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The Blue Mountain Eagle, one of "the" country newspapers that sell advertising space at 12 1-2 cents per inch, wonders how the metropolitan dailies can afford to sell four or five pounds of information in special edition for a nickel. The editor says: "The publication of these great papers is beyond the comprehension of a 'Fiona' town printer and just to extend the territory, we will say every one else in town. When a man can get four and five pounds of information for a nickel he is making a wheel horse out of a five cent piece. Publications like the ones mentioned give more for a nickel than any other business on earth. The marvel is, how can they afford it?" It's easy brother, once you are onto the ropes. To illustrate: We have a friend here in town, engaged to some extent in the poultry business. He wrote for advertising rates on a nine-inch display ad to run eight insertions in the *Twice-a-week* edition of a certain city newspaper. The rate quoted was \$3.10 per inch or \$151.20 for the eight insertions. If the charge is that figure in the *Twice-a-week* edition which is made up of the columns of the daily what must be the rate per inch in the letter? It is easy to figure out how the big papers can afford to get out big editions.

Senator Chamberlain is quoted as saying that he believes there should be no radical legislation against the trusts at this time. He says the trusts have shown a disposition to "behave themselves" and that the country should have a breathing spell. So? But then Senator Chamberlain, great politician that he is, has not grasped the reins of government so firmly that he can dictate to Congress that it stand still while the trusts continue the whitewashing stunt. The last session of Congress achieved more good for the country than any preceding it, as to lie down in the harness now, when it has everything to work with, and every chance to further benefit the country by wholesome legislation, would prove disastrous to the administration.

This sounds like Wood, but he didn't brew it, regardless of the fact that his epicurean fastidiousness is well known. It's from the Scottish Rite Bulletin: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight; feed me on gruel again just for tonight. I am so weary of sole leather steak, petrified biscuits and galvanized cake; oysters that sleep in a watery bath and butter as strong as Goliath of Gath—weary of paying for what I can't eat, obnoxious rubber and calling it meat. Backward, turn backward—how weary I am; give me a swipe at grandmother's ham, let me drink milk that hasn't been skimmed, let me eat butter whose whiskers are trimmed; let me once more have an old-fashioned pie, then I'll be ready to curl up and die."

Charley O'Neil, of the Prescott Spectator has started a story going the rounds of the press which tells of a country editor who started in the business twenty years ago with a capital of fifty-five cents and who is now worth \$100,000. His accumulations are due to the liberality of home folks as well as to his own frugality, good habits and a strict attention to business and the fact that a uncle died and left him \$99,999.99. Why, any chump ought to get rich in the newspaper business.

While other counties of the state are sparring over the problem of better roads, detonations of the blasting on the Athena-Pendleton macadamized road are heard here. Umatilla has made a good start and other counties will have to hurry to catch up with her.

With floods to the north of us, blizzards to the east of us and storms to the south of us, the best part of the best country on earth would appear to be satisfactorily located; even though we do have a dust flurry once in awhile.

Each day reveals the astounding fact that Huerta is coming closer to Uncle Sam. The federal government is now protecting and feeding a shattered army belonging to the Mexican dictator. Wonder if he appreciates the situation.

A new paper was born in Umatilla county Thursday, January 8, 1914, when Willis J. Pegg published the

first issue of the "New Era" at Umatilla. Mr. Pegg was formerly editor of the Huntington News. The initial issue of the New Era clearly shows that Bro. Pegg has been pegging some for he has cast upon the journalistic wave a good little sheet, and if he continues to peg away, Umatilla and Umatilla county will be the better for his coming.

And the Portland Oregonian is displeased with the prospective candidacy of Dr. C. J. Smith for Governor, for the good and sufficient reason that if elected he would favor law enforcement. Well, who should worry?

Who said winter? It's green sward and buttercups for us, while the East is snowbound. Californians may decide to winter in Oregon hereafter—that is, if the weather man doesn't change his mind.

Just the same, Copperfield has cleaned house. Baker, Huntington and Haines are also swinging the broom.

LIVES BY HER WITS.

Only Its Sense of Humor Saved This Hen From Decapitation.
For some time, writes "Suburbanite" in the Glasgow News, one of my hens has been indulging itself in a practice that but for the little joke involved would have ended in its decapitation. It is one of a pen of eight egg machines, or seven, rather, for its egg producing mechanism is considerably out of order, its best average being about one in the forenoon. Yet until recently that hen was scheduled on my book as the premier layer. That happened in this way:

Every morning when I made my appearance in the garden Nora (the hen) would be found clucking beside one of the eggs with all the force of its raucous throat. If any of its sisters laid claim to the property there would be a wild flutter, and the audacious bird would continue her boasting when she had cleared her bill of feathers. Some time ago I discovered her in the act of taking up her stand over the production of another hen, and a careful watch thereafter disclosed her true capabilities. A sense of humor is undoubtedly one of them, and this is being regarded as a saving grace, for I have decided to allow her to continue living by her wits.

PERSIA'S POET LAUREATE.

His Job, When He Had One, Was Anything but a Sinecure.
Persia is the only country besides England where a poet laureate has been officially maintained until recently. The last time that he could dictate to Congress that it stand still while the trusts continue the whitewashing stunt. The last session of Congress achieved more good for the country than any preceding it, as to lie down in the harness now, when it has everything to work with, and every chance to further benefit the country by wholesome legislation, would prove disastrous to the administration.

