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"A man gives a mortgage on his happiness when he borrows trouble. He pays the interest in lost sleep."

LAUGHS

Works Both Ways

Native—There are the Oldboy twins. They are 98 years old. Stranger—To what do they credit their long lives?

Native—One 'cause he used ter-bacco and one 'cause he never used it.—Kansas City Star.

A Mild Form

Guff—What does Simpson do for recreation? I never see him sporting anywhere.

Tuff—I guess he goes in for a little Chautauqua golf.

Guff—Never heard of it.

Tuff—He plays croquet.—Judge.

Female of the Species

"Pop, where are the man-hunting tribes to be found?" "Principally in leap year, son."—Madison Journal.

Tarred With Same Stick

A certain college professor had written a marginal comment on one of the student's themes, and shortly afterward the student came to him and said:

"Professor C., I was unable to read what you wrote on my paper, and my parents also could not decipher it. I then called on my uncle, a lawyer, and he finally managed to read it for me."

This is what the professor had written: "Your penmanship is scarcely legible."

Vast Country

Mrs. Wayupp—This is a great big land of ours.

Mr. Blase—That's right, and a fellow doesn't realize it till he travels. Why, you can actually go to places in this country where you don't owe anybody.—Pack.

Not Guilty

"Who killed Coak Robin?" asked the coroner.

"Not I," said the Sparrow. "I haven't had my auto for nearly a week."

Forethought

"That bathing suit of yours is cut rather low."

"Can't help it. I want to get tanned this summer low enough to meet my evening gowns."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Revelation

Dentist—Now, open wide your mouth and I won't hurt you a bit.

Patient (after the extraction)—Say, doc, now I know what Ananias did for a living.—Boston Transcript.

Literally So

"Well, I suppose we may safely say all Europe is now at war."

"Yes, even the babies are up in arms."

COMMUNICATIONS

Gold Hill, April 26, 1915.

To the Editor: Do the "Hoosiers" of Southern Oregon have an annual day and picnic? If they do, where and when will it be held this year? As I am a native Hoosier would like to get in touch with more folks from the banks of the Wahwah, far away.

Truly yours,

JOHN H. MELROY

IN BORROWED PLUMAGE

OREGON'S governor is proud he is a man of the farm."

This is the caption of a page layout of Governor Withycombe in a recent issue of the Portland Oregonian, illustrated by views of the model state farms at the asylum and penitentiary. The fulsome eulogy accompanying the article is press dope from the governor's own private secretary.

The article informs us that "Oregon's farmer governor" is still a farmer in the best sense of the word, and it must be admitted that the governor has very successfully farmed the people for the score of years and over that he has fed at the public crib.

The joke of the article is that the illustrations depict, not the result of the governor's efforts as a farmer, but the result of four years of former Governor West's labors to improve state institutions—improvements which met malignant opposition from the Oregonian and from the legislature. Everything possible to hamper West was done, his motives assailed, his efforts belittled, and falsehood and calumny heaped upon him. Yet the ideal conditions existing at the institutions today are the best answer to his critics.

The result of West's labors are shown in the Oregonian illustrations to boost Governor Withycombe as a friend of the farmer. The largest picture is the model farm at the asylum, laid out by West. The poultry yards shown were constructed by West, as were the hog yards. The calves are from the dairy herds built up under West. West even had to stand newspaper persecution and court prosecution for misappropriation of state funds because he had the convicts make brick, and used the money secured from the sale to increase the size of the farms and make the improvements for which the legislature denied funds.

It is passing strange that West's handiwork is used to illustrate Withycombe's farming propensities, instead of the latter's own efforts. Photographs of Withycombe's Washington county farm would have been interesting and timely, and so would one of the O. A. C. barnyard under Withycombe's regime. Why should our "farmer governor" parade in borrowed plumage?

It is the old partisan fetich that a republican administration, like the medicine man of old, usurps all the normal functions of providence, such as regulating the business of the world, its crops, weather, wars and calamities, and the dunghill when photographed with a republican governor becomes the sleek thoroughbred. Like much of the calamity howl made for personal reasons, the state farms are now to be exhibited to plume a republican governor, who deserves just as much credit for their condition as does his majesty, the sultan of Sulu.

