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## THE CEMENT HOUSE.

Thomas A. Edison is quoted as saying that his latest invention, the cement house, is his greatest. It casts a house out of cement as a foundryman casts a carwheel out of iron. Mr. Edison says:

"All my preliminary experiments have proved successful, and in December or January I expect to cast my first house. It will solve the problem of housing. It will take from the city slums everybody who is worth taking. Why, I shall make it possible to build a house with a good cellar, seven large or ten ordinary rooms, and a bath, for \$1200."

What he has accomplished is described in the December number of Munsey's Magazine.

In an open space, surrounded by planers and lathes, were what appeared to be the foundation walls and part of the first story of an iron house. A peep over the top showed that there were two iron houses, one set within the other, with an eight-inch space between. Into this space cement is to be poured; then the two iron houses will be taken down, and the finished structure of artificial stone will be ready for occupancy.

"I'll dig the cellar of this house with a steam shovel," Mr. Edison continued, "and cast it in six hours. Two locomotive cranes will lift the two hundred and thirty-two cubic yards of cement that the house will contain, and pour it into the openings at the top. The cement will pass through twelve sluice boxes, and as it is being poured, a number of men will churn it with iron bars, at the end of each of which will be a large ball. The churning will be for the purpose of sending waves through the cement, so that it shall fill every particle of the molds."

And it is a wonderful house that the famous wizard of science intends to build. There will not be enough wood to make a hundred-dollar fire, even if all of it were to be consumed. Floors, mantels, picture-moldings and decorations—all will be of cement. The bathtub, washstands and sinks will be cast of the same material. Edison says he can make cement bathtubs that will be as smooth as highly polished glass. All that is required to do is to have highly polished molds. Wherever beauty is desired, an extra finish will be put on the casting forms.

No street of Edison cement houses will be a dull thoroughfare of uniform color and design. One house will be built on one plan; the next on another. One house will be gray, another red or light green, while the third may be yellow. Everybody can choose his own color. Tinting the cement before it is poured is easy.

He goes on to explain how he intends to market his great invention, the saving in fire insurance, the great economies possible—in short, his plans, as outlined in this article, are world-reaching in their importance.

## PRAISE FROM THE OREGONIAN.

The Portland Oregonian atones for much of its past neglect of the Rogue River valley in the following editorial which says all that could be said of fruit growing in this locality.

"At the national apple show in Spokane Tronson & Guthrie's Rogue River Spitzenbergs carried off the world's prize. The judges were unanimous in their decision, which is perhaps more significant of the merit of the apples than the prize itself is. At just about the same time a peach orchard of four acres, not far from Ashland, sold for \$8000, that is at the rate of \$2000 an acre. In connection with these facts, one involuntarily thinks of the Rogue River shipment of Comice pears in 1907, which sold at auction in New York for \$8.10 a box. A fruit growing region of this sort will naturally attract attention. Men desiring to plant small commercial orchards will inquire for five and ten-acre tracts suitable for fruit growing and not too far from town to make pleasant homes. Capitalists will seek to invest their money in an industry which promises returns so certain and so large.

"For both the homeseeker and the capitalists' opportunities are abundant in the Rogue River valley. Although apples, peaches, pears and grapes are produced there in a degree of perfection which few places can rival, still only a small part of the land suitable for orchards has yet been planted. The Rogue River fruit industry, in spite of the magnificent success it has won, is only in its infancy. Men who go there now and plant orchards, although the prices they must pay for land may look large, are really taking advantage of pioneer conditions. They are certain not only of heavy profits from their fruits, but also of an enormous increment of land values."

## VAUDEVILLE SAID TO BE SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Manager Hazelrigg received the following telegram from the manager Eugene, where the Pantages vaudeville company appeared last night, and it evidently assures Medford theatergoers a first-class entertainment tonight at popular prices: "Eugene, Or., Nov. 25.—Chas. Hazelrigg, Medford Or.—Pantages vaudeville first class; boost it. "GEO. H. SMITH."

Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

## HONORABLE JAP AND MR. O'BRIEN PLEDGE FAITH

(United Press Leased Wire.) TOKIO, Nov. 26.—American Ambassador O'Brien was made an honorary member of the Friends of America association at a banquet on Thursday, which was intended as a welcome to him and a farewell to Kichida, the newly appointed ambassador to the United States. O'Brien declared that there never had existed two nations who were as friendly to each other as Japan and America. Kichida said that his great ambition while in the service would be to maintain the traditional relations between the two governments.

