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What can I give a man who walks in his sleep?—Artie. (KEY TO THE PANTRY.)

From Our Town News Ticker New Orleans customs officer brushes feather off traveler's coat and thereby discovers \$3000 worth of aigrettes concealed.

A flock of geese, alighting on a frozen pond in Minnesota were unable to rise from the ice until aided by farmers.

A Kansas man is asking a divorce from his wife on the grounds that, while nursing their baby in one arm, she fondles her pet rattlesnake in the other.

Sniff-Sniff "Disease," said our family doctor, who had been invited to supper, "always attacks the weakest spot in a person's body." "Pa," interrupted my youngest son, "you certainly have got a fearful cold in your head!"

The allies seem to do very well in the Champagne while the Germans are bottled up in port.

Today's Bellringer George M. Cohan, the actor and playwright, was crossing Broadway at Times square, New York city, one snowy night in January. Suddenly from behind the subway entrance, stepped a very dirty tramp.

"I'm trying to get back to my poor old mother," said the pishandler, "she ain't seen me face for ten long years!"

"I think you are speaking the truth," said Cohan, "why don't you wash it?"

Stella's Bargain Counter Some women would like to have two votes—her own and her husband's.

Excuse Enough Bertha—Ethel's beau calls her the apple of his eye, peach and pippin. Why can't you call me things like that?

Joe—Sure. Ethel's beau is in the vegetable and fruit business, while I keep a fish market!

Ready for Her Mother (on Sunday)—Bobby, are you sure that's a Sunday puzzle you are doing?

Remnants Sold (From Martin's Ferry, O. News.) Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Tina Remnant and Walter Lord, both of Martin's Ferry, which took place in Cleveland.

CHAMBERLAIN'S LAND GRANT BILL

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN has introduced in the senate a bill for the disposal of the lands in the O. & C. land grant that is by far the most equitable and best solution of the problem yet offered—the most satisfactory for the people of the region affected.

The bill eliminates speculation, recognizes the right of the state, the land grant counties and the national treasury to share in the proceeds from sales of timber. It opens the mineral and agricultural lands for entry and provides for the sale of the timber.

Following the decision of the federal courts, the bill recognizes the interest of the Southern Pacific in the lands at \$2.50 an acre and no more. As in the granting act of 1866, congress was authorized to amend, alter or repeal the act making the grant, the bill utilizes this authority to amend.

The bill provides that title to the land shall be vested again in the United States. The land is divided into three classes: First, mineral, comprising all tracts "chiefly valuable for minerals"; second, timber lands, those that are non-mineral having a growth of timber amounting to a million feet to a quarter section—a quarter section being defined as any four contiguous forty-acre tracts or any number of smaller legal subdivisions together containing 160 acres, to enable all heavily timbered land to be classified as "timber land"; third, agricultural land, comprising all not classified as mineral or timber.

Mineral lands are to be open to exploration and entry upon passage of the act. Timber lands are not to be disposed of until the timber is removed, at which time they will automatically become agricultural land. Agricultural lands are made subject to entry at local land offices under the homestead laws, no patent issuing until land has been resided upon and cultivated for five years and until the settler has paid \$2.50 an acre, 50 cents at application and \$2 at proof, no entry to exceed 160 acres. Application for entry cannot be made until ninety days after passage of the bill, but during this ninety-day period actual settlers on the land December 1, 1915, shall have a preferred right to enter the lands upon which they have been residing, unless it is classifiable as timber land.

The timber upon the land may be sold for cash, under sealed bids, upon notice given by the commissioner of the general land office, as soon after the passage of the act as possible, sales to be made according to the smallest legal subdivision. Purchasers receive patents therefor, in which title to the land is expressly reserved. The timber can be cut and removed at any time within discretion of the purchaser, who controls the land meanwhile.

All money received from sales of either land or timber go into the United States treasury in a special fund designated "The Oregon and California Land Grant Fund," to be disposed of as follows: For each acre within the grant, the railroad is to be paid \$2.50 an acre. Forty per cent of the balance is to be paid the state of Oregon for the establishment and support of public schools; 40 per cent shall be paid to the respective counties in which the land is situated for the construction of roads, highways, bridges and such other public purposes as the county authorities may direct; and the remaining 20 per centum goes to the national treasury.

The bill provides a method whereby agricultural land may reach the hands of the actual settler, but it does not immediately place the land on the tax roll as a speculative plan would. It means far more for the development of the country, however, and that, rather than locking up our resources for speculative profit, is what Oregon vitally needs. We have too much speculative holding as it is.

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hare and hunter after grammar school was out. And nearer and clearer and clearer than ever it used to be, have I inhaled our birch-bark tapers by the gnarled choke-cherry tree. So it seemed for an hour—forgetting that the gods yield not their years—I planned and played with the fellows and broke me a score of spears. Yes, we went on a West Side foray that cried no truce till the night . . . but the eyes of the grocer's daughter, they were dancing eyes of light. And if you should read this, Stubby, I'm hoping you'll understand; for I'm back from a trip o'er the border—the boundary of Grown-Up Land.

FRENCH CHAMBER ADJOURNS WITH GREETINGS TO ARMY

ROME, Dec. 14.—The chamber of deputies adjourned tonight until March 1. Adjournment was taken after an imposing demonstration in tribute to the king and the army. The greetings of the deputies were sent to the "victorious army at the front."

