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JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad. Brown.

New Jersey Now. Same old scarping. Same old mate. But its moved to Another state.

And did yuh note, fellow members, a saloonist named Beers has been arrested at Portland.

A stork visited a famous surgeon, 'I would like a little cut off my bill,' said he. And for once the surgeon complied.

Everybody's Doing It.

A question here and I dare ask it; Have you got your Market basket?

Great Times Coming.

A fellow ought to feel his oats, 'Bout this time of the year, For strawberries and carnivals Have promised to appear.

Modest Amanda.

So modest is Amanda Lee That she strolls out o' nights, Lest at the butcher's she might see The sausages in tights.

—Youngstown Telegram.

So modest is Amanda Lee

In days of blooming youth, She'd blush if in her presence one Should tell the naked truth.

—Scranton Tribune-Republican.

So modest is Amanda Lee

That she pulls down the blind, Or goes into another room, That she may change her mind.

—New York Telegram.

So modest is Amanda Lee

She dwells in grief and pain Until the nude, unblushing tree Gets something on again.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

So modest is Amanda Lee

She'd blush like a red rose, Should any young man chance to see Her nifty garden hose.

—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

So modest is Amanda Lee

It drives her in a trance, And makes her blush so painfully To hear her lapdog's pants.

—Sacramento Bee.

So modest is Amanda Lee

She finds it most distressing To face a salad at her plate Without its salad dressing.

COMMUNICATION.

Scott's Bonding Plan.

To the Editor:

Analyzing Wm. J. Scott's communication of 24th inst. It simply admits that the proposition to organize a Taxpayers' National Bank is only a pretense to get a money issue without any intention of conducting a bank.

Suppose the application for a money issue was granted on non-interest bearing bonds and the system adopted by all other subdivisions of government, the paper money put in circulation would soon aggregate \$50,000,000,000 or so.

The entire money circulation at present is something over \$3,000,000,000. The standard of value is gold, of which \$1,000,000,000 coin is in circulation, and specie payment on the \$2,000,000,000 paper money is maintained by a cash reserve of \$150,000,000.

The disruption of the present financial system would be precipitated by the first issue of non-interest bearing bonds which would cause gold to disappear from circulation and paper money would not be worth the cost of bank paper to print it.

Instead of saving the county \$90,000 a year, Mr. Scott's financial revolution would produce chaos and bankrupt the nation.

E. J. McCLURE.

THE ANTI-SUFFRAGETTES.

THE "Oregon State Association Opposed to the Extension of the Suffrage to Women," an organization of Portland women, officered largely by the ladies of the "first families," the "400" of the metropolis, is making an active campaign against equal suffrage. While they lack the zeal of the crusader in a just cause, they substitute the blind partisanship that characterizes the tory defending a cherished institution. They are the stand-patters and reactionaries of the sex, who would continue conditions as they are, rather than help make them what they should be.

The arguments advanced by these ladies is in the form of "A Protest" in which ten arguments are given against suffragism. The preamble of the protest, reads as follows: "We, American women, citizens of the state of Oregon, protest against the proposal to impose the obligation of suffrage upon the women of this state, for the following, among other reasons": Arguments are given by numbers, and followed by the Mail Tribune's reply to each.

1. Because suffrage is to be regarded not as a privilege to be enjoyed, but as a duty to be performed.

Certainly suffrage is a duty that should be performed by every citizen of the state, otherwise democracy is a failure. Its success lies in education in the fundamentals of government and participation in solving problems. It is a duty that shirked, results in misgovernment, in inequality and injustice. Those who would evade this responsibility because it entails labor, plead laziness.

2. Because hitherto the women of this state have enjoyed exemption from this burdensome duty, and no adequate reason has been assigned for depriving them of that immunity.

To call government a democracy when half the population is barred from participation in governmental affairs, is an absurdity. The same arguments used in defense of depriving women of suffrage, were used to keep the Romans enslaved, to keep the peasants of Europe in serfdom, to clog the progress of human liberty throughout the ages. To grant immunity from suffrage has been the basic principle that governed every tyrant that ever oppressed humanity.

3. Because conferring suffrage upon the women who claim it would impose suffrage upon the many women who neither desire it as a privilege nor regard it their duty to seek it.

Womankind as well as mankind, is prone to love its chains, and progress always has to be forced upon the unprogressive. There is always an element that resents change, especially when they are beneficiaries of injustice. Many a serf fought to prevent freedom and many a slave opposed his own liberation.

4. Because the need of America is not an increased quantity, but an improved quality, of the vote, and there is no adequate reason to believe that woman's suffrage by doubling the vote will improve its quality.

The only way to improve the quality of the vote, is to improve the quantity also. Women average better than men, and their indulgence will usually be thrown for the better things. Education of both sexes in public affairs will improve the quality by stimulating the study of government.

5. Because the household, not the individual, is the unit of the state, and the vast majority of women are represented by household suffrage.

