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Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Huh!
"The girls are wearing pantalettes I know," said Mr. Tupp.
"But do they wear suspenders?"
To hold the blouse things up?

A Dead Loss.
"Will you have a cherry or an olive in your cocktail, major?" asked the host.
"Neither," replied the major. "They merely take up a lot of space that might be better devoted to the likker."

Wuff!
He was flat broke, his coal was gone.
He didn't have a cent.
He put a blanket mortgage on
The house to keep it warm.

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is an unreasonable husband?
Paw—A husband who expects his wife to be reasonable, my son.
Maw—Willie, you go down in the cellar and stay there until I call you.

Correct.
A smiling friend may bid you hail,
Yet wish you with the best of will,
But when a doggy wags his tail,
You know he's on the level.

Mean Brute!
"This magazine refers to the Mississippi as the queen of rivers," said Mrs. Gabb.
"Why not the king of rivers?"
"The writer evidently knows what he is talking about," growled Mr. Gabb.
"The Mississippi is always running off at the mouth, and you can't dry it up."

Wuff!
I went to a circus on a hot summer day.
The crowd was surely immense.
Now, what I wish to ask is this,
Could you say the best was in tent?

Peep, Peep!
Dear Luke—iva Little Canary sings in the choir of St. Augustine's church at Lebanon, Ky. Can she join Percy Yowler of Norwood, O., in the club choral society?—C. H. M.

My!
The billboard man, I will agree,
Is a concocted pup.
For while he is well posted he
Need not be so stuck up.

For being strictly sober.
Our billposter can't be skinned;
Yet on a raw day in October
He was three sheets in the wind.

Safety First!
Dear Luke—Sassman & Croak are real estate dealers at Caldwell, O.—C.

Two New Members.
Dear Luke—Miss Coyle Springs is on the Lyceum platform, and Mr. Hose Line lives at Quincy, O. Are they in?—G. M. G., Bellefontaine.

Quick, Doc, the Hypoc!
Doc Squirt was in town some more this week.—Frederic (Wls.) Stan.

Names is Names.
A. Fay Kerr lives at Moundsville, W. Va.

Things to Worry About.
There are 879 seeds in an ordinary cucumber.

Our Daily Special.
A big bank roll covereth a multitude of sins.

Luke McLuke Says—
There are mighty few men who know the difference between a principle and a prejudice.

What has become of the old fashioned congressman who used to stand by the common people by refusing to wear a full dress suit?

Silent contempt may not be as satisfactory as the verbal kind. But it saves a man many a black eye.

We don't know much. But we do know that the man who wants to wait until New Year's day to climb on the water wagon isn't going to ride very far.

Another good thing to remember as you bull your way through life is that the man who knows most about a subject is the one who says the least about it.

After a man has provided his wife with a place in which she can do housework for her board he can't see what more she could ask for.

After father has fussed and wrangled with mother for two hours father always winds up by saying, "Oh, only a dod gum fool would argue with a woman!" and goes out and slams the door behind him.

Once in awhile a woman is so hard up for something to brag about that she will feel real proud because her husband can eat two dozen raw oysters at a time.

A man likes to tell you what he would do if he had a million dollars. But he is a wall eyed liar. He wouldn't do anything of the kind. He would hog it and try and make another million out of it.

A good fellow is a man who gets as much pleasure out of feeding nickels to his children as he gets out of feeding nickels to a slot machine.

The old fashioned farmer who used to wear long whiskers now has a son who has to shave clean because the whiskers got tangled up in the steering wheel of his filver.

Patriotism and politics both begin with "p." But aside from that they have nothing in common.

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

Charles A. Bengston, postmaster at Dry Lake, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling United States funds. Postal inspectors allege that Bengston confessed to taking approximately \$3700 during the year.

The crop outlook for Baker county this year is very bright, and especially have the dry farms and grain ranches been benefited by the heavy snowfalls the past winter, which, followed by plentiful spring rains, have provided abundant moisture.