## FOLLY AS IT FLIES



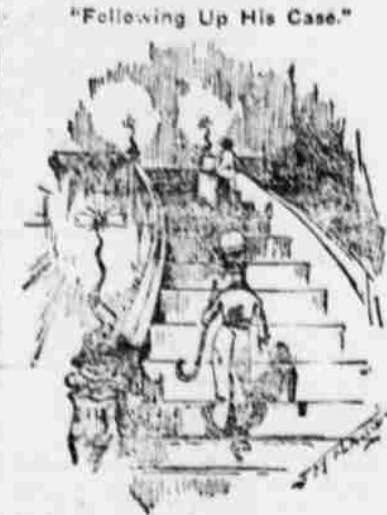
Dolly Frog—Why in tears, Molly? Molly Turtle—A horrid boy carved the date of my birth on my back so that I can't keep my age a secret.



"What you fellows got in that box?" "It's all right, officer. We're taking some Mamie Casey's hat but she wore it to a lawn party last night."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



He kissed her on the ruby lips. She nearly had a fit. For they, you see, were man and wife, and she wasn't used to it.



True Admiration



Mary had a little dog, Who went off hunting in the bog, And there he stuck until a crane Came by and pulled him out again.



Judge—And you, who remained honest until you were forty, have smirched your name and dishonored your family all for the sake of three miserable shillings. Prisoner—Excuse me, sir. Was it my fault that there were so few?

## INVESTIGATING THE BURNING OF THE ST. CROIX

(United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 26.—The investigation of the burning of the steamer St. Croix off San Pedro last Saturday evening was opened here today by the United States inspectors of hulls, Bulger and Boles. The captain and crew and many of the passengers were present to give testimony.

## CHESTER A. ARTHUR POST SURPRISES MRS. NOBLE

Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. to the number of 25 or more surprised Mrs. G. C. Noble by calling on her in a body Wednesday evening, the occasion being the birthday of the lady. When the party arrived at her residence on South Orange street Mrs. Noble was away from home, but that did not deter the old soldiers and their wives from entering and making themselves at home. Camp was made and scouts sent out to locate the enemy, finally discovering her at a neighbors. She was captured and brought in as a prisoner and treated with all the honors of war.

## WOMEN INDULGE IN HAIR-PULLING EXHIBITION

(United Press Leased Wire.) HAYWARD, Cal., Nov. 27.—The sole topic of conversation in this town today is the hair-pulling exhibition that occurred at the Firemen's annual masked ball at the Native Son's hall. Following a dispute over the latter's husband, Mrs. Manuel Flores attacked Mrs. Frank Vargus and after knocking her to the floor, started to choke her and pull her hair. Mrs. Vargus secured a grip on Mrs. Flores' hair and when the pair was separated each woman had a fistful of the other's hair. The trouble between the two women began two years ago, when, according to Mrs. Vargus, her husband became infatuated with Mrs. Flores. Best meal for the least money at the spot cafe.

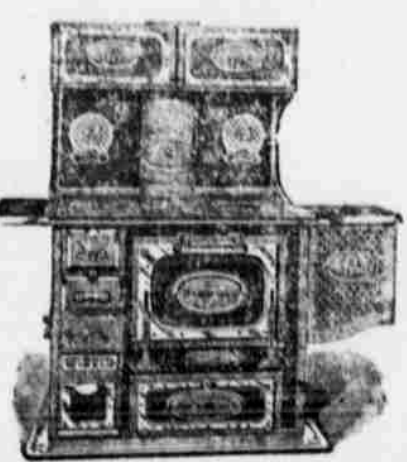
## PREAHER DESERTS THE PULPIT FOR THE TUB

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 26.—Rev. D. B. McKnight, who came to the northwest, who came to the northwest from Kansas last spring, evidently believes there is more money in washing soiled linen for other people than there is in piloting them along the straight path. At any rate, he has resigned the pastorate of the First Methodist church at Whitefish, Mont., effective December 1, to go into the laundry business. He has bought Tom Quong's place and will convert it into a steam plant, for which there is need, since most of the work is sent out of town. Quong has cleaned up a tidy sum, which he will invest in a truck garden somewhere in the eastern part of the Inland Empire, firm in the belief that he will be able to return to his native village near Canton in 1915 to live in ease. The pastor will not make a statement until after he leaves the ministry.

