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HONG KONG KOLUM

Yes, Dolly Dimples is a foreigner. She is a splendor. Ask the boys. Adam Dawn is a Cleveland, O., alderman. The Cub's Enthusiasm (From Hometown, Pa. Banner.)

THE ONCE OVER

REX LAMPMAN, tuneful poet, vivacious humorist and gentle anarchist, has found time among his multifarious duties as a member of the Portland Journal's reporter staff to publish a book, entitled, "The Once Over," comprising a collection of his whimsical daily contributions to the Journal, printed under the same caption, which have added so much to that newspaper's attractiveness.

"The Once Over," although like the dictionary, somewhat disconnected, a feature perhaps that adds to its charm, has only dashes for punctuation and looks in print like the old "one-lung" automobile used to sound when climbing a hill, but is all the more entertaining on this account.

Rex Lampman may properly be called a product of the Rogue River valley, as he spent some five years here as publisher of the Gold Hill News, winning a statewide fame through his delightful verses and a brief and not as enviable glory as a mack-raker. As a reporter on the Oregonian he originated "The Crawfish," a humorous, once-a-week feature. But the sordid, smug stand-patness of the Oregonian jarred Rex' dreamy, progressive soul and he joined the Journal family to mutual profit.

Rex Lampman was succeeded at Gold Hill by his brother, Ben, gifted as a writer, with poetical talents surpassing those of Rex. Given leisure and opportunity, instead of being forced to consume his best energies with his nose at the grindstone in the thankless task of publishing a country newspaper to eke out an existence, Ben's fame would be nation-wide. Country towns and country newspapers have produced many a literary genius, and among them we hope some day will be listed the Lampman brothers—Rex and Ben.

But to get back to the "Once-Over." It sells for fifty cents cash or one dollar credit, and is well worth the price. Genius needs encouragement, and the people of the Rogue River valley should delight in patronizing a home product.

ANOTHER ASSAULT ON BUSINESS

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS, comptroller of the currency and member of the federal reserve bank board, has virtually put his head in the lion's mouth.

A few months ago the comptroller gave out a list of banks that were lending money at usurious rates, charging from ten to one thousand per cent. Immediately a demand came from the banks for his removal from office. Next we heard a bill would be introduced in congress to abolish the comptroller's office.

Now, in the face of these threats from the money lords, he has the temerity to call on the banks for a list of their loans "upon which interest was charged or collected, either in the shape of interest, discount or commission, at rates which would amount to more than the equivalent of six per cent per annum." And then he goes further and cautions our financial overseers to be very, very careful in making the statement. He also asks banks to state whether it is their custom to require borrowers to carry deposits when loans are granted.

The fury this will arouse is beyond present comprehension, but in a week we will hear the roar. But this time it will not come from the big banks of the great cities, and by their direction, but from the usurers and pawnbroker bankers of small towns.

Banks are necessary and useful institutions, and community upbuilders, and those legitimately conducted will have no objection in complying with the comptroller's order—but rather be glad of exposing those whose usurious practices reflect discredit upon all banks.

Many bankers of the latter type, paying big dividends upon small capital and accumulating big surpluses by usury, flatter themselves that they are financial giants, when in truth they are financial leeches, sucking the life out of their localities.

Mr. Williams proposes calling the usurers to account. Back of it all is the greater movement for rural credits for the emancipation of rural communities from their grip. Good luck to Mr. Williams.

OUR WIDEAWAKE CONGRESSMAN

A WASHINGTON dispatch to the Portland Telegram shows that Congressman Hawley is wide awake to the interests of his constituency. It reads as follows:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Representative Hawley has submitted to the supervising architect of the treasury department samples of brick manufactured at Willamina and has requested that Oregon brick be used in the construction of the proposed public building at Medford. The local brick is light colored and residents of Medford want it used in the building instead of red colored brick, as proposed by the government officials.

The protest over the use of foreign materials was made two or three years ago, when the Commercial club petitioned the Oregon delegation to work for the use of native stone, brick and other materials in the construction of the Medford federal building.

Mr. Hawley, as usual, gave the matter his prompt attention after several years and lost no time in filing the protest some months after the exterior of the building had been completed.

When it comes to doing things for his constituents, Mr. Hawley has few equals and no superiors.

JURY MAKES ERROR AND BULGER HANGS

DENVER, Jan. 11.—J. C. Bulger has been declared sane by a jury in the district court which recently was ordered by the Colorado supreme court to determine Bulger's mental condition. The verdict means the prisoner must hang the week of February 27.

