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SLANDER.

The many persons who are always quick to spread evil reports about other persons should ponder these words of Henry van Dyke: "Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true and never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary."

A GOOD SIGN OF THE TIMES.

There are more freight cars in the United States today than ever before in the history of the world. There are more cars in active use today than in any month in many years, says an exchange. All railroads are doing a remarkable business for this period of the year, which is usually the dullest. Some of the large manufacturing centers are already hampered for the lack of cars.

Within the past six months railroads have been putting in orders for new equipment. Since the boom started, the demand for cars has increased until about all the empties are now doing duty.

Railroads are like other concerns. They act on the strength of present business. When freight traffic was slack a year ago, and the car works were idle or running with a decreased force, the railroads could have bought cars at a much lower figure than they have been obliged to pay since the boom started. But they procrastinated and are now paying the additional cost.

A good sign of future business is that private concerns have recently ordered three thousand freight cars. They have put in the order with the idea when they want cars to move their products they will have them. These concerns, too, like the railroads waited until business began to improve before putting in the order, and they are paying increased prices for their rolling stock.

Car shops say it will be six months before they can deliver the recent orders. The big concerns expect to have their orders filled by the time the annual car shortage comes next fall.

THE PRICE OF GASOLINE.

Nearly everybody uses gasoline now-

adays. It is not only the automobile owner who is interested in this commodity. Thousands of farmers who have installed gasoline engines on their premises are interested. The clothes cleaners are another class of people who have complained of the high cost of gasoline.

We have been told that the big increase in the price of gasoline was the demand for gas arising from the European war. When anyone wants to justify the raise in the price of some staple he finds the war a handy goat. But when it is known that 45,000,000 barrels of crude petroleum were placed in storage in 1914 and that there are now 200,000,000 barrels in storage, it looks as if someone was purposely keeping it off the market so that a scarcity of gasoline will boost the profits of the producers. It takes a lot of money to satisfy the appetite of John D., and the purchasers of gasoline are considered legitimate prey.

All users of gasoline will utter a wish that the government investigation of the increased prices will be speedily carried out and that the probe will be sent to the bottom of the question.

In Memorium.

Alone on the depot platform,
Bathed in the cold winter's breeze,
Stands an empty eight-gallon beer keg,
With nothing in it to freeze,
Shorn of its lost former glory,
Drained of its last amber dreg,
Beerless, bungless and friendless,
Stands an empty eight-gallon keg.
—Exchange.

Any New Methods?

"Ain't it strange th' way Jack beats his wife?" "I dunno. How does he do it?"—Cleveland Leader.

He Can't.

Blob—Woman is a conundrum.
Slob—And man never seems to want to give her up.—Philadelphia Record.

Warned.

The Poet—It's but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.
The Girl—Watch your step!—Judge.

Proof of It.

"Jack is spoons on Gladys."
"Yes, and she sees to it that he forks out."—Baltimore American.

Spiced Cake.

When making spiced cakes always sift the spices with the flour. They will be more evenly distributed.

Heredity.

Eugenia—But don't you believe in heredity? Clarence—Sure! That's how I got all my money.—Exchange.

Tame.

"Have you a Sporting Life?"
Bookstall Clerk (at lonely country station)—Not very!—Punch.

Steam Fire Pumps.

The first fire engine in which steam was used to drive the pumps was that of Braithwaite in 1829.

Authors.

The number of poor authors is as great as the number of authors who are poor.—Omaha World-Herald.

Geodesy.

Geodesy is the name given to the science of measuring the surface of the earth.

Burning Glasses.

The use of the burning lens to generate fire was known to the ancient Greeks.

Aerial Navigation.

Researches into the principles of aerial navigation date back to the fourteenth century.

CANDIDATE'S NOTICES.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the nomination on the republican ticket for the office of County School Superintendent at the primary election to be held in May.

Respectfully,
Geo. B. Lamb.

For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of county treasurer of Tillamook county, subject to the will of the republican voters at the 1916 primary election.

Respectfully,
B. L. Beals.

For County School Superintendent.

I hereby announce myself as a Democratic candidate for the office of County School Superintendent subject to the primary election to be held in May, 1916.

Respectfully,
H. M. Cross.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of Tillamook County:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to enforce the law with efficiency and economy.

Respectfully,
W. L. Campbell.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for the office of County Clerk, on the Republican ticket, at the primary election to be held in May, 1916.

Respectfully,
J. C. Holden.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

Candidate for nomination, second term, on Republican ticket, at primary election in May, for County Assessor.

Respectfully,
C. A. Johnson.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

Acting on the advice from friends from all parts of the county and the urgent request of many, I announce myself a candidate for nomination for County Clerk on the Republican ticket at the primaries in May.

Respectfully,
Erwin Harrison.

EARLY ALMANACS.

The First We Know of Are Those of the Ancient Egyptians.

The first almanacs—that is to say, the first historical—were of Arabian origin and reflected the local genius of the people in a very striking way. They served as models in other countries for hundreds of years. The oldest known copy of such a work is preserved in the British Museum and dates back to the times of Rameses the Great of Egypt, who lived 1,200 years before the birth of Christ. It is written on papyrus in red ink and covers a period of six years.

The entries relate to religious ceremonies, to the fates of children born on given days and to the regulation of business enterprises in accordance with planetary influences. "Do nothing at all this day," is one of the warnings. "If thou seest anything at all this day it will be fortunate," is another entry. "Look not at a rat this day," "Wash not with water this day," "Go out not before daylight this day," are some of the additional cautions.

This almanac was found in an old tomb and is supposed to have been buried with its Egyptian owner when he was converted into a mummy for

To the Voters.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primaries to be held in May.

Respectfully,
Fred H. Minich.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket, subject to your approval at the May primaries.

Respectfully,
John Aschim.

To the Republican Voters of Tillamook County.

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Circuit Judge of the 19th Judicial District, comprising Tillamook and Washington counties, at the May 19th, 1916, primaries.

Respectfully,
Geo. R. Baglev.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I herewith announce myself as a candidate to succeed myself as County Surveyor. If nominated and elected I will continue to enforce the same policies practiced by my office in the past, that of conducting it on strictly engineering basis, efficiently and economically.

Respectfully,
R. L. Shreve.

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, Tillamook County on the Democratic ticket at the primary election on May 19, 1916.

Respectfully,
Geo. R. McKimens

To the Voters of Tillamook County.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination by the Republican party for the office of District Attorney, to be voted for at the next regular primary election. If elected to the office, I will perform the duties of such office faithfully and conscientiously.

Respectfully,
T. H. Goyne.

Dr. Wendt fits glasses. Tillamook, Ore.. I. O. O. F. Bld.

future explorers to dig up and dissect in the interest of science and literature.

Next after this in point of age among the existing specimens of ancient almanacs are some composed in the fourth century. They are Roman church calendars, giving the names of the saints and other religious information. The Baltic nations, not being versed in papyrus making, had calendars engraved on ax helms, walking sticks and other articles of personal use. The days were notched with a broad mark for Sunday, and the saints' days were symbolized in various devices, such as a harp for St. David's, a gridiron for St. Lawrence's, a lover's knot for St. Valentine's, and so on. The Saxon almanacs are numerous and contain historical as well as ecclesiastical entries.

It is possible to trace in these curious records all the changes of popular belief and taste. They were prepared to meet the current demand and to constitute a systematic story of what took place in successive periods and how knowledge increased with the revolving years. We owe to them most that we know of the people for whom they were made and by whom they were indorsed.—Christian Herald.