

A well-known writer has been comparing President Roosevelt and the Kaiser. The German emperor should appreciate the compliment.—Washington Times.

A St. Louis clergyman thinks marriage would not be so much of a failure if women did the proposing. But they do the accepting, don't they?—Philadelphia Ledger.

It will be no surprise, even if the official statement of fact is news, that the big railroads have continuously and persistently violated the interstate commerce law, and even disregarded the decision of the United States Supreme Court. These railroads like the big trusts, consider themselves above or two large for the government or laws; in their estimation the government exists only for their benefit.

Many people wear themselves out needlessly; their conscience is a tyrant. An exaggerated sense of duty leads many a person to anxious ceaseless activity, to be constantly doing something, over punctual, never idle a second of time, scorn to rest; such are in unconscious nerve tension. They say they have no time to rest they have so much to do, not thinking they are rapidly unfitting themselves for probably what would have been their best and greatest work in after years. Self control of nerve force is the great lesson of health, and therefore of life itself. To understand how to relax is to understand how to strengthen nerves. Hearty laughter is a source of relaxation, as are also all high thoughts, as those of hope, beauty, trust or love. Relaxation is found in diversion.

The business of muleraising has grown to enormous proportions in Texas during the last two years, in response to the demand of the British government incident to the South African War. It is said that fully a quarter of a million of these animals have been shipped through the port of New Orleans to south Africa within this time, the bulk of which came from Texas ranches. There is yet no sign of abatement of the demand. Indeed, agents of the British government now in Fort Worth give assurances to ranchers that buying, so far as can now be determined, is likely to continue indefinitely, which means, of course, that the end of the war between Boer and Briton is not yet in sight. It is idle to protest on technical grounds against a traffic so big with profits and possibilities. While the demand continues (woe to the wretched animals) the supply will follow.—Oregonian.

The chaplain of the United States Senate has at last done the right thing in regards to news paper reporters. He has prayed for them. It is a matter of record that for the first time in the history of the senate reporters and correspondents were prayed for in the meetings of that public body. This is turning over a new leaf and good results are expected. The newspaper reporter has been railed at from time immemorial, but no one thought of praying for him. Ever since he came into being he has been blamed for doings and misdoings. Never receiving from the public a word of praise, he has been charged with all the offences that creep into the daily paper. Ever on the alert to please the public, he has had in return only abuse. It is strange that no one thought of praying for him. He was sadly in need of it. But now that the good example has been set by the Chaplain of the United States Senate it is expected that preachers generally will follow the ex-

ample. It is hoped also that the private individual, instead of heaping curses on the wicked reporter, will now pray for his conversion; that he may be kept in the ways of truth and rectitude.—Chicago Chronicle.

The new combination of steamship lines, whose existence is so stoutly denied and so positively affirmed, is said to control ships aggregating 563,000 tons. The total shipping of the United States engaged in foreign trade under sail or steam is only 816,000 tons. This is certainly the age of "big things."

The Portland Oregonian asserts through its local columns, that the county court of Multnomah county has selected judges and clerks of election who are in favor of the Simon ticket in the coming election. It is now in order for that paper, that may be assigned, constructively, as an opponent of Mr. Simon, to exert its influence to defeat the ticket those judges and clerks are expected to favor.

During the past few weeks, readers of the Oregonian, recognizing its vast weight in the councils of the republican party, have noted a tone of opposition to Mr. Simon in the utterances. For instance, it was remarked, editorially, the other day, that Senator Mitchell had "made a hit" in a certain move in Washington, and that it was noticeable that Senator Simon never "made any hits." This is but one from many significant little things that indicate the leanings of the big Portland paper.

To him who will go at the problem with regards to the rules of logic, the situation almost demands, perforce that the Oregonian also opposes the renomination of Mr. Geer. It is believed by all well posted politicians, or by most of them, that Mr. Simon is in political coalition with Mr. Geer. It is generally accepted that the two are fighting a common battle, and that Mr. Geer's renomination will come about only through the support of Mr. Simon.

It must be admitted by the candid person, that this is not absolutely conclusive, yet it is logical in so far as the reasoner is able to secure specific material to lay his premises and proceed with his argument. The elements lacking are supplied by the careful speculation of men accustomed to weigh the probabilities, and that Messrs. Simon and Geer are political partners, seems to satisfy well posted judges as one of the facts of the coming campaign.

This appears to be the almost certainty in Marion county, and the situation is such as to compel, in the end, the separation of the Anti-Simon and anti-Geer people and their gathering into one camp. Under the circumstances, it is difficult for the average man who gives attention to politics in Oregon, to understand how a man can continue to be for Geer and against Simon. Furthermore it is difficult to understand how one can be against Simon, for one of the anti-Simon candidates for the United States senate, and at the same time stand for Mr. Geer.

In short, the logic of the situation, is that he who is against Mr. Simon must, perforce, be against Mr. Geer, and this is what things will come to in Oregon politics before the conventions are held next spring.

As to what the Portland daily will do, thousands of people throughout the state are watching with interest. The status is such as to make it easily possible that the Oregonian goes (in this instance) so goes the republican party of the state. The situation warrants such an expectation.—East Oregonian.

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