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JITNEY REFLECTIONS.

In these days of watchful waiting it is pleasant to reflect that the Gresham war college has kept a strict neutrality on tap all the time and is not hampering the progress of the town by issuing edicts that would tend to make life a burden. Even strangers are not offended by the navigable state of our streets, for they seem to be surprised at the growth and bustle that is in evidence and the palpable signs of prosperity that are just beginning to peep around the corners to see if everything is in readiness for their appearance.

The jitneys have been a great stimulant of travel from the metropolis—at 30 cents for a round trip—and there are not a few from there who make the voyage just for the novelty of the thing. If the society columns of the papers were devoted to a list of visitors by the jitney route it would make interesting reading for some people, but social demands do not require that such personages be given space in the newspapers—not just yet. Probably the next sensation, or fad, or innovation or custom will be to publish the names of passengers on the way from Gresham to Portland, as they pass the Buckley crossroad. The names could be sent ahead by wireless or grapevine telegraph and would fill up space in a new department of the dailies devoted to that purpose.

Until there have been a few fatal accidents in the jitney traffic there will be no occasion for the coroner to establish a branch office at the half-way post. May that time be a long time coming.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

Those who have read the Fairview column in the Outlook during the past few weeks will probably be surprised to note the activity portrayed by our correspondent, J. H. Schraan, in that little city and its surrounding territory. This activity was evident to the Outlook for a long time back, but it was a hard matter to get the reports until Mr. Schram began sending them in with such regularity and in such an interesting manner.

There are other communities in the territory covered almost exclusively by the Outlook that are productive of more good news stories than are sent in. It is impossible for anyone from this office to get them and we have to rely on our correspondents. The communities that are regularly represented are not all as flourishing and progressive as Fairview, and the Outlook correspondents are all alive to the situation, but there is room for others to be heard from, notably Troutdale and Boring, that are good for a full column at least once a week.

Each community should be fully represented, and their live wires are requested to see that the Outlook gets all the news that's fit to print. It means more to the community than it does to us to have a chronicle of every important happening, for newspaper publicity is the mainspring that makes things go. So let us have all the news, all the time, and leave the results to the Outlook.

Students at the University of Pennsylvania have demanded shorter study hours and more time for athletics. The athletic idea is getting to be such a fierce proposition that we would suggest an athletic university where the only text books would be on athletics. It should become immensely popular at once, for so many students only go to the higher places of learning for the sole purpose of engaging in sports.

Chinese eggs in market again just as the hens have begun to do their best. It must be discouraging to the hens.

Gold teeth are going out of style, but what is a person going to do who has already got 'em? Painless Parker should be consulted.

How many of the new laws just passed will run the gauntlet of the courts?

BACK TO THE LAND.

The movement inaugurated in Portland to place worthy families on small tracts of land is receiving such consideration that 300 worthy men have been enrolled as anxious to be placed upon small farms of ten to twenty acres. The "back to the land" movement is appealing to the people who are anxious to become farmers, and the effort is being made to find suitable locations to place them where their work will make them self-sustaining and at the same time help the owners of property to make their lands more productive.

Eugene Brookings, with offices at 728 Morgan building, is the head of the movement and would welcome assistance or information from property owners who have available tracts to lease. The Outlook has been promised a more detailed account of the movement, explaining the proposition, which will appear in another issue.

MAKING STARCH.

A potato starch factory at Eugene, to cost \$15,000 is another enterprise for Oregon that has long been needed. It will be capable of utilizing the product of 5000 acres and should pay good returns upon the investment. The residue of the starch which has been taken out may be made to yield a good supply of denatured alcohol, while another by-product will be in the form of a fertilizer. Such an institution should have been built at or near Gresham. The potatoes that have gone to waste in this vicinity have meant great financial loss to the community, but there was no one with energy enough to start a factory. Here was work for a commercial club which was never done.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

The Oregon legislature adjourned on Saturday evening after passing 267 bills. A total of 515 bills were introduced in the house and 313 in the senate. Of the house bills passed Governor Withycombe has signed 78; and of the senate bills the number is 49.

The most important bill to become a law is conceded to be the prohibition measure. It is protected by another law calling for a special election next November to prevent its being held up for another year by the referendum. In that way the people may have the opportunity of again asserting their disapproval of the liquor traffic, provided any attempt is made to hold the act up by referring it back to the people.

Begin With the Child.

Encourage the child to build a bird-house. If he builds a bird-house and puts it up in a suitable location where a wren or a bluebird will rent it, he is taking an important step in wild bird protection. He soon learns to watch and care for his bird friends if a heavy snow comes during the winter. He soon becomes a protector of both song and game birds and will help rid the community of stray cats, which are the worst enemies of our birds.

Start the child on the right path. If he is given a gun, he may take to killing all sorts of creatures without restriction. If he is encouraged to build a bird-house, he develops a wholesome love for wild birds. Game protection is largely educational. We must begin with the child.—Oregon Sportsman.