STANDARD OIL RAISES PRICE OF REFINED OIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Standard Oil company of New York today announced an advance of 25 points in refined petroleum for export, making cases 10.75 cents per gallon, tanks 5 cents and standard white in barrels 8.65.

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TAXPAYERS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE TO STUDY TAXATION

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Article IX

Term of Office.

All officers of the association shall be elected for the term of one year and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article X

Standing Committees.

Section 1. The president shall appoint standing committees annually, which shall be approved by the executive board. These committees shall hold their respective appointments until their successors are named and qualify. The following committees shall be appointed and their duties shall be as enumerated to-wit:

(a) Membership. The duty of this committee shall be to secure members for the association.

(b) Legislative. The duty of this committee shall be to investigate, recommend and foster, by all proper methods, legislation consistent with the objects of the association, either by the legislature or through the initiative.

(c) Roads and Bridges. This committee shall be charged with the duty of investigating any and all matters pertaining to roads and bridges in which the taxpayers of Jackson county may be in any way interested; to make such recommendations as it may see fit, to the association and to public officials, regarding the same; to investigate proposed expenditures of public funds in which the taxpayers of said county may be interested, for road and bridge purposes; to investigate and suggest to public officials improved methods of doing road and bridge work; to investigate and report on expenditures made by public officers for road and bridge purposes; to aid and assist public officers in the preparation of estimates for the purpose of fixing tax levies for road and bridge work. This committee shall have the right to appoint sub-committees.

(d) County Office Committee. This committee shall be charged with the duty of investigating expenditures and the general conduct of county offices, making recommendations for the support thereof, and business methods and manner of conducting any such office to the association or to the grand jury; to check expenditures of public funds in the operation of county offices and to report thereon to the association and to the grand jury to the end that appropriations for county offices shall not exceed the annual budget estimate.

(e) Sundry Items Budget Committee. This committee shall investigate and report upon miscellaneous and sundry items of the county budget not specifically provided for in the committee duties set forth herein. Its reports and recommendations shall be made to the association and to the county court. Said committee shall also make recommendations for economy and efficiency in the operation of any and all county departments not specifically covered by other committee assignments.

(f) School District Committee. This committee is charged with the duty of investigation and report upon all matters of school district taxation, expenditures and educational operating methods in the school districts of the said county. Its reports shall be made to the association, to the grand jury, or to any school district board interested therein. It shall also be within the scope of its duties to see that expenditures of school district moneys are made in accordance with estimates and within the limits of budget items and to make public all matters pertaining to the scope of its work. This committee shall have the right to appoint sub-committees.

(g) Municipal Committee. This committee shall be charged with the duty of investigating the expenditure of public funds by municipalities within the said county; the budget estimates of municipal expenses, methods of keeping accounts, and general municipal efficiency in the county shall receive investigation and report. This committee shall have the right to appoint sub-committees.

(h) Price List Committee. This committee shall be charged with the duty of ascertaining and reporting upon the prices paid for supplies by counties, school districts and municipalities and with reporting the said prices to the secretary of the association. This committee shall have the right to appoint sub-committees.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-32 Ambulance Service Corner

MRS. WILEY LOVES HOME AND BABIES; IS ARDENT SUFFRAGIST



Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley and Her Babies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the government's former chief chemist, will take an active part in the effort to be made by suffragists at Washington this winter to induce congress to submit to the various states a constitutional amendment giving women the ballot.

Mrs. Wiley, on December 12, will give a large reception at her home for the women envoys who will be in Washington from practically every state working for the proposed amendment.

Mrs. Wiley is the mother of two beautiful children, Harvey W. Wiley, Jr., a baby in arms, and John Preston Wiley. She is of a domestic nature and loves everything connected with her home, but in spite of all these duties she is an enthusiast in the suffrage cause and is a potent factor in suffrage councils.

Sec. 2. Additional standing committees may be created by the board of directors from time to time as may be necessary and appointment made as herein provided.

Sec. 3. Special committees may be appointed by the president for special purposes as occasion and necessity may require.

Sec. 4. All committees shall file reports with the secretary.

Article XI

Political Activity.

This association shall not engage in partisan politics, but shall be free to endorse or condemn proposed legislation which comes within the scope of the objects for which this association is formed, but no such direct action of the association shall be taken except upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the association present.

Article XII

Amendments.

These laws may be amended at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for the purpose, by a majority vote of the members present. Any amendment shall be submitted to the secretary in writing not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

Approved and adopted this 11th day of December, 1915, by the organization committee.

Chairman.

Secretary.

ODDFELLOWS OF LOWER VALLEY VISIT MEDFORD

By invitation of Medford lodge No. 83, Ashland lodge No. 45 I. O. F. and Talent lodge No. 211 came to Medford Monday evening with two candidates to receive the second degree which was duly conferred.

Those from Talent lodge No. 211 I. O. F. were: F. Oatman, A. Terrell, C. W. Holdridge, M. Trer, G. W.

Advertisement for 'A REEL GOOD SHOW' featuring children at 10c, adults at 15c, and a photo play for a quarter.

Advertisement for STAR Theatre, 'WHERE THE CROWDS GO TODAY', featuring MARIE DRESSLER in the 6-part Lubin Comedy.

Advertisement for 'Tillie's Tomato Surprise' at the Star Theatre, described as a better picture than 'Tillie's Punctured Romance'.

Advertisement for 'A CRACKER JACK' featuring a genuine quarter production and a better show for less money.

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