will be pleased to learn that they welcomed a brand new baby girl to their home, March 22nd, named Helen Barnstine.

S. M. Mann, of Lynnton, was in Rex looking up acreage recently.

Mrs. Dean and daughter Dorothy attended Easter services in Newberg.

Robert Gise, late of Omaha, is visiting the family of R. N. Morrison.

Lewis Winters was in Canfield last week buying sheep, and returned with a good sized band.

Miss Mary Jones spent Easter Sunday with her mother in Portland.

Dr. A. M. Davis, of Newberg, was a Sunday visitor at the John Winter's home.

Frank Dorce was out from

Portland a few days last week visiting his parents.

Miss Esther Norden, of Portland, visited Mrs. Thelma Reynolds Sunday, sympathizing with her in her illness. Mrs. Therman and Miss Alice Bolton were out the preceding Sunday and all were pleased to find that Mrs. Reynolds was getting along nicely.

Don't forget Saturday evening, when Miss Roxanna Wommelsdorf, of Portland, will take an active part in the program of the Civic Improvement Club, and will charm her hearers with the beauty of her violin music.

The fascinating Fannie Brown will make her bow to Rex Saturday evening, and her wit, beauty and grace is bound to win many male hearts. She is supported by the following: Percival Gale, proprietor of summer hotel, "Idlewild," Jack Sawyer, Billy Pearson, boarder at hotel, J. W. Moore; Henry Dudley, college sophomore, Ross Wiley; Dorothy Dudley, a desperate flirt, Mrs. Jack Sawyer, Florence Howe, Dorothy's chum, Maude Wright; Audrey Caldwell, a charming school girl, Erma Kane; Mrs. Caldwell, Audrey's mother, Rachel Brown; Mrs. Moffett, fair, fat and excitable, Mr. Karl Greve; Martha, maid, Fleda Kane.

An Injudicious Text.

A church was a considerable time without a pastor. A great number of persons of varied talents presided to them with a view to obtaining the post. A very ambitious young man was asked to supply them for a Sabbath. All went well until he gave out the text, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh." Imagine the consternation the people experienced when he read out the text in a lofty and commanding manner. He was unaware of the feeling he created. The people did the opposite from the text. The young man was not called.

Difficult Classification.

Teacher—Tommy, to what class of the animal kingdom do I belong?
Tommy—Dunno, teacher. Pa says you're an old hen and ma says you're an old cat.—Baltimore American.

Origin of the Organ.

The date of the invention of the organ is unknown. It is said to have been during the third century previous to the Christian era, and from that period to A. D. 870 the invention has been ascribed to various parties. At the latter date organs were said to have been introduced into some of the churches of western Europe. This statement, however, is not considered trustworthy, and it is not certain they were used in church services until 760,

when one was sent as a present by Copronymus, the Greek emperor, to King Pepin of France, who placed it in the Church of St. Cornelle at Compiene. Keys were invented about the close of the eleventh century and pedals in the fourteenth.

WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?

It seems to be an Effect Produced by Energy on Matter.

It is a curious fact that although evidence of electricity in a primitive way was observed as long ago as the sixth century B. C. and its manifestation has become one of the greatest factors in our modern civilization, no one knows just what it is.

At different times it has been thought to be a form of matter, a thin, weightless fluid, a kind of force, a variety of motion and a disturbance in the ether—which is supposed to fill all space, including pores in most solid metals. Electricity is not something created by man. He has simply discovered ways of turning its manifestations to practical account.

From the time that Thales observed, centuries before the Christian era, that amber, after being rubbed by silk, had the property of attracting light bodies like bits of paper, discoveries of electric phenomena were made from time to time, but they were detached from a realization of the great possibilities brought to light in recent years.

Electricity becomes evident when rendered active by some molecular disturbance, such as friction, rupture or chemical action. Scientists today regard it as neither energy nor matter, but, like heat, light and sound, it is an effect produced by energy on matter.

