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The armorplate ponderbund have served notice on Uncle Sam what it will do to him if he establishes national shipbuilding yards: Shove the price of armor up \$200 per ton. Now we are waiting to see what congress has to say to the ponderbund. In the stress of national preparedness, taking into consideration what the tremendous cost will be to the country, steel trusts are not to be taken into consideration. The vital interests of the nation and the welfare of the country are at stake, and the future depends entirely upon the successful realization of a swift and dependable preparedness. Of what benefit would a big navy and large army be with the nation behind them bankrupted in the making of them? Where would the German Empire be today if it were at the mercy of a steel trust that was in a position to dictate to the imperial government whether or no it could build battleships and manufacture war munitions? If world conditions are such as we are led to believe them to be—that the United States must henceforth be on a war footing to meet them—the quicker congress injects a little German ginger into this government's management of military affairs, the better. Imagine if you can the Krupp or any other German manufacturer of war equipment, telling Germany that if the government over there built war vessels, they would boost the cost of armorplate up \$200 per ton! But it's different over here. Vastly different. The German method is to run the navy and the army, munitions and equipment as well, and it has proved to be a successful method. Over here, the government runs the navy and the army, but the steel trusts and the powder barons are at the very start trying to "hook one over" and be in a position to run the munition and equipment end of it—in other words, place the government at their mercy.

The Oregon Voter has this to say of Henry Ford:  
"Henry Ford is a conspicuous example of a business man who, while achieving money success, found no time to study history, economics or government. He is to be pitied rather than censured for having been so inflated by his financial success that he thought he could lift the world from the slough of destruction. His intent was excellent, but when he rushed headlong into affairs of which he was pathetically ignorant he not only made himself ridiculous, but he cast discredit upon the American nation and impaired its possible effectiveness as an intermediary for peace. The business man owes it to his own self respect to try to become informed upon questions of national policy as well as legislation which directly affects him in the conduct of his own business."

The candidacy of our own "Bill" Peterson for Delegate to the National Democratic convention is meeting with popular favor at the hands of the Democratic papers. Of his candidacy, the Ontario Democrat of Feb. 8rd, said:  
"Will M. Peterson, a well known Eastern Oregon lawyer and Democrat to war horse, will be a candidate for delegate to the national Democratic convention to be held in St. Louis next June. Mr. Peterson has been chairman of the Democratic central committee in Umatilla county for eight years, and was a presidential elector in 1912. He is an ardent supporter of President Wilson, and may be relied upon in any emergency that may arise during the convention to serve the best interests of the party."

Massachusetts, through the adoption of a constitutional amendment by the referendum, has authorized its cities and towns to go into the business of home building. They may advance funds and credit for building houses for working people at a cost and on terms a workman can meet, with sufficient light air, sanitation and garden space.

The Baker Herald says: "And those Baker county cattle that were fed in Idaho and won prizes at Denver were sold at auction for 10 cents a pound, the highest price ever paid for a car load of cattle from Idaho. Thus Baker county is not only boosting Oregon, but Idaho as well."

"Snow gives work to the unemployed," says a Portland paper. Yes, and it gave a lot of work to the family man who was employed, too. In fact, it gave us all a good deal of work.

## A Mulligan Stew

Until the other day I never knew there was any great difference in hogs. I had surmised that a hog was a hog; and that was all there was to it. But Link Swaggart has enlightened me on that point. He said he knew of a friend of his—mention of name unnecessary—who recently butchered 15 red hogs, and then had to kill a black one so that he would have had enough to fry the others in. "FAG!" And here's more of it: He said further that this friend bought the red pigs three months ago and they weighed 125 lbs apiece, and by ding, when he butchered them they only weighed 120 lbs each. Link forgot to tell me what his friend fattened his hogs on—and I never asked him.

She was sprinkling tiny black specks over the snow and I asked what it was. "Pepper," said she. "What for?" sez I. "Sowing a Sooted Tweed pattern."

By practical demonstration, Sam Haworth has convinced me that he has passed the stage of neophyte in the handling of the Shovel. I never knew of one feller who could equal Samuel in the art of shoveling. And come to think of it, I don't believe he could either; for Sam shovels snow, while the other fellow shovels smoke.

That bear meat recipe Doc Welch handed the Mulligan Stew last week, has set all the Phenny Kolom fellows wagging their pencils. I thought it would, for there's more truth than poetry in what Doc said; that it's easier to eat the ax than to masticate ordinary bear steak.

Everyday in town laid aside his labors Sunday except my friend Henry down at the P. O. He was confronted with the ordeal of disturbing a lot of delayed Eastern and Portland mail—and he did it after his usual quiet and methodical fashion. H-e-r-r-e, D-r-u-m!

