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THE BACHELOR GIRL

Here's to the Bachelor Girl
Who fain her charms would cloister,
She is a precious pearl!
That will not leave the oyster,
She is a proud sweet pea
That scorns to be a vine,
And lean upon a tree
Or round a stick entwined.
"What! lean upon a stick!
Oh, no! I'm not that sort—
I will grow branches thick
And to my own support!"
Beware, O pearl of price,
Lest you be cast to wine;
O proud sweet pea, think twice
Ere you refuse to twine;
O Bachelor Girl, we drink
Confusion to your plan;
Beware, lest Fate shall link
You to a Spinster Man!
O change, ere 'tis too late
The choker tall and silly,
The tweeds—the hat we hate,
For something soft and frilly!
Take off the stockings blue,
(We will avert our gaze),
Then will we drink to you
Long life—and happy days!
—Oliver Herford in Good Housekeeping

KNOCK THE KNOCKERS

Won't somebody please take a club and kill a few of the knockers? A man came in from Ashland, rented a farm from one of our prosperous farmers and paid down \$20, promising to make a contract the next morning. Then in the evening, a lot of knockers got at this man and told him the country was no good, he could make only make \$20 a year on the cows, and with like lies they discouraged the man and now he is apt to leave the country, impressed that it is a land of thieves, vagrants and bad towns. Won't somebody please kill the knockers and rid the country of a pest? —Tillamook Independent.

No doubt every town in the state can duplicate this experience. Salem can. One day recently a man of means who had just arrived in Oregon and made extensive purchases in farm and city property, dropped into a large extensive boot and shoe store here to make some purchases for his family. The proprietor showed the stranger such goods as he desired and the sale was about to be made when the conversation drifted to Oregon, the county in general and Salem in particular. The newcomer told the shoe man that he was a late arrival in Oregon, and had just purchased a big farm and a fine residence in Salem, and was going to buy some more town property as an investment. This was too much for the shoe man and he promptly advised the man to go very slow before investing any more money here. He said Salem was slow and always could be that way. He further volunteered the information that town property was a poor investment, as the people here were dull, sleepy and unprogressive. Not content with this the shoe man told the stranger of good towns elsewhere. The newcomer quite naturally decided that he would not purchase the shoes he had

selected and walked out of the store, leaving the knocking shoe man to wonder why he had missed the sale. The newcomer asked the first friend he met what was the matter with Salem people that even her own merchants were knocking the town. Then he told his story. It almost decided him upon buying no more property here, as he said he didn't like to invest money among people who were knocking their own town.—Sentinel.

BUY THE HOME PRODUCT!

It is universally acknowledged that one of Coos County's needs is more manufacturing industries. Without going into the larger phases of this question, it can not be pointed out too often that the manufacturing industries that we have should receive the hearty support of all our citizens.

This is particularly true of those whose goods are in the local market in competition with goods from the outside. Every citizen of Coos county ought to give the preference to goods made in Coos county.

Probably all realize this, but they often forget it. How many remember when they buy matches or cigars, mattresses, shingles or cheese, to specify the product of Coos county factories? These goods all come in competition with outside goods. The latter have no advantage, either in price or quality; in fact the difference is in favor of the native goods. Then why shouldn't all Coos county people buy the home goods, keep the money at home, employ home labor and build up the home country.

MUST

FILE ALL

TARIFFS

Special to the Mail.

Washington, D. C., Dec.—As a consequence of the recent announcement made by the Interstate Commission that on and after January 1st the tariffs of exports and imports must be filed, as well as those relating to domestic shipments representative of the newly organized Foreign trade association of America appeared before the commission today and spoke in favor of the promulgation of the tariffs as proposed. Representatives of other interests in the matter also appeared, some of which were in opposition to the new plan.

NICARAGUA

RECOGNIZES

PANAMA

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, Dec. 17—Nicaraguan Minister Meyer cables the state Department that Nicaragua has recognized Panama to the extent of appointing a consul at Panama city.

DEFICENCY

Honestman—I had to discharge my confidential man today. He didn't know enough for the position.
Crookedchap—I discharged mine also. He knew too much.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

THE ATTRACTION

Ho—Ed give up all my millions to have you.
She—if you did you wouldn't have me.—Smart Set.

HE HAS FORT THEM

Any small boy will tell you that even feathered things may be lost.—Philadelphia Record.

