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It's never a safe bet to tell a man to mind his own business!

LAUGHS

New Talent "Of course, I shrieked when I thought there was a burglar in the house," said young Mrs. Torkins. "What did your husband do?" "Charley looked at me with deep reproach and asked why I couldn't holler that way once in a while when the home team needed a boost."—Washington Star.

Hopefulness Fred—My dear Dora, let this thought console you for your lover's death. Remember that other and better men than he have gone the same way. Bereaved One—They haven't all gone, have they?

Beginners Mrs. Matchem—So you attended the young folks' wedding. How did it come off? Mrs. Muchwede—Oh, they did very well for amateurs.—Boston Transcript.

A Reproof Grocer (who has lately joined the territorialists, prattling in shop)—Right, left, right, left, four paces to the rear, march! (Falls down trap door into the cellar.) Grocer's Wife (anxiously)—Oh, Jim, are you hurt? Grocer (savagely, but with dignity)—Go 'way, woman. What do you know about war?—Tit Bits.

Belong There A customer, after waiting several minutes for an oxtail soup, called the waiter to him, and asked the reason it was behind. The waiter, who was Irish, gently answered: "Oxtails are always behind, sir."

Wasted Knowledge He speaks a dozen languages With grace and fluency; He is a court of last resort On etymology.

Yet when it is his fate to miss A simple little putt, The only words that can speak Are "Fiddle!" or "Put tut!" —Peoria Journal.

Conscientious "Geraldine says you dye your hair. Do you?" "Of course not. I dye it, but it isn't my hair."

A Prompt Command "General, shall we charge the battery?" "Yes. If there is an electrician among you, do so at once!"

MEDFORD CO-ED AT O. A. C. WINS IN 3 A. M. MEET

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 19.—The annual co-ed track meet, held each spring at the Oregon Agricultural college took place at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the college armory. The strange hour was chosen as the one when men spectators could be crowded. About 40 men students, however were on hand. Miss Genevieve Frazier, of Salem; Miss Gertrude Thompson, of Portland, and Miss Irene Smith of Medford, were the high point winners for Waldo Hall, the winning team.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith of this city and well known in the younger circle.

PLAIN PIRACY

APOLOGISTS for the wanton destruction of the Lusitania have declared that inasmuch as the liner was carrying war munitions, the sinking was justifiable. Herman Winter of the Cunard line states regarding contraband carried:

The only munitions of war on board the Lusitania were 2400 cases of Remington small rifle cartridges and a shipment of unloaded shrapnel shells. The cartridges were packed in separate metal cases and could not have injured the vessel by exploding. They certainly do not come under the classification of ammunition. The United States authorities would not permit us to carry ammunition classified as such, on a passenger liner.

International law governing civilized warfare provides that a belligerent may seize an enemy merchant ship on the seas, regardless of whether her cargo is contraband or not. The ship may be destroyed, but not the non-combatant crew or passengers. If the latter are destroyed, the act is piracy—murder on the high seas. The presence or absence of contraband does not change the status of the act of destroying non-combatants—which is still piracy.

The presence of guns on the deck of a merchantman does not change the nature of the law. The United States and all nations have long recognized the right of a merchant ship to carry guns for self-defense and protection, but not for aggression, as the latter changes the status of the vessel into a warship.

Not only the sinking of the Lusitania and the destruction of over a thousand neutrals and non-combatants was an act of piracy, but the destruction of the Wm. P. Frye and of the Gulfport were also acts of piracy, because the ships were neutral and flying the American flag. The crew of the Frye were taken aboard the destroying warship and kept thereon for months—another violation of international law, which provides for the landing of crews of sunken merchantmen in the first neutral port. The Gulfport, consigned to a neutral port in Holland, was torpedoed and two of her crew and her captain killed.

If the laws of nations are to be observed by belligerents, passengers on merchant ships from a neutral port run no risk, though the vessel be seized or destroyed.

If the laws of nations are to be observed, ships of neutral nations bound for neutral ports are in no way endangered.

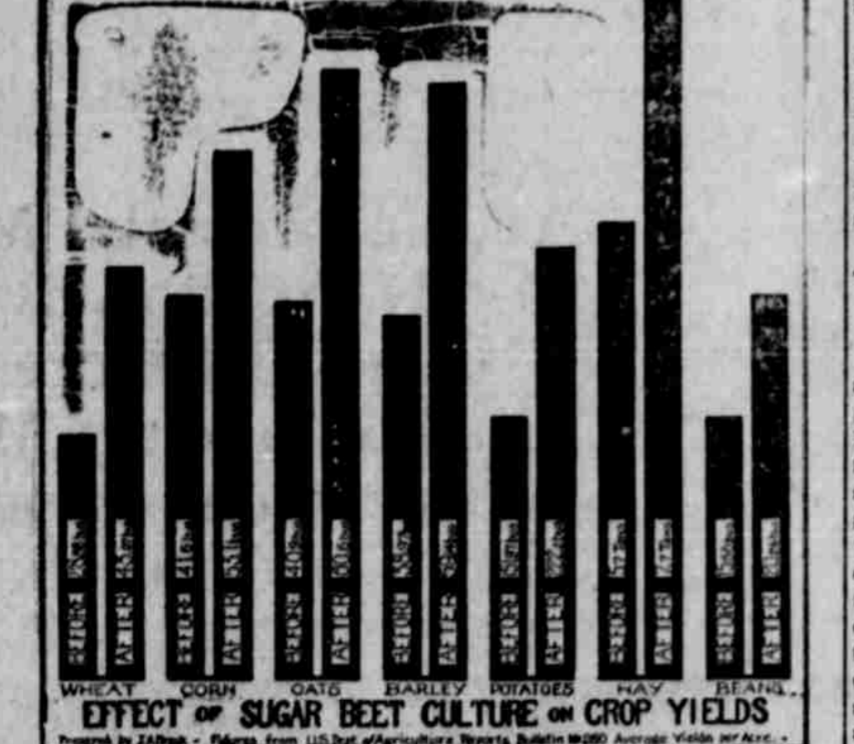
If the laws of nations are to be defied by belligerents and piracy and murder to rule the high seas, we might as well be back in the days of Captain Kidd, flying the black flag of a hellish barbarism.

