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The railroads made a big thing carrying passengers to the Roosevelt show; and it didn't cost them more either.

The fact that we are sending more artillery to the Hawaiian Islands only indicates that we are for peace at any price.

The back-from-Elba bunch will not fail to notice the retreat from Moscow and the fact that one of the next stops was at Helena.

The Rev. Dr. Aked says Noah's flood was a myth; but he does not deny that there was a spring freshet in the valley of the Euphrates.

Bryan need never consider himself a failure. Memphis thinks it would be worth \$2,000,000 to have him live there, and it is not even that anyone gets \$2,000,000 worth of admiration.

John Sharp Williams succeeds to the bayonet-scarred desk of Jeff Davis. Let John Profit by the example; had Jeff stuck to that piece of furniture he had saved himself considerable embarrassment.

A New Hampshire legislator has a bill to make punishable by a fine eavesdropping through the telephone. He leaves a good deal to the ingenuity of the prosecutors, but as a real reformer there is none beside him.

The international story now is that the Japs will join with Great Britain and the United States in a treaty of permanent arbitration. Probably both of the other high contracting parties, with certain moral reservations.

There is a loud democratic outcry against the activity of Bryan at Washington. Let the democratic donkey throw Bryan if it dares; the peerless one would make a hole in the ground long enough to again bury the party in.

In Buenos Ayres it is necessary to have a mayor's permit to sing the national anthem; this ought to give us a fuller appreciation of our own glorious freedom; we can sing Yankee Doodle when we feel like it and no official questions are asked.

Peary has been voted the chair once occupied by Drake. The Brooklyn academy of sciences; Cook's effort to come back may now be regarded as a closed incident; an added proof that no man may come back who has once thrown himself away.

Gov. Hadley's veto of the emigration bill enumerating among other things that it provides for the appointment of a number of commissioners "to travel under a roving commission;" somewhat, we take it, like that arrangement in the national democratic committee under which men, "under roving commissions," and 25 per cent commissions, traveled for the raising of money to be used against "the use of money" in politics.

While he failed to overturn the republic of Mexico, Gen. Stanley Williams succeeded in demonstrating both his gameness and his entire lack of discretion.

Irrigation is working wonders in Utah. Latest reports are to the effect that it even washed away the sins of the polygamous Mormon elders.

John Sharp Williams is reported to have attained one of his ambitions in securing that identical seat in the senate once occupied by Jeff Davis I. There are a number of eminent democrats in Arkansas anxious to take that identical seat in the senate now occupied by Jeff Davis II.

And speaking of race suicide, the new senator from New York demonstrates that large families are not out of style by appearing in a family group with six daughters and a son behind him. They are a fine looking septet, too, and from his picture Senator O'Gorman's blood is not thin in his veins.

Billing and cooing with England, and making faces at Russia, seem to prove a forgetfulness of dark days when this nation was struggling for life, with Russia as our only avowed friend among the nations until after the barytones got a chance to sing of "the fire hot, and the deadly shot, that sunk the Alabam."

At a meeting of the Astoria Municipal club Dr Enna, of Portland, gave a lecture recital of the new opera Astoria, the theme of which was written by Mrs Fredda Gratka. Dr Enna was assisted by Mrs Weinstein, of Portland, who sang the leading role, and Mrs A A Finch and Mrs J T Allen, of Astoria, who sang the choruses.

Dr. Owens Adair, conspicuous for her efforts in behalf of civilization by advocating sterilization of depraved, degraded men, has gone on a long trip. At Chicago she will be joined by a niece, and the two will visit New York and Washington, and sail from the former city April 29th, for the Mediterranean.

The announcement comes from Washington city that after May 1st the further importation of green tea into the United States will be forbidden. This decision was arrived at because of the determination of the government's tea board that all green teas are artificially colored and that the substances used for this coloring are deleterious. The dispatch says that the order was expected to have a far-reaching effect, especially upon the commerce of Japan, which exports artificially colored tea in large quantities.

A peculiarity of the east at once noticed by the westerner has long been the absence of the silver dollar. The change for a five generally comes in paper dollars, while the silver dollar is obtainable at the banks when asked for. Now the treasury department announces that gold coins are soon to be supplanted by yellow-backed bills in general circulation. So rapidly are the people of the United States taking advantage of the law authorizing the issue of gold certificates by the treasury department that in a short time the mints will be called upon to coin gold for almost no other demand than to supply graduation presents or to slip into the toe of a stocking at Christmas time.