NEUTRALITY ANGERS GERMANS

FOLLOWING the precedent of all nations, the United States permits the shipment of all merchandise, including war munitions to belligerents. The delivery of these cargoes is at the risk of the belligerents. If the belligerents are powerful enough at sea to seize shipments consigned to hostile nations, they have the right to. If they are not strong enough to, they have no right to expect neutrals to go to war to help them out.

The shipments of the allies are at the risk of destruction by the German submarines, for the kaiser has declared a blockade, and it is no fault of the United States that it is not effective. The shipments of the Germans are at the risk of seizure by the allies, and it is no fault of the United States that the blockade declared against Germany is effective.

Yet because the United States does not oblige Germany by stopping shipments to the allies, or by going to war to force the allies to raise the blockade against Germany, Germans are bitterly hostile toward the United States, and some German-Americans in the United States have so far forgotten their Americanism as to censure the administration for its neutrality and even to threaten the use of their rights as Americans at the polls to punish the president for his neutrality.

The typical German attitude, so blinded by partisanship as to have beclouded reason, is reflected in the Berlin Post, which hopes that the Turtle Bay incident will involve the United States in a war with Japan, and concludes as follows:

Germany would view such a war with mixed feelings. While we do not desire a victory of the yellow race over the white, nevertheless America has no claim to the love or respect of the Germans. We would be satisfied to know that this country, which first became a state at an expenditure of German blood and German energy, should from its present condition of unsympathetic contentment, come to know the bitter necessity of war.

In other words, because Germany has been foolish enough to follow the will-o'-the-wisp of militarism with its barbarian ideals and plunge Europe into a wicked worldwide conflagration, Germans want this nation punished because the United States is wise enough to refuse to jump into the fire.

The path of the neutral is a difficult one, but notwithstanding German clamor, the United States will remain in "its present condition of unsympathetic contentment." As President Wilson so well says:

Our whole duty for the present at any rate is summed up in this motto, "America first." Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not now sympathy with the one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over. The basis of neutrality, is not indifference; it is self-interest. The basis of neutrality is sympathy for mankind; it is fairness. It is good will at bottom. It is impartiality of spirit and judgment.

SUBMARINE SINKS RUSSIAN STEAMER

LONDON, May 1.—The Russian 2000-ton steamer Svoronos, bearing Welsh coal to Archangel, a Russian port on the White sea, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine be-

lieved to be the U-23 on Friday near the Basket islands, on the west coast of Ireland.

The Svoronos's crew of twenty-four men, mostly Russians, barely had time to take to the boats when the vessel sank. All were rescued by a patrol boat.

NOTE

Initiation Tuesday night at Olive Rebekah lodge No. 28. All are requested to be present.

MODERN BARNUM BUYS AN ARMY FOR HIS WILD WEST SHOW



Joseph C. Miller on his famous charger, Ben Hur. This horse is valued at \$5000 and the saddle Miller uses is worth \$10,000. It is silver mounted and inlaid with diamonds and rubies—500 jewels in all. Ben Hur is an Arabian stallion formerly the property of Homer Davenport, famous cartoonist, now dead.

(By Mark Larkin.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1.—Barnum, the circus king, had nothing on Joe Miller as a showman. Which is the reason I am telling this story.

There came a time once, it seems, when Joe—better known as Colonel Joseph C. Miller, heading the 101 Ranch Wild West show on "The Zone," at the world's fair here—was hard put for a new attraction for his cowboy circus, which was then on the road.

After laborious deliberation Joe finally conceived the idea of buying an army and starting the public with a few true to life battle scenes, including a couple of massacres and an ambush or two.

"What?" exclaimed his astonished manager, "an army! Suffering fishes, where can you buy an army?"

"Waal," drawled Joe in his soft cowboy fashion, "I reckon I'll go down to Mexico for it. They're a-doin' a bit of revolting down there and I reckon I might pick up an army right cheap."

So off to the border hiked Joe. But first he armed himself with a letter of credit from the president of the First National bank of Bliss, Okla., where the 101 ranch has its headquarters, said letter setting forth that Joseph C. Miller was authorized to draw a check for any amount he saw fit—any amount, mind you.

Joe arrived at the border just in

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