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The comic supplement which has become a rather prominent feature of all of the newspapers in the big cities of the country is receiving some rather severe criticism in the East, observes the Oregonian, and a number of organizations for the suppression of the horror have been formed. Unfortunately for those who are offended by the presence of this ridiculous buffoonery which has such a strong hold on the children, public sentiment is not yet ready to abolish it. The Sunday supplement comics are printed by the newspapers for the same reason that detailed accounts are printed of prize fights, salacious law suits and other kinds of news eagerly read by some and rejected by others. A newspaper with unlimited capital behind it and a desire to spend that capital most rapidly, could serve the public with just what the editor thought the public ought to have. The public, however, would show its disapproval of such a policy by refusing to buy the paper, and in due season, when the capital was depleted, the paper would perish. No one has yet succeeded in putting out a paper that was satisfactory to all readers. If some paragon of all journalistic virtues should reach this pinnacle of success, he would have no opposition. The world would need but one paper. Nearly all owners and editors of our newspapers would undoubtedly be willing to do away with the Sunday scarecrow if there were not a demand from the public that pays the bills.

Colonel Roosevelt is said to have expressed the belief at Helena, Montana, that Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, will be the Democratic candidate for the presidency. Colonel Roosevelt is a clever, far-seeing politician, not a theorist, understanding the practical side of politics as a pastmaster of the art or science, as one pleases, and his opinion is deserving of mature consideration. The signs of the times, in the opinion of the eminent gentleman from Oyster Bay point unmistakably to the former college president as the candidate. There is no gainsaying the fact that Governor Wilson has touched the public imagination quite a bit since he assumed the reins of office. The chief reason for it is that he is honest which seems to surprise his New Jersey constituents who apparently regard honesty as something entirely unusual.

It has been said that where eloquence formerly went into the pulpit it now goes into congress or into jail. There will be those to draw an invidious comparison, but others who believe they have the silver tongue may be drawn toward by the pulpit by the announcement that a mission worker in New York so impressed a member of the congregation that he was presented with a check for \$100,000. A man who can do that with his tongue deserves some credit for not abandoning mission work for promoters' work.

With the County School Athletic Meet coming off a week from tomorrow, Saturday, and the annual picnic of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society to be held May 19 and 20, Athena will be called upon to entertain large numbers of visitors. The City Park affords excellent inducements for outdoor gatherings and many people will take advantage of the opportunity the track meet and picnic gives to come here on those days and mingle with the crowds.

The postal savings banks are increasing their deposits from day to day. Postmaster Hitchcock announces that the deposits increased in the 48 banks in the last two months by \$68,092, while the average deposits changed from \$36.54 to 36.89. Apparently the number of depositors is steadily increasing while the amount of the deposits remain about the same.

O'Hara and Clore, the two young men accused of the holdup of the Overland Limited of the Southern Pacific and the murder of an inoffensive negro porter, are being taken back to Utah to stand trial for the offense committed, of which they may or may not be guilty. The crime of which they are charged is an especially brutal one, and the treatment which the thieves gave some of the defenseless female passengers on the train was

such that it would not bear description in print. The murder of the porter was unnecessary to the plans of the train robbers; it was a particularly wanton crime, and one that merits swift and sure punishment. Train robbing is a relic of border days that seemed to have gone out of fashion for a time, but the Oregon Short Line robbery some time ago and the holdup of the Limited on the Southern Pacific indicate that fashions in robbery are having a reversion to type.

Canary birds were introduced in a Portland church on Easter, and a score of the fluffy yellow songsters were used to reinforce the choir. Any one who is grouchy enough to complain that canaries "get on their nerves," ought to be compelled to listen to the yowling of the back yard cat.

The death of Sam Lloyd, the puzzle king, will be a matter of regret to the children. He may not have contributed toward making the world better, but he certainly sharpened its wits, and made it a more pleasant place in which to live.

Colonel Roosevelt has visited the scenes of his early life in Idaho and is delighted with the changes he has found there. The western world does move, as the colonel no doubt discovered.

MOURNING CUSTOMS.

