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The Mayor of Spokane, returning last week from a tour of the Sound district, made public prediction that the State of Washington would give 20,000 majority for state-wide prohibition. His estimate was based upon the probable woman vote and he felt that the issue was to be fought on a state-wide basis. In Oregon, the prohibitors are arranging their forces for a vigorous campaign, also on a state-wide basis, but no such claims are being made for the success of the issue in this state as would compare with the above from Spokane. The near beer clause in the local option law made it a fizzle in this state from the very fact that any beverage containing any per cent of alcohol whatever, merely furnishes a blind pig and the opportunity to bootleg. At the first opportunity, Umatilla county gave her seal of preference for the licensed saloon by an overwhelming vote, as the result of the failure of the local option law to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors; it, of its provision, allowing the sale of a beverage containing alcohol. A statewide issue of the prohibition question would come nearer winning out in Oregon than would any local option regime, but the licensed saloon will be hard to dislodge from those towns and districts that were once in the "dry" column where the near beer joints waxed fat on their blind pigs.

The World's Work for February, one of the leading magazines, contains a splendidly written article on the Round Up, from the pen of Charles Wellington Furlong, E. R. G. S. The illustrations, which are attractive, are from photographs taken during the big Wild West show. The reputation of the Round Up throughout the East is as greatly exploited as it is throughout the Pacific Coast states. In addition to The World's Work article, this year the Round Up has received a page in Leslie's, a page in Collier's, a six page illustrated article in Out Door World and Recreation, and many favorable mentions in magazines and periodicals of lesser note.

Believing alfalfa growing of so much importance not only to the livestock interests of the country, but also in its relations to the maintenance and upbuilding of soil fertility, the entire second week of March has been designated by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chubbill as "alfalfa week." Every school in Oregon, including the one-room country schools, the grades and high schools of the cities, will be asked to observe the week through placing special emphasis in the language work on the subject of alfalfa growing.

There is considerable truth in the following from an exchange: "The Portland city council has confessed their inability to take charge of the unemployed and has asked the governor to take a hand. We suggest that the first thing to be done is to send a warning east and instead of telling the people that an easy living awaits them in Oregon, tell them there are 10,000 jobless men. We ought to get employment for the ten thousand before we invite another ten thousand to the state."

Senator Chamberlain's government-owned Alaskan railroad seems to be in a fair way of materializing. Now Burleson wants the government to take over the telephone and telegraph systems and the republicans and progressives are saying little in opposition to the proposed scheme. With transportation and communication systems under government control, government operation of fuel mines would not be improbable in due course of time.

Yes, perhaps there is a difference of something like \$40,000 in a wooden pipeline and one of concrete, it laid from Thorn Hollow to Pendleton. Gravitly water systems come high; but if the water is good, they are worth the price.

Mr. Groundhog came out of his hole Monday, saw his shadow, turned around and went right in again. Hicks corroborates the groundhog; prognosticates winter weather for February and March. Nuff sed.

Weston is ready to represent herself in a county baseball league. Nothing doing here to date. However, the tug is not so elusive, but that it may do a little buzzing hereabouts also.

The Pilot Rock Commercial Association is sending out a neat prospectus, from the press of the Pilot Rock Record, which contains valuable information relative to the wonderful resources of that portion of Umatilla county. It teems with unlimited possibilities offered the homeseeker interested in the raising of stock, grain, alfalfa and fruit, and in diversified farming on small tracts.

Have you registered?  
**TOMB OF JONAH.**

Moslems Look Upon It as Sacred and Guard It From Intrusion.  
The site of Nineveh is almost perfectly level, but adjoining the western wall are two huge mounds that conceal the palaces of the greatest kings of Nineveh. On the lower or southern mound stand a mosque and a village of considerable size, says a correspondent of the Christian Herald.

The village is named Nebi Yunus, or the Prophet Jonah, for the mosque contains the tomb in which Jonah is said to have been buried. The age of the tomb is uncertain, but it was probably built long after the Hebrew prophet's time. However, the place is now sacred, so sacred that pilgrims from afar visit it.  
"I rode up the steep, narrow streets of the village to the mosque," writes the Herald's correspondent, "dismounted and entered the yard. A crowd of excited Arabs quickly surrounded me. I explained to a priest that I had come to see the grave of Jonah, and with a motion of the hand I made him understand that I should reward him. Removing my shoes, I followed the priest through a dark passageway.  
"Then he pointed to a wall and said the tomb was just beyond. I wished to enter the place with the tomb itself. The place was considered far too sacred for my profane feet. The few Christians who have been permitted to enter the tomb may only enter through a small window into a dark chamber, in which a cloth covered mound is barely discernible. It is said that no Moslem will enter the inner shrine."

**DRINKING IN EUROPE.**

Munich Heads the List in the Quantity of Beer Consumed.  
Norwegians are one of the most temperate of northern nations, consuming but 4 1/2 pints of beer and 4 1/2 of brandy per head of population yearly.

The Dane drinks on the average 156 pints of beer, but little wine, and only 98 pints of brandy each year. The Swede manages to consume 84 pints of beer and 13 of spirits. The Russian drinks 7 1/2 pints of vodka and the same amount of beer. The Frenchman, however, takes 100 pints of wine, 15 of beer, 48 of brandy. The Britisher soothes himself with 9 pints of whisky or gin, 3 of claret and 228 of beer.

The Dutchman will drink 54 pints of beer and 12 of brandy. Taking every German province to obtain an average, it is found that the German consumes 187 1/2 pints of beer, 10 1/2 of wine and 9 1/2 of spirits. In Munich, however, the average amount per head rises to 800 1/2 pints, being the highest of any province, while the lowest average obtains in the northern province of Alsatia. Here the inhabitants are satisfied with only 144 pints of beer per head.

