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WHAT A FALL!

Mr. Fall was secretary of the interior.

Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Doheny were in the oil business.

Teapot Dome was one of the oil districts which President Taft had ordered reserved as a source of fuel for the navy.

Mr. Fall had a cattle ranch in the great southwest, but was in hard luck and his taxes were delinquent.

Suddenly luck turned. Mr. Fall paid those taxes and stocked up with many thousands of dollars' worth of fine cattle.

Mr. Fall, as secretary of the interior, leased Teapot Dome to the oil company, in which Doheny and Sinclair were interested. When it was announced that the oil company was likely to make \$2,000,000 out of Teapot Dome some members of congress became inquisitive.

Now, how is \$2,000,000 profit to be made on a few oil wells?

By getting the oil land from the people and selling the oil to the people. Every one of those two millions of dollars is paid by the people for the product of those oil wells.

Here is a big profit for the middleman as there is on the products of the farms between producer and consumer. Those prying congressmen asked Mr. Fall where he got the funds which had made him so wealthy.

Mr. Fall wrote, in reply, that he had never got a cent from Mr. Doheny or Mr. Sinclair, so there.

Asked where he did get so much money he replied that he borrowed it from Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean, asked about it, said "yes," he loaned that money to Mr. Fall.

Placed under oath, Mr. McLean said he never had loaned Mr. Fall any money.

Mr. Fall said: "That's true; he didn't."

Now Mr. Fall says he borrowed the most of that money from Mr. Doheny and the rest, a trifle of \$60,000, or so from Mr. Sinclair, before the Teapot Dome tract was leased to their company.

The reason for the lease, he said was that the tapot leaked. It's oil would be drawn off by near-by pumps.

Puzzle: Find out which time, if at all, any of these gentlemen told the truth.

"What a Fall was there, my countrymen!"

WHAT IS A PRINTER?

Fifty years ago it was an easy matter to find a compositor who could take the general run of correspondence that comes into a newspaper office, correct the grammatical and orthographical errors, punctuate and capitalize it according to the style adopted by the particular print shop in which he was employed and produce a proof-sheet in which the proof-reader would mark but few errors.

A man who could not do this could not attain a good standing in the typographical union of those days. Good typography was and is a skilled art, but the average "printer" of these days is not an artist. He does not know where to place an apostrophe indicate the possessive case and he places capital letters and punctuation marks at random, hit or miss, through the column and cannot give a reason why he makes the use he does of any of them.

A few strong publication offices, like those of the Oregonian or Journal of Portland and the Register of Eugene, show indications of having proof-readers, if not linotype operators, who know where a comma, an

apostrophe or a capital letter is out of place, but to the majority of smaller printing offices that class of help is unattainable.

As a producer of good typography the printers' union of today is anything except a success. As a specimen of big business its success is undeniable. Since May, 1921, in this country, it has collected and spent \$17,000,000 in benefits to strikers for a 44-hour week, aside from all its other financial transactions. There are a dozen farmers in the country for every printer. Fancy them striking for even an 88-hour week, at one-quarter of the pay per week those printers get!

And it takes as much talent and study and practice, mind you, to make a good farmer as it does to make a good printer. And as large a percentage of the farmers as of the printers are good ones today!

Talk of equality of opportunity! What a gap between the people who are "dying like fleas" in the near east and even in Germany, and the average American farmer! And between that farmer and the \$35 printer with a 44-hour week, or the hod carrier at \$10 or \$15 for an eight-hour day!

The Umatilla county girl slayer has been declared "not guilty" by reason of insanity. Then put her where she will kill no more.—Albany Herald.

She will kill no more. She has learned her lesson. She knows what a slimy, deceiving reptile a man can be while posing as good and kind. The jury heeded an unwritten law. It is silly to say there is no unwritten law. Time was when no laws were written. They have not all been written yet.

The Egyptian government is paying the expenses of five young men who are studying American industrial methods by serving apprenticeships in his country. Hassan Mohammed El Kabannia, one of them, is apprenticed in the motive power department of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco. Others are in telephone engineering, telegraphy, marine engineering and mechanical drafting. Instead of going to the east for knowledge, as was the practice, the east now seeks to learn from the west.

The Mountain States Beetgrowers association has secured contracts for the beets of its members produce at a better price than the growers got before they united, and a larger acreage will be grown. United, the farmers would be the most powerful organization in the world and command their own prices for their products.

Lenine's death is reported to have been due to brain trouble. Vagaries of his brain brought death to thousands, if not millions.

Trotsky's mysterious invisibility ended when Lenine died. He had not been dead nor in jail, but only resting in seclusion. More's the pity!

Don't have a dome on your teapot. They sometimes explode disastrously.

Mrs. P. J. True and Miss Lila Dudley went to Salem Friday. Mrs. True returned Friday, but Miss Dudley stopped off at Albany.

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A Fall Pome

(Enterprise Rhyme Machine) Ex-Secretary of Interior Fall Can't understand the thing at all When senators yell and howl and bawl Him out on Teapot Dome

Hard times came to Mr. Fall. He could not raise the wind at all To pay his tax at tax man's call, But we had Teapot Dome,

Sinclair was concerned in oil. With much finesse and little toil He laid his plans to lease the soil And exploit Teapot Dome.