Having had a bad attack of pneumonia when Dame Fortune tried to present them with a gold mine for \$250, James P Flynn, a bailiff, and Con Keefe, an Oakland patrolman, are nursing a grudge because they neglected the old maxim: "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." Flynn and Keefe were in treaty to buy a piece of land on Dutch flat, above Sacramento, where they spend their vacations; during their absence a miner named Gregory occupied the place. "We'll buy that land this June," agreed Flynn and Keefe. Now they have learned that Gregory uncovered 80 feet of gold-bearing quartz on the ground, and grabbed it for \$250 and has formed a company to exploit the find, valued at \$250,000.

## Another Ridiculous Law.

Blue Mountain Eagle: Why the open season for trout should close in November and remain closed during the winter months no one knows nor can any suggest an explanation further than the fact that no one cares to enjoy the sport of casting a fly hook over ice and snow banks. Assuming that the closed season is for the purpose of protecting trout and aiding the propagation, the season opens just about the time it should close. One fishing along any of the streams at this time will find trout spawning on the riffles. In this section this starts about the first of April, just about the time that the season should close. Experience shows that the season for open fishing should close about March 1st and remain closed until the middle of May or the first of June. The idea of closing the season during November, December, January and February is ill advised. Trout should be protected during the spawning period and that starts about the time the fishing season opens, on April 1st.

## Why it Made a Difference.

A Philadelphian who had business in Washington the other day called to see Dr Wiley, the government's food expert. In the course of their talk they discussed the persistence of some food manufacturers to violate the pure food laws.

"One trouble is that so many persons lack a sense of moral obligation," said Dr Wiley. "They seem to think that if they are not found out they have not done anything wrong. They remind me of a little boy I once encountered gathering mushrooms in a meadow.

"I looked into his bag, and, to my amazement I saw he had mostly toadstools.

"See here," said I, "those are poison; you mustn't eat them."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the youngster; "they ain't fer eatin'. They's fer sale."

As all new parties want to grow why are they so ready to condemn the organized discipline of older parties? The cant on this subject disappears when the duties of responsible politics are reached.

Young Theodore Roosevelt is making good at the carpet business, largely due to his close application, says his boss. Just think what his father might have accomplished if he had stuck to one thing, says the Oregon Daily Journal.

Some restless Georgian has started an agitation for a government investigation of the moon's influence on things terrestrial evidently believing that anything that can drag the ocean around after it is husky enough to make a watermelon vine get a hump on it.

In spite of all warnings against public debt, Portland officialdom is breaking its neck to sell \$750,000 more bonds, falling due when it may be quite difficult to pay. Seattle has just voted a new debt of \$800,000. Strangers looking for new homes steer clear of debt-ridden, non-taxpaying majorities.

When the first shipment of copper ore ever sent out from Alaska was started over the the Copper river and Northwestern railway from Kennicott, April 7th, it marked an epoch in the mining development in the northern colony. The cargo is valued at \$250,000 and comes to the smelter at Tacoma.

British Columbia reds will have \$425,000 to blow in at Victoria, since the government has paid the Songhees that amount for the water front reservation. The government also supplies a new reserve on Esquimalt harbor, whither the Indians will move at once. The city has been endeavoring to secure the removal of the Indians for 30 years.

## Some Health Proverbs.

In a few one-sentence sermons, as true as gospel, the state health department gave to the citizens of an eastern state more direct information on the preservation of health and happiness than ever before since the department was established, and the Commissioner and his able assistants are to be congratulated on their work. Here are some of the proverbs which should be pasted in the hat:

The man who says he would rather have smallpox than be vaccinated, never had the smallpox.

An open window is better than an open grave.

Warm rooms have killed more people than ever froze to death.

If you let the child have the measles when he is young you may save a doctor's bill later on, but you may have to pay the undertaker now.

A good iron pump costs less than a case of typhoid.

If your milk man brings you warm milk, make it hot for him.

Wire screens in the windows may keep crepe from the door.

A fly in the milk often means a member of the family in the grave.

If some people were as much afraid of flies as they are of bad water, there would be less typhoid.

When you see a child looking like an angel, do not kiss it; you might make a real angel of it.

Scarlatina may not sound so dangerous as scarlet fever, but ask the undertaker.

## Rufus Correspondence.

No shoot Sunday on account of high winds.

Miss Nellie Morris is visiting with Mrs Hubert Hill.