INCREASING CROP YIELDS.

WE are indebted to "Facts About Sugar" for the chart below, which shows clearer than words, the effect of sugar beet culture on crop yields. The figures are taken from the United States Department of Agriculture bulletins and are authentic. They show the beneficial influence of sugar beet culture upon other crops grown in rotation, and the stimulation of diversified agriculture caused by the beet sugar industry.

Sugar beet culture is admittedly the main factor in the wonderful agricultural development of Germany during the past generation, which has resulted in doubling the yields of the principal staple crops. Similar testimony comes from the beet growing districts of Austria, France, Denmark and other European countries.

In the chart, the first of each pair of columns shows the average yields obtained before sugar beets began to be cultivated, while the second shows the average yields secured from the same fields after they had been planted to sugar beets. The increase following rotation with sugar beets varies from 52 per cent in the case of barley to 27.6 per cent in the case of corn, the average increase being 41.07 per cent.



Sugar beet culture is of great benefit to the soil, loosening and enriching it, especially when the tops are used as a fertilizer. It pays an excellent direct profit. The bi-products (pulp and tops) furnish excellent cheap stock food. It increases the yields of other crops when rotated, and as a result of improved soil and crop conditions, increases land values.

A beet sugar factory is one of the greatest needs of the valley and it is hoped that the committee in charge of the matter, will omit no effort to keep the project alive, for no one thing will so stimulate the diversified development of the valley and create such an abiding prosperity.

BULGAR RESERVES CALLED TO COLORS

LONDON, May 19.—All reserve officers in the Bulgarian army have been called to colors for a month's

training, says a Times dispatch from Sofia. The Turks are hurrying troops, provisions and munitions from Lule Burgas and Keshan to the Gallipoli peninsula. All siege guns and modern artillery have been removed from Adrianople and sent to the Aegean coast. Keshan and Malgara are being hastily fortified.

LITTLE PRINCE WOULD MAKE PEACE BUT KAISER WON'T HELP



Little Prince Carl of Sweden, who wrote to the Emperor of Germany saying that he heard all the soldiers in Europe were killing each other, and would his "Imperial Highness please tell them to stop." The Emperor wrote the little peacemaker that he couldn't stop the war, but he sent him a wooden model of Erlman, the Emperor's favorite Dachhund.

CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT OF SCHOOL WORK MOST MERITORIOUS

One of the best exhibits of art, manual training and sewing ever given by our local schools was on display Friday in the rooms of the different teachers.

There were many features deserving special mention, among them being the basket weaving and landscape work in the upper grades and the free hand drawing of birds, flowers and fruits in the lower grades.

In most of the rooms, specimens of the Palmer system of writing were exhibited, showing how well pupils can handle the pen.

Great credit is due the children for the manner in which they handled all lines of work. That there is no little amount of latent talent in a great many of the pupils can not be denied.

The teachers deserve commendations for the artistic arrangement of the exhibits and the many original ideas carried out.

Much praise is due Miss Coffin, the supervisor, for her untiring efforts to secure the best results and for the helpful suggestions she has given both teachers and pupils to make the work a success, and to Miss Mears, Miss Mitchell and Mr. Hull for their supervision of the special work.

"TILLIE" MAKES HIT ON STAR THEATER BILL

Marie Dressler, Charlie Chaplin, and Mabel Norman, in a big six reel production called "Tillie's Punctured Romance," is without any doubt the funniest picture ever thrown on the screen and at the Star last night was greeted by a well filled house, and while the advertising states that any one that don't laugh can get their money back, no one called at the box office but every one seemed to enjoy the performance very much. The comedy is clean and not of the slap stick kind and the situations are new and full of startling incidents. The picture has been shown at twenty-five cents but the price for the engagement at the Star has been cut to ten cents for everybody, and there will be a matinee and night performance today, and if you want to unload a groch or a case of the blues don't fail to go and see Tillie.

THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY Photo Play Masterpiece in Six Acts The Seats of the Mighty By Sir Gilbert Parker With LIONEL BARRYMORE and other famous stars

Hearst-Selig Weekly Arthur Pringle in Popular Songs

WOMEN SEEK APPOINTMENT OF POLICE MATRON

Headed by Prosecutor E. E. Kelly as spokesman, a delegation of women appealed to the city council at the regular meeting Tuesday night for the appointment of a police matron. No definite action was taken, it being the council's opinion that the acceptance or rejection of the plan should be left to the voters, and it will probably be placed upon the ballot at the next regular city election. In the meantime the matter will rest.

A flurry rattled the meeting when one of the visiting women made the allegation "that profanity was so thick in the neighborhood of Chief Hittson's home that several families had been forced to move." The allegation was squelched. Judge Kelly characterized the accusation as "slander." Mayor Emerick said that he had known Chief Hittson for years and never heard him swear, and all members of the council said that though at times the stress was great, they had never heard an unprintable word pass the chief's lips.

Councilman Medynski expressed surprise that a police matron was necessary, and laid the blame upon parents and churches.

The appointment of a police matron is full of pitfalls, legal and financial, according to Mayor Emerick. Her salary would be \$70 per month. This would mean warrants drawn on the sinking fund. In vesting in a woman police powers, the city head sees legal actions for slander, etc., etc.

City Attorney McCabe was instructed to draw up ordinances regulating the cutting of weeds on vacant lots and the use of water during the summer months. Both ordinances will be approved at the next meeting of the city council.

A number of matters of routine details were disposed of by the council.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER

Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-38 Ambulance Service

CANTON PARDONED WITHOUT NOTICE TO COURT OFFICIALS

Governor Withycombe has granted a pardon to Attorney W. J. Canton of Medford, convicted of a crime against nature, whose appeal to the supreme court was recently lost.

The governor's action was most surprising to the officers of the circuit court, in which the conviction was obtained. Neither Judge Calkins nor District Attorney Kelly had made any recommendation to the governor or pardon board, and the Oregon law requires the governor to first procure the statement of the trial judge or prosecuting attorney before issuing a pardon. Both these officers deny the service of any notice to the effect that an application for a pardon had been filed or was under consideration.

The statute governing pardons reads as follows:

"Section 1719—When application is made to the governor for a pardon, before granting the same he must require the judge of the court in which conviction was had, or the district attorney by whom the action was prosecuted, to furnish him, without delay, with a statement of the facts proved on the trial, and of any other facts having reference to the propriety of granting or refusing the pardon.

"Section 1721—At least twenty days before the application for a pardon or remission is made to the governor, written notice of the intention to apply therefor, signed by the person applying, and stating briefly the grounds of the application, must be served upon the district attorney... and proof by affidavit of the service must be presented to the governor."

DOCTORS SAID HE HAD DROPSY

Some time ago I had an attack of grippe which finally settled in my kidneys and bladder. I doctored with the doctors and they claimed I had dropsy. I tried other remedies and got no relief from any of them. My condition was such that I was unable to work for about two months and the annoying symptoms caused me a great deal of trouble and pain. I was hardly able to turn over in bed. Seeing one of your Almanacs, I decided to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a trial and after taking several bottles was able to resume my work again. I cannot say too much in praise of your Swamp-Root as the results in my case were truly wonderful.

Yours very truly, ROBERT BALLARD, Mansfield, Pa. Sworn and subscribed before me, this 7th day of May, 1912. RAY C. LONGBOTHUM, Notary Public. Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N. Y. Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Medford Evening Tribune. Regular fifty cent and one dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores. Paid Adv.

STAR Medford's Most Popular Playhouse

TONIGHT LAST TIME Tillie's Punctured Romance THURSDAY AND FRIDAY PARAMOUNT PICTURE

"The Bargain" WITH William S. Hart As the Two Gun Man FIVE PARTS

Pathe Weekly News FIVE AND TEN CENTS COMING—Next Tuesday and Wednesday, "THE SPOILERS."

Had Lung Trouble and Expected to Die The many recoveries brought about by Eckman's Alternative are attracting wide attention. Read about this cure— 35 S. St. Keyser, W. Va. "Gentlemen—I was taken sick in November, 1908. I grew steadily worse. Had two consultations. The verdict was the fever had affected my lungs and that my case was hopeless; only gave me two months to live. My physician had tried most all kinds of treatment and none did me any good, so he asked my husband if he objected to him trying a proprietary medicine. I began your Alternative. I was in bed from November 30, 1908, until February 20, 1909, and was thought dying several times. Today I am healthier and stronger than ever." (Abbreviated.) (Signed) MRS. H. K. DUNLEY. Eckman's Alternative is most efficacious in bronchial catarrh and severe throat and lung affections and up-building the system. Contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs. Accept no substitutes. Small size, \$1 regular size, \$2. Sold by leading druggists. Write for booklet of recoveries. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia Price \$1 and \$2 a bottle.

IT Theatre

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY NIGHT Changed Lives Gold Seal Universal, 3 Parts A Vivid Romance of Love and War

King Baggot In One Night IMP

The Fox Trot Craze Sterling Comedy IT IS BEST 5 AND 10c

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