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JOLTS AND JINGLES

A Sea-rising Rhyme. There was a captain on a ship, A queer old salt was he, He hired a crew to take a trip So they could see the sea.

The sailors loved the captain for His jaunty, noble air, They liked him for the clothes he wore And loved to hear him swear.

They used to gather on the deck To play at bridge or smear, And then it was they had a wreck; The story ends, right here.

There may be nothing in a name, yet Mr. Finley is one of the fish commissioners.

According to yesterday's paper aviators now have to contend with hot currents of air in addition to other inconveniences. They aren't the only ones.

Bill Taft can't do a big thing Or pull out of a rut, Without we read that with him Was Captain Archie Butt.

The man who put red ink in the pink lemonade must have been an interior decorator.—R. Spinekeyvintz.

Passengers on an ocean liner, we are told, pelted whales with paper wads. Can't the humane society do something about this?

Fireman, fireman, come at once, The forest burns apace! "I will as soon as I find out Who owns the burning place."

YESTERDAY'S SCORES.

Northwestern League. At Portland— R. H. E. Portland 1 2 3 Spokane 6 10 3

At Seattle— R. H. E. Seattle 0 3 2 Victoria 2 7 1

At Tacoma— R. H. E. Tacoma 7 11 1 Vancouver 4 8 4

American League. At Detroit— R. H. E. Detroit 4 Washington 3

At Chicago— R. H. E. Chicago 3 New York 5

At St. Louis— R. H. E. St. Louis 5 Boston 8 (Only three games today.)

National League. At Brooklyn— R. H. E. Brooklyn 6 Pittsburgh 2

At Philadelphia— R. H. E. Philadelphia 4 St. Louis 2

At Boston— R. H. E. Boston 6 Cincinnati 2

At New York— R. H. E. New York 2 Chicago 3

Going to the Coronation. "I see now why Maybelle picked out a slow steamer." "Why did she?" "She started as a brunette and arrived as a blonde."

Haskins for Health.

THE PRESS BUREAU GRAFT.

THE newspaper has acquired a new function—or at least such a function is being thrust upon it—that of free publicity agent for federal state and local governments, public, semi-public and private celebrations and gatherings, trusts, corporations, railroads, insurance concerns, lodges and generally every sort and kind of institution that wants or needs publicity.

Every mail brings to every newspaper publicity matter from some press bureaus, with the request that it be printed and sometimes with the legend "kindly send a marked copy." Some of it is news—some only flavored with news.

There are half a dozen government departments—census, forestry, geological, etc., which supply a regular press service. Some of this press matter is uncolored department news, some of it is colored. Of all the matter received for free publication, this is the best, though sometimes there is a subtle attempt to influence public opinion thereby.

Every newspaper expects to expend energy and space in boosting and aiding its own community and locality, very little or no money is received for it, but seldom any credit. But it is not justified in expending its space, money and efforts in building up other communities or in exploiting foreign business.

Every line in a newspaper costs the publisher money to set up. Space is the only thing he has for sale, and the demand made for free use of this space and for his cash for composition and white paper (for it amounts to this) is unwarranted affrontery.

Astoria, San Francisco and San Diego are flooding the newspapers with exposition and celebration guff; Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Phoenix and other cities with matter concerning their respective localities; the railroads, power trust, oil trust and other semi-public concerns with stuff to keep them on good terms with the public; the tariff barons, this partisan campaign committees, the single taxers, the conservationists, the Alaska grabbers, the booze makers, the prohibitionists, all send dope to enlighten the benighted people, the doctors trust, the quacks and patent medicine men, the agricultural colleges, the state universities, the mud rakers and the monopolies, the auto makers, and fifty-seven other varieties of business snow under the poor publisher who doesn't even get thanks when he complies with absurd demands and prints as news this cleverly disguised advertising matter.

Most of the matter received promptly finds its way to the waste basket—but if one unsophisticated editor of a hundred prints it, and more than this average do print it, the author is ahead of the game. The sender is out a postage stamp and in some results not to be obtained by pure advertising.

LEWIS' VICTIMS HYPNOTIZED

THE Mail Tribune is in receipt of several sarcastic letters and denunciatory epistles from women who are members of E. G. Lewis' American Womens League in which the query is sneeringly asked as to how much the express companies are paying for the published exposures of Mr. Lewis' methods, and the bold statement made that the Mail Tribune is a liar.

This paper certainly hopes that the women of the American Womens League have not been victimized by Mr. Lewis. It hopes that all the rosy prospects which Mr. Lewis holds out as to the future of the league may prove true, but developments so far offer nothing to indicate that such is the case.

The Mail Tribune would be false to its conception of duty, if it did not expose fakers who practice frenzied finance with the unsophisticated and hard working women of the country as their victims.

