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It is only up to within the last year or two that deaths from lightning have been reported in Oregon. This year a number have been killed or severely shocked by electric storms. It is probably due to the stringing of wires and the settlement of the state. A few years ago there were not enough people in the state for lightning to strike. Heat prostrations were also unknown and although they are not now common a few have been reported this year. Oregon used to boast that a case of rabies was never developed in the state. This has in all probability been imported from the east and unless precaution is taken to stamp it out it will become more prevalent.

Grazing is second only to lumbering as a principal use of the National forests. Practically all of the National forests used extensively for grazing purposes are within the 11 states extending east from the Pacific coast. These states contain, according to latest reports, 8,546,000 cattle, 2,810,000 horses and mules and 28,366,000 sheep. The National forests support in these states 17 per cent of the total number of cattle grazed, 3.48 per cent of horses and mules and 27.5 per cent of sheep.

Only fireproof ships will prevent disaster such as befell the hapless Volturno on the high seas Monday. Why not an international steamship commission, working along the lines of our interstate commerce commission, to regulate construction of ships. The interstate commission has brought about the building of steel fireproof cars, and a like organization with world-wide jurisdiction could handle the safety side of shipping.

"I am giving serious consideration to the proposal of marriage made to me today by a popular young lady," says Judge Garrett, in his weekly report to the Helix Advocate. We would suggest should the judge turn down the proposal, that he refer her to Wood of the Leader. She could interrogate the janitor of the Portland Journal building as to the ocular being a matrimonial possibility.

If some "jigger" can point out something new in agriculture that the expert is not wise to, let him do the pointing. We are told that salt grass was originally imported for sheep forage. And true it is. Thousands of sheep in Washington are being fattened on what we have considered to be nothing more than noxious weeds.

Some one has said "the world belongs to the industrious. Mexicans must either cultivate their lands or let others do it." What was he talking about, anyway? Can any nation produce a more industrious people than the Mexicans—when it comes to killing one another off?

In reading a Shakespeare drama recently we ran across the expression "down and out," now used as slang. You cannot get away from the lard of Aron. There is nothing in phrasing-making that he did not think of and originate or formulate.

"If the sugar beet raisers and the beet sugar industries are driven out of business by the new tariff, sugar will be dearer," remarks a standpoint organ. Oh dear, and if they are not driven out of business by the new tariff, then what?

"Would a man with a fishing license have a right to bulldog a deer?" inquires the East Oregonian. Now, cheese it. Sportsmen will not stand for the Roundup "cupwallowing" the game preserves.

There are laws enough to suppress the social evil in large cities if they were properly enforced. Yes, and in the smaller cities too.

Opportunity occasionally knocks at a man's door when the man is out getting a drink. Why not use the 'phone?

Gov. Sulzer was a reformer and his failure to make good is a great disappointment to the country.

Sending packages by parcel post ought to boom trade in matrimonial bureaus.

Reidman is said to be worth \$52,000,000 a pound. A nickle's worth, please.

THEIR EYES BELIEVE THEM.

Seals Are Ferocious and Devour Live Fish Inch by Inch.

Seals are still numerous and are disliked by Labrador fishermen because their skill is so much greater. Dr. Grenfell says that he has known a seal to hunt a net so persistently that to get any fish the owner had to watch all the while at one end of it, and even then the seal would almost snap off the fisherman's hand as he raced to be first to disentangle the salmon.

"The large, gentle eye makes the seal's appearance exceedingly attractive and those inclined to be sentimental have found in him a great scope for their effusions. As a matter of fact, he eats his prey alive. He will take a bit out of a fish and leave the rest to struggle away and die slowly. They are fierce fighters and will catch and eat birds swimming on the surface of the water.

One was seen devouring a salmon alive. The seal swallowed him by inches, swimming a mile while the struggle lasted. It seemed an open question whether he would succeed or not. Another seal was seen to capture a gull on the water, but the persistent harrying he got from the rest of the birds persuaded him to let the wounded victim go.—Chicago News.

