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'There wuz a drummer in town wearin' two watches. There seemed ter be three, but th' third Time proved a charm.'

LAUGHS

Songs of a Cynic: My wife's the most impulsive of all her sex and race; But while she makes her mind up quick I often wish she were as slick in making up her face.

A Center Shot: 'Did he strike you between phases of the argument?' 'No; he struck me between the eyes.'—New York Sun.

Without Incumbrances: The Stum Worker—You look like a very worthy person. The Flattered One—Oh, I'm all right, ma'am. I manage to get along first rate. I ain't got nobody to support. I'm a single woman.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Burked: The story is told of an ancient Scotch golfer whose companion died and was about to be buried. The Scotchman struggled out to the cemetery to be present at the interment, and arriving there, did not know where the grave was. He summoned a boy with a whistle. 'Whist, lad,' he said. 'It's a new course. Whaur's the hole?'

Usual Result: 'Why don't you tell your troubles to a policeman?' 'I don't dare,' replied the gloomy person. 'He'd probably arrest me.'—Washington Star.

Unrealities: Why is it that a banker on the stage always has muttonchop whiskers? Why does a stage lawyer always carry his papers in his hat? A real lawyer never does that. Why is the stage reporter always distinguished by a big nose book? A real reporter never carries one.—Pittsburg Post.

Fluent: First Trooper Imperial Yeomanry (discussing a new officer)—Swears a bit, don't 'e, sometimes? Second Trooper—'E's a masterpiece, 'e is; just opens 'is mouth and lets it say wot it likes.—Punch.

A Running Story: 'Your wife is the best informed woman I ever met. She seems to be able to talk endlessly on any subject.' 'Yes,' that's just the trouble—there isn't any end.'

Partly Popular: 'Mr. Shobby is always alone. Nobody seems to like him.' 'Oh, yes, there's one person does.' 'Who is that?' 'Himself.'

Loves Freedom: 'Yes, my boy, pretty soon you'll grow up and get married like papa.' 'Not me! I'm going to be my own boss!'

Festal Occasion: 'Well, boy, did you get the stamps at the postoffice?' 'No, sir; the postoffice is closed. It's a holiday.' 'Why, this isn't a holiday.' 'Oh, yes, it is—the postmaster's dead.'

THE PORTLAND POLICY

IN an interview in the Portland Journal, Collector of Customs Burke comments on Portland's commercial situation as follows:

Since 1907, both our imports and customs receipts have been steadily going down, while those of Seattle have been steadily going up. This process needs only to continue long enough, to make Portland a sub-port of Seattle and remove Oregon completely from the commercial map.

This is the fruit of the Portland policy, of the Oregon idea of waiting for providence to spill bounties, instead of hustling to get them.

There is no reason why Portland should not exceed Seattle in commerce, handicapped as the latter is by mountain barriers—but Seattle has the enterprise to go after things and get them that Portland lacks. Consequently, in spite of its superior natural advantage of water grades, Portland is being outstripped by Seattle.

Portland lost its share of the Alaska business because Portland business men and wealthy citizens did not have enterprise enough to go after it and establish a steamer line even when entreated to by Alaskans. As with Alaska, so with all commerce. Trade follows the dollar, and Portland keeps the dollar home.

Portland spends its energies in trying to seize business developed by other communities, like Spokane, instead of developing its own. Portland has appeared against every community in the northwest in the latter's every effort to secure equitable freight rates.

The Portland policy has been to build herself up at the expense of others—a narrow selfish policy unsuited to a metropolis that can only become great by the development of the entire country. It is now feeling the reaction of such a policy and must reverse tactics to prosper.

Inland cities are made or unmade by freight rates—yet every effort made by any community in Oregon or elsewhere, to secure more favorable rates, so as to enable a legitimate development of resources has found Portland an interloper in behalf of the railroad as against the smaller town. Medford and Baker City were as bitterly fought as Spokane and Boise. Portland has sought to maintain its supremacy by denying opportunity to other towns. It is and seeks to remain the sole distributing point for the entire state forgetting that such an unnatural, artificial condition militates against the development of the state and stifles Portland's own growth by throttling the development of a market for products.

