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## DRAW A LESSON FROM OREGON.

The Atlanta Constitution in a recent issue holds the sleeping southern railroads primarily and largely responsible for permitting systematic emigration from the south to the west, and draws a lesson from the community plan of advertising now in vogue in Oregon, which has caused the south to "forfeit thousands of dividend-producing settlers to the west." Speaking of the Oregon plan, the Constitution says:

"In Oregon no town or community is too poor or small to maintain what they call a 'booster' organization.

"Headed by a few wide-awake and determined spirits, these organizations literally dragoon into line the skinflint and sluggish members of the community, shaming them into contributing liberally to development and exploitation funds, and refusing to allow them to occupy the parasitic attitude of profiting by the patriotic generosity of other citizens.

"As an inevitable result of this broad-gauged policy, the whole country is told, day after day, month by month, year in and year out, of the advantages of settling in this or that section of that great state.

"The communities of the west 'card-index' prosperity. They do not wait for settlers to inquire casually regarding western advantages. They go out after settlers with a strong arm and mallet!

"And that is the schedule to which every southern town and city must come. Self-effacement does not pay in sections any more than it does in individuals! The southern railroads and people should combine in such a campaign of national publicity as would atone for the neglect of the past twenty years."

## PROMPT JUSTICE.

The Magistrate Was Firm and Tried to Be Genial.

In the "History of Beverly," Mass., the following anecdote is related of a good justice of the peace in the old colonial times. On a cold night in winter a traveler called at his house for lodging. The ready hospitality of the justice was about being displayed when the traveler unthinkingly uttered a word which his host considered profane.

Upon this he informed his guest that he was a magistrate, pointed out the nature of the offense and explained the necessity of its being expiated by sitting an hour in the stocks.

Remonstrance was unavailing, for custom at that time allowed the magistrate to convict and punish at once, and in this case he acted as accuser, witness, jury, judge and sheriff, all in one.

Cold as it was, our worthy justice, aided by his son, conducted the traveler to the place of punishment, an open place near the meeting house where the stocks were placed. Here the traveler was confined in the usual manner, the benevolent executor of the law remaining with him to beguile the time of his tedious by edifying conversation.

At the expiration of the hour he was reconducted to the house and hospitably entertained till the next morning, when the traveler departed with, let us hope, a determination to consider his words more carefully before giving them utterance in the hearing of a conscientious magistrate.

## JAPAN'S PAGODAS.

They Are Built to Resist the Shock of an Earthquake.

A remarkable fact in Japan is that pagodas built hundreds of years ago embody the principle of the modern seismograph, which is to minimize the effect of earthquake motion by the combination of an inverted pendulum with an ordinary pendulum, or, in other words, by the union of a stable and an unstable structure to produce a neutral stability, which renders the whole building least sensitive to earthquake shock.

In the hollow well of every five storied pagoda a heavy mass of timber is suspended freely, like an exaggerated tongue, from the top right to the ground, but not in contact with it, and at the shock of an earthquake this large pendulum slowly swings and the structure sways and then settles back safely upon its base.

This is also the principle followed in the construction of all bell towers throughout Japan, where the bell acts as pendulum, and the roof, supported

by posts, forms an inverted pendulum, as in the seismograph.

When an earthquake occurs a pagoda or a bell tower may be rotated or displaced, but it cannot be overturned as a whole.—Wide World Magazine.

## Peeling a Snake.

It is difficult to skin a dead snake, and the skin is often spoiled in the course of the operation, while, on the other hand, it is a simple matter to skin a live snake, and the skin thus gained is worth much more. Dead snakes bring from 2 to 5 cents, according to their size, and live ones from 25 cents to \$1. One of the largest snake skin companies has factories in Sumatra. When a snake is received from a hunter it is seized adroitly by an operator, one hand squeezing the neck and the other holding the tail. It is then attached by the neck to the trunk of a palm tree, an assistant holding it by the tail. With the point of a knife the operator cuts the skin just below the head and, pulling with all his strength, peels it from the writhing reptile in the same way that a woman peels a pair of gloves from her hand.—Popular Mechanics.

## CLAWS OF BIRDS.

The Toes of Those That Perch and of Those That Run.

Let us note that the art of standing began with birds. Frogs sit, and, as far as I know, every reptile, be it lizard, crocodile, alligator or tortoise, lays its body on the ground when not actually carrying it. And these have each four fat legs. Contrast the flamingo, which, having only two, and those like willow wands, tucks up one of them and sleeps poised high on the other, like a tulip on its stem.

