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BILLY—When man say "punctate tire" on flivver clar, meance come to full stop.

A Suggestion: A right good job for crazy folks with beifries full of bats. Would be designing opera cloaks and women's winter hats.

A baby boy has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bunting of Jefferson county, Wisconsin. ("Bye Baby, Bunting, etc.")

That boss that threw King George was after all only the power behind the throne.—Larry.

They Always Do, Oswald! Oswald (age 9, crying).—Boo! hoo hoo!

Grandpa—What's the matter little boy—did you meet with an accident? Oswald—N-n-o m-m-mother did it on purpose!

Oh Duke! Penniless Duke—I can't live without you Miss Monnie! Miss Monnie—Don't you mean, Duke, that you can't live as you would like without me?—Philadelphia Ledger.

Today's Bellringer: Jack Barrymore, the actor once loaned a dress suit to a friend in need. This friend was the crustiest sort of a guy you ever saw, according to the actor.

When he finally returned the suit to me, says Mr. Barrymore, he made this statement confidentially: "The suit didn't fit me so I got your tailor to make a few alterations. But don't worry, old top—I told him to send the bill to me!"

Stella's Bargain Counter: Most men who never let a lie pass their lips talk through their noses—or hats!

This Would Never, Neva Do! School Trustees (to poorly paid teacher)—I think we should put this motto on the wall over your desk—"Knowledge is Wealth."

Teacher—That would never do. You see, every kid in the room knows what salary I get!

Yesterday I asked my class what happened to the various cities mentioned in the Bible. "Baxton fell," said Wee Willie, "Ninevah was destroyed and Tyre—was punctured!"

That Dentist Once More: Victim—Meyx! That isn't the right tooth you've pulled! Dentist—Be gillen meefam, I'm coming to it!

Devs Attention! Edgar Berthoff mixes drinks at the San Francisco exposition.

At the College Dance: Freshie—Your girl is a fine dancer except for two things! Soph—What are they? Freshie—Her feet!

GOLD MEDALS NOT ENOUGH

JACKSON COUNTY won a larger number of horticultural awards at the San Francisco exposition than any other section, in spite of an unfavorable fruit year. Its fruit products have carried off first prizes at many exhibitions and fairs. Were its growers to compete, there is no question but that the list of its awards could be extended to include the bulk of the vegetable kingdom as well as livestock. The products displays made by C. M. Lowe have taken sweepstake prizes not only at the Panama exposition, but at the Chicago land show, the St. Louis exposition and the New Orleans exposition and elsewhere.

Jackson county can do this because it is naturally one of the finest agricultural and stock-raising sections on the globe. Nowhere does nature respond quicker to intelligent effort. Climatically and in soil resources, no other region can compete with it. Yet, in spite of its natural advantages, perhaps because of them, its agricultural resources are in the infancy of development.

Because it has been so easy to make a living, slipshod and unscientific methods have prevailed. Much of the land is still idle. Much of it that is utilized is unscientifically farmed and produces only a small proportion of what it should yield. Unsuitable crops are planted, little done to build up the soil, and the gamble of the weather permitted to govern the yield.

The evolution of the valley into what it should be has progressed rapidly during the past few years. Dairying is becoming an industry, though few dairymen as yet feed properly. Hog raising has received a start, despite discouragement of seasons and market. Better grades of stock are seen. Larger yields are being harvested.

But this evolution has progressed as far as it can without irrigation. Water is an absolute necessity for increased production and continued development. No intensified agriculture is possible without water. No successful fruit raising is possible without water. It is quantity production that the valley needs—we naturally have the quality production.

We have demonstrated to the world that we can raise the choicest products. Our problem now is to raise them in quantity. The valley cannot subsist on gold medals. We must increase and diversify production—and the first step is irrigation. With irrigation we could secure acreage for several beet sugar factories, for several large canneries, increase our fruit yield from a few hundred to many thousands of carloads, supply Oregon with butter and livestock—while without it, we can barely secure acreage for one sugar factory, for a small cannery and not begin to supply our creameries.

Irrigation is within reach—let the entire valley grasp the opportunity.

LAND GRANT NOT RAILROAD PROPERTY

O. & C. R. R. Land Grant, Conference Committee, Salem Or. Gentlemen: The report of the recent conference between the state and railroad officials in the matter of the O. & C. R. R. land grant, particularly the statement by the railroad's attorney, that the company could defer the sale of the lands until some distant future date, and in the meantime remove the timber and enjoy the profits thereof; and those of the governor to the effect that the lands and timber should be sold at commercial prices and the profits, after payment of the claims and equities of the railroad, should be divided between the state and the railroad company, prompts me to call attention to a part of the supreme court's opinion which appears to have been overlooked.

The court said: "It is however, clear, even from the government's summary of the evidence, that lands which may be fit for cultivation have a greater value on account of the timber which is upon them. This, then, being the situation resulting from conditions now existing, incident, it may be, to the prolonged disregard of the covenants by the railroad company, the lands waste now more to speculation than to settlement, and we think, therefore, that the railroad company should not only be enjoined from sales in violation of the covenants, but enjoined from any disposition of them whatever, or of the timber thereon and from cutting or authorizing the cutting or removal of any of the timber thereon, until congress shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide by legislation for their disposition in accordance with such policy as it may deem fitting under the circumstances and at the same time secure to the defendants all the value the granting acts conferred upon the railroads."

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They were talking of Grant Chesterfield, the Clairvoyant, and the conversation took place on the street. Evidently they had just come from the renowned enigma's business parlors at The Palm, 129 West Main St. Chesterfield's parlors remain open until 8 p. m. The fee is \$1.00.—Adv.

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