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**LITTLE TWO-LEGGED GODS**

"Foreign entanglements" is the paramount bugaboo to Henry Cabot Lodge and his followers. They slew American membership in the league of nations but the ghost of it will not down, and every time it flutters they shiver with fright.

They seek for their country (and for themselves, as the country's bosses) that which belongs to none but an almighty power—influence without responsibility.

There have been kings who sought to attain the same goal by the short cut of proclaiming themselves gods, but centuries have rolled by during which they have had neither power nor responsibility.

More recent kings have sought the same elusive object by proclaiming themselves sovereigns by divine right, but they have tumbled.

The little two-legged would-be-gods at Washington will tumble too.

They seek the unattainable. So did Nebuchadnezzar. Nero and all the other self-proclaimed gods.

Mr. Coolidge plainly tells them that this country cannot exert its influence in world affairs without assuming obligations. That is the rock of eternal fact against which their boats are wrecked as often as they launch them.

Foot and mouth disease is at last really under control in California. There are occasionally new outbreaks, but only in localities where the plague has existed, and those localities are strictly quarantined. It is as safe as ever to travel in that state, but few people are doing it. Many more are going from than to California. Business of all kinds is suffering more from the scare than from the pest, and recovery, though it has definitely set in, is and will be slow. We suffer from real ills in this life, but we suffer much more from those that are imaginary.

Mrs. Brookhart agrees with Mrs. Poincxter on social conditions in Washington and has gone home to make good butter, feed good chickens and raise good children. Senator Brookhart agrees with Mrs. B. and extends the criticism to much that is called politics in the national capital. Republicans in Iowa agree with Brookhart and in primaries day before yesterday they nominated him to succeed himself.

It's coming. A man was fined \$50 in New York the other day for buying bootleg liquor. When every person who breaks the law by buying is penalized, as well as those who sell, prohibition will prohibit. There are snuff lawbreakers—criminals—in the highest places in society and even in congress. When the law is enforced against them as against an occasional seller there will be more general respect for it.

Once in awhile opponents of prohibition proclaim that some old man attributes his longevity to constant use of intoxicants. This seems a point against prohibition until one looks a little closer and finds that the community would have been better if those same old fellows hadn't lived so long. There are no Edisons or Westinghouses among them.

Bulletin 374 of O.A.C. gives methods of safe home canning, especially telling how to guard against botulism, the disease

which killed nine people at Albany last fall after they had eaten canned string beans. Get a copy of the bulletin if you can before you can vegetables. Don't can unless you can can safely.

On account of lack of business the Southern Pacific proposes to discontinue its stations at Whiteson, McCoy, Dayton, Comstock, Wolf Creek, Talent, Crabtree, Gervais and Tangent. Can the state commission compel continuance of service that results in a deficit?

Floods are working havoc in England. We need that water here.

**News Notes**

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Jutant-General White was requested to set Saturday, June 7, as the date for mustering in the new company.

Roseburg high school this year is graduating the largest class in the history of the school, and one surprising feature is that the membership of the class consists of 11 more boys than girls. Sixty-five will receive diplomas.

A total of \$10,547.19 was spent by and in behalf of George L. Baker of Portland in his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator, according to campaign expense statements so far filed with Secretary of State Kozor.

A fine of \$100 and a scathing lecture was the penalty imposed upon Beryl Wagner, 18-year-old Washington county girl, who pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Bean in Portland to a charge of sending a vulgar letter through the mail.

Clara Trenholm, 17-year-old Philomath girl, was killed instantly and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Trenholm, and two younger sisters were badly injured in a train-auto crash at the Lafayette avenue crossing just outside the McMinnville city limits.

Frank R. Gouldstone and C. G. Ferry, Portland motorcycle officers, were suspended upon order of Commissioner Stanhope S. Pier, in charge of the police bureau, for a period of 30 days while charges that they have engaged in the practice of "highjacking" bootleggers is further investigated.

In event Salem canneries refuse to pay more than 4 cents a pound for cherries produced this year, it is likely that the growers will ship their fresh fruit to California for disposition. This was indicated following an announcement that several of the canneries had quoted the opening price for cherries at 4 cents.

Four hundred old men and women of the Multnomah county poor farm last week sought new hope to escape their lot of poverty in a frenzied hunt for buried gold—told by spirits through an aged seer and medium. With sticks, shovels and hoes, they scratched every foot of land, dislodged rocks and dug deep for the treasure.

Oregon ranks sixth among the various states of the union, according to its citizens' reading and interest in 3 of the so-called higher type magazines published in the United States. This information was contained in a report prepared by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, based on statistics furnished by Ward G. Leeder of the Ohio State university.

Mrs. Lucile Smith McArthur, widow of C. N. McArthur, who represented the third Oregon district in congress from 1919 to 1923, has been appointed executive clerk to the majority leader of the national house of representatives. The position is one of the best in the gift of the house, as it will pay an annual salary of \$3600 a year under legislation now about to be enacted.

A few hours before James Briere, state prisoner injured in the Kelly Dutte premature dynamite explosion last week died in Portland, a letter was received by the sheriff's office, addressed to Briere, containing an appeal from his sister, Mrs. Anne Archambault of Montreal, Canada, for him to come home this summer. Briere's death brings the total to four who lost their lives as a result of the explosion.