Twelve hundred men engaged in lining the St. Johns tunnel of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company were locked out at Portland by the contractors, A. Guthrie & Co. The men had recently demanded a general increase in pay of 50 cents a day.

Pure silica, mined and refined by Oregon City men from a deposit just outside the corporate limits of Oregon City, is being used in the top dressing of the mile of hard-surface highway being constructed by Clackamas county between Greenpoint and the Clackamas river.

The planting of 600 acres of land in the Sutherlin district to beets for the Oregon-Utah Sugar company has been completed and according to F. S. Bramwell, district superintendent for the Oregon-Utah people, the growing crop here is one of the best prospects in the northwest.

Declaring that the present system of handling the three state institutions of higher education is wrong and that there should be but one board in control, instead of three, Colonel E. Hofer of Salem resigned as regent of the Oregon normal school and Governor Withycombe named C. L. Starr of Portland Mr. Hofer's successor.

R. P. Hutton, of Portland, instigator of the publication of a pre-primary circular of the Anti-Saloon League, of which he is superintendent, accusing Representative C. N. McArthur with abetting California liquor interests in the evasion of Oregon laws, was indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury for political criminal libel.

Complete information concerning the operation of the penitentiary flax plant under J. C. Cady, superintendent, was demanded at a meeting of the state board of control by Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay, and a thorough investigation to determine the amount of flax burned in the recent prison fire will be undertaken.

Tillman D. Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county and president of the Round-up, will be King Joy of Portland's Rose Festival. He accepted the honor from the publicity committee of the Pendleton commercial club, which had been empowered by the festival association to select a man to share the throne with Queen Muriel.

The committee of the state taxpayers' league, appointed to draft a proposed constitutional amendment for reducing the number of commissions of the state and otherwise move toward a general reduction of taxes, met Wednesday at Salem to canvass the situation and investigate the feasibility of consolidating the various boards and commissions.

That Josephine county is about to take its place as the largest producer of chrome iron ore of any district in the United States is evidenced from the fact that the California Manganese company, operating in the south end of the county, in the vicinity of Oregon mountain, has 1000 tons of chrome iron ore of shipping grade opened up ready for transportation.

During the month of May, 35 vessels loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia river district and their combined cargoes amounted to 26,453,860 feet of lumber. In the same period 6,247,825 feet of lumber was shipped from the mills in the upper river district, making a total of 31,701,685 feet of lumber that left the Columbia river in cargoes during the month.

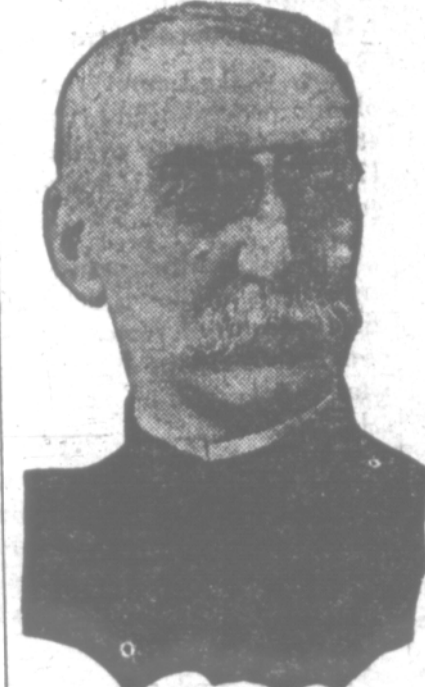
Since the state industrial accident commission was organized, on November 5, 1913, its receipts have amounted to \$1,120,025.04, and its disbursements to \$939,979, according to a financial statement issued by the commission at the close of business on May 31. The employers during that period contributed \$854,808.41, the workers \$137,729.63 and the state \$125,492.

The Marion and Linn county railroad company filed articles at Salem with capital stock of \$250,000, and William D. Fenton, Ralph E. Moody and Ben C. Day incorporators. The road will begin at a point near Hoover, Marion county, and run in a southeasterly direction along the north fork of the Santiam river, ending in Linn county. A general railroad business will be transacted.