MANAGERIAL ABILITY.

If You Think You Possess It Here is a Test You Might Try.

Any one who has to manage men or things must be able quickly to bring order out of confusion. Test your friend's talent in this respect by writing on your paper five words of a special class, such as the names of five flowers or of five animals or of five famous poets, with the first letter always in the right place, while the order of the other letters is changed.

The person on whom you are experimenting knows only to which class the words belong—whether they are the names of animals or of flowers or of poets. See how long it takes him to write the five correct words in place of the misspelled ones.

The animal card may read, "Tetru, etalenph, dykeno, serdlp, galliro," and the vegetable card, "Vello, diloffad, melap, moroshmu, cuttnesh." Some persons will be able to read at once.

"Turtle, elephant, donkey, spider, gorilla," and the other card, "Violet, daffodil, maple, mushroom, chestnut."

Others who have no talent for rearranging the elements of a confused situation will stare at the words, unable to make any sense of them—Hugo Munsterberg in Youth's Companion.

Reasonable Mistrust.

"Now let us try," she said, "to keep the other passengers from discovering that we are a bride and bridegroom."

"All right, dearest," he replied. "How shall we deceive them?"

"Buy a couple of magazines, and we will pretend to be busy reading them and avoid noticing each other."

"That's a fine idea, sweetheart. I'll get them right away."

Twenty minutes later:

"Lovely?"

"What is it, dearest?"

"You are holding your magazine upside down."

"Oh, George! If you are going to begin being critical now how shall I ever be able to please you after we have been married for five years."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Oriental Gems.

All gems of the finest quality, irrespective of the part of the world from which they come, are generally spoken of as "Oriental," because the supply of precious stones came only from the east for many centuries; and when mines were discovered in the west, it was at first assumed that the stones were inferior. "Occidental" is the term applied to inferior stones to this day.

On the other hand, "Oriental topaz," "Oriental emerald" and "Oriental amethyst" are really all sapphires, and are given these names only on account of their color.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Rose Corroyer, executrix of the last will and testament of Gustavus Corroyer, deceased, will offer for sale at Athena, Oregon, at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 25th day of October, 1913, six head of mules, which were appraised by the appraisers of the estate at one hundred (\$100.00) dollars each; four head of horses one cow, one Bain wagon and wheat rack, one wooden harrow, one header, one gang plow, and six sets of harness. All sales for one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or less must be for cash. Sales for more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars may be made on three months time. Promissory notes bearing interest at eight per cent. evidencing time sales will be taken provided they are made by solvent and responsible persons.

Rose Corroyer, Executrix.

Peterson & Bishop, Attorneys for Executrix.

SUMMONS.

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

First National Bank of Athena, a Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

Harry Brown, Defendant.

To Harry Brown, above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons against you, and if you fail to appear and answer and plead, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will demand from the above entitled court the relief demanded in its complaint, to-wit: For a judgment against you in the sum of \$225.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from September 1st, 1913, together with its costs and disbursements in this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable G. W. Phelps, judge of the above entitled court, made on the 25th day of September, 1913, and the first publication thereof is on the 3rd day of October, 1913.

Homer I. Watts, Attorney for Plaintiff.

MODERNIZED THE ANGEL.

Mounted on Ball Bearings, It Now Acts as a Weather Vane.

There are many kinds of angels ranging in style from those we read about in the Bible to those who bring out talent on the stage. It has remained, however, for a writer in the American Machinist to discover a new type of the seraphic assortment. This angel is "ball bearing" and entirely unlike the common or garden variety of angels. It stands on top of the famous tower known as the Campanile di San Marco, in Venice, and swings to the wind like a weather vane.

The statue of the angel San Marco, which surveyed the old city of Lagunes since the sixteenth century, was found but little damaged among the ruins after the collapse of the tower. It was repaired and now stands again on the lofty height, but is supported in a very different manner from the old, for it now rests on modern ball bearings.

