

**And Invariably Gave Ass-
Woman's Truthful**

She had lost the little baby check given her at the day nursery in the fair grounds in exchange for her baby, and she was in a dreadful state of mind. To make matters worse the matron would not surrender the babe in the absence of the check, because childless mothers had been known to attempt to steal children from similar institutions, claiming pretty youngsters and pretending to have lost their checks.

In this case the woman was so homely and so plainly dressed and the baby of two years was so pretty and so richly attired that the matron's suspicions were aroused. "No check, no baby" was the concise summary of her decision. The mother pleaded in vain and her tears flowed in torrents, so awful was the predicament in which she, a stranger alone in the city, was placed.

"Let the baby decide," she implored. Matron Hall consented to the trial. Twenty youngsters of about the same age were ranged in a row in the nursery and the nearly crazed mother was admitted under promise that she would not speak or otherwise attract the attention of the toddlers. The trial was brief and satisfactory. One cherub had no sooner laid its eyes upon the fearful woman than it fairly howled: "Mamma! Mamma!" and ran to her as fast as possible. The mother caught the little one to her breast, smothered it with her kisses and wept more copiously than ever. The baby's evidence was accepted as conclusive proof.—Chicago Tribune.

The Farmer is a Crank.

The farmer is a crank because he wants to borrow money at 2 per cent, instead of 12 to 16 per cent!

Because he wants the government to deal with him on the same basis that it does with other men!

Because he wants more than 25 cents per bushel for his wheat and 7 cents a pound for cotton!

Because he kicks against freight rates and causes the railroad owners to become rich and him poor!

Because he kicks against paying 75 per cent of the taxes when he owns 25 per cent of the property and half of that mortgage!

Because he protests against a condition that condemns the real wealth producers to a life of toil, while the speculator lives in luxurious ease!

Because he has discovered that he has been deceived by his political friends(?) and has concluded to vote independently!

Because he assumes to know anything at all about politics!

Because he refuses to be dictated to as in the past!

Because he refuses to be robbed and then vote for the robber!

Because he has made up his mind to quit being a fool!

Oh, yes the farmer is a crank! He was all, he was everything—as long as he did just what the politician told him to do!

But when he decided to be something of a politician himself it was "just too awfully awful!"

Because he wanted to do his own thinking and acting he was the crankiest kind of a crank! Why don't he go on and support the bosses in fat offices as of old, allowing them to steal him poor and then to go to the poor house? He wouldn't be a crank then! Oh, no!—Ex.

Gone to California.

B. S. Pague, Oregon's forecaster, has taken charge of California weather and has located at San Francisco. The Examiner says: "Mr. Pague is from Portland, Ore., and for some time it is natural to expect that he will labor under the disadvantage of predicting 'rain' oftener than it comes. He will be somewhat in the position of the Mississippi valley farmer, told of in ancient history, who visited Arizona and was tempted by the appearance of threatening clouds to venture an opinion that a shower would shortly ensue. The same antique chronicle records that a dusty inhabitant of the land of cactus replied: 'You may be right stranger, but the chances are against you, as I have been here for twenty years and it hasn't rained yet.'"

Receives a Pardon.

The following, from the Portland Telegram, will be of interest to friends of Rufus Haggard, a young man formerly a resident of Walla Walla and Milton: Gov. Pennoyer has granted a full pardon to R. B. Haggard, who was sentenced from this county to serve one year in the penitentiary for larceny, last February. Haggard has been working as a trusty in the penitentiary brickyard. The pardon restores him to all the rights of citizenship.

Speaking of the what-would-you-do-if-you-were-a-man question, it was an unfeeling woman who said she supposed she would make a fool of herself like any other man.