## Hotel Arrivals.

At the Nash—J. T. Johnson and wife, city; J. B. Poole, Roseburg; J. H. Menstadt, San Francisco; R. B. Dow, Jacksonville; A. Conro Fiero, Central Point; J. H. Anthony, W. C. Rapp, Portland; F. R. Wallbrunt, Philadelphia; W. H. Carroll, San Francisco; J. W. McDonald, New York; Edward Albery, Portland; J. C. Donovan, Albany; Mrs. Lillian Rouke Portland; Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Jacksonville; D. C. Partridge, Berkeley, A. E. Reames, Jacksonville; S. W. Beckwith, Portland; Clyde Martin, Grants Pass; John Hall, San Francisco; S. B. Rathford, Utica. The Moore—Charles Obenchain, Butte Falls; F. MacFarlane, Grants Pass; W. M. Grover, Portland; J. H. Hopkins, J. A. E. Percival, Jacksonville; Claud Thompson, Riverdell; H. Stable and family, Lodi; Emerson and wife, Crescent City; Claud Gotth, Salem; C. A. McArthur, Portland; P. C. Stiversen, Los Angeles; J. W. Johnson, Portland; Miss Edith Fish, Phoenix; Mrs. M. Kravells, Cleveland; N. Rogoway, Albany.

# Saturday Ends It



The demonstration of the South Bend Malleable Range, which has been the talk of the town and which has brought so many interested people to our store during the present week, will positively end Saturday.

## The South Bend "MALLEABLE" RANGE

In operation and tasting for yourself the good things that it cooks, you'd better hurry. "The South Bend Malleable" is the range for homes where the best is none too good. It is not lowest in price, but most economical.

"The Malleable" is the strongest range on earth—built on honor through and through of truest steel and malleable iron—you couldn't break it with a sledge.

It is hand riveted—air-tight; burns perfectly and cooks things as you want them, when you want them.

Its use saves many dollars in a year. Till Saturday night we are serving visitors with delicious hot biscuits and coffee. You're cordially invited.

## FREE

To every purchaser of the South Bend Malleable Range this week only, we will give absolutely FREE a set of Cooking Utensils.

# Nicholson Hardware Co.

## SPECIAL RATE TO THE OREGON THRESHERS' ASSOCIATION.

At The Dalles, Or., December 2 and 3, 1909.

One and one-third fare on the certificate plan will be made from all points on the Southern Pacific (lines in Oregon) to The Dalles and return. Tickets on sale November 29, 30, December 1, 2 and 3. Final return limit December 6.

Important addresses will be made by representatives of the U. S. department of agriculture, department of good roads; Prof. Philip S. Rose, Madison, Wis.; B. B. Clark, editor American Thresherman; Hon. Lionel R. Webster, Portland, Or., and others, on subjects of importance.

Two hundred dollars in gold will be given as prizes for the best wheat raised in Oregon.

Silver cup for outfit threshing \$100 prize bushel of grain.

For further information call on any Southern Pacific agent, or write to William McMurray, general passenger agent, Portland, Or.

## Born.

COLVIG—On Jones creek, Friday, November 19, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Colvig, twins, a son and a daughter.

BRACE—At Murphy, Or., Friday, November 12, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Brace, twins, a son and daughter.

RUCH—At Grants Pass, Or., November 21, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch, a daughter.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL TRIBUNE

L. B. Warner sold seven Walnut Park lots at Glendale Monday. Only eight lots left out of 54 lots.

Call at my office and consult me about the lot I am going to give away absolutely free.

L. B. WARNER.

## 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.

## Elizabeth Robins

the eminent English authoress, writes about the English Suffragettes. She tells why they resort to the violence that lands them in jail.

Save a little of your indignation for the chapters of "The Beast and the Jungle" that are to come. Judge Lindsey hasn't really started to get to the heart of his story yet.

## DECEMBER EVERYBODY'S

On display at Medford Book Store, Russell's Confectionery Store, Nash Hotel.

## The Bungalow Rink

Skating every afternoon from 2 till 5 o'clock; evening 7:30 to 10. Mr. De Nova will give his farewell exhibition Saturday evening at 9:30 p. m. MUSIC BY SKATING RINK BAND.

ADMISSION SATURDAY EVE 10c; SKATES, 25c.

W. A. ROBBINS, Proprietor

## The Days of Hand Sweeping are Over. Ask to see the

# VACUUM SUCTION CLEANER

Household Size Can Be Attached to Any Lamp Socket.

# Rogue River Electric Co.

Successors to Condor Water & Power Co.

# Don't Fail to Come TO OUR WINDOW TOMORROW

In it You Will Find \$4.00 and \$3.50

# Shoes Reduced to \$3.00

These are exceptional values for the money. Take advantage of this opportunity before they are all gone.

# Edmeades Bros