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LAUGHS Tempting "This suite will cost you \$300 per day."

The Chin The chin it was made to raise trouble. Either dimples or pimples or stubble. Then some have the gall To not grow at all. While others come triple and double. —Collier's Weekly.

Glorious! "How's vacation, Johnnie?" "Bully! Fell off a shed, most got drowned, tipped over a beehive, was hooked by a cow, Jim Spindles licked me twice, an' I got two stone bruises an' a stiff neck." —Zion's Herald.

Hamdrum Folk "I don't like those people at all. They're too good." "What's the trouble?" "They've kept the same maid for eight years, and insist that they've never had a washerwoman disappoint them." —Detroit Free Press.

Shown Up Married men are all bluffers. After Tom Jefferson had written the Declaration of Independence he went home and played dead and rolled over and jumped through every time Mrs. Tom snapped her fingers. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Community Property Willie—Paw, what is a henpecked husband? Paw—a man whose nerve is in his wife's name, my son. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Dare "Mrs. Gabby just loves to indulge in cheap talk." "Then let her try a little conversation on the new line between New York and San Francisco." —New York Times.

Early Signs "What makes you think the baby is going to be a great politician?" asked the young mother, anxiously. "I'll tell you," answered the young father, confidently, "he can say more things that sound well and mean nothing at all than any kid I ever saw."

Taking Exception "That the 1915 figure is exceeding trim and trig you're made aware by glancing at the fashion sheet; And the damosels who wear all this enticing new apparel Are attractive from their coiffures to their feet.

We would not create a schism Nor indulge in criticism Of the shapes—far be the task from humble men. But we do not mind confessing That these changes keep us guessing— They have moved the waist line somewhere else again. —Peoria Journal.

LAUGHS

A FAKE FLOWER.

It was a most lugubrious calamity howl that burst forth from President Sproule of the Southern Pacific Friday evening at Chicago. Not since the I. W. W.'s of the G. O. P. desecrated the dead by chortling the wail of standpatism at the Lincoln banquet, has such a tale of woe been heard.

Optimism has no psychological effect upon business, declares this doleful Jeremiah of transportation, who utters the cant of his calling:

"The booster lifts nothing higher than the level of his own teeth. The trumpeter of prosperity beguiles only his own ears. Prosperity is real, or it does not exist. We do not have to look for it; it comes to us. It grows within our sight like a plant coming in flower."

What then creates prosperity? What then will make this beautiful and fragile flower bloom? Calamity howling? If so, we ought to be surrounded by a veritable flowering garden, for it is all we have heard for several years.

Prosperity is real, says this philosopher of traffic. "It comes when the employer resumes employment," and it will only come when "people generally discover that their condition improves only as their employer is prosperous." In other words, the cause of the business depression, Mr. Sproule means to say, is regulation of railroads in their process of taking all the traffic will bear and interruption of big business in its multitudinous operations of skimming the people by special legislation for monopoly and stock manipulation.

Political and financial doctors do not agree in their diagnosis of the ailment called business depression.

Poor crops and low prices generally cause hard times—yet in the nation at large, we have had record crops and the highest prices known.

Shortage of money is usually blamed, yet there never was a time when there was so much money on deposit in the banks of the nation. There have been no bank failures, other than those that are due to fraud and violation of business ethics. Moreover we now have a currency system that provides an elastic currency and practically renders bank failure, for rightly conducted institutions impossible.

Inability of railroads to raise rates when traffic diminished, was urged as the cause by the railroads, and a five percent increase was urged as a sure cure for hard times. The Interstate Commerce Commission granted the increased rates, and that cure proved a fable.

Reduction of the tariff is blamed by stand-patters and protected privilege. The theory of the protective tariff is that it prevents competition from foreign lands. Since the European war began, there has been no competition from abroad, and prices have soared, so this theory is smashed. Had a higher tariff been in effect, the deficiency in national revenues would have been still greater.

The old familiar balance of trade theory doesn't work either. During the past year, exports have vastly exceeded imports. The balance is all in favor of the United States—and growing greater daily.

The United States is the most prosperous nation of the world today. The financial depression is nothing like as acute in other nations. It is on the verge of an era of its greatest prosperity, because of the destruction of wealth and civilization and consequent exhaustion of other countries, due to war. At the same time, there can be no great destruction of wealth in any part of the world without, temporarily at least, affecting the other parts, so complexed and interwoven are the commercial relations of the civilized nations.

Mr. Sproule's Southern Pacific stock is not selling rapidly. What is sold is at a bargain price. Why? Not so much because revelations of high finance have made the investors shy of railroads, as because five billion dollars of American securities are held abroad and are being dumped on the American market as fast as the need of the owners and the artificial restrictions on the stock exchange will permit.

Capital is not invested in industrial development not only because better opportunities are offered in the stock market in the purchase of stable securities held abroad, but because the dread of what the future may bring forth, the fear that in spite of a neutral policy, the nation may itself be drawn into war through the persistent efforts of hyphenated Americans in sympathy with their hyphens. Until this fear is removed, capital will be timid, notwithstanding the fact that every effort is making for prosperity, big crops, war prices and unlimited markets for manufactured products.