Note also that one toe has been altogether discarded by birds as superfluous. The germ or bud must be there, for the Dorking fowl has produced a fifth toe under some influence of the poultry yard, but no natural bird has more than four.

Except in swiftness, which never perch, but cling to rocks and walls, one is turned backward, and by a cunning contrivance the act of bending the leg draws them all automatically together. So a hen closes its toes at every step it takes, as if it grasped something, and, of course, when it settles down on its roost they grasp that tight and hold it fast till morning.

But to birds that do not perch this mechanism is only an incumbrance, so many of them, like the plovers, abolish the hind toe entirely, and the prince of all two legged runners, the ostrich, has got rid of one of the front toes also, retaining only two.—London Strand Magazine.

## 4568 VISITORS TO CRATER LAKE

Government Officials Are Folding Their Tents and Crawling Down From Highlands.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 2.—Henry E. Momyer, assistant to Superintendent Arant, of the Crater Lake National Park, has just returned to his home in this city from government headquarters in the park, his work having been completed for the season. Winter comes early in the Crater Lake highlands, and several impressive snow squalls have plainly suggested the close of the tourist season, and Superintendent Arant himself will soon come down with his family to more conservative elevations. Even Will G. Steel, who holds a concession from the department of the interior to entertain properly visitors to the park will soon fold his tents and steal down to a milder atmosphere.

Mr. Momyer reports all the government buildings which subsided under a weight of probably 25 feet of snow last winter, completely and substantially reconstructed, and that Mr. Steel has made good progress on his house of entertainment on the very rim of the crater. He also reports the enumeration of 4568 visitors to Crater Lake from June 2 to October 24. Many others entered the park that he was not able to count.

## What Would You Do?

In a case of burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

## A Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for several years for diarrhoea. I consider it the best remedy I have ever tried for that trouble. I bought a bottle of it a few days ago from our druggist, Mr. R. R. Brooks. I shall ever be glad to speak a word in its praise when I have the opportunity."—Rev. J. D. Knapp, pastor M. E. church, Miles Grove, Pa. Sold by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

## The Wheel Problem.

Which, at any given moment, is moving forward faster—the top of a coach wheel or the bottom?

The answer to this question seems simple enough, but probably nine persons out of ten, asked at random, would give the wrong reply. It would appear at first sight that the top and bottom must be moving at the same rate—that is, the speed of the carriage. But by a little thought it will be discovered that the bottom of the wheel is in fact, by the direction of its motion around its axis, moving backward. In an opposite direction to that which the carriage is advancing and is consequently stationary in space, while the point on top of the wheel is moving forward with the double velocity of its own motion around the axis and the speed at which the carriage moves.

## The Whistle Tankard.

A rare form of drinking vessel is in the possession of the corporation of Hull. This is a whistle tankard which belonged to Anthony Lambert, mayor of Hull in 1639. This fine specimen of old English silverware is fitted with a whistle, which comes into play when the tankard is empty and is evidently meant to be used as a signal for more liquor. It is said that only one other whistle tankard is to be found in England, so temperate is England now!—London Chronicle.

## A Good Alarm Clock.

Husband—Why don't you have the cook shut the kitchen door? One can smell the breakfast cooking all over the house. Wife—We leave it open on purpose. The smell is all that gets the family up.—Judge.

## No Terminal Facilities.

"They say Harold Codrington has brain fever." "Impossible! Could an anglo-worm have water on the knee?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Beauty is part of the finished language by which goodness speaks.—Ellot

## 500 LOBBYISTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Lakes-to-Gulf Deep Waterway Congress Holds Rousing Session.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2.—Adopting President Taft's suggestion that all time for oratory was past, the Lakes-to-Gulf Deep-waterway convention tonight decided to send 500 lobbyists to Washington to demand that congress deepen the Missouri. A resolution to that effect was offered by Davis Francis of Missouri and was adopted. There was silence for a moment after the resolution was read. The lobby idea apparently shocked many delegates for a moment. Then somebody turned loose an old-fashioned rebel yell and the resolution was adopted with a whoop. The issuance of public bonds in small denominations were urged upon congress as a means of paying for the great undertaking.

## FELT HATS.

Evolution of the Fluffy Fur into the Finished Product.