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From the Kurile

The steamer Empress of India in mid-ocean when Dr. Law was returning from Japan in September, and which has been in process of domestication for six weeks with some young tame pigeons on the rectory barn, was released from confinement a few days ago in the hope that hereafter he would prefer civilized pigeon life. The beautiful bird remained about for two days, every few hours engaging in marvelous feats of rapid flight as if trying his wings. During these efforts he cut the air like a whip lash and shaved limbs of trees and eaves of buildings, as only a skillful wing could do. On the third day, being apparently satisfied with his powers of flight, he rose in the morning high over St. Paul's church steeple until an attitude of at least 500 feet had been reached, then circling a few times he started with steady stroke for the west and was soon lost to view. As he has not been seen since, and several days have elapsed, he is doubtless looking out upon the Pacific ocean by this time, and may make an attempt to cross 500 miles of watery sea to his island home. The leopard cannot change his spot, nor the Ethiopian his skin. And neither, it would appear, can a wild dove change its instincts and cease to long for the scenes of its squadhood.—Walla Walla Statesman.

An Old Fight.

The Walla Walla Statesman, in commenting on the probabilities of the division question in this county coming up at the next election says:

The first gun for another division campaign in Umatilla county next June has been fired by citizens of the eastern end. It was in the shape of a mass meeting held at Weston on Saturday, the object purporting to be to adopt resolutions condemning the county court and county clerk for their action in the much mooted Lee street bridge affair. The citizens of Milton desire that an injunction suit be commenced against the payment of certain county scrip issued in payment for the construction of this bridge within the corporate limits of Pendleton. The meeting was not as well attended as anticipated and Weston did not seem to be in sympathy with Milton. It seems to be a fight between the latter town, and Pendleton and is probably the commencement of another division campaign with Milton in the role of champion for the eastern end.

Umatilla county will never be divided, however, while Athens, Weston and Milton cannot agree. It has always been a three cornered fight, and so it will continue unless Athens and Weston could pool and incorporate under the same name.

What Does He Buy.

The question, "What does a man buy when he purchases the title to a farm?" has often been asked, but not satisfactorily determined. From the latest decision on the subject, says the Globe-Democrat, it is plain that he buys the ground, of course, and all the buildings erected on it, whether they are mentioned or not. He also buys all the fences, but not material once used, then taken down and laid aside, nor material purchased for a new fence, unless these are specially mentioned. He also buys all adjuncts necessary to the farm except implements and machinery. For instance, if there is a pile of bean poles cut and once used they are the sellers property, unless specified as sold. Standing trees and trees that have fallen or blown down go with the ground, but if cut down and made into cord wood, they become personal and must be specified in the sale.

Camped With the Party.

The latest news from Missoula, received by telegraph on Wednesday, is to the effect that the relief party from Fort Missoula in search of the Carlin hunting party has been recalled and all search abandoned. A man named Larsen, living near Lolo, camped with the hunting party about three weeks ago on the middle fork of the Clearwater. They were with a couple of French boys who have prospected there, and are well supplied with food for the winter, having 500 pounds of flour and plenty of meat. The relief party from the fort can only return by the way of the trail, and all transportation will be left where it is until spring, as it is impossible to get it out this winter.

What's His Brand.

A Missouri editor says he has a subscriber who gets drunk every little while and invariably insists upon paying a year's subscription. He has his paper paid for in advance up to 1926. We wish the editor of the paper would find out what brand of whisky the fellow drinks and send us a few gallons. We will pay him a good price for it, and if it proves what he says, we will take a barrel.

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MISSING LINKS.

It has been ascertained by Prof. Ker- not, of the Melbourne university, Australia, that the usually assumed weight of 80 to 100 pounds per square foot, produced by a dense crowd of persons, may be largely exceeded.

An illustration of the inconveniences of too much learning is furnished by a page in an encyclopedia where appears: "Sweet flag, see Acorus; Sweet gum, see Liquidambar; Sweet pea, see Lathyrus; Sweet potato, see Batatas."

A TRAIN on the Great Northern railroad was delayed for some time recently while crossing the long bridge near Blaine, Wash., by a steer which persisted in walking the entire length of the bridge on the ties in front of the train.