Mr. Sproule pleads for a better feeling on the part of the people for the transportation lines and large employers. Railroads themselves are to blame for the public attitude. For half a century they have been exploiting, without restraint, the people and resources of the nation. Like the saloon, they have brought upon themselves the legislation they complain of.

The railroads have been doing business upon an inflated basis. Even while Mr. Sproule was talking, details of the financing of the Rock Island system were being bared at Washington. Upon a \$60,000,000 operating company, \$350,000,000 in capitalization was loaded. The watered securities were unloaded on the innocent public and the proceeds made multi-millionaires out of the Wall street manipulators, who wrecked a great railroad system for selfish ends. And the chief beneficiary of this fraudulent financing, who thinks \$3000 a year exorbitant for an engineer, says \$100,000 a year salaries for officials a modest compensation, fully earned, and joins Mr. Sproule in his clamor for less railroad regulation.

A few days before Mr. Sproule howled calamity at Chicago, the Louisville and Nashville was shown to have diverted millions of its earnings into creating and maintaining a corrupt political machine that dominated a commonwealth for crooked purposes, much as Mr. Sproule's own

railroad had dominated California and other western states for its own unholy purposes for many years.

With the memory of the New Haven scandal fresh in the public mind, with similar transactions in other systems being uncovered daily, the railroads have only themselves to blame for the public esteem or dis-esteem in which they are held. Even a reformed sinner must sit on the mourners' bench—and that is where the railroads, who are striving to be good are, while their presidents are shouting calamity. But the people are not going to restore the good old days of railroad looting even to fertilize the flower Mr. Sproule labels prosperity—a fake flower worn at the lapels of railroad wreckers.

PROSECUTOR TELLS REASON FOR DELAY IN SALOON CASES

To the Editor: An anonymous critic writes asking me to explain the reason for the delay in bringing the Medford saloon keepers to trial on charge of selling liquor to minors.

As a public servant I feel that the citizens are entitled to know why these cases were not sooner tried and while I have no respect for the individual who has not the moral courage to sign his name to such an inquiry I am going to explain the delay in these cases.

At the time these indictments were returned by the grand jury an investigation of this question was made covering a considerable period of time and in many instances the witnesses did not know the names of the bartenders making the sales.

Out of a desire to treat the defendants all alike the grand jury returned all the indictments against the proprietors. This action was against my advice and against my wish in the matter, as it raised a question as to whether the proprietor could be held responsible for the act of his servant, committed without his knowledge and against his instructions. The late Judge Hanna had held to the contrary and the supreme court of the state in an opinion which had been withdrawn, had denied the criminal responsibility of the proprietor for the unauthorized act of his agent. The only way in which this question could be settled was by presenting the legal questions to the circuit court and then appealing. Judge Calkins in deciding the matter took the only course open to him by following the dictum of the Oregon supreme court. I then appealed the case to the supreme court and that tribunal reversed itself and Judge Calkins. The cases were then set down for trial at the earliest possible moment, in fact, before the mandate had been returned from the supreme court.

In criminal cases where an acquittal has been had before a jury, the state has no right of appeal, and had the cases gone to trial in the first instance the court would have been legally bound to instruct against the responsibility of the principal for the unauthorized acts of the agent, acquittals would have resulted and the law still be an open question. I took the only course by which the law could be definitely established.

If appeals to the higher court are dilatory it is no fault of mine. The result obtained in effectively and definitely settling this important question is a sufficient vindication of my conduct and judgment in the matter. E. E. KELLY.

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IT Theatre

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Matinee and Evening

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Two Reel Majestic

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ITALIANS PROHIBIT RIOTOUS MEETINGS TO KEEP NEUTRAL

ROME, Feb. 27.—Vehement attacks on the government were made in the chamber of deputies yesterday by the Extremists because of instructions given prefects to prohibit meetings even when they are described as private if there is reason to believe those who would be in disorders. The order was designed to prevent clashes between those who favor Italy's intervention in the war and those who advocate strict neutrality.

A tumult arose when the Extremists declared the prohibition of such meetings was a suppression of liberty and in violation of law. Premier Salandra replied to criticisms of the government. He declared the instructions to the prefects were designed to protect liberty which was threatened by violence, raise the dignity of the country which had been injured by discussions and cement a moral unity which would lead to triumph. As the Extremists showed that it was a plan to prevent Italy's intervention in the war, the premier declared amidst applause:

"I do not know whether our nation is destined to march to war, but if this shall be the case we must all unanimously obey the orders of the fatherland and the King."

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Circuit

Wm. S. Crowell vs. Joseph A. Newell et al. Summons, complaint, affidavit of attachment, undertaking for attachment.

W. H. Everhard vs. United Fireman's Insurance Co. Stipulation.

A. C. Adams vs. Logan Woolridge. Appeal from Justice court, Medford district.

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