ARCTIC FROST BITES.

And the Popular Error That Rubbing With Snow Helps Them.

The idea that when your face or any other part of your body begins to freeze you must thaw it out with snow is declared to be a superstition by Vilhelmur Stefansson. Few things could be more absurd, he says, and yet this is a superstition that has been carried with many an arctic explorer through long experience in the north. Tales are told of how even the application of snow failed to relieve the freezing, and these are taken as indications of the severity of the case instead of proof that as a matter of fact, the snow only assists the freezing process. Any high school pupil, Stefansson says, could tell us offhand what would happen if liquid air were applied to a man's cheek or nose. Of course the part would freeze instantly. Snow has the same though less rapid effect.

The whole secret of dealing with frost bites of the face in arctic travel, he says, is to keep the hands warm and to run the warm hand over the face every few minutes to see if any part of it is frozen. Usually, also, one can keep oneself fairly well informed about the condition of one's face by wrinkling it and "making faces." If a spot of skin or cheek the size of a twenty-five cent piece becomes stiff one can always detect it by making a grimace. Then all one has to do is to take one's warm hand out of one's mitten

and press it to the frozen spot for a moment until the whiteness and stiffness are gone.—Indianapolis News.

His Blasted Life.

John Grimes, a noted skindiv, residing in a rural district, became engaged to a lady of some means who chanced to be visiting in the neighborhood during the summer. Ascertaining his true character as the weeks passed, she told him all was over between them, whereupon Grimes threatened to sue for breach of promise. Rather than incur publicity and notoriety his former sweetheart, through her attorney, offered to settle for \$300. "Two hundred" shrieked Grimes melodramatically. "Two hundred dollars for ruined hopes, a blasted life! Never, never!" "How much do you think would be about right?" asked the attorney. "Make it three hundred and it's a bargain," declared Grimes instantly.—Argonaut.

John Bull.

"John Bull," a popular epithet for an Englishman, as a personification of what is supposed to be the English type, is derived from a prose political satire by Dr. John Arbuthnot, who used the name in his "History of John Bull" (1712), reprinted complete in "Pope's Miscellanies" in 1726. The subject of that history is the "Spanish succession during the reigns of Queen Anne and Louis XIV." Queen Anne is "Mrs. Bull."

"John Bull's mother" is the church of England, and "John Bull's sister Peg" is the Scotch nation, represented as in love with Jack (Calvin). The description of Bull is so close to the familiar figure in the pages of Punch that a sentence or two may be quoted: "Bull in the main was an honest and plain dealing fellow, choleric, bold and of a very inconsistent temper. He dined not old Lewis (Louis XIV.), either at back sword, single fashions or cudgel play, but then he was very apt to quarrel with his best friends, especially if they pretended to govern him. If you fattered him you might lead him as a child."

Literary Controversies.

Famous controversies over the authorship of poems include the following:

"Laugh and the World Laughs With You," claimed by four or five different authors, is now credited to Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Her chief opponent was John A. Joyce.

"Rock Me to Sleep" was claimed by two different authors.

John J. Ingalls, the great Kansas statesman and writer, had his authorship of "Opportunity" disputed many times.

Walt Whitman and Mary Mapes Dodge had a stirring dispute about a little poem, "The Two Mysteries."

The authorship of Shakespeare's plays has been ascribed to Francis Bacon (Lord Verulam), Christopher Marlowe, Sir Walter Raleigh and other contemporaries.—St. Louis Republic.

Offer Declined.

It was after an attack, and two highland soldiers were lying flat to escape the flying bullets. During a brief lull in the firing one of them said, "Let's be moving on, Jock."

"I can't, Sandy," was the reply. "I got it in the leg."

"Then crawl on the my back," said Sandy, "and I'll carry ye in."

"Nae danger, fear," exclaimed Jock; "the Victor's cross for ye and another bullet for me."—Boston Transcript.