It is an interesting matter to follow stage by stage the evolution of a little pile of soft, fluffy rabbit fur into the finished hat, whether a light colored crush or a raven black hard hat of the derby shape. The general idea about such a hat is that it is cut and made or molded out of a sheet of felt, so that amputation comes when one is shown bales and heaps of rabbit fur and is told that it is out of this that hats are made. Felt indeed is not so much a primary material, but felting is the process by which wool, fur or hair is matted together and formed into a close fabric. For hats rabbit fur is the material used. The first step in its treatment is the thorough cleaning of the close clipped fur in a machine, which winnows it of all dirt or foreign matter and leaves it in a soft, fluffy condition resembling the finest and lightest down.

Anything less resembling a hat it is impossible to imagine. But the marvelous ingenuity of the next process accomplishes an almost magical change. In the central box of a hopper-like machine a big copper cone revolves. From above the soft, fluffy fur is fed down in a shower, which clings like gray snow on the revolving cone, while jets of water and steam spray on the fur mat and plaster it into a complete covering. In a minute or two the cone is covered to the depth of one-eighth of an inch with this matter and saturated fur, which is now become felt. The machine is stopped, the cone is taken out, and the workman dexterously peels off the felt covering. Being built up on the cone, it is also cone shaped and looks like a gigantic sugar loaf bag. It is the embryo hat.

In this first state it is a soft, wet, felt cone, measuring 24 by 30 inches. Rolled up, it enters upon a series of processes and is shrunk together so that it measures 10½ by 14 inches.

The hat, now a brown-gray felt cone, like a clown's cap, is smoothed by being placed against rapidly revolving sandpaper. It is stiffened by being dipped in shellac, dyed black by immersion in a vat and then passes on to be shaped. Warm water gives the felt pliability again, and the man pulling out or "easing" the apex of the cone draws and smooths it down to a wooden block of the exact shape and size the hat is required to be. As it dries it takes its destined shape and firmness as regards the crown, while the brim is still flat and untrimmed.

The body of the hat is now practically finished. Then comes the shaping of the brim, which is worked down and bent over a wooden frame of the exact curl and line of the ordained design. Each size and style of hat has its own frame, as it has also its iron mold, wood block, etc., and every alteration in a season's styles and shapes calls for an entirely new set of molds.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Highest Endurable Temperature.

It is difficult to say what the highest temperature is that a human being can live in. In the kitchens of some of the great hotels and in the stokeholds of some steamships the temperature gets to 140 or 145 degrees. Cooks and their helpers and stokers have to endure that temperature for hours at a time, and they seem to get along pretty well. The hottest place perhaps where human beings work is in the vulcanizing factories, where the temperature is 212, the boiling point of water. There are a few who can stand this heat for a little while at a time, but man can endure no more.—New York American.

## STAY ON FARM IS TAFT'S ADVICE

Says Farmer's Life is Most Independent and Opportunity is Greater Than Ever.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 2.—President Taft would have young men stay on farm with its plenty and certainty rather than decide on city life, according to statements made in an address at the state fair here yesterday. He said that the farmer's life was the most independent and that from now on there will probably be a greater opportunity for the real profession of agriculture than for any other. The president lunched with the governor and Mrs. Noel and met many distinguished citizens of this state.

## OLD ANNE ROYALL.

She Was Once One of the Quaint Characters of Washington.

Old, queer, sharp tongued Anne Royall, traveler, editress and interviewer, was for many years a familiar figure in the streets of Washington, trotting indomitably about her business, very poor, very persistent, often troublesome, often rebuffed, but with qualities of honesty and courage to be respected.

There is given in the story of her life by Sarah Harvey Porter a delightful glimpse of her visit to ex-President Madison and his wife. The contrast between the gracious mature beauty of charming Dolly Madison, elegant in her rustling black silk, and the funny little limping, shabby figure in antiquated skirts and ridiculous wadded bonnet, could scarcely have been enhanced.

As usual, old Anne Royall had tramped to save carriage hire; as usual, her errand, probably none too welcome to her hosts, was to secure an interview and use a descriptive background. But Dolly Madison saw in the absurd, inquisitive, bespattered person before her neither the reporter nor the guy—only an aged and weary woman who was her guest. She hurried to bring her a glass of water, then quite simply stooped and refilled her loosened shoe laces and wiped the Virginia mud from the tired old feet.

It is small wonder that Mrs. Royall's clothes were queer. She was scarcely of a bent of mind frivolously to pursue the fashions had she had the time and money, but she had neither. Her paper, the Huntress, of which she was owner, editor and chief reporter, once published conspicuously on the editorial page a notice which is perhaps unique in journalism:

"No paper will be issued from this office this week. We really must take one week once in ten years to fix up our wardrobe, which is getting shabby. Our next issue will welcome congress."

## WILD GEESE.

They Never Feed Without Throwing Out Scouts or Sentries.