The postoffice department is again on the job of impairing the efficiency of the service by reducing the force in every place of importance. The act is coupled with a threat to keep still and take the medicine or get fired, addressed to those who are allowed to hold their jobs. It is all done under the guise of economy but in reality to make places for others—for to the victors belong the spoils.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation setting aside Friday, March 12, as "Canned Salmon Day," and urging the people of the state to use as much as possible of that food on that day.

The new fishing law limits the number one may catch but it does not limit the stories that may be told afterward.

Oregon Farmers to Be Supplied With Help.

Not only in Oregon, but in all parts of the country, the government has inaugurated a movement to secure work for the unemployed and to furnish men or women to farmers and other employers outside the cities. It is a common sight to see men standing around the streets in town at all seasons of the year who would be glad to go out into the country and go to work if they only knew just where to go and could be certain that the job would be there when they arrive. John H. Barbour, United States Inspector, Oregon Immigration service, has started to list applicants for positions of all kinds and is anxious to receive applications for help from employers of labor of all classes.

Every applicant for work will be given a thorough examination as to his qualifications and no man will be sent out for any specific line of work unless he is fitted for it, thus leaving no room for the annual complaint that farmers are supplied with laborers who know nothing of farm work at a time when the farmer is too busy to teach them. The first day the office was open more than 100 applications for work were received, and as there are no fees or other expenses connected with the service, it is expected that enough men will be available at any time to fill all possible demands.

Another movement operating along somewhat similar lines, but with the idea of assisting the would-be farmer to get land instead of work, is now being discussed under the leadership of Tom Richardson, the founder of the Oregon Development League, with the purpose of evolving some feasible plan for financing the small farmer, dairyman or gardener who has the inclination and the ability to get back to the land and make a success, but who is financially unable to do so. Educators and business men are decidedly in favor of the scheme and it is probable that a convention for its discussion will be held immediately after the close of the legislative session. Mr. Richardson has issued an appeal to all who are interested, asking them to give the matter careful consideration and to work up a community sentiment in its favor.

SHORTEST CONFAB EVER REPORTED

The shortest conversation ever recorded was told about by Mark Twain in the story of a burglar who climbed up to a second story window. As he was about to enter the occupant of the room suddenly pointed a revolver and the reported conversation was, "You get!" "You bet."

The Outlook scribe is glad to make a record of a conversation just half that length. A man on the sidewalk an auto slowly passing the following conversation took place between himself and the driver:

"JR?"
"Nil."
If that can be beaten it will have to be done in the deaf and dumb language.

There doesn't appear to be any danger for shipping around Greenland, so why not do our ocean-going business in the Arctic?

Between the engagement and the wedding, the man in the case is kept guessing.

Some men's idea of pleasure is to do the things they can't afford to do.

THE TALE OF THE DOLLAR BILL.

"A farmer went to town to spend some of his hard earned dough, And in a merry jest, and just To show his printing skill, He printed his initials on a brand new dollar bill. He spent that dollar that same day, Down in the village store, He thought 'twas gone forever then And he'd see it nevermore. But long before the year rolled by One day he went to fill A neighbor's order, and received That same one dollar bill. Once more he spent that dollar bill In his own neighborhood, Where it would do himself and friend The most amount of good. Four times in two years it came back, As some bad pennies will, And each time he'd go out and spend This marked one dollar bill. He had been wise that dollar might Be in this town today. But just two years ago He sent it far away. The people who received it then I know have got it still, For 'twas to a mail order house He sent his dollar bill. No more will that marked dollar Come into the farmer's hands, And nevermore will help to pay The taxes on his lands. He put it where it never can Its work of life fulfill. He brought about the living death Of that one dollar bill." —Selected.

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CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER

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ices will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from R. T. Byrnes chapel, Williams avenue and Knott street, and the interment will be made in the Columbia cemetery on Columbia slough.

The annual convention of the Christian Missionary Alliance will open at the tabernacle at the southwest corner of East Ninth and East Market streets, next Thursday and will continue through next Sunday. Rev. E. J. Richards, home secretary for the Christian Missionary Alliance, and Miss Ella Rudy, from China, will be among those who will address the convention. A large attendance is expected at this convention. Rev. John E. Fee, the local pastor, will be in general charge of the program. These annual conventions are to arouse interest in the missionary work of the alliance. At the close of the convention a ten-days' evangelistic meeting will be held in the tabernacle, which will be conducted by Rev. Richard and Rev. Herbert Hyde, of Oakland, California.

A trail from the Columbia to the summit of Larch mountain is to be built by the co-operation of the Portland Ad. club, the Progressive Business Men's club, the Mazamas and other civic organizations. It will not be available for automobiles, but will make it easy to climb the mountain on foot or horseback.

An old bachelor says that matrimony is the best cooking school.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids are wanted for the construction of the Gresham high school at Gresham, Oregon. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$500.00 payable to the order of Charles Cleveland, chairman, this amount to be forfeited to the Union High School District, consisting of School District No. 4, 8, 26, 28, 83 Joint Multnomah county, by the bidder in event of his failing to sign up, with proper securities, a contract for this work, if awarded to him. Plans and specifications may be had at the office of Ernst Kroner, 623 Worcester Bldg., Portland, Oregon. The right to reject bids is reserved. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, March 19th, 1915, at 10 a. m.

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