G C Deyo has a team scraping sand for the railroad company.

A P Altermatt brought some nice rhubarb to town a few days ago.

Mr and Mrs Mulkey, the teachers here, spent Saturday in The Dalles.

The dance at the hotel on the evening of the 15th was well attended.

Mr Payne, a brother of Mrs A P Altermatt, is here, and may stay all summer.

J A Pyburn and Orren Henderson have two teams moving sand from the space between the hotel and the Foster building.

The freeze of last week hit the fruit; some say one half of it is gone, others that most all is lost. Can tell more about it next week.

The Rufus kids played ball at Wasco Saturday the 22d. Score 14 to 10 in favor of Wasco. Several Rufusites went out to see the game.

The head men, three in number, of the cement company were here Monday looking over the situation but did not state their mission.

It is reported that there will be an excursion on the 23d, the O W R & N stopping at Rufus for passengers, as that is the date for starting the pumping plant at Blacklock.

## My Sympathetic Friend

By SUSAN YOUNG PALMER  
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My father and mother both died when I was so young that I have no remembrance of them, and I was sent to an orphan asylum. When I was eighteen the matron one morning called me into her room and said to me: "You have been very useful to us here since you passed out of childhood, but I am expected by the managers to get on without help. You are now old enough to be self supporting and must either work for yourself alone or in a home. I occasionally receive a letter from some man desiring one of our grown girls for a wife. I had one of these letters this morning from a young man in the west, who says that he has a good farm on which he lives alone, and he wishes me to send him some one for a helpmeet whom I can recommend, and he has forwarded letters recommending him. Let me know if you wish the position."

The matron was used to condensing everything she said just as she had spoken these words. She was a good woman, but was so intimately connected with the world's troubles that she could not give much attention to those of any one person. She turned to other duties, and I left her to go to my room to think.

The result of my tearful deliberations was that I was a few days later handed a ticket and what money I would need on the journey and took a train for the west. My leaving was telegraphed to my future husband, who was to meet me at the station, marry me and drive me twenty miles to his farm. I had no money with which to return or go anywhere else in case he should prove disagreeable. Indeed, I felt as though I had been pitched over a precipice.

The train had left Chicago and we were bowling along toward the Mississippi. I noticed a young man sitting near me who was looking at me, I thought, sympathetically. I must have shown my despondency in my face, for his own reflected it or, rather, bespoke commiseration. Presently he came over to me and said, with an encouraging smile:

"You look troubled. Is there anything I can do or say to make you feel happier?"

There was that in his honest face and eyes that invited confidence. I told him my story. He listened to it attentively and respectfully and when I had finished said:

"Has it occurred to you that the man who is to marry you is in the same position with regard to you that you are with regard to him?"

"I never thought of that."

"And do you know that many so called love matches turn out very unhappily?"

"I supposed," I replied, "that it was the forced marriages such as the one I am about to make that are failures."

"There is no truer saying than that marriage is a lottery. I think you have a better chance in yours than those people who are married by love, see no fault until a number of them are plainly visible after marriage. Unbiased persons have recommended this man to you and you to him. You both trust to them instead of your own judgment blessed by love. The chances are largely in your favor."

"What you say," I replied, "sounds encouraging, but it seems to me that I would rather begin with love even if I must end with disappointment."

"Spoken like a woman," he rejoined. "And I would rather begin without love and end with love."

What a treasure are these people who have the faculty of lifting the cloud that hangs over us and showing us the sun shining behind. This young man seemed to have only an ordinary education, but any deficiency was made up by common sense. Then, too, it was easy to see that he had a kind heart. He was constantly looking at me out of those sympathetic eyes of his, which said, "Poor child, how I pity you!" He was with me most of the morning and all the afternoon. He soon ceased to talk about my trouble, leading me into other paths, though he told me many instances of persons who had made marriage a matter of business and found it a matter of affection.

My lover—I was certainly thinking the word, mockery that it was—had written that my train would land me in the night at the last principal town on my route, and I was to remain there, taking another train the next morning. When I parted with my newly made friend I released into the same miserable condition as before. But I was tired, and that night, though I went to sleep in tears, I got a fairly good rest. This and a bright morning kept me up the next day till I approached the last station, where I was to meet "my lover," when it was all I could do to resist a temptation to throw myself from the train. I permitted every one to go out before me and washed there were more of them. Then when alone I nerved myself for the ordeal and left the car.

My lover was there waiting for me, extending his hand to assist me down the steps.

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