In behalf of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company Water Users' association, H. H. D'Armond, attorney for the association, filed a brief in the supreme court in the case to decide whether the Oregon Public Service commission has jurisdiction to regulate the affairs of the Central Oregon Irrigation company. The settlers' association is seeking to have the commission investigate the company's affairs, alleging dissipation of maintenance fees, an inadequate irrigation system and an administrator of the company inimical to the development of the country and the interests of the settlers.

Much Harder.
"There is nothing harder than getting out of a bad habit."
"Yes, there is—getting into a good one."—Boston Transcript.

GENERAL GALLIENI



General Gallieni, French ex-Minister of War, who saved Paris from the Germans in 1914, is dead after a short illness.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

The British and Germans have confined their recent fighting mainly to bombardments and sapping operations. In the Caucasus region, where the Turks and Russians are engaged, the situation is reported unchanged.

Comparative calm prevails along the Russian front, the only fighting of moment noted being north of Lake Mladziol, where the Russians put down a German attempt to capture their trenches.

Italian and Austrian accounts are at variance concerning the progress of the campaign in the Trentino. Rome admits a retirement from an advanced position on the Asiolo river, but claims that a sanguinary defeat was inflicted upon the Austrians in the Lagarina valley.

The tide of battle has swept back and forth with unequalled fury around Verdun for the past week. The mighty artillery duel which rages night and day over the entire front has made it impossible to remove the dead and some of the corpses have lain where they fell in fighting a fortnight ago.

Northeast of Verdun the territory about Fort Douaumont is hotly disputed ground. The Germans are holding their own in the terrain recently won there, but their efforts to advance further have been frustrated by the strength of the French defense. In a vicious midnight attack the French succeeded in forcing their way into the village of Cumieres, which was captured by Thuringian troops early in the week. The French attacked from three sides. The German official statement admitted that the French had re-entered part of the village but declared they were subsequently ejected.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Five persons were seriously injured and property damage estimated at \$300,000 was done in and around Wimbledon, N. D., by cyclone.

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was found guilty in New York of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, the Grand Rapids millionaire.

Exports of merchandise from the port of New York during April amounted to \$184,751,946, compared with \$135,125,523 in April a year ago.

United States District Judge Maurice T. Doelling of San Francisco, fixed \$18,000,000 as the "upset" price for the sale of the Western Pacific railway, in a foreclosure suit.

Two men were killed, two probably fatally injured and property damage estimated at between \$80,000 and \$100,000 wrought by the fire in the main building of the Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Chairman Charles D. Hilles, of the republican national committee, has expressed the opinion that the platform which will be adopted by the national convention will be unusually brief and will deal only with the most vital political questions.

The penalty of expulsion provided in paragraph 271 of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church for members who play cards, dance, attend the theater or engage in other similar amusements will remain in effect for another four years at least, as the result of action taken by the general conference.

Growing Crops No Bankruptcy Asset.
Butte, Mont.—Growing crops cannot be considered as assets of bankrupt farmers, according to a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals. The original decision was made in the case of R. S. Miller and S. A. Langsdorf, farmers, who in filing petitions in bankruptcy failed to list growing crops.

Greeks Aroused by Bulgar Invasion.
Paris.—A dispatch from Athens says grave trouble has broken out there following the news of the invasion of Macedonia by the Bulgarians.

Close to Us.
"What are the things that touch us most as we look back through the years?" asked a lecturer impressively. There was a moment's pause, and then a small boy in the audience answered, "Our clothes."

Not at All Necessary.
"What was the cause of the quarrel with your husband?"
"I want you to understand, judge, that when we want to fight we don't have to have a cause."—New York Press.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Clatskanie's 10th annual rose show will be held on June 17. Portland is to witness automobile racing at the Rose City speedway on Sunday, July 16.

Three and possibly four warships will be in the Portland harbor during the Rose Festival. "Saving daylight" by turning the clocks an hour ahead is being followed in the high schools of Portland.