Some of the common sayings concerning birds are stupidly wrong.

"You stupid goose!" is an expression constantly heard, yet the goose, whether wild or tame, is most sagacious. Wild geese, for instance, never feed without throwing out scouts or sentries. J. G. Mills describes how he saw a flock of geese feeding with sentries out and how after a time one of the sentries went up to a bird that was feeding and gave it a gentle peck on the back. The latter thereupon left its grazing and went off to take up guard, while the sentry took its turn to feed.

"Gentle as a dove" is such a common proverb that the dove has become the emblem of peace. Quite a mistake, for all the dove and pigeon tribe are great fighters, and in the breeding season the cock birds indulge in battles royal.

The foolish prejudice against all birds of prey includes that pretty little hawk the kestrel. Now, if the kestrel were known as the mouse falcon it is possible that keepers would not invariably shoot it on sight. The kestrel lives mainly on mice and wireworms. It is quite innocent of killing partridges.

In a game preserving district in southern Scotland kestrels were practically exterminated a few years ago. What was the result? Over a tract of country of 1,200 square miles field mice increased in such myriads that the grazing was absolutely ruined. One sheep farmer lost \$8,000 in one year.—Exchange.

## Successful Publicity.

The king of successful advertisers was given an interview.

"My methods are very simple," he said. "I learned them from watching a girl trying to keep her engagement a secret."—Newark News.

## BENSON'S BARGAINS

Four-room shack, lot 50x150; a good cheap home and a bargain at.....\$450

Good 4-room house and large lot; a small payment down; balance at 6 per cent.....\$10000

5 acres of land inside of city limits, good 5-room house and outbuildings; this is a genuine bargain and is worth twice the price asked....\$4000

Good two-room house, fine large lot, best location, near Oakdale avenue; a snap if sold at once...\$550

We have a number of suburban lots which we will close out in a bunch at a bargain counter price, or will trade for ranch.

Small house and large lot on Holly street, \$550. Is this a snap?

We have several income-paying business properties for sale. If you are interested in this class of investment, it will pay you to see us.

We are headquarters for business properties of every description.

Ten acres four miles from Medford and 1½ miles from Central Point, new land, 8½ acres ready to cultivate, new 3-room house, good new small barn, situated on main traveled road; the very best soil in the valley; fine shade trees and a beautiful site for a home.

Large lot with 12 full bearing apple trees on South Central avenue; fine location and a beautiful site for a home; a snap if taken at once.

Forty acres, 16 miles from Medford, half mile from Beagle; 8 acres cultivated; 4 acres in fruit tree 2 to 10 years old, on two good roads; small house, barn, woodshed, etc; 25 acres inclosed in woven wire fence.....\$2000

New 5-room house, hardwood finish, new woodshed, well on back porch, lot 50x100, corner Jackson and Fir.....\$1450

One acre, 9-room house, barn, chicken house, city water, only 600 feet from Riverside avenue...\$3400

5-room modern bungalow on South Central avenue; a snap if taken at once.....\$2050

Nine-room modern house, Bungalow addition, lot 50x160, corner 4th and Orange, near Oakdale ave...\$3850

28½ acres, one mile from P. & E. depot; a bargain at the price...\$6000

Rooming house—Best location in the city; clears \$150 per month; long lease.....\$2200

27 acres, three miles from Medford; \$1500 house, good barn, all in alfalfa; the best land to be found in the Rogue River valley; terms...\$12,000

18½ acres, close in property, finest free soil, 14 acres planted to commercial apples and pears 4 years old, 4½ acres alfalfa; good terms...\$11,500

For sale or rent—9-room modern bungalow on Orange street, near Oakdale; rent \$30; price.....\$3850

Business location—lot 50x100, right in the heart of the city. Call at our office for particulars.....\$8500

5 acres inside city limits, high elevation; this tract can be subdivided into building lots or would make an ideal orchard tract. It is a bargain at.....\$3000

5 acres adjoining city limits, good orchard land and a beautiful site for a home; in one year will be worth double the price asked.....\$2000

10 acres, one mile from Medford on main traveled road to Ashland; Bear creek bottom land, set to apples and pears 2 years old; trees are strong and vigorous. Here is a beautiful site for a home. Easy terms. Price.....\$2900

3-room box house and large lot on South Central avenue, completely furnished; good well and chicken house; a genuine bargain; easy terms. Price.....\$750

Some splendid business properties for sale, close in, good income payers. Call at our office for details.

Our charge is \$1 per month for renting and collecting.

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