The last two were kept busy, for, while the historiographer had to record for posterity all the doings and sayings of the shah (padi-shah), the laureate was called upon to celebrate a large proportion of these in verse. This custom was not so bad after all, and it was rigidly observed and followed up for the shah, knowing that many of his deeds and utterances would be crystallized into an ode, on his imperial wandering felt bound to speak and to behave majestically, a thing that Muzaffer el Din, who abolished the laureateship, never did. — Philadelphia Ledger.

An Uncomplimentary Composer.
A young tenor, whose misfortune it was to be hideously ugly, waited on Cherubini one day and asked to be allowed to give a specimen of his vocal powers. For a wonder his application was met by a sulky nod of acquiescence. He sang, and sang superbly. There came another nod, accompanied by something like a snort of satisfaction. Then came a pause, which, after a minute or so, was broken by the youthful artist asking in faltering accents whether he might eventually hope for an engagement at the grand opera. "No!" thundered the director. "But, M. Cherubini—" "No!" The disconsolate artist was slowly departing when Cherubini rose, took him by both arms and looked him fully in the face. "I am sorry," he said, "very sorry, but, my cher, do you think that the opera could get up a company of orang-utans to sing with you?"—Sata's "Life and Adventures."

Novel Sight.
A young woman from the east was conversing with a Kentuckian about tobacco and tobacco raising. She was very pretty and a good conversationalist, and the young man from Kentucky was vastly interested in her until she gave him a sudden shock by announcing, "I should love to see a tobacco field, especially when it is just plugging out."—Argonaut.

Before and After.
When a man is in love with a girl he holds her hands so tightly that it would seem he is trying to keep her from getting away. After they are married awhile she has to hold his hands to keep him at home.—Florida Times-Union.

Poor Papa.
Karl: Let's play papa and mamma. I'll be mamma.
"Oh, no. You're much too stupid for that. You be papa. Filigende Blatter."

A Coming Man.
Griegs—Then you don't look upon Sharpe as a coming man? Griegs—No, but I would if I was in charge of the penitentiary.—Boston Transcript.

After weariness come rest, peace, joy, if we be worthy. Newman.

BUILD OF THE BABY.

Normal Weights and Measurements Up to Three Years of Age.
A baby should weigh at birth seven pounds, at three months eleven pounds, at five months fourteen pounds, at one year twenty-one pounds, at two years twenty-six pounds and at three years thirty-one pounds. The length of a baby at birth should be twenty and one-half inches, at three months twenty-two inches, at five months twenty-three and a half inches, at one year twenty-eight inches, at two years thirty-two and a half inches and at three years thirty-five inches.

Its chest measure at birth should be thirteen and a half inches, at three months fourteen and a half inches, at five months sixteen inches, at one year eighteen inches, at two years nineteen inches and at three years twenty inches. Some babies are built very small, and, if well, even if below these figures, there is no cause for worry. But if a baby is about normal size and does not come up to these figures its diet should be carefully looked into, as evidently it is not being properly nourished.

The growth of baby's body is very important. See that the teeth come in properly and that the legs grow straight and strong. The babies should be carefully watched and developed naturally.—Rural Farmer.

Aerial Note.
The Cynk! If he falls, my dear, you're not to scream or faint, because it's just what we all came to see. The Lady—But I thought he was going to take up a passenger.—Life.

Hyde Park's Marble Arch.
The marble arch of the north side of Hyde Park, London, designed originally by King George IV, to be an entrance to Buckingham Palace, cost \$80,000.

He Was Hungry.
Bill Wayback (after studying the bill of fare with interest)—"Ere, bring me all they on 'ere an' a piece of bread!"—Sydney Bulletin.

Notice of Final Account.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Wilson, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Maggie Wilson, administratrix of the estate of Charles Wilson, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Saturday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1914 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and the County Court house at Pendleton, Oregon as the place, where the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.

Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1913. Maggie Wilson, Atty. for Administratrix.

Executor's Notice.
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon. In the Matter of the Estate of William Pinkerton, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the last will and testament of William Pinkerton, deceased, and as such the above entitled Court has made and entered an order in the above matter appointing the undersigned executors of the last will and testament; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned executors at Milton, Umatilla County Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, their attorney at his office at Athena, Umatilla County Oregon, with proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 9th day of January, A. D. 1914. James W. Pinkerton, David A. Pinkerton, Executors of the Estate of William Pinkerton, deceased. Homer I. Watts, Attorney.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above estate by order of the above entitled court and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to my office, or at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, in Athena, Oregon with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof. Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1913. Homer I. Watts, B. B. Richards, Administrator, Attorney.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Madison Jones, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that George W. Jones, the executor of the last will and testament of Madison Jones, deceased, has resigned and that his resignation has been accepted by the above entitled court; that John M. Joffis was, on the 13th day of December, 1913 appointed administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo of the said estate. All persons having any claims against the estate, or unfinished business connected with the administration of the estate, will present their claims to, and take up their unfinished business with, the said administrator at the office of Will M. Peterson, his attorney, in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon. Dated this 26th day of December, 1913. John M. Jones, Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Madison Jones, deceased. Will M. Peterson, His Attorney.

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