The fourth annual Western Oregon Older Girls' Sunday school conference was held in Eugene May 26, 27 and 28. Sudan grass, one of the new forage crops for Oregon, is being planted extensively by farmers around Monmouth.

With fair weather prevailing and a big crowd in attendance the eighth annual strawberry festival was held at Roseburg.

The executive board of the farmers' grain union of Oregon and southern Idaho held their semi-annual meeting in Pendleton.

It has been decided to call a special election in Wasco county for the purpose of voting on a \$250,000 bond issue for road improvement.

The preparedness parade to be held in Portland on the night of June 3 will be participated in by fully 20,000 people, according to indications.

The Oregon Agricultural college team defeated the University of Washington aggregation at Corvallis in the annual dual meet, by a score of 79 1/2 to 51 1/2.

W. L. Patterson, a well known cigar dealer of Salem, killed his wife and little daughter, 11 years old, and then shot and killed himself with a 32-calibre revolver.

Three thousand persons, representing almost every family in northern Lane county, attended the second annual Woodmen of the World picnic at Junction City.

The Scottish Rite Masons of Oregon will hold their thirty-fourth semi-annual reunion in Portland beginning Thursday, June 1, and continuing until Saturday, June 3.

M. J. Clint lost his life and three other men had narrow escapes from death before being rescued when two fishing boats were wrecked off Sunset bay, near Marshfield.

A class of 225 took the grand lodge degree at the session of the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows of Oregon, at Roseburg. This number has probably never been exceeded.

Union county's pioneer association has chosen La Grande as the next meeting place, and the session will be held July 3, following the close of the annual chautauqua.

James Ralph, vice president and general manager of the Hermiston Light & Power company, was shot and killed at Hermiston by James Roth, president of the company, who then shot himself.

Clyde G. Huntley, of Oregon City, was appointed by Governor Withycombe as a member of the Oregon Pharmacy board to succeed Leon B. Haskins, of Medford, whose term expired May 20.

The annual Booster day celebration and stock show at Oregon City Saturday was a greater success than had been expected. Over 1000 visitors returned to their homes after a day full of entertainment.

Extensive preparation to protect the Siuslaw national forest in western Lane county from fire is to be made during the early part of the summer, according to an announcement made by Supervisor Rankin.

The prospects of raising broccoli in the Coos Bay section, as has been successfully followed in Douglas county, is attracting much interest. The commercial bodies of the bay cities are endeavoring to interest the farmers.

Senator Chamberlain is preparing to urge an amendment to the sundry civil bill to provide \$200,000 for developing artesian wells and investigation of underground water supply in the semi-arid regions of central and eastern Oregon.

In compliance with the custom established a year ago, the O.-W.-R. & N. company has arranged to entertain a party of young women living in various parts of the northwest as its guests during the approaching Rose Festival.

The election held at Roseburg for the purpose of amending the charter to permit issuing of bonds in the sum of \$300,000 for the construction of a railroad to Rock Creek, in the timber district east of Roseburg, carried by a vote of 651 to 94.

Even McLennan, of Shaniko, one of the most extensive stockraisers in eastern Oregon, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court at The Dalles on the charge of stealing and killing two horses belonging to C. E. Matthews, of Clatskanie. The case was the culmination of a stockmen's fight of many years' standing.

The Copts of Egypt are the book-keepers and scribes; they are also the jewelers and embroiderers. Their ancient tongue has fallen into disuse and is practically a dead language. They now use Arabic, like all the rest of the nation, but the speech survives in their church service, a part of which is still given in the old tongue, though it is said that even the priests themselves do not always understand what they are saying, having merely learned the sentences by heart, so that they can repeat them as a matter of form.

CURIOUS ORIGIN OF A LAW.

It Was Passed in England on Account of Peter Thellusson's Will.

The Thellusson law, once enacted by the British government, was a law to regulate the disposition of property by will and to prevent the excessive accumulation of estates. It had a curious origin.