They Are Very Ancient, and Experts Differ as to Their Origin.

The origin of going into mourning was discussed recently by a body of anthropologists. Some students hold that the wearing of black was originally a disguise assumed as a protection from the dead person's spirit. The idea was that the deceased was naturally disgusted to find himself dead and that he wreaked his resentment upon his relations. Therefore the relations thought that to alter their appearance would be a means of escape, and all over the world veils were used to hide the faces of mourners—a practice still surviving in the impenetrable veil of the widow.

The disguises mourners used—such as the veil, the turning of the clothes inside out and the shaving of the head, as practiced by the Ainos—were simple enough, but supernatural beings were always, it appeared, easy to trick.

Another theory of mourning was that it was put on to warn people that its wearers had been contaminated by death. There was an idea of pollution attached to the great mystery. All early people shared the horror of death and the fear of the return of the spirits. Thus in the Sudan widows sprinkle their food with ashes to prevent their husbands' ghosts from eating it. —Exchange.

THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

They Extend East and West For More Than a Thousand Miles.

Few persons are aware that the shortest route from San Francisco to Japan is by way of Alaska. Nearly a thousand miles are saved to vessels trading with the orient by coasting along the Aleutian islands rather than following the Hawaiian route.

The Aleutian islands, which extend in a chain east and west for more than a thousand miles, are inhabited by the remnant of the Aleuts. Their war of the revolution closed just as the American Revolutionary war began. So patriotic were the Aleuts, so brave in their struggle for independence, that they succumbed to the Russians only after a conflict of nearly fifty years, and then simply because the race was almost exterminated in the struggle.

While the Aleutian islands must eventually form an important link in the commerce between the United States and the orient, other islands link our country with the vast empire to the north. In the narrow Bering strait lie two little islands, one occupied by Russia, the other by the United States, so that citizens of the two great nations live on respective islands within a few miles of each other.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Francis M. Mansfield, Deceased:

All persons whom it may concern are hereby notified that George W. Gross was duly appointed on the 8th day of April, A. D., 1911, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased, and that letters of administration with the will annexed have been issued to him. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them to him, with proper vouchers as required by law, at the office of his attorneys, Peterson & Wilson, in Athena, Oregon or at their offices in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice, which said first publication is made in the Athena Press newspaper on Friday the 14th day of April A. D., 1911.

By Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys for Admr.

Cow for Sale.

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

BATHTUBS IN MEXICO.

Made of Cement, They Are a Real Luxury in a Hot Climate.

"Unless you have been in the tropics," remarked the man who had just returned from a trip to Mexico, "you can't possibly realize how great a luxury a cold bath can be. It's not that the climate is necessarily warmer than a New York summer, but the natives have worked out the problem of bathing to its ultimate conclusions. They have invented the ideal tub.

"On the great private estates in Mexico baths are in use today which were hewn out of the solid rock centuries ago by slave labor. They are located for the most part in the vicinity of running water and are fed by bamboo pipes, but in many cases they have to be filled by the old fashioned method of carrying a bucket to and from the spring.

"In the cities the so called stone baths are made of cement. The residences of all well to do people are provided with them, and they are a feature of the native hotels. They are usually about ten feet long by four deep—baby swimming tanks, in fact.

"The tropical custom is to fill the baths late at night. By the following morning the water will have acquired a limpid coolness that acts like a tonic upon the body. When one remembers that near the equator it is almost as warm in the morning as it is at noon and that water taken direct from the city mains is always tepid the advantage of the stone or cement bath is evident."—New York Sun.

TIGERISH TUNAS.

Wild Carnage When They Meet Their Natural Prey, Flying Fish.

One time at St. Clements we sighted a feeding school of tuna, an exhilarating sight. A flying fish weighing a pound and a half or more would start from the water and soar an extraordinary distance, nearly out of sight, but every inch of that flight I knew was covered by a big tuna keeping his place just beneath the "flier" and ready to seize it the moment it fell into the water. This rarely failed. The moment the fish began to drop the tuna would spring at it like a tiger, turning and tossing the spume into the air with a splendid and electrifying rush, a maneuver that was repeated all over the blue channel.

