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"Rusty Turnbules bet Soy Bean 40 cents that an ostrich will eat ivory billiard balls. Rusty won th' bet, but he also furnished th' ivory billiard balls."

LAUGHS

Pooled 'Em All

One Sunday morning a deacon observed a boy industriously fishing. After the lad had landed several he approached and said: "My son, it is very cruel to impale that poor, helpless beetle upon that sharp hook."

Said the boy: "Oh, say, Mister, this is only an imitation. It ain't a real bug!"

"Bless me!" replied the deacon. "Why, I thought it was a real bug."

The boy, lifting a fine string of fish, said: "So did these suckers."

Resented It

During the Crimean war a collier walked into a Rhonda shop and asked for a pound of candles.

"Candles are up a penny a pound today, sir," said the grocer.

"Why," asked the heaver of coal. "Because of the Russian war, sir."

"Then why don't the devils fight in the daylight?" came the final poser.—Cardiff Western Mail.

A Dire Extremity

A timid little girl stood looking out of the nursery window and called to her mother: "Mother, mother! Here is a wild dog."

"Oh, no, that dog is not wild; he belongs to the man who works across the street, and is a nice dog," she said.

After a moment's thought the child, unaccustomed to dogs, replied: "Well his head may not be wild, but his tail is awfully wild."—Woman's Home Companion.

Improved Status

"When I started in business," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "I worked twelve hours a day."

"It's different now?"

"Yes; now I have so many things to look after that I work sixteen hours a day."—Washington Star.

Averaged Well

"And did you make a good portrait of the general?"

"I must have. Half the critics say I did the uniform well. The other half praise the face."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Comforting Thought

A mission worker tells how shocked she was to encounter this bit of cynicism in the slums. The conversation was between two women whose marital life had not been particularly felicitous.

"Well," said one of them, "of course we has our trouble with all of 'em. But I'll say this for my second husband—he's better than my first. He's in jail so much that practically all I earn I has for myself."

My Word!

His wife brought a wad to Lord Doucester, But he treated her mean and he loucester.

She went home to her dad And she was real mad At the money Lord Doucester had coucester.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 38 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-33 Ambulance Service Coronar

THE WORST IN MANY YEARS

ACCORDING to the official compilation of the secretary of state, the total appropriations made by the recent legislature, together with continuing appropriations, total \$6,310,648.67. To this must be added the maintenance expenses from funds derived from fees, licenses, the funds derived from federal aid to different institutions and departments, totaling \$1,076,391.96, making the total cost of state government for the ensuing biennium \$7,387,040.63.

The total appropriations by the 1915 session were \$6,310,648.67, as against \$6,691,692.08 for the 1913 session, an apparent reduction of \$381,043.41—not a million dollars, as claimed by advocates of "efficiency and economy." When the investments in improvements made by the 1913 session are considered, in comparison with similar expenditures by the 1915 session, it is evident that instead of effecting a saving, the cost of government has been greatly increased.

The appropriations of 1913 included \$450,000 for reclamation work in Central Oregon, \$200,000 for a supreme court building, \$91,000 for the eastern Oregon asylum, \$262,000 for new O. A. C. buildings, \$187,000 for new state university buildings, \$60,000 for a new state fair pavilion, \$20,000 for new buildings at the soldiers' home, \$60,000 for a new penitentiary building, \$50,000 for the girls' industrial school building, \$80,000 for a new building at the state insane asylum. The total for reclamation and buildings was \$1,460,000.

The appropriations of the recent session included nothing for reclamation, the sole constructive legislation being \$50,000 for experimental work for the establishment of the flax industry in the Willamette valley. The amount spent for new buildings totals but \$200,000, comprising \$50,000 for a normal school building, \$50,000 for a medical college building and \$100,000 for the Pendleton asylum building.

It is evident, then, that the past session was the most extravagant in the history of the state, and that it spent more money for administrative functions than any previous session, and did less in a constructive or building way than any other session. It provided no funds for reclamation, none for good roads, none for power development. Its petty economies were made at the sacrifice of state institutions like the insane asylum, which, instead of being provided means for natural growth, were crippled by penuriousness.

The session of 1915 was dominated by the big business interests and by politics. It put in its time destroying constructive policies inaugurated by previous assemblies and curtailing administrative efficiency of established departments. Its crowning achievement was the passing of the spoils bill, making the entire state administration the spoils of politics. Only the steadfast opposition of the house prevented the complete destruction of the welfare legislation of previous sessions.

Its efficiency a joke, its economy false, its constructiveness nil, its intents sinister, its politics vicious, the last legislature passes into history as the worst in many years.

NEED THREE WEEKS TO MAKE REPAIRS TO PRINCE EITEL

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 12.—Captain Thierichsen of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich has estimated in his communication to the Washington government, that it will require about three weeks to repair his ship. The estimate was made after shipyard officials here had made a preliminary examination. In his letter to Collector Hamilton, the German commander declared:

"My ship at the present time is in very unseaworthy condition and will require three weeks to make her seaworthy."

Naval constructors will be assigned to look over the Eitel Friedrich and make their estimate of the length the time ship should be under repairs.

The statement on the sinking of the Frye, which the commander of the Prinz Eitel has made to Collector Hamilton is understood to be a

brief document, giving little more than a statement that the Frye was sunk, the longitude and latitude in which the German raider came upon her and a reference to the taking off of the Frye's crew. Sailors on the Eitel Friedrich, it was reported, had expressed anxiety for the safety of the German cruiser Karlsruhe, last reported off the West Indies. No wireless reports from the Karlsruhe, it was said, had been received by the captain of Eitel.

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Through the generous co-operation of Mr. Bernard of the State Theater a fine program of pictures, entertaining, instructive and amusing has been arranged for Saturday afternoon. If the patronage shows that the effort is justifiable—in other words, that the mothers of Medford appreciate the possibilities offered their children to see, once a week, a varied program of pictures that it will do them good to see, Mr. Bernard will do his part toward securing such a program.

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