On the 27th of July, 1707, one Peter Thellusson, an English merchant of French birth, died in London, leaving a certain sum to his widow and children and the remainder of his property, then amounting to several hundred thousand dollars, to trustees to accumulate during the lives of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living at the time of his death and the survivors of them. The accumulation would have been enormous.

The will was contested, but was held valid. In order, however, to prevent such a disposition of property in the future, parliament passed what was called the Thellusson act, or accumulations act, regulating and limiting bequests in such a way as to make great accumulations impossible.

When Peter Thellusson's last surviving grandson died, in 1856, a question arose as to whether the eldest male descendant or the male descendant of the eldest son should inherit the property, and this question was decided on appeal by the house of lords in June, 1859. The Thellusson will and the legislation growing out of it were a subject of much discussion by lawyers.—Pittsburgh Press.

EPIGRAMS BY PRESIDENTS.

Not Many Deathless Sentences Have Been Handed Down to Us.

How few new things which any of our presidents said can anybody recall offhand! Washington's most frequently quoted phrase is, "In time of peace prepare for war."

John Adams talked all day and wrote diaries all night, but perhaps "independence forever"—his toast for the very Fourth of July on which he died—was more widely known than any other one thought.

"Few die and none resign," heads Jefferson's list of deathless sentences, although parts of the Declaration of Independence are known to millions.

The doctrine keeps Monroe's name forever to the front, but his state papers, speeches and letters, like those of Madison, John Quincy Adams, McKinley, Taft and many other men long and honorably in public life, are devoid of handless—nothing to take hold of.

Rutherford B. Hayes gave us our very fine thought, "He serves his party best who serves the country best."

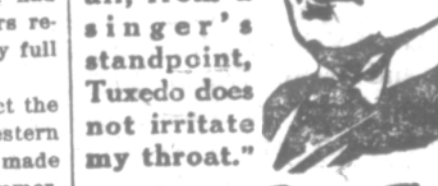
Jackson was forever saying "By the eternal!" but what else? "With malice toward none" and "a government of the people," etc., are Lincoln's master strokes. However, his letters and papers are full of unique thoughts and would afford a present day cartoonist enormous opportunities.—Philadelphia Ledger.

And Eliza Was Only Seven.
"Don't you think little Eliza gets more and more like me?"
"Certainly! Soon we shan't be able to distinguish the difference between you. She grows older, and you grow younger."—Pileocene Bluetter.

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SECRET OF A FLOWER.

How Did the Trumpet Vine Discover the Bared Stump?

If some one advanced the theory that this plant had some unknown power of reasoning you would probably reply that "plants can't reason because they have no mind." You may change your opinion after you hear this story, related by Royal Dixon, who writes entertainingly about how near like human beings in their actions plants are.

The story is about a trumpet vine, the favorite of many an old fashioned garden. About twenty feet from where it grew was an old pine stump with the bark on. One day a fire was built about the foot of the stump, and the bark was burned off.

Immediately the trumpet vine sent forth a long trailer across the garden to the stump. It raised the tendrils, felt the smooth surface of the stump and started to climb. Before long the whole blackened surface was hidden beneath the leaves and blossoms of the new vine.

With the rough bark on the stump provided, no surface for the clinging tendrils of the vine. After the fire destroyed the bark the vine found a place to climb.

How did the plant know that the fire had prepared the stump? We don't know. Ask the flower.—Philadelphia North American.

To Lengthen Life of Necktie.
A good many people who are users of four-in-hand ties are more or less bothered by the tie's becoming useless after it has been worn a few times.

Take the wide end of the tie with seam up and lay it flat upon a table. Then thrust in the finger and seize the lining. Take the silk cover in the other hand and pull it over the lining, about half of its length. A hot iron is then run over the lining to straighten it out.—Popular Science Monthly.



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"I saw you out in your new car yesterday."
"Did I look like a motorist?"
"Well, no. You had an air of responsibility that gave you away, but then that will disappear in time."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Light Year.
The term "light year" is one used by astronomers. It helps the astronomer to enable the layman to get some sort of idea of the distances from us of the celestial bodies, the light year standing for the distance that light travels in twelve months' time.

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