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HONG KONG KOLUM

Nautical Nonsense: Kind Lady—So you are on a submarine. How fascinating! What do you do?

Old Salt—I runs for'ard, mum, an' presses down its nose when it wants to dive.

Today's Worst Riddle: Question—Why is a bad cold a great humiliation?

And Here's the Answer—Because it brings the proudest man to his knees (his knees—got it?)

(Doctor! He never acted that way before.)

Started Right: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Washer, this morning, a ten and a half pound baby girl.

Various games were played and oysters were served. All report a jolly good time.—Sturgis (Mich.) Journal.

Says the Girl on the Film: The most exasperating child I ever knew was the little boy who dug a hole in the yard and cried because he couldn't bring it into the house with him.

International Harmony: This number will be a joint recital by Viola Coile, a nervous wreck for several years, and Tew, basso, of London, England.—Goshen (Ind.) Democrat.

Will Showman Ones Do? We want to buy some second-hand mules and will pay all they are worth, or will trade you young ones for them. Roper Mule & Horse Co.—Adv. in the West Point (Ga.) News.

He Likes It: The sing at Mrs. Smith's Sunday was well attended and all report an enjoyable time, including Mr. Pasett, who got three kickings from the Live Oak girls.—Pine Grove Correspondent Willacouch (Ga.) Record.

Things They Missed: Demosthenes never heard of a gas bomb or a hot air engine. Lafayette didn't know a thing about "invaluable neutrality"—neither did Baron Steuben.

Methuselah was totally ignorant of the campaign to carry men safely through the "fatal forties."

Trying to Make Amends: The killing of Birdson Peterson, aged 21, by Miss Olga Ogetvedt, aged 21, at Stanwood last week was declared accidental by the coroner. She shot herself and took poison and has recovered.—The Deer Park (Wash.) Journal.

We Have Not Seen the Editor: A lady friend in a nearby town remarked to the editor the other day, that a new dress would help the appearance of The Pod. Yes, it would and a new suit of clothes would improve the appearance of the editor.—The Pea Ridge (Ark.) God.

C. A. Chapman went to Ashland this morning on business connected with one of his coal propositions.

DEFAMING THE STATE

COMMENTING upon the fact that the Mail Tribune, exercising its proclivities of supporting the ablest men, regardless of party, endeavored to induce E. V. Carter of Ashland to again represent Jackson county in the legislature, the Oregon Voter says:

Distasteful as it must be to men like Messrs. Carter and Wilcox to be conducted to the limelight under the auspices of newspaper, whose character-assassinating proclivities have been chiefly manifest in attack upon men who have rare capacity for business success and constructive leadership, it is to be hoped that their natural repugnance to yellow journalistic methods will not overcome their patriotic willingness to serve their communities and their state in time of stress.

Even though the newspapers whose political demagoguery has plunged Oregon into the mire of public inefficiency are now clutching gratefully for helping hands, the fact remains that for once they are right, in that help is needed from men who have ability to help.

What's the matter with the little journalistic sob-sister of big business? Why should it defame the government of Oregon by declaring it "plunged in the mire of public inefficiency"?

Is our governor inefficient? If he is, it is because he is faithfully endeavoring to carry out the Oregon Voter's program of disposing of the O. & C. land grant in the interests of the Southern Pacific instead of the people, and using the power and prestige of his office to advance the power trust's attempted grab of the water resources of the nation, also advocated by the Voter. But the Mail Tribune is not responsible for the governor.

Even the Voter will have to admit that Oregon has perhaps the most competent state treasurer and secretary of state it ever had, and that the state institutions under the board's control are most efficiently administered.

Where, then, does the inefficiency lie? Is it in the legislature? Was not the legislature dominated by Senator Day, a man of "rare capacity" for looking after big business interests? Did not the Oregonian's hand-picked Multimoham delegation comprise the all-important cog in his steamroller? Did not the legislature pass the famous midnight resolution to aid the Southern Pacific retain the forfeited land grant, ratify the eastern Oregon swamp land steal, and numerous other measures to aid special interests? If the legislature was inefficient, it was because it favored the program since advocated by the Voter instead of the best interests of the people.

Why this constant wail, calamity cry and defamation from big business and its little organ? Do not the laws of Oregon favor legitimate and even some illegitimate business? There is not a single statute restraining monopoly. In this, it is inefficient. But there are laws against child labor and to compel the payment of a minimum living wage to women. There is regulation of public service corporations. There is a blue sky law—all measures of public welfare. These constitute the real grievance of greedy employers—and the Oregon system of popular government—the giving of the people a chance to enact or pass legislation—is the thorn in the flesh of predatory plutocracy.

Oregon compares very favorably with other states in the matter of government. Its government is better, freer from scandal and corruption than that of the majority of commonwealths. It is far more efficient, far more honest than it ever was in the "good old days" of the old regime, when corruption, bribery and scandal ran riot in legislative halls. Even our county and municipal governments average higher in efficiency than a score of years ago.

