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English sparrows, a pest which has lately made appearance in Athena in large numbers, are waging war against birds of every species save robins, with the result that all the old time songsters are being driven away from their former haunts. The robin, only, seems to be hardy enough to combat the warlike spirit of the little brown legions. The only asset the sparrow has to endow the community in which it is found, is the nasty mess it lays on awnings and cornices. Unless they are exterminated, there will be no more beautiful and really useful birds make their summer home with us. The English importation is utterly useless. It subsists on grain and seeds exclusively, insects not appealing to it as food.

Business men who exclude men from their places for wearing the uniform of the United States army, navy and Marine corps will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$50, hereafter. This is a new federal law for which officers in the government service have been working for some time. Only recently several sailors were barred from a skating rink in Seattle. Despite vigorous protests, nothing could be done. Now Uncle Sam will protect the man who wear his uniform.

With the time for the county school track meet near at hand, school athletics are now at their zenith. Cross-country runs and short sprints, pole vaulting, jumping, etc., now requires after school attention with regularity and precision. If you see young Colossus half naked and wearing short cropped hair speeding along the county highway, give him the road and take out your watch and time him. If he can make "10-flat," he belongs to the Athena high school bunch.

Oregon is getting its full share of the colonists who are crowding the westbound trains. A telegram from Louis J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, to Manager Chapman of the Portland commercial club, bore the information that over one-third of the passengers on the Oriental Limited one day out of the Twin Cities were bound for Oregon. This ratio is probably true of practically all of the colonist trains coming to the northwest.

Oregon's Naval Militia will get the Cruiser Boston for use in training the members in the way of the navy. The vessel will be available May 15 and will be stationed at Portland. Cruises will be made to sea and to coast points to give the membership practical instruction in handling a fighting ship. The Reserve is an organization that promises to become more important as time passes.

With three saloons in Athena and no raise in the price of booze, it would appear that there will be short picking for some one. However, if revenue is to exclude regulation, the more the merrier, and—then some.

A man who has been in political life for a long time informs us that his ideas of heaven is a place where a man who gets into office himself is not expected to find a job for every man who voted for him.

With reported decimated wheat holdings throughout the Northwest, farmers who are still holding 80 cent wheat are likely to come through winners after all. It is estimated that not more than \$5,000,000 bushels remain unsold at the present time in the three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Can it be that Jess York's smile is strong enough to bull the market?

North Plains is one of Oregon's newest towns and one of the first thing it did was to organize a commercial club and line up with the progressive spirit now so noticeable throughout the state. Portland Commercial Club officials, railroad men and others made an excursion to North Plains during the week and attended the "christening" of the new town.

It is estimated that Americans will pay \$5,000,000 for seats from which to view the coronation pageant. England certainly is getting a rich revenge for 1776. Morris, by a clever cartoon, showed up the situation in telling effect the other day. The ocean greyhounds and London hotels will be crowded to capacity when the event is pulled off over the pond.

Swimming is to be taught in the Chicago public schools, hence the city boy is to enjoy at least one of the advantages of the country boy, without undergoing the risk of having his shirt tied in a knot.

An English paper announces that Americans lack the sense of humor. This sounds like the argument of the man who satisfies himself by saying: "You're another." If you don't think so, ask Wood.

Much to the surprise of some people, Colonel Roosevelt made no effort to jump his horse across the Grand Canyon while he was resting there.

It is our observation that the strawberry crop is never as short as is indicated by the estimate given before the plant begins to blossom.

Speaking of eating thirty quail in thirty days, old Nat Goodwin must get terribly tired of wedding cake.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to talk about "breaking in" a corset.

### Indian Land Sale.

The following land on Umatilla reservation, Oregon, is re-advertised for sale, bids for which will be opened on the date named below:

Allotment No. Umatilla 189, Joe Depot.

Description of land: Lot No. 4 and the S 1-3 of the SE 1-4 of Sec. 8, and the Lots Nos. 4 & 5 of Sec. 17, Twp. 3, N. R. 36 E., W. M. containing 157.80 acres.

Appraisal, \$10.00 per acre.

Date of sale, April 21, 1911.

All information desired by bidders can be obtained at the Office. The land is advertised in the Weekly East Oregonian, containing all information needed by prospective bidders.

E. L. Swartzlander, Superintendent.

Umatilla Indian School, Pendleton, Oregon, March 21 1911.

### School Report.

For the month beginning February 27, and ending March 24, in Union District No. 52:

Whole number days taught, 12; number pupils enrolled, 12; pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month and who are especially noted for good scholarship are as follows: Lowell Richmond, Clay Jackson, Ralph Richmond, Louis Berlin, Elsie Walker, Oneita Jackson, Caroline Koepke, Lillian Gerking. Number of visitors during the month, 17.

Lillian Downs-Dobson, Teacher.

### Cow for Sale.

D. A. Pinkerton has a good, fresh milk cow for sale. Cow is five years old and is a prolific milker.

## SHAVING IS NOT FATAL

Barbers Nowadays Do Not Use Hammers and Cold Chisels.

In reply to a correspondent who says he yearns to have his flowing beard removed and yet lacks the Spartan firmness of the early martyrs to face the ordeal and makes a pathetic appeal for advice the alfalfa editor of the Emporia Gazette unfeelingly remarks:

"The alfalfa editor can offer no advice or encouragement to such a trembling soul. It seems probable that he has worn his whiskers for many years. It is likely that he hasn't purchased a shave for a quarter of a century and therefore is ignorant of the improvements in the art tonsorial which have been achieved in recent years. It is no longer like going through a slaughter house to an open grave to be shaved by an expert barber. In fact, that operation has been so shorn of its terrors that many eminent citizens consider it a pleasure to visit the barber. It is no longer necessary to strap a patient down in the chair before shaving him; neither is it necessary to administer anaesthetics to his whiskers.