He and Doheny had money to burn. They would do Fall a kindly turn. They loaned him funds and let him learn They wanted Teapot Dome.

When all that Taft held in reserve The navy's need for fuel to serve Was gone some congressmen had nerve To quiz on Teapot Dome.

They asked Fall why he leased it. He Said: "Oh, the teapot leaked, you see, We'd be losing oil if we didn't free Ourselves of Teapot Dome

"I got that money from friend McLean." "Yes," said McLean, "I will maintain I loaned the money, and would again, Regardless of Teapot Dome,"

McLean was questioned under oath And swore that they were liars both The reason: He was very loath Fall should suffer for the dome,

Fall had paid his tax by now, And stocked his ranch, and every cow Was of highest lineage, but, wow! We have no Teapot dome.

Congress started a nasty quiz, Questioning Fall regarding his Resurge of affluence and why 'tis Sinclair has Teapot Dome:

"We sold Sinclair the leaking pot, But as for me, I never got From him or Doheny a single dot When they got Teapot Dome."

Sinclair and Doheny now declare They loaned Fall money, fair and square, Because the poor man's need was rare, When they got Teapot Dome.

Cordell Hull says: "Now's our chance To join the fray and thrust a lance At G. O. P. and make him dance To tune of Teapot Dome."

Saturday the sun came back to his job with a pleasant spring flavor.

Oregon Occurrences

(Continued from page 1) More than 90 miles of forest roads will be constructed in 1924 in Oregon at an estimated cost of \$1,063,100, as the result of an agreement between the state highway commission, the bureau of public roads and the forest service.

"I am going to enter the contest for the republican presidential preference vote in Oregon and have at no time had any intention of abandoning the fight in that state," Senator Hiram Johnson of California said at Washington, D. C.

The senate passed the bill giving the consent of the government for construction of a bridge across the Willamette river at Burnside street, Portland. Two other bills pending are for bridges across the Willamette at Ross island and Sellwood.

Cove, with a population of 500, had her main business block devastated by fire. This is the third time in about ten years that Cove has looked on ruins that took each time the greater share of her business buildings. Estimates of the loss place it at about \$20,000.

The bronze statue of the Circuit Rider, which will be presented to the state by Robert A. Booth, will be transported from Portland to Salem this week and will be formally unveiled and dedicated Saturday, April 19, at 11 A. M., on the capitol grounds at Salem.

The state tax commission has approved a proposal to give employment in the state income tax department to five rehabilitated ex-service men. In each case the men served in the world war and have graduated from commercial courses at the University of Washington.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Ralph Fullerton, a logger living at Wendling. A total of 507 accidents were reported.

State health authorities have been seeking co-operation of Hood River orchardists and canners to ascertain whether anthrax, a fungus that attacks fruit trees and their products, will affect human beings. A woman, suffering apparently from some form of blood poisoning, was recently sent to Portland from The Dalles, where she had worked in a cannery. The case was baffling. The physicians, it was stated, finally discovered that the patient had been attacked by some form of fungus.

That the majority of highway accidents take place on straight stretches and are the result of recklessness and carelessness was revealed in the report of an investigation covering last December by the bureau of public roads. Carelessness and recklessness accounted for 51.2 per cent of the accidents; incompetence and inexperience, 7.3 per cent; operation by intoxicated persons, 7.3 per cent; excessive speed, 4.9 per cent; violation of traffic rules, 7.3 per cent. Only 2.4 per cent of the accidents were caused by faults of others than the driver.

Coloring of coyote skins to be used as substitutes for fox furs has raised the price to such an extent that \$7 hides were sold by the predatory animal division of the United States biological survey for \$913.50. The price was \$10.50 apiece. The previous high record in lot prices was \$9, according to Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector. Sale of the furs of predatory animals killed by paid hunters has netted \$6401.82 since the inauguration of the present system early in 1923. This is approximately one-third of the cost of the predatory animal work in Oregon, which replaced the bounty system. Conventions of various kinds throughout Oregon during the year

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have been listed by the passenger department of the O.W. R. & N. Co. The listings are: Associated Industries of Oregon, Portland, January 26; Portland Automobile show, Portland, February 9-16; Young Men's Christian association conference, Portland, February 15-16; State Retail Merchants' association, Eugene, February 15-20; Northwest Association of Ice Industries, Portland, February; Knights Templar - Grand Commandery, Albany, April 16; Independent Order of Oddfellows—Grand encampment and grand lodge, Hood River, May 20; Foresters of America—Grand court, Portland, May 15; Military Order of Loyal Legion (state), Portland, May 12; Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Portland, May 19-20; Rebekah state assembly, Hood River, May 20; Patrons of Husbandry, state grange, The Dalles, June 3; State Letter Carriers' association, Corvallis, June 28; Oregon Christian Missionary convention, Turner, July 5-13; International convention Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Portland, July 19-25; American Legion, Oregon division, Portland, September 4-6; The "Round-Up," Pendleton, September 18-20; Oregon Historical society, Portland, October 25.

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