The sensational charge meant that a school of tunas had discovered a school of its natural prey, flying fishes. At once the lust for blood and food was on, and the carnage was the result.

I have observed some curious scenes at sea, but never have I seen fear so forcibly expressed as by a school of flying fishes exhausted and at the mercy of the voracious tunas. I have had them gather about my boat and cling to its keel as closely as they could, while the air was full of leaping tunas and soaring flying fish. At such times when a school of sardines is rounded up the fishes are so terrified that men have rowed up to them and scooped them in by the palful.—C. F. Holder in Outing.

Delhi and Its History.

Shah Jehan in 1631 built the present city of Delhi, close to the old Delhi, and made it the royal residence. The Mohammedans still call it Shahjehannabad, the "city of the king of the world." Nadir Shah, the Persian usurper, captured it in 1739, massacred thousands of the inhabitants and bore away plunder to the value of nearly \$100,000,000, including the famous peacock throne and the great Kohinoor diamond. The British first came into control in 1803, when the Marhattas were defeated near Delhi by Lord Lake. When the sepoy mutiny broke out in 1857 Shah Mohammed Bahadour, then ninety years old, took command of the city and until the English again triumphed enjoyed the imperial state to which he had long been a stranger.

Harriman Told Him.

Harriman had an almost supernatural instinct for knowing what was going on and who was doing it in the mysteries of stock manipulation. Once when Southern Pacific had been going up fast, Harriman and various banking houses buying in concert, he called up on the telephone one of his private brokers. "Somebody is selling," he said. "Yes, sir," was the answer. "Well, hand the market 25,000 for me." Immediately he called up the head of a banking firm much interested in the market. "Who's selling Southern Pacific?" he asked. "I don't know; we haven't been able to find out," was the answer. "I'll tell you," snapped Harriman; "it's your house." And he cut off the connection before any reply to him could be made.—Exchange.

The Tough Kid.

Nabor—I saw the doctor at your house yesterday.

Subbubs—Yes; that boy of mine climbed up on the porch when he was told not to, and—

Nabor—Ah, I see. He fell and broke his—

Subbubs—Not much! He's sound as a dollar. But my wife tried to whip him for it, and now she's a nervous and physical wreck.—Catholic Standard and Times.

New to Him.

"I see your son has gone to work."

"Yep."

"How is he getting along?"

"Oh, fine! Anything in the way of a novelty always appeals to him."—Washington Herald.

In High Life.

"Met your wife lately?"

"Not but I see by the society papers that she will be at home twice this month."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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NEW PARASOLS.
The women of America are emulating their sisters in Japan and next summer sun shades will bob like sunlit waves of the sea. We have many new novelties to show you. The prices range from \$1.50 to \$15.00.

DRESS GOODS
Marquesettes, one of the seasons most popular materials. Comes in cotton, silk, silk and cotton, etc. Just received a lot of new colors in the silk Marquesettes. A pleasure to show our goods.

Silks
As a style favorite the beautiful "SILK FOULARDS" promise to hold a high position in the realm of dress, and we further illustrate this fact. We'd call attention to the exclusiveness of our showing along these lines for "really" they're a marvel of color and design deftly woven in to combinations of the most beautiful and astounding effects. Come in let us show you. NO TROUBLE.

Millinery Department
We have just received by express a fine assortment of Gage, Fisk and Heiman & Lyman hats. Come and see these new creations before buying. You'll find here some of the most beautiful and stylish hats you'll see this season. They're priced right too.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.
New arrivals in this set on. We can now match most any color. Give you from narrow soutache to wide 12 in. braids. Also all kinds beaded trimmings, etc.

JEWELRY.
Coral is extremely popular this season and we are showing a number of novelties in the way of belt pins, toleto pins, hat pins and beads, 35c and up.

GLOVES.
White pearl clasp gloves with heavy black stitching will lend a newness to even an old suit. We have also received our silk gloves for spring in both two and sixteen button lengths in black, white and colors. 16 button length kids in all the wanted shades. We can fit in you gloves at any price from 25c to \$4.50.

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