"The man whose only reason for wearing whiskers is the fact that he fears the barber shop will gain little sympathy. If he tries to explain that he cannot shave himself without suffering the agonies of the all fired he will gain less. Such excuses might have had some force long ago, when barbers used hammers and cold chisels, but science has made giant strides in recent years, and the country is full of painless barbers, and a clean shave costs no anguish or inconvenience."

## MICROSCOPIC MESSAGES.

How a Single Pigeon Might Carry a Whole Library.

For more than 2,000 years carrier pigeons have been used to carry messages when no other means sufficed, and during the siege of Paris, when 363 birds were sent out from the doomed city, one of the birds performed the almost incredible feat of carrying to the outside world on one trip no less than 40,000 messages averaging twenty words each. This was 800,000 words, or the equivalent of five or six average novels.

This marvel was accomplished by means of microscopic photography, the messages being first printed with ordinary type and then photographed and rephotographed until they had been reduced several hundred diameters. The final photographs were taken on films or pellicles of collodion, each of which, about two inches square, contained 50,000 words. A dozen of these films, rolled up in a quill, weighed but one twenty-eighth of an ounce. The messages could, of course, be read with a microscope without the necessity of rephotographing and enlarging.

Under favorable conditions and for comparatively short distances pigeons have carried as much as three-quarters of an ounce. Using the photo reduction method, it would therefore be possible for a single bird to carry messages equal in words to no fewer than 120 ordinary volumes.—Harper's Weekly.

### Whistler's White Lock.

As long as the name of James McNeill Whistler lives among those who saw him it will recall the famous white lock which stood out so conspicuously from the mass of his black hair. It was, as he used to say himself, "well placed" and was always treated from the harmonious point of view to develop its greatest effect in his appearance. One day when Dorothy Menpes, daughter of the well known English artist Mortimer Menpes, was a baby and was asleep on her pillow Whistler went to see her. A white feather had by chance settled on her head and lay in a spot exactly corresponding with the white lock on his own head. "That child is going to develop into something great," he exclaimed, "for, see, she begins with a feather, just like me!"

### Gypsy Queens.

On occasions America treats its gypsy monarchs with full regal pomp. Matilda Stanley was accorded an almost royal funeral in 1878 at Dayton, O., where, ten years later, another queen was crowned with all proper ceremonial. In England, too, gypsy queens have received all due honor. Esther Fan Blythe, who died in 1883, had many members of the aristocracy on her visiting list, and she, too, had a regular coronation. But, on the whole, the gypsy has not had a very good time in England. An act of 1502, for example, made it a felony without benefit of clergy to be merely seen for a month in the society of gypsies, while for actually being a gypsy no punishment was too severe.—London Standard.

### A Premium on Marriage.

In Belgium they place a premium on marriage by allowing a married man two votes at an election as against the single man's one. In Madagascar one must be a father or pay for the default. If a man is unmarried or childless at the age of twenty-five he must contribute annually \$3.75 to the support of the state, and each woman who has remained single or is childless at twenty-four is taxed \$1.80 per year.

### A "Friendly Match."

I speak of a "friendly match" not at all forgetting that dictum of the old Scot to whom his opponent, breaking some trivial rule, said, "I suppose you won't claim that in a friendly match?" "Friendly match!" was the reply. "There's no such thing at golf!"—London Telegraph.

Much is done in the name of friendship; so are many.—Exchange.

# BALLARD'S Horehound Syrup

Tightness in the Chest, Irritation in the Throat and a Dry Hacking Cough means a miserable night for the whole family.

Is An Effective Remedy for the Throat and Lungs.

It relieves tickling in the throat, tightness in the chest, inflamed lungs, difficult breathing and wheezing in the bronchial tubes. Conveys a soothing, healing influence to the sore lungs, promotes easy expectoration and contributes to the enjoyment of a quiet night and restful sleep.

Put Up in Three Sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

Buy the Dollar size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size, and you get with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Powder for the chest.

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For Sore Eyes, Granulated Lids, Redness of the Eye, Weak Sight, Smarting Sensations in the Eyes, use Stephens Eye Salve. It is a remedy of proven merit.

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# FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

It stops the cough and heals the lungs and prevents a cold from settling on your lungs and resulting in Pneumonia, Pleurisy, or Consumption.

You are in no danger of serious results if FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR is taken, as it soothes and heals the inflamed air passages and the cough disappears.

Be sure and get FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR, as preparations containing opiates stop the cough temporarily by paralyzing the nerves in the throat and leave the germs of serious lung trouble and you get one cold on another because the first one was not cured perfectly.

### Saved Her Life From Pneumonia.

"My wife had a severe attack of Pneumonia which followed a severe attack of La Grippe and I believe that FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR saved her life," writes James Coffee, of Raymond, Missouri.

Dr. C. J. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR in three very severe cases of Pneumonia with good results in every case."

### Cured When Very Low With Pneumonia.

J. W. Bryan, of Lowder, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with Pneumonia. Unknown to the doctor we gave him FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. The result was magical and puzzled the doctor, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered."

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The 50-cent size contains 2 1-2 times as much as the small size, and the \$1.00 size almost 6 times as much.

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