This method of mounting allows the statue to be turned around a vertical axis by the wind, so that it swings automatically into such a position that the angel always presents the smallest surface to the wind or storm. If one considers that the large wings of the angel, which are eleven feet high, project straight backward, it may be imagined that the difference of the wind pressure is considerable, whether the wind blows against the small front surface or against the side exposing the large face of the wings.

THE DREAM CAME TRUE.

But Washington Warned "Light Horse Harry" to Dream No More.

The relations that existed between General Washington and his younger friend, "Light Horse Harry" Lee—the father of General Robert E. Lee—were exceedingly close and tender. It is an authentic tradition in the Lee family that Washington regarded the brilliant young cavalry officer almost in the light of a son.

Lee was inclined to be a spendthrift, and his lavish use of money often brought on him the paternal reproof of his older and more discreet friend—and the reproof was often followed by affectionate assistance in extricating him from his embarrassments.

Mrs. Washington was almost equally fond of the young officer, who often made long visits at Mount Vernon. During one of his sojourns there, Harry Lee remarked to his host at the breakfast table:

"General, I had a singular dream last night, which I must tell you. I actually dreamed that you made me a present of your Westmoreland place."

The next day, at the dinner table, Harry Lee found under his plate a document—nothing less than a deed to him of the Westmoreland estate. For some moments, dazed with astonishment, he stared at his friend.

"Now, Harry," said Washington calmly, "take good care not to dream Mount Vernon away from me!"

Juvenile Ideas.

A little girl once said to me, "Are there people on the moon?" I said I didn't know, but that perhaps there were. "Well, what do they do," she said, "when there's only a little bit? They must get very crowded. Don't they?" Which was almost as perplexing as the query put to me by another little maiden, who asked, "What do angels do with their wings when they lie down and go to bed?"

Very quaint was the idea of a little girl who was once visiting a house where a small child had died recently. She was asked to draw something. So she drew a grave with some flowers on it. Her mother, on seeing it, said, "Janie, you mustn't do that; Mrs. — wouldn't like it. You see, it reminds her of very sad things." "Oh, well," said the child, "perhaps it was thoughtless of me, but I can easily turn it into a beehive." And she did, with all the bees coming out.—Hilda Cowham in Strand Magazine.

Time Enough.

"Some women make me very tired," said the first agitress. "I asked one woman if she believed in woman suffrage, and she didn't know; she'd have to ask her husband."

"Did you find out how long she had been married?" asked the second agitress.

"Yes. Three weeks."

"Oh, never mind. I guess she'll do call on again in a year or so."—New York World.

An A B C Curiosity.

The following paragraph is made up of twenty-six words, each beginning with a different letter of the alphabet, their arrangement corresponding exactly with the sequence of the alphabet:

A boy certainly does enjoy fun greatly. He incites joy, keeps laughing, makes noises or plays quite riotously, seeming to unceasingly vibrate with excessive youthful zest!—New York World.

Mutual Worry.

Mrs. Call—It's too bad of you, Ethel, to worry your mamma so. Ethel aged five, tearfully—Oh, well, Mrs. Call, if you'd live with mamma as long as I have you'd know which of us was to blame.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Poor Jack.

Clara—Jack intends to have all his own way when we are married. Clara's Mamma—Then why do you want to marry him? Clara—To relieve his mind of a false impression.

Poor Man.

"Is the man your sister is going to marry rich?"

"Now. Every time the marriage is mentioned he says, 'Poor man!'"—Houston Post.

Patience is the honest man's revenge.

—Cyril Tourneur.

TRIED TO BE TACTFUL.

Yet Little Glory's Scheme Didn't Work Out According to Rule.

"Children," said Mr. Timkins, who had been suddenly moved to deliver a little sermon as he swallowed his second egg at breakfast, "whenever you hear anybody say anything mean or unpleasant, act as though you hadn't heard it. Talk about something else and pretend you don't hear. That's what we call tact."