The developments in the federal court at St. Louis certainly do not speak well for Mr. Lewis and his schemes and the extent to which he has hypnotized some of his victims into a belief in him, are tested by the abuse they are heaping upon the Mail Tribune.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Fire Situation. To the editor: In regard to the article and editorial comment in your issue of last evening on the Willow Springs Canyon forest fire:

As regards the stand taken by the forest service I am not in a position to speak, save to assert that their appropriation does not provide for fighting forest fires other than those that threaten National Forest timber. And this appropriation was worded by congress the representatives of the people, and not by the forest service.

Your correspondent asks why a competent ranger couldn't be sent to size up the fire and take charge. I have ascertained that at no time was a government ranger nearer than forty miles from this fire, and for him to come and take charge would simply be to desert, neglect, and jeopardize his own territory; thereby calling down the criticisms, not to mention the wrath, of the settlers in that locality.

Your correspondent also observes there would be no lack of volunteers to help—the citizens show their willingness to help. To one even a trifle experienced in the impetuous generosity of humanity in the aggregate such a remark cannot but evoke a smile. A search of the records of the forest service at Medford, as well as of the municipal records of the City of Ashland will show that out of the hundreds that so willingly—nay, even eagerly—volunteered their services last summer when to help himself, than to the one who

the city of Ashland was threatened by forest fire but a meagre dozen can be found who did not claim, even insist upon payment for their services. When reminded that they had volunteered their services their justification was "well neighbor Jones got some money out of it, and since the money came from the government I thought I might as well get my share." Public spirited eye? And such is not the exception, but the rule.

As your editorial states the Jackson County Fire Patrol Association has endeavored to give much publicity to its objects and purposes, and to date the timber holders in the region of the Willow Springs Canyon fire have made no effort to avail themselves of the benefits of membership in such a protective association. Therefore it is an injustice for your paper to arraign this organization for not coming to their assistance. We cannot assess our members for funds to protect those who are not willing to co-operate with us. Yet you assert that the public will be expected to rush to the rescue if fire should get into the holdings of the big timber owners who have organized this association. Why not? This association is organized for the benefits of timber holders large and small. The assessments are levied on an acreage basis, so it costs the small holder identically the same per acre as it does the large holder. Yet the Willow Springs Canyon people have not made the slightest effort to become members of the association. To bring the matter nearer home, would not you yourself fix more quickly to the assistance of some one who was doing something to help himself, than to the one who

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SEARCH FOR BANDITS ACTIVE

Many Postal Inspectors and Secret Service Men Visit Medford—Every Hobo Jailed Is Looked Over by Authorities—No Clues Found.

During the past two weeks three or four secret service men, railroad detectives and postal inspectors have been going over Southern Oregon with a fine tooth comb looking for some trace of the Cow Creek train-robbers. Every hobo, drunk or vagrant locked up during the past two weeks in the city jail has been "looked over" by outside authorities but so far no clue has been found.

Rewards aggregating \$7000 are now posted for the mail robbers who held up the two trains in Cow Creek Canyon. All trace of the outlaws has been lost.

Postal inspectors to the number of half a dozen have been scouring the Cow Creek district looking for traces, and they have been assisted by railroad detectives of the Harriman line and the sheriff of Douglas county with a posse and bloodhounds. The opinion is now entertained that the desperadoes have fled from the scene of the crimes and that they may be either in Portland or San Francisco.

Shortly after the last robbery the highwaymen went to a siding where there was a freight train. A through passenger passed the same point a trifle later. As the bloodhounds followed the scent to the siding, the presumption of the officers is that the robbers caught either the freight or passenger and they could have traveled north or south before the posse was organized. It is now known that the booty amounted to comparatively little in the second robbery, as in checking over the registered mail the postal officials are convinced that the amount of money taken was small. In fact the job scarcely paid the thieves for the risk they took to get it.

There are postal inspectors from three states browsing around Southern Oregon, but the search in this district is practically hopeless, as everything indicates that the robbers skipped out within a few hours of the crime. One or both of the two last robbers may have been ex-convicts, as the men were too cool to be amateurs, but whether the robbers came one from Portland and the other from San Francisco and met by appointment is something to be solved later.

sat quietly by and complacently expressed his willingness to help you if you should take a notion to do something for him.

I trust you will see fit to give this matter a place in your paper. Very sincerely yours, Jackson County Fire Patrol Association.

D. I. SHANNON, Secretary.

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The Ashland baseball team was organized Monday and will play its first game as a branch of the Rogue River Valley Baseball League on July 23, two weeks hence. This will give the members of the team sufficient time to work into good shape.

Although the present season is far advanced, it is hoped that there will be a revival of interest in the national game in this part of Oregon.

The Ashland team is composed of about fifteen members, among whom are R. F. Sayle, captain; Otto Klum, Walter Phillips, V. P. Phillips, Lynn Skeen, Morris Plymale, Charlie Robertson, Walker Thorn and other well-known players.

With so large a list to choose from the manager of the Ashland team hopes that they will succeed in landing the pennant in Ashland at the end of the season. N. F. Harrison is manager of the team.

There being no grounds at Ashland, none of the league games will be played there. This is regretted by the Ashland fans.

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