Science and Speed VS. Brawn and Muscle, with S. & S. the winner, is the deduction I find after rehearsing the kinks and thrills of the Dayton-Athens HI basket ball game Saturday night. And the game was better than the score, 21-27, indicates. The girls, I am of the opinion, played one of the best games of the season also, when they defeated the lassies from Columbia (not N. Y.) College before a delighted audience amid rounds upon rounds of applause.

Alone on the depot platform. Bathed in the cold winter's breeze, Stands an empty eight-gallon beer keg With nothing in it at freeze. Shorn of its former glory, Drained of its last amber dreg, Beardless, bungleless and friendless, Stands an empty eight gallon keg. —Arco (Idaho) Advertiser.

With the crowd on the depot platform His whiskers fanning the breeze, Stood an empty two-legged rouser Shivering as though he would freeze. Shorn of his past great power, And cursing the hour's arrival, He was thanking the hour's arrival That would tear him out of the state. —Silver Lake Leader.

I didn't hear anything of Kernel Wood from 4:05 p. m. Friday until 4:05 Monday. Guess Weston's leading family shelf-cover reposed in a sawbuck some'ers between here and the Pine Creek trestle. It would be a dead-burned good thing for the community in general if saw banks could be made perpetual over that way.

## SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE

Initiative Petition Circulated to Have Ordinance Voted on at Coming City Election.

An initiative petition has been circulated and numerous signed to have a bill providing for a Sunday closing ordinance voted on at the city election on March 7. The proposed ordinance is as follows:  
An ordinance proposing by the initiative specifying what businesses are prohibited on Sunday and what are allowed on Sunday in the city of Athens, Umatilla county, Oregon: Be it enacted by the people of the City of Athens:

The people of the City of Athens do ordain as follows:  
Section 1. If any person shall keep open any store, shop, grocery, bowling alley, lillard room, or house of amusement for the purpose of labor or traffic, or any place of amusement on the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day or Sunday, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00); provided, however, that the above provisions shall not apply to keepers of drug stores, doctor shops, undertakers, livery stable keepers, garage keepers, bakeries, hotels and eating houses; and provided further, that drug stores shall be entitled to sell no thing except medicines; and bakeries shall sell nothing but breads, cakes, pies, cookies and doughnuts; and all circumstances of necessity and mercy may be pleaded as defense which may be treated as a question of fact for the jury to determine, when the offense is tried by jury.

**For Sale.**  
One brown mare mule, no brand visible, blackish nose, star in forehead, 3 years old, weight 850 pounds; also one 3 year old brindle cow, brand on side resembling figure 1 with half circle above, ear marks resembling crop off each ear, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the Barrett place, one mile north of Athens, Oregon on Saturday, March 4, 1916, at 2 o'clock, p. m. to pay costs of advertising and feeding. H. A. Barrett, Athens, Oregon, Feb 11/16.

**The Addition.**  
Cawker—I've had another addition to my family since I saw you last. Cawker—You don't say? Boy or girl? Cawker—Son-in-law.—Puck.

## LEGEND OF THE ROBIN.

Indian Story of How the Brave Bird Got Its Red Breast.

When white men first came far across the sea to this country they found many birds such as they had never seen before. But they found one which they liked best of all. It had a pretty red breast, and they called it robin, for its red breast made them think of a bird back in the old home which they loved most of all.

The Indians had a story about how the robin got its red breast. They said it happened a long time ago, when there was only one fire in all the cold far north.

A hunter and his son kept the fire burning day and night until the father fell ill, and the son had to watch the fire all alone. The great white bear was waiting for a chance to put the fire out so he could have all the north to himself. He saw the boy fall asleep; then he jumped on the fire with his wet feet and put it out.

But a gray robin saw him, and when he was gone she pecked about in the ashes till she found a tiny live coal. She fanned it with her wings until it blazed out and turned her breast red. Then she flew away to every hut in the cold north. Wherever she touched the ground a fire sprang up, and soon there were plenty of fires to keep the people warm. After that the robin's breast was always red instead of gray. —Exchange.

## LESSON OF THE LETTERS.

A Warning the Thoughtful Old Lady Gave the Headless Young One.

They were two women, one young, radiant; the other gently, beautifully old.

"But, auntie, it's such fun." The older rose.

"Wait."

In a moment she had returned. Two faded, yellow letters lay upon the young girl's lap.

"Read them."

Wonderingly the girl obeyed. The first read:

"Dearest—I leave you to John. It is plain you care for him. I love you. Just now it seems that life without you is impossible. But I can no longer doubt. If you care for them would be no doubt. John is my friend. I would rather see you his than any other's, since you cannot be mine. God bless you. WILL."