When Mr. Timkins got home that afternoon from the office he observed that somebody had strewn his favorite golf clubs and all his golf balls over the front yard. Summoning his six-year-old daughter Glory, he said sternly:

"Glory, did you get all my golf things out and put them here where anybody could steal them?"

"Dad," replied Glory with perfect composure, "isn't it too bad our ice cream freezer's out of order, 'cause Mary can't make any ice cream?"

"Glory, did you dig up all this turf knocking those balls around?"

"And Uncle Randolph came and took mother for a ride in his auto," continued the six-year-old. "When are we going to get an auto, dad?"

"But, Glory," said Mr. Timkins, "I want to know about these golf clubs. Did you strew them around here? Why don't you answer?"

"Well, yes, I did," said the young person, "but I was trying to change the subject, 'cause I didn't want you to know that I heard something mean and unpleasant."—New York Post.

MUNICIPAL PAWNSHOPS.

In the Mont de Piete the Parisian Has a Model Institution.

The story of the Mont de Piete, the great pawnshop of Paris, reads like a romance. It is the survival of an old bank conducted by a religious order established to fight usury. This benevolent enterprise was given up to be started afresh under the direction of the government in 1801, when Napoleon was near the height of his glory. The profits go to the state and to charity—to the public aid department and to the hospitals of Paris. These charities benefit about \$70,000 a year.

The storage facilities of the Mont de Piete are admirable. The Frenchman may pawn his feather bed. When it comes back to him it, as well as mattresses, blankets and all bed furnishings, has been thoroughly disinfected. The rate of interest on loans is small, and it encourages by all means the redemption of the goods on which money has been advanced. As the Mont de Piete advances money only on a conservative valuation—as a rule to the value of two-thirds of the article pawned—there is generally a surplus to go to the pawnier if the pledge is sold.

Municipal pawnshops in Berlin charge 12 per cent, in Brussels 7 per cent and in Madrid 6 per cent.

In London for small loans the pawnshop rate is from 400 to 1,000 per cent per annum.—Indianapolis News.

Too Numerous.

A darky employed as an office boy in Kentucky came to work one morning with a face that looked as though it had been run through a meat grinder.

"Henry," demanded his surprised employer, "what in the world has happened to you?"

"Well, sah, boss," explained Henry, "I got into a little argument las' night wif' another nigger, and one thing led to another twell I up and hit at him. Well, sah, it seemed lak dat irritated him. He took and blacked both of mah eyes and bit one of mah years mighty nuff and split mah lip and knocked two of mah teeth loose, and den he th'owed me down and stamped me in de stomach. Honest, boss, I never did git so sick of a nigger in mah life!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Ancient Coffins.

The coffins of the ancient Egyptians were made of marble and stone. The Romans used similar receptacles for their dead, and Alexander the Great is said to have been buried in a coffin of solid gold. In parts of England glass coffins have been found. The Athenian heroes were buried in coffins made of cedar, owing to its aromatic and incorruptible qualities, while the first record of wooden coffins in England dates back to the days of King Arthur. This monarch was supposed to have been buried in the hollowed trunk of a gigantic oak tree.

The Lesson of Experience.

"I'll bet that that bridal couple have been married before."

"Why?"

"They've been living in the flat above us for two weeks now, and they haven't started to quarrel about each other's relatives yet."—Detroit Free Press.

The Milkmaid.

"You have too much rouge on, my dear young woman, to enact properly a milkmaid."

"Have I, sir? But I thought a milkmaid should be rosy checked."

"On the contrary, a milkmaid is naturally a pall girl."—London Telegraph.

The Only Chance.

Geraldine—Do you think that two can live as cheaply as one? Gerald—Not unless one is a cannibal and lives on the other.—Woman's Home Companion.

Business Tip.

The most successful matrimonial agencies are those conducted by handsome young widows.—New York Tribune.

Patience is the honest man's revenge.

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