If a majority of the legal voters of a school district decide to discontinue a high school, it would be unnecessary to levy a high-school tax in the district, and the tax included in the budget may be omitted when the annual school meeting is held next month. This information was contained in a legal opinion prepared by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. Robert D. Lytle, district attorney for Malheur county, requested the opinion.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending May 31, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims

were Gentry O. Sims, Coquille, faller, and Edward L. Doby, Baker, farmer. Of the 698 accidents reported during the week, 616 were subject to benefits under the workmen's compensation act, 77 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law and five were from public utility corporations not entitled to state protection.

Postponement of the purchase of any additional land for the boys' training school until after the next legislative session was urged upon the state board of control in resolutions adopted by a mass meeting of Marion county farmers in the board of control rooms at the state house. The resolutions also urged that any new building for the school at this time be confined to absolute necessities. Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Kozor and State Treasurer Myers attended the meeting, which had been arranged to permit the voting of protests against the expenditure of state funds at this time.


"I, Cleo Lytle, do take Paul Hardman to be my lawful husband, and agree to live with him until death do us part." These words on a piece of paper were thrown across the aisle from Paul's desk to Cleo's in a Kansas City law school. Cleo wrote "O. K." on the paper and threw it back. She said it was all a joke, but Paul obtained a court decision that it was a binding marriage contract. —Portland Journal.

Without a witness, without even signing a name, you cannot make a legal written contract transferring title to a square inch of land or a pig or a potato. Marriage and divorce are easier.

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CHAPTER XXIII  
In France With Franklin.  
Jack shipped in the packet Mercury, of 70 tons, under Capt. Simeon Sampson, one of America's ablest naval commanders. She had been built for rapid sailing and when, the second day out, they saw a British frigate bearing down upon her they wore ship and easily ran away from their enemy. Their first landing was at St. Martin on the Isle de Rhe. They crossed the island on mules, being greeted with the cry:  
"Volla les braves Bostonnes!"  
In France the word Bostonne meant American revolutionist. At the ferry they embarked on a long gabbone for La Rochelle. There the young man enjoyed his first repose on a French lit built up of sundry layers of feather beds.  
In the morning he set out in a heavy vehicle of two wheels, drawn by three horses. Its postillion in frizzed and powdered hair, under a cocked hat, with a long queue on his back and in great boots, hooped with iron, rode a lively little bidet. Such was the French stagecoach of those days. Its running gear having been planned with an eye to economy, since vehicles were taxed according to the number of their wheels. The diary informs one that when the traveler stopped for food at an inn, he was expected to furnish his own knife. The highways were patrolled, night and day, by armed horsemen and robbers were unknown. The vineyards were not walled or fenced. All travelers had a license to help themselves to as much fruit as they might wish to eat when it was on the vines.  
They arrived at Chantensy on a cold rainy evening. They were settled in their rooms, happy that they had protection from the weather, when their landlord went from room to room informing them that they would have to move on.  
"Why?" Jack ventured to inquire.  
"Because a seigneur has arrived."  
"A seigneur!" Jack exclaimed.  
"Oui, Monsieur. He is a very great man."  
"But suppose we refuse to go," said Jack.  
"Then, Monsieur, I shall detain your horses. It is a law of le grand monarque."  
There was no dodging it. The coach and horses came back to the inn door. The passengers went out into the dark, rainy night to plod along in the mud, another six miles or so, that the seigneur and his suite could enjoy that comfort the weary travelers had been forced to leave. Such was the power of privilege with which the great Louis had saddled his kingdom.  
They proceeded to Ancenis, Angers and Breux. The last stage from Versailles to Paris was called the post royale. There the postillion had to be dressed like a gentleman. It was a magnificent avenue, crowded every afternoon by the wealth and beauty of the kingdom, in gorgeously painted coaches, and lighted at night by great lamps, with double reflectors, over its center. They came upon it in the morning on their way to the capital. There were few people traveling at that hour. Suddenly ahead they saw a band of horsemen riding at a wild gallop. They were the king's couriers. "Clear the way," they shouted. "The king's hunt is coming."  
All travelers, hearing this command,



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made quickly for the sidings, there to draw rein and dismount. The deer came in sight, running for its life, the king close behind with all his train, the hounds in full cry. Near Jack the deer bounded over a hedge and took a new direction. His majesty—a short, stout man with blue eyes and aquiline nose, wearing a lace-cocked hat and brown velvet coat and high boots with spurs—dismounted not twenty feet from the stagecoach, saying with great animation:  
"Vite! Donnez moi un cheval frais."  
Instantly remounting, he bounded over the hedge, followed by his train. A letter from Jack presents all this color of the journey and avers that he reached the house of Franklin in Passy about two o'clock in the afternoon of a pleasant May day. The savant greeted his young friend with an affectionate embrace.  
"Sturdy son of my beloved country, you bring me joy and a new problem," he said.  
"What is the problem?" Jack inquired.  
"That of moving Margaret across the channel. I have a double task now. I must secure the happiness of America and of Jack Irons."  
He read the dispatches and then the doctor and the young man set out in a coach for the palace of Vergennes, the prime minister. Colonel Irons was filled with astonishment at the tokens of veneration for the white-haired man which he witnessed in the streets of Paris.  
"The person of the king could not have attracted more respectful attention," he writes. "A crowd gathered about the coach when we were leaving it and every man stood with uncovered head as we passed on our way to the palace door. In the crowd there was much whispered praise of 'Le grand savant.' I did not understand this until I met, in the office of the Compte de Vergennes, the eloquent Senator Gabriel Honore Riquetti de Mirabeau. What an impressive name! Yet I think he deserves it. He has the eye of Mars and the hair of Samson and the tongue of an angel, I am told. In our talk, I assured him that in Philadelphia Franklin came and went and was less observed than the town crier.  
"But your people seem to adore

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