The other:

"Beloved—I am leaving you to the better man. For me there can never be another love. But it is best—it is the right thing—and I am—yes, I am glad that it is Will you love instead of me. You cannot be anything but happy with him. With me—but that is a dream I must learn to forget. As ever and ever. JOHN."

—Joseph Hall in Life.

## How the Roman Empire Grew.

Rome was founded 750 B. C. The kings were expelled 509 B. C., and it was not until 296 B. C., 460 years after the founding of the city, that the Romans conquered their immediate neighbors, the Samnites, Latins, etc. It was not until 206 B. C., following the defeat of Pyrrhus, that Rome was supreme in Italy, from the southern boundary of Cisalpine Gaul to the Sicilian strait. For 350 years, from the foundation of the city, the Romans could stand on the hills of their city and almost look across their entire territory, as it stretched away only some twenty miles on either hand. After the consolidation of their power in Italy, however, it took them but 150 years to conquer the world.

## Cast and Wrought Iron.

In a paper recently read before the Society of Chemical Industry the statement was made that the strength of cast iron was affected by the addition of wrought iron in the following proportions: With 100 parts of cast iron 20 parts of wrought iron increase the strength 2 per cent; twenty parts of wrought iron increase the strength 32 per cent; thirty parts of wrought iron increase the strength 60 per cent; forty parts of wrought iron increase the strength only 33 per cent. The maximum result is therefore produced with 30 per cent wrought scrap.—Indianapolis News.

## The Harm of Damp Houses.

It is dangerous to health and even to life in a damp, moldy house or one built over a moldy cellar. Many years ago the London Lancet in an article on diphtheria traced the disease in certain cases to the presence of certain molds and fungoid growths which seemed to be breathed into the throat. Remember, one of the best disinfectants is lime. Moldy cloths, such as shoes and other articles that are unfit for use, should be destroyed at once.

## Well Informed.

"There goes a man who has delved deep in Roman history."  
"An authority on the subject, eh?"  
"Sure. He knows lots more about Julius Caesar than the average voter knows about his congressman."—Spokane Review.

## Milestones in Life.

"Did anything ever feel more conspicuous than your first long trousers?"  
"Only the vast expanse of my first dress shirt."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Nothing to It.

His Wife—Never mind if you have lost everything. You still have me. Mr. Rustup—But you're not an asset; you're a running expense.—Judge.

Prejudice corrupts the taste, as it perverts the judgment, in all the concerns of life.—Ruelme.

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## THE YOLK OF AN EGG.

It is Good Predigested Food, While the White is Not.

It has long been known that many persons cannot eat even perfectly fresh eggs without suffering all the symptoms of violent poisoning.

The egg has two parts—the yolk inside and the white outside. The white is the part of the egg that makes the bones, the feathers and the flesh. The yolk, however, is what the chicken lives on. It is a dinner basket placed there by nature for the infant chicken. It is a little lunch put up for the young life within the egg to support it until it gets out of the shell, for the chicken must eat inside the shell as well as outside, and the yolk is a little bundle of predigested food that nature has prepared for the chicken to eat before it emerges into the world.

Thus we see that the yolk is food, whereas the white of the egg never was intended to be eaten. Really it is not fit to be eaten. It has some food value, it is true. It can be utilized under some circumstances, but it is not good food. The yolk is the only part of the egg that really is wholesome food. It is digested very quickly, too, recent investigations showing that the yolk is digested entirely in the stomach. There is some fat in the yolk, and there is some protein in the yolk, and all are digested in the stomach. The fat of the yolk is of a peculiar kind. It is more readily digested in the stomach than any other fat, although other emulsified fats are also to some degree digested in the stomach.—Dr. J. H. Kellogg in Good Health.

## First Talking Machine.

The recording of vibrations of a membrane was first accomplished by Leon Scott in 1857, by the invention of what he called a "phonograph." This is regarded as the precursor of the modern phonograph. The actual reproduction of sound was first achieved by Thomas Alva Edison in 1877 and first patented by him in 1877, the patent being dated in January of that year. There had been, of course, several experiments and improvements between. The first method of recording vibrations of a tuning fork on the surface of a drum was discovered by Thomas Young in 1807. Alexander Graham Bell and S. Tainter patented the graphophone in 1885. Emile Berliner patented the gramophone in 1887. —New York Times.

## It Sure Is.

Patience—Do you ever look back over the past?  
Patrice—Why, bless your heart! That's the only way one can look at the past.—Yonkers Statesman.

## Disguised.

Customer—I'm going to a masked ball, and I want something that will completely disguise me. Customer—Certainly, sir. I will give you something nice.—Pele Mele.

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