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The Press has confidence in the county court's business sagacity to the extent that it has no fear whatever that the court will even consider seriously the proposed Walla Walla-Freewater road combination. Umatilla county has all she can do to construct her own roads at present, without assuming the burden of assisting in the construction of thoroughfares that would advertise and be of more direct benefit to the Washington town than any point in this county could possibly hope to reap from the building of the macadamized road. When Umatilla county has her roads in passable condition, there will yet remain time in which to tax herself for Walla Walla's benefit.

When Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes married young Mr. Mizner it was like summer and winter getting together, making stormy March weather. No doubt he married her for money and not for love. They fixed up their racket and are again on speaking terms and are squandering the dead Yerkes' ill-earned millions like a lord and his lady. But Charles has no occasion to worry over their frolics and fracasces.

Amelia Rive has gotten into so much trouble that possibly she has cause to wish she were with the last named in the title to her first novel, "The Quick and the Dead." The book was a hot tamale. Amelia, it seems, has two living husbands, one divorced. Such is life in the world of literature of the lurid kind and the semi-salacious sort.

Senator Aldrich has been unmercifully flayed for his opposition to the Hepburn rate bill. It is almost sure political ruin for a lawmaker to be in opposition to public opinion so pronounced as it is on this rate question. Opposing public opinion in times like these is as dangerous as tackling a hornet's nest without being armored.

Senator De Pew is said to be losing his mind since losing his reputation. If all men with lost reputations should lose their minds this country would have more "loony" people than it could take care of.

An exchange, without intending to be profane, we take it, says in substance, that March did come in like a lamb and the Register doesn't give a damn how it goes out.

FEAR OF RIDICULE.

New York Mail.

A bridegroom of 27 failed to appear at the altar at the appointed time the other day to wed the bride of 33. The day following, however, he came to time, and the ceremony was performed. His explanation to the reporters was that he feared his friends would "make fun of him" for marrying a woman several years older than himself. Fear of ridicule had done what the opposition of his family could not have done—made a momentary coward of him in the matter nearest his heart.

Next to the stings of a bad conscience the derision of one's fellows is about the most terrible of moral afflictions. Human nature is so constituted that it rejoices in a measure of opposition, and it is strengthened by combat. There are men who take an honest and perfectly natural delight in being attacked. They feel the fittest amid a storm of denunciation, as the oak seems proudest when the winds shake it. But ridicule falls on the soul as a withering blast from the desert. Mere brutality affects only the liberty; it may leave the spirit untouched. Derision may try the very resources of the soul and shake it in its citadel. A scornful laugh will break up a baby girl too young to understand language and make a lifelong enemy out of a loyal-hearted dog.

There is a social place for ridicule in destroying vicious dogmas and in ridding pretense and hypocrisy. But even there it should "respect the man while piercing the dogma," to use Taine's familiar phrase. The pity of it is that so many good and generous impulses are repressed for fear of incurring this terrible punitive force, and that when men are actually truest to themselves they are made to feel that they are the most ridiculous. It takes a spirit of exceptional poise and sweetness to stand unmoved in a circle of sneering and grinning faces.

Ridicule is perhaps the cruelest form of the much mooted "tyranny of the majority." Man is called "the only laughing animal," but of all God's gifts the gift of laughter seems easiest to bend itself to the Satanic service.

TWO KINDS OF YOUNG MEN.

Spare Moments.

An employer once said when asked about the average young man in the business world today: "There are two kinds of young men—those who are good and those who are no good! The latter class naturally outnumber the former."

"What makes the two classes; that is, to what condition do you ascribe it?" was asked.

"The good young man does his work and lets it stand for itself; he does not expect to be praised for merely performing the duties of the position he holds. The other young man is satisfied from the beginning that no improvement is possible in his work, and he works one hour and commences telling what he has done, as if men who do their work were few and far between. The young man who is good works and seldom talks. Personally, I wouldn't give two cents for the young man who is continually talking about the amount of work he does."

"Another fault with the average young man who applies for a position is the practice of trying to make you believe that they know every detail of the business. I had one young man declare to me, 'I know all about your business from A to Z.' I told him that I could not afford to have a man working for me who knew more than I did; that I had been in business for 20 years or more, and still could learn something new about it every day in the week. Another young man told me, 'I never make any mistakes,' and he really meant what he said, but I could not employ a young man like that, as I make mistakes myself, and I would not feel right to have a man

under me who did not make mistakes. I followed those two young men in their subsequent positions and neither of them was worth 50 cents a week to their employers. As I said in the beginning, there are two classes—those that are good and those that are no good!"

AN OLD SWEETHEART OF MINE.

As one who coos at evening o'er an album all alone,
And muses on the faces of the friends that he has known;
So I turn the leaves of fancy, till in shadowy design,
I find the smiling features of an old sweetheart of mine.

The lamplight seems to glimmer with a flicker of surprise,
As I turn it low, to rest me of the dazzling in my eyes,
And light my pipe in silence, save a sigh that seems to yoke
Its fate with my tobacco, and to vanish with the smoke.

'Tis a fragrant retrospection, for the loving thoughts that start
Into being, are like perfumes from the blossom of the heart;
And to dream the old dreams over is a luxury divine,
When my truant fancies wander with that old sweetheart of mine.

A face of lily beauty, with a form of airy grace,
Floats out of my tobacco as the genie from the vase;
And I thrill beneath the glances of a pair of azure eyes,
As glowing as the summer and as tender as the skies.

I can see the pink sunbonnet and the little checkered dress
She wore when first I kissed her, and she answered the caress;
With the written declaration that, "As surely as the vine
Grew 'round the stump," she loves me—that old sweetheart of mine.

And again I feel the pressure of her slender little hand,
As we used to talk together of the future we had planned,
When I should be a poet, and with nothing else to do
But to write the tender verses that she set the music to.

And I should be her lover forever and a day,
And she my faithful sweetheart till the golden hair was gray;
And we should be so happy, that when either lips were dumb,
They would not smile in heaven till the other's kisses come.

But, Ah! My dream is broken by a step upon the stair;
And the door is softly opened, and my wife is standing there;
Yet with eagerness and rapture all my visions I resign,
To greet the living presence of that old sweetheart of mine.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Representative.

To the republicans of Umatilla county: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate before the republican primaries for nomination as member of the legislature from Umatilla county, and I respectfully ask the support of all members of the party. Athena, Ore., March 14, 1906.
C. A. Barrett.

Candidate for Treasurer.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to decision of the primary election. Respectfully,
G. W. Bradley,
Athena, Oregon.

F. H. Shoemaker for Recorder.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of recorder, subject to the will of the voters in the direct primary election.
Fred H. Shoemaker.
Pendleton.

For Sheriff.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the wish of the voters in the direct primary election.
E. J. Sommerville.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Umatilla county subject to the will of the voters in the direct primary election April 20.
T. D. Taylor.

For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for state senator from Umatilla county, subject to the pleasure of the suffragists.
Geo. W. Proebstel.

For State Senator.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the state senate, subject to the votes of republicans under the direct primary law.
T. J. Kirk.

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Public Notice.

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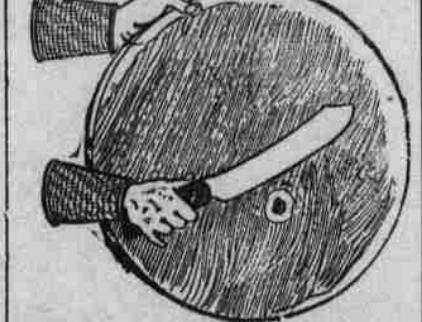
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