A year or so ago, the Portland Oregonian boasted that eighty million dollars had been spent in building skyscrapers in Portland. As a consequence, Portland is overbuilt—full of empty buildings. If half of the eighty millions had been spent in development projects throughout the state, in building needed railroad lines, in opening up and developing natural resources, Portland would today be the most prosperous city in the land and Oregon sustain a much greater population—but Portland policy is millions for Portland—little or nothing for Oregon, which must wait for surplus money from other states.

Hence Oregon lags behind her sister states in development, progress and population. With the greatest natural resources of them all, she is last on the list, and as long as she is last, just so long long will Portland fall behind Seattle.

It will be interesting to watch whether the new chamber of commerce will see the light and rise to the situation. It has the opportunity—but can the leopard change its spots?

CREATING PROSPERITY AT HOME

DURING the year ending June 30, 1914, it is estimated the American tourist spent \$285,000,000 abroad. Secretary Redfield states that the annual amount spent in Europe by the American tourist averages \$170,000,000.

This money must now remain in America as the state department refuses to issue passports for any purpose except business necessity. Its expenditure at home will materially help create prosperity, besides giving the pond crosser a chance to see America first.

Hundreds of thousands of persons every year migrate to Europe to spend the returns on bonds, stocks and securities, to squander gold created in America in creating prosperity in the Riviera, in the Bon Marche, in the Strand, in the Alps, at Carlsbad and other resorts. The American tourist has become the principal asset of Italy, Switzerland, the Tyrol and other foreign lands, while superior attractions in his native land remain unseen.

The expenditure of such sums abroad is proof enough that the United States has developed a class of idle rich who neither toil nor spin, but squander abroad the product of others labors. It is the logical result of private monopoly of natural resources that many must earn that a few may spend.

The effect of keeping the roving rich in their own land was reflected in the prosperous season reported last winter at the resorts in the southern states. It is now being felt at Newport and eastern and mountain resorts. It is shown in the heavy California traffic. It is indicated in the phenomenal buying of high priced art objects at New York auction sales.

Transcontinental railroads are preparing for the heaviest passenger business in history. Thousands will explore the west for recreation, amusement and sight-seeing who never otherwise see it. The California expositions will profit by it. The northwest will be the gainer. Hundreds of millions of dollars made by American workmen will be left in America to give work to American workmen that would otherwise be left abroad—hence there is at least one beneficial effect of the war.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: I want to compliment you on your editorial in the issue of April 29th under the title 'The Cave-Man's Motto.' Dictator's celebrated saying is so destitute of an ethical basis that it ought not to stand as a guide to a lofty patriotism or to our highest

ideal in this republic. Your article was sound to the core. Sincerely yours, ROBERT A. MILLER. May 3, 1915.

Willamette locks and canal at Oregon City transferred to Government April 26 and check of \$375,000 paid over to President Griffith of Portland Railway, Light and Power Company.

BRITISH MARINES ON TURK'S SOIL HAVE FUN NOW AND THEN



'Neddy,' a pack donkey, has found a new master in the British marine, many of whom are now guarding fortresses captured from the Turks along the Dardanelles.

SLEEP—A FACTOR OF LIFE

By James Roderick Kendall of Gold Hill.

(Continued from Yesterday.) By the law of the conservation of energy the living organism has a certain definite vital account set to its credit in the bank of nature and when this is exhausted nature writes 'no vital funds.' Man calls it disease, cholera. We have seen how it is squandered. The vital balance must be maintained for this is the law of motion which is the law of life. The violation of this prime law in case of man, is for the most part signified by obesity on the one side and insomnia on the opposite side. Life has a vital orbit marked by poles and neutral line. Ideal life moves on the equator. The 'balance pole' by aid of which life walks this equator are the diet-sleep and waking factors. No excess, however small, is condoned by nature. 'Pay! pay! pay! to the last farthing!' is nature's inexorable demand.