Oregon's government is far from perfect. Popular government is a process of evolution. Gradually it will be simplified and perfected and become more efficient. Gradually, as the legislature proves itself worthy of public confidence, law-making will be left to it. It was its betrayal of the people by legislatures dominated by corporate corruption that created the Oregon system as a corrective—but while the people, jealous of their rights, will not relinquish them, they do not want to make the laws unless compelled to in self-defense.

If there is any one thing that will force the people to stay in the law-making business for self-protection, it is the big business program championed by the Oregon Voter.

THE TUBANTIA CASE

THERE has been a great to-do raised about the threat of Germany to sink armed merchantmen without warning. As a matter of fact, the German submarine policy has been to sink every ship possible, armed or unarmed, enemy or neutral—and usually without warning. If Germany would only confine her submarine activities to armed enemy ships!

The precedent set by the destruction of the Lusitania has been strictly adhered to. The destruction of the magnificent new Dutch steamer Tubantia is the fourth Dutch liner to meet a similar fate, the steamships Katwyk, Artemis and Bandong preceding it.

A long list of Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Spanish and American vessels adorn the ocean graveyards and iron crosses adorn the submarine captains for their "mistakes." The submarine commanders do not take the trouble to ascertain the nationality of their victim before loosening the torpedoes of death, to say nothing of attempting to ascertain whether the vessel is armed.

"Shoot first, beat it, and let others do the investigating," seems to be the secret instructions given undersea commanders. When the wrong ship is sunk, apology is forthcoming, reparation and punishment promised—and the submarines continue to fire blindly at every ship in sight.

It is high time that the neutral nations united to demand that such practices cease, for, with the discipline that rules the kaiser's forces, it is absurd to blame the disasters on "officers' mistakes." Their constant repetition stultifies all German promises and assurances.

The lust of death and destruction seems to have blinded Germany to all sense of international obligation and destroyed all love of humanity.

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MUCK AND STRAW ONLY HARVEST IN BRANDEIS INQUIRY

BY GILSON GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Brandeis muckraking committee, otherwise known as the sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee, which has just completed its hearings, has had a free hand in the conduct of its operations. The committee has been at liberty to rake anywhere, anything, anyhow. Brandeis' friends have interposed no objections of any sort. Anything anybody had to offer, opinion, gossip, hearsay, facts, half-facts, and miscellaneous slander—whatever the muckrake might encounter has been piled up and made part of the senatorial record.

Senators Overman of North Carolina, and Clarke of Wyoming have piled the rake with industry. If anybody, anywhere, had ever heard or thought anything prejudicial to the good name of Louis Brandeis, he was pounced upon with a subpoena

duces tecum and ordered to fetch it along. The officials of the shoe machinery trust—the same officials who were here last winter lobbying against the tying clause in the Clayton anti-trust act—were diligently on the job. They actually sat at the lawyers' table alongside Mr. Fox (hired by the New Haven railroad interests) to help wield the rake.

Rival lawyers in generation old cases were sought out by Overman and Clarke and brought to Washington at government expense to tell why they did not like the lawyer who had won the case against them. Old trials have been re-tried, all kinds of ancient straw stirred up in the apparent hope that something might be found which would give some semblance of reason for an unfavorable report. Muck sticks, and straw the harvest.

The wielders of the rake have had their work for nothing. Nothing has been developed which in any way can be interpreted as reflecting in the slightest degree upon Brandeis' reputation. The senate has succeeded only in setting up a precedent—the precedent of public hearings and free inquiry which in future will justify some real investigations into the records and endorsements of judicial candidates whose past may not so well bear the muckrake test.

INCREASED ACTIVITY ON AUSTRIAN FRONTS

BERLIN, March 17.—Increased activity on the Russian front is reported in the official Austrian report of yesterday as received here today.

The statement follows: "On the front of the armies of the Generals Pflanzer, Bultin and Boehm-Ermoldi, there was increased activity by the artillery on both sides. Russian attacks northeast of Kozlov, on the Sirpa, were repulsed.

"Italian attacks on the Isonzo front decreased in violence. Two attempts to advance on the Podgora position by strong Italian forces were impeded by artillery fire. An Italian attack on the northern slope of San Michele was repulsed with sanguinary losses for the assailants.

"At many places there were artillery duels during the night. On the Corinthian front there was artillery fire in the Fella sector."

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How we measure the flavor of the owl

ONE thing above all others can spoil a good cigar. That is good tobacco, badly cured. Curing is a matter of time—and time alone. To bring out the full mellowness of leaf for the OWL we cure the tobacco an average of eighteen months. This means we must carry eighteen months' supply of reserve tobacco on hand, so that every leaf may be properly cured before we use it. The value of this reserve stock at all times exceeds a million dollars. This is quite a large non-interest-bearing investment, isn't it? But think what this million dollar reserve supply of leaf means to the smoker. It means he gets a mild, full-flavored smoke from perfectly cured leaves when he buys the OWL. It means that every OWL is mellow. This million dollar reserve supply insures uniformly good flavor. We might almost call the OWL the "Million Dollar" Cigar. Perhaps we will.



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Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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