The household is no longer the unit. There are millions of men and women who have no households, prevented from having them largely by the injustice of man-made laws which have made it impossible or impractical without bringing fresh misery and suffering into the world. These millions have as much right to life, liberty, and the ballot as the more fortunate, many of whom neither toil nor spin.

6. Because the women not so represented suffer no practical injustice which giving the suffrage will remedy.

The social injustice of the world, the failures of man-made laws of which woman is the principal victim open a field as wide as the world for both sexes to work in to correct this "practical injustice," and the united efforts of both are required to solve the problems of the present as well as of those of futurity.

7. Because equality in character does not imply similarity in function, and the duties and life of men and women are divinely ordered to be different in the state, as in the home.

Where does the divine authority come from that orders different duties for women and men in the state? Probably from the same source that sanctions polygamy. It is hard to conceive of the Infinite ordering inequality or injustice, though every enthroned wrong has bolstered up its injustice by presumptuous claims to "divine order."

8. Because the energies of women are engrossed by their present duties and interests, from which men cannot relieve them, and it is better for the community that they devote their energies to the more efficient performance of their present work than divert them to new fields of activity.

That's what the Sultan of Sulu said when they tried to abolish his harem. Civilization has, nevertheless, thrown women into new fields of activity and it is a condition, not a theory they confront. Forced out of the quiet of the home and into the hurly-burly of the world, they should be given a chance to help solve its problems.

9. Because political equality will deprive women of special privileges hitherto accorded her by the law.

What are these special privileges? It is only a few years since woman had no rights at all, and only by special legislation does she secure fair play now—and not even that in many states.

10. Because suffrage logically involves the holding of public office, including jury duty, and office-holding is inconsistent with the duties of most women.

Some offices women can hold to advantage, some they cannot. The judgment of the electorate will decide. Office-holding or jury duty is not inconsistent with their duties any more than with man's duties, as is proved in other states.

Boiled down, the arguments against equal suffrage advanced by this association are simply pleas to shirk du-

ties of citizenship—pleas for immunity from participation in their own government.

Instead of helping settle the vital issues of life, and aiding in the solution of the problems that vex and uplift humanity, they prefer their inane pink-teas, useless card games and the petty problems of the narrow monotony of home life.

Woman has a higher destiny, however. She must help in the uplift of the world, by making democracy and its consequent development of humanity a realized dream.

Cry for Water Is Growing

To the Editor:

The good people of Medford are awakening to the fact that water is king in Rogue River valley.

At a meeting held lately by the Medford Commercial club it was brought home to the citizens of Medford that unless some action be taken at once for irrigating the suburban lands which in a great measure are non-productive owing to non-irrigation and non-bearing of crops that the metropolis of Southern Oregon will be at a standstill.

The cry for water is growing, people are realizing that to improve the conditions of their city they must hold out inducements to the smaller agriculturist, one who will make his home in and near around the cities in the valley, one who will become a producer, an inhabitant and a helper of upbuilding a commercial center.

It is demonstrated that irrigation in the valley is the foremost of all enterprises, more so at this time than the building of railroads to the mines or to the coast, or the subsidizing of factories which would now be obliged to ship in their raw material. It is of the greatest importance that we first create and grow a product then look to disposing of said products and transportation and markets will seek production. But to create this product the land must be put under irrigation to assure profitable, constant and reliable crops. It is admitted our lands, owing to the peculiar fitted soils and climate, will produce crops and fruits of all kinds. But the yields of such crops are not profitable without irrigation and until the valley is in condition to increase its products the new comer cannot be induced to locate among us. In the period of July 1, 1910 to June 30, 1911, two hundred and twenty-five cars of hay alone were shipped in the valley and only sixty-two cars were shipped out. Eighty-four cars of potatoes, forty-eight cars of oats and barley and thirty-five cars of vegetables were shipped in and only two cars of this commodity were shipped out.

This shows that our production in the valley is inadequate for our local consumption. Besides our local market we have outlets both north and south who cannot and do not produce the crops, both in vegetables, potatoes, grain, corn, hay and feed, not mentioning our excellent fruits and berries, that we could produce by irrigation. What this valley needs to increase its population is the smaller farmer on irrigated lands thereby assuring a yield of products worth

while to ship in large quantities and where a merchant either at Portland or Seattle on the north or the southern Pacific coast on the south can depend on getting carload lots of agricultural commodities all the time. Not until then can the valley farmer and merchants succeed.

At this time there is a movement on foot to urge the building of the high line and the middle line canals which are feasible and practicable to place thirty thousand acres of land under irrigation. Not until then can front ranks.

The citizens of Medford, seeing the importance of the building of these canals, have called a mass meeting setting forth the importance of such a movement whereby all land owners will be invited to come and help the cause along. IRRIGATOR, Central Point, Ore.

Suicide for \$20,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 28.—Firing a bullet through his brain, so that his divorced wife could collect \$20,000 life insurance, Joseph West Robinson is dead here today. A note beside the body made clear the motive for his act. Mrs. Robinson, from whom the suicide was divorced six years ago, lives in Pasadena.

Bronson Near Weight

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