A BALTIMORE invention is designed to outfit train robbers. It is a double safe lock for express cars. Should the messenger be attacked he throws the combination on lock No. 2 and the safe can then be opened only at the terminal station.

It has been said that the world pays most to those who kill—generals and great lords; next most to those who amuse—singers and actors, while those who preach, teach and write for the papers come along somewhere near the bottom of the list.

In splitting open a log at Middleburgh, Ky., workmen discovered a dark-brown, spherical mass, which proved to be a toad. It was at first perfectly lifeless, but upon coming in contact with the air showed signs of life and soon began to hop.

PEOPLE OF NOTE.

UNCLE TIMOTHY DYER, aged 93, the oldest resident of Vinal Haven, Me., recently caught with a hook and line, from a small boat, a halibut weighing 323 pounds.

MRS. BLOUNT, the ex-commissioner's wife, says that some of the native women she met in Honolulu were as cultivated and refined as any women she ever saw.

BABON HIBSCH has sold Italian rentes to the amount of \$1,000,000, and has invested the amount in American railroad securities, including some low-priced stocks which pay no dividends.

AUSTIN CORBIN is the leading spirit and chief promoter of the proposed underground railway system for the city of New York. His plans involve the expenditure of about \$100,000,000.

Gov. MARKHAM, of California, has spent all his vacations in the mountains in the southern part of his state for fourteen years past. He camps in the woods and is an ardent fisherman.

HAPPY THOUGHTS.

LOVE is said to be blind, but it usually gets there ahead of the old man just the same.—Galveston News.

"WELL, Anna, have you found the rose for my hair yet?" "Yes, madam; but now I cannot find the hair."—Fleegende Blaetter.

STRANGE to say, many brokers are best pleased with the stock market when it is simply unbearable.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

By the way, why doesn't the conductor punch the train-robber? He might at least give him a check.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Does your friend, the star actor, know him draw a full house when he was playing poker?" "N. Y. Press.

WATTS—"How did you come out in your little wrestle with the Chicago wheat market?" POTTS—"I went after wool and got worsted."—Indianapolis Journal.

LITERARY CLIPPINGS.

SIR HENRY BESSMER, the inventor, now in his eightieth year, is writing a sketch of his life.

THE Harpers are said to have on hand more than fifty thousand dollars' worth of accepted manuscripts.

COWPER loved pets, and had at one time five rabbits, three hares, two guinea pigs, a mangle, a jay, a starling, two canary birds, two dogs, a "retired cat" and a squirrel.

Dr. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES says he does not feel half so old now as he did at twenty-seven. Probably he is much younger, despite his years, than the average young man of seventeen.

IBSEN's deepest regret is that he does not speak English, and cannot, therefore, reach the hearts of the people. Nearly all the other dramatic writers seem to be trying to reach their pockets.

ODD CORNERS.

NORWAY men cannot vote unless they have been vaccinated.

AUSTRALIA's summer is said to be so hot that matches accidentally dropped on the ground often become ignited.

In Turkish Asia Minor such is the condition of the roads that the freight of a ton of grain one hundred miles would be over forty-five dollars.

The Eskimo Bulletin is the only journal published in the arctic circle.

It is printed at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, and is issued only once a year.

The inhabitants of Thibet are the dirtiest people on earth. Not only do they never wash, but when once full grown they have attained they never take off their clothes. When the garments they wear become old others are put over them.

ABOUT OURSELVES.

The largest apes have only sixteen ounces of brain. The lowest men have thirty-nine.

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I COUNT him a rascal who tries to get full work out of a half-fed horse.

MANY people ride "over the hill to the poorhouse" in the do-nothing sled.

The road to fortune is well traveled, but too many are headed in the wrong direction.

SOME men have sense enough but are too indifferent to go to the trouble of using it.—American Agriculturist.

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