CUBAN

BILL IN

OPERATION

President Issues Proclamation

Great Rejoicing in Cuba

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, Dec. 17—President Roosevelt signed the Cuban reciprocity bill at 1 o'clock this afternoon, with the same pen used by President Fry and Speaker Cannon. The pen will be sent to Havana by request of the Cuban minister, where it will be placed in the Cuban museum.

Minister Quesada notified his government that the bill was signed, and upon receipt of a reply that Cuba is prepared to carry out its provision, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation putting the law into immediate effect.

Palma issued a similar proclamation.

Havana, Dec. 17—When the official news was received last night of the signing of the reciprocity treaty by the United States senate, Palma had the National salute fired from the Cuban forts. As the first gun bellowed forth the stars and stripes fluttered over Morro castle, while bands all over the city took up the national anthem. The Mexicans crowd cheered America wildly.

ROBBERS

ABANDON

BOOTY

After Nearly Opening A Safe

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Brownsville, Dec. 17—The Southern Pacific depot was broken into Tuesday night by two men. They drilled holes in the safe and removed the combination but for by some unknown cause, abandoned the work at this stage of the game and departed without the books.

Two strangers fairly well dressed, who visited various saloons here yesterday and spent considerable money, are suspected of the crime. They were tracked towards Silverton.

BETTER THAN ORATORY.

The Secret of One Clever Lawyer's Unvarying Success.

One of the most common defects of a recently admitted lawyer is a striving for oratorical display. A successful older practitioner endeavors, on the other hand, to give the jury a heart to heart talk. The ways of an eagle in the air, of a serpent upon a rock, of a ship in the midst of the sea, and of a man with a mind are as A B C compared with the methods usually pursued by the twelve good men and true. It seems a trifle odd at first that a dozen individuals who separately are shrewd, sharp business men should collectively be guilty of the most absurd performances, but the fact must be reckoned on nevertheless.

A story is told of two farmers who were returning home, one of them from jury duty in a neighboring town. "Lawyer Smith is a great orator," said one—"a perfect Daniel Webster." "My, how I hated to decide against him in the three cases he tried!" "How about Lawyer Jones, who was

"Oh, shucks! Why of course he wins all his cases. I heard every one of 'em, and they were the simplest things. He just explained things to the jury. He didn't have to do any hard talking at all. You couldn't help but agree with him."—Success.

Galileo's Caustic Humor.

In a biography of Galileo some stories are told of the caustic humor of that bold investigator. Lotario Sarpi, a writer on science, having said that the Babylonians used to cook eggs by whirling them in a sling, Galileo replied: "The cause of such an effect is very remote from that to which it is attributed, and to find the true cause I shall reason thus: If an effect does not follow with us which followed with others at another time it is because in our experiments something is wanting which was the cause of the former success, and if only one thing is wanting to us that one thing is the true cause. Now we have eggs and slings and strong men to whirl them, and yet they will not become cooked; nay, if they were hot at first they more quickly become cold, and since nothing is wanting to us but to be Babylonians it follows that being Babylonians is the true cause why the eggs became cooked and not to the friction of the sling, which is what I wish to prove."

Shorthand 2,000 Years Ago.

It is no doubt a surprise to most to learn that shorthand was known and practiced 2,000 years ago. Manilius, a contemporary of Cæsar and Cicero, Virgil and Horace, asserts that some system of reporting very similar to our shorthand was in vogue in his days. Writing these words under the influence of Virgo and Mercury, he says they are—
In shorthand skilled, where little marks comprise whole words, a sentence in a single letter.
And while the willing hand its aid affords, prevents the tongue to fix the running words.

It is certainly a novel conception that Cicero's grand orations were committed to paper with as much skill as our modern stenographers boast.

A Story of Rossini.

In "Gossip From Paris During the Second Empire" A. B. N. Post, the author, tells a story of Rossini, who was much dogged by the lion hunters: "Once a Russian lady outstripped the limits even of Rossini's patience and, having watched his daily promenade during several days, sent a message to his house expressive of her desire to be received by him. The reply to this strange communication was: 'I do nothing for nothing. If the lady brings me a fine bunch of asparagus she will be welcome, and she can take a view of me at her leisure.' Then, pointing to his waist, which had attained a somewhat aldermanic rotundity, he added, 'The lady may even walk round me if she pleases, but I must have my asparagus.'"

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty.—Stimmons.

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