As the jury filed into the room, the clerk was handed an envelope. He read: "We, the jury, find that James C. Bulger at the present time is insane." Bulger smiled and his attorneys turned to congratulate him. Foreman Gardner arose and de-

clared a mistake had been made. "The wrong slip was put in the envelope," he said.

Amid the consternation that followed, Judge W. D. Wright ordered the men to return to the jury room. Presently a verdict of "sane" was returned.

Bulger was convicted for the killing of Lloyd Neodemus, in the lobby of a Denver hotel of which Neodemus was part owner. Bulger had quarreled with other guests of the hotel. At the time the prisoner, known as "Colonel" Bulger and as a soldier of fortune because of military activity in Mexico and Central America, was endeavoring to recruit a regiment for the United States army.

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Among the three hundred. He couldn't sell. Last fall. That is made of rubber. And will squeak. When you press it. If he will send it. To Larry. A.

PRINCIPALS TOM THUMB WEDDING WEDNESDAY AT PAGE



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Tales of the Town

He's a nice dog. A collie dog. And he lives on West Main. His name isn't Pickles. And he doesn't know anything. About placer mining. Or street cars. Or ride in a Ford. Like Pickles does. But he is a connoisseur. In toys. And they have to walk. Around the block. To avoid a toy store. For one day they didn't. And Larry went in. And helped himself. To a doll. And he was awfully pleased. With himself. But it cost Dr. Conger. Some money. To buy the doll. Which wasn't cheap. For Larry knows. The best ones. And he has a pig. Made of rubber. Which squeaks. When you press it. And he'll bring the pig. And stand in front of you. And squeak it. And look into your eyes. And will put it in your lap. For you to admire.

And he has had the pig. A year. And has never torn it. But it is wearing out. And Larry knows it. And he's worried. And everything. And if Carl Fitchener. Would only vulcanize. The split in its back. It would be fine. Because it was made in Germany. And though Henry Ford. Tried to stop the fight. So they could get another pig. For Larry. He failed. And Larry is sad. For he can't have the pig. All the time now. For it has to last. Till the war is over. So the other day. He went out. And came back. With a tennis ball. And they took it away. But he went out. And got another. And they took it away. And he went out. And got another. And he's going to keep it. And I want to ask. John Westerlund. If he has a pig.

ENTENTE TO CRUSH GERMANY: AT ARMS AND IN COMMERCE

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The debate in the house of commons last night was chiefly remarkable for the unanimity of the members in urging the government to exert the largest possible degree of economic pressure on Germany and in recommending that steps should immediately be taken to prevent any menace from German trade warfare directed against the entente allies after peace is signed.

A resolution was adopted that "with a view to increasing the power of allies in the prosecution of the war, his majesty's government should enter into immediate consultation with the governments of the colonies in order with their aid to direct the whole economic strength of the empire, in cooperation with the allies against the enemy."

The principal speech made by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, whose emphatic declarations on the importance of maintaining British trade were regarded as largely directed toward making clear the position which caused him to hesitate to endorse Premier Asquith's compulsion policy last week.

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Heard on the Jacksonville street car yesterday. "Is your brother in the standing army?" "No—he's in the cavalry."

Mr. Munny has married Miss Gilder, of Spokane, Wash. This must be a love match for, undoubtedly, Miss Gilder loves Munny.

IF THE HAT— is becoming the girl is pretty. IF THE GIRL— is pretty the hat is becoming.

Today's Bellringer. Eli Flagg Young, for years superintendent of Chicago public schools tells of once instructing a class in physiology. The subject was the liver.

"Yes, teacher," answered one youthful student. "I know where my liver is but I don't know where my bacon is!"

Says the Girl on the Film. Long winded story tellers should be arrested for being short in their accounts.

WOW! SIR: THE FOLLOWING WAS overheard in our office today: "Joe says he can marry any girl he pleases."

In Defense of the Pig. "Pigs," we are informed by an eminent eastern college man, "are the most fastidious creatures in the barnyard, contrary to general belief. Let's see how he stacks up with the goat, sheep and other livestock. Here are the figures: Out of 375 plants, the goat eats 449 and refuses 126; sheep, out of 528 plants, eat 387 and refuse 141; cows, out of 494, eat 276, and refuse 218; horses, out of 484 plants, eat 262 and refuse 222; white pigs, out of 243, eat only 72 and refuse 171. HAYDEN.

SIR: The 8000 German bodies said to be lying frozen before a single trench in the Champagne reminds me of the words of the Irishman who went through some Filipino skirmishes. Speaking of dead Filipinos he said: "Shure, an' the hill was alive with dead men." ORVILLE.

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