The story of man's artificially selected cow, laid under tribute for an abnormal milk flow, may be anticipated from the principles just enumerated. Her organism is first weakened by unnatural selection and then 'tapped' for 'sap' called milk, which she yields every day, in place of hoarding it up as does the hog but the principle is the same, the result the same. She is also dying of vital over-draft. The law of the conservation of energy applies as before illustrated, affirming that the vital account is definite in amount, and could not be increased, while the laws of life affirm as positively that the vital balance, the debts and credits in the accounts of the banking book of life must be equal. If one would know how deeply she is in the 'red' let him count up the creameries and cheese factories. Fatal signs of this vital deficit are called 'mouth and foot disease,' the lupus stage of consumption in man. She is on the verge of extinction, the executioner being called tuberculosis. The waking factor of her life is lengthened as the sleeping factor of the narcoleptic hog is lengthened. Both are fatally out of vital balance in opposite directions, the latter in account with the land one. All cattle subject to the contagion show by this sign their own fatal weakness due to the same violation of the laws of life. The case is extremely serious and the aid of state and nation must be invoked in the universal effort to get back near the ways of nature. Man's vanity will be the greatest sufferer for it must ever be humiliating for him to acknowledge that she is wiser than he. There will always be enough milk for calves and babies, for this is the law of good mother nature and if more is wanted there is the vegetal world. Just how far and in what manner man may levy tribute upon

the vitality of the dumb animal world without serious results, will be the burning question for the future, when man shall understand that life is but the organic manifestation of the principles common to the universal laws of motion. Edison says: 'The time will come when man will have learned to do without sleep.' That will be about the time he shall invent a singing or talking machine that will not run down. This remark of the great inventor is a good illustration of that state of chaos in the scientific mind today in regard to this most profound and vital problem concerning life. As stated above, it is conceived as a kind of perpetual motion, only that there is some hitch in the living machinery. Every operation in nature is supplied with an arrangement for being 'cranked.' It has many aliases: in life it is called sleep. This negative state is what the organism pays for the privilege of being conscious part of the time, is the lug of the sled up the hill of life for the glory of riding down.

Does Edison expect to discover a way to ride down the hill, all the time down the hill? His storage battery is chemically dragged up the hill that it may drive machinery running down. Life is a vital storage battery, sleep is the chemical winding up, waking the ride down the hill of consciousness.

NOTE—A scientific lecture, subject, 'Sleep, a Factor of Life,' will be given in library basement, Medford, Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock sharp, free. The thoughtful are invited by James Roderick Kendall.

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ASHLAND AMENDS CITY CHARTER AGAIN

ASHLAND, May 4.—At a special election yesterday, to amend the city charter, the proposition was carried by 437 majority. The vote was 550 for the measure and 113 against. Only about one-third of the normal vote was polled.

The specific provisions of the amendment voted upon in behalf of the mineral springs project, are to proscribe duties and powers of the springs water commission; fixing liability of such commissioners and requiring bonds therefrom; providing for expenditure of funds from sale of bonds issued under ordinance 572, and that said commission shall use such portion of said funds not required for city's auxiliary water plant for purchasing land and beautifying and improving said city's public grounds; ratifying and confirming expenditures by said commission as filed with recorder, and contract by said city with Smith, Emery & Co., and issuance and sale of said bonds; repealing all conflicting charter provisions, ordinances and resolutions.

Even Reames of Medford was consulting counsel with the city attorney in passing upon this measure, the provisions of which are now supposed to meet any and all contingencies arising incident to the installation of the auxiliary water system.

Recipe for Poetry: 'You need the Attic salt.' The Poet said, 'And then a Pegasus, Parnassus bred. So much the better when you pick Your lyric cold if he should kick You on the head.'—San Francisco Chronicle.

How French People Cure Stomach Trouble

A household remedy of the French peasantry, consisting of pure vegetable oil, and said to possess wonderful merit in the treatment of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles, has been introduced in this country by George H. Mayr, who for twenty years has been one of the leading down-town druggists of Chicago and who himself was cured by its use. So quick and effective is its action that a single dose is usually enough to bring pronounced relief in the most stubborn cases, and many people who have tried it declare they never heard of anything to produce such remarkable results in so short a time. It is known as Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and can now be had at all leading drug stores. It is sold with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.—Adv.

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