The Italian is the least of all addicted to alcoholic beverages, taking only 3 pints of beer, 1 1/2 of alcoholic beverages and 144 of wine per head.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Star Colors.**  
Professor Edward C. Pickering of Harvard has been able to show that Ptolemy had an excellent eye for color values; that William Herschel had a strong sense of red, but was a little weak on the blues; that the noted astronomer Suili, of the tenth century, was another who had a good color vision; that of various other ancient astronomers some were weak on the reds and some on the blues. His assertions are based on the practical certainty that the color of the stars has not changed in these centuries. Most of the old astronomers have left records of the colors of the various stars, and these values he applied to standards established by taking the average color value of certain stars given by a number of Harvard observers.—Saturday Evening Post.

**Able Assistant.**  
The small son of a clergyman who was noted for his tiresome sermons overheard two friends of his father saying how dry they were and how hard it was to keep awake during them. The following Sunday while the minister was preaching he was astounded to see his son throwing pebbles at the congregation from the gallery. The clergyman frowned angrily at him, when the boy piped out in a clear treble voice:  
"It's all right, pop. You go on preaching. I'm keeping them awake."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**The Neglected Negative.**  
"A young man," said the ready made philosopher, "should learn to say 'no.'" "Yes," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "I feel that my boy Josh ought to take at least that much trouble. When I ask him to help around the place he simply gives me a haughty stare."—Washington Star.

**Accommodating.**  
"John, if I should die I want you to promise me you wouldn't marry again within a year at least."  
"All right. Go ahead. I'll promise anything."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Our Language.**  
"So when you broke the news to her she went all to pieces?"  
"Yes, but it didn't take her long to collect herself."—Boston Transcript.

**Undesirable.**  
"Are they desirable tenants?"  
"Dear me, no. They're nice people, but they've got four children."—Detroit Free Press.

The path of duty is the way of safety and the road to honor.

**WHAT IS A RESTAURANT?**  
Here's a Definition of the New York High Life Brand.

A restaurant is a place where you pay \$4 for 15 cents' worth of food, accompanied by about \$2 worth of light labor, light china and light music, which you have heard before. After leaving your hat with a Wall street syndicate you pay all the way from 10 cents to 25 cents for the privilege of getting it back and wearing it once more. The difference between a man and woman indeed today is quite simple. A woman pays \$50 all at once for her hat, while a man pays \$5 for his and \$55 more in tip installments for storage at restaurants while he is vainly trying to obtain enough nourishment to sustain life between times.  
The object of all restaurants is to furnish you with everything you want except nourishment. This is carefully extracted from all food before it reaches you.  
Every restaurant nowadays has attached to it a homeless hotel and a drugless drug store, a newspaper stand, where you can buy a paper for not over twice what you can get it for across the street, and a box office dispensary, where you can get theater tickets for almost any night you don't want them at the same rates. Every restaurant also has a wine cellar which is filled with native cobwebs, European labels and California grape juice.—Life.

**A TALE OF THE SEA.**

Lucky Rescue of a Boy Who Was Lashed to the Branch of a Tree.  
A sailor tells a tale of peril that is out of the ordinary. He was one of the crew of an English ship bound from British Guiana to Rio Janeiro. When off the mouth of the Parana river there came on a calm, followed by a dense fog.  
At 10 o'clock in the morning there came out of the fog the voice of a human being, calling for help. A noise in a fog is very deceptive, and this one could not be located, but an answering "hello" was given.  
Suddenly something struck the vessel on the port quarter, and it was made out to be a tree, and in its branches was a native boy, lashed to a limb and almost unconscious. The tree was caught with a rope and the boy taken on board.  
It was half a day before he rallied enough to tell his tale. He and his father had been hunting twenty miles up the Parana river when a sudden freshet came down. Both climbed the same tree, but it was rooted up and carried down the river. The father tied his son to a limb with his loin cloth, but before he could thus protect himself the tree tilted over, and he was swept away. The boy had been floating three days and nights when he was picked up.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**British Death Duties.**  
Death duties on property in the British isles, whether belonging to natives or foreigners, are progressive, ranging upward from 1 per cent on estates of the value between \$500 and \$2,500, 2 per cent between \$2,500 and \$5,000, 3 per cent between \$5,000 and \$5,000,000 and 15 per cent on estates of \$5,000,000 and over.  
There are also legacy and succession duties, varying in percentage.

**Our Longest River.**  
Our longest river is the Mississippi. There is no other stream within our borders that can stand a moment's comparison with the "Father of Waters." To be sure, there are some who

claim that the really great river is the Missouri, that that stream is the main one, of which the Mississippi is only a tributary. But the claim is without foundation. The Missouri, from its source in the northwestern Rockies to its junction with the Mississippi at St. Louis, is a distinct stream from the one into which it empties near that point. It is quite true that from the headwaters of the Missouri to the Gulf, but in the one case it is two streams, in the other only one—New York American.

**The Dream Lion.**  
A Vienna professor is credited with saying that dreams are usually wish fulfillments. Maybe so. What about that childish dream in which the ferocious lion comes bounding along behind you, and you run as boy never ran before, and the lion closes the gap little by little, and then—all of a sudden—your legs grow limp and your muscles turn to water and you feel frazz out, and the lion leaps—and you awake with a yell, if your voice isn't paralyzed, and everybody in the home wakes with you?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**An Egoist.**  
"Here is another definition of an egoist."  
"Let's have it."  
"An egoist is a man who never disappoints himself, no matter how often he disappoints others."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**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 estate herein, and they have qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned executors at Milton, Umatilla County, Oregon, or at Homer, 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,  
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Attorney.

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