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HONG KONG KOLUM

It doesn't look as if there'd be any spring at all this winter.

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Today's Bellringer.

In a certain provincial town where everything is up to date and the people are always planning some new scheme, a shocking thing happened.

One of the popular society women announced a "White Elephant Party."

Every guest was to bring something that she could not find use for, and yet too good to throw away.

The party, however, would have been a great success but for the unlooked-for development which broke it up.

Eleven of the nineteen women brought their husbands.—Tit-Bits.

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His Busy Monday.

Jed Doolittle is the busiest man in town on washday. He rushes home to dinner and informs his wife that he must hurry back to keep an appointment with a man at half past 12. And then he stands around the postoffice and licks the Mexicans until 2 o'clock.—Osawatomie (Kan) Graphic.

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Heart Balm.

Mrs. Chink Wilson gave her neighbors an old-time quilting Tuesday, and quite a number of the ladies were present. They did some very fine mechanical stitching and turned out several new quilts. At noon dinner was announced, and the table was well loaded with pie, cake and all that heart could wish for.—Ozark (Ark.) Spectator.

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Watch Her!

Keep your eye on the girl who always allows her mother to do the housework while she idles about town. Soon you will see her with a sporty dude for her best fellow, and she wears the extreme in fashionable clothes; then she gets married and you can safely predict that her lot in life will be weeping, wailing and washtubs.—Houston (Mo.) Herald.

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Uplifting the Drama.

"Wanted, rehearse March 20, comedian and chambermaid, light comedy, refined part, capable good drunken scene."—The Stage.

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Says the Girl on the Film.

A fellow with an engagement ring is sure to get the glad hand from some girl.

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Some Famous Nevers.

Never again!
Never count your chickens
Never trump your partner's ace
Never talk back to a policeman.
Never strike a defenseless woman
Never feed your neighbor's cat
Never go to sleep on a railroad track.

CARD OF THANKS.

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A TIME FOR A RAILROAD.

"TO everything there is a season; and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak."

There is likewise a time for building a railroad to the Blue Ledge mining district, through the Klamath forest reserves and on to the sea at Humboldt bay, and the time seems at hand. The time of inertia and inaction is passed—the time for action is here.

That this is the sense of the railroad mass meeting held Monday evening is without question. If by a properly secured loan of the city's credit we can accomplish the development of the country, and hence of the city, the time for the loan is at hand.

It was suggested that this was the time for investigation and reflection rather than the time for action—but what is there to investigate?

Mr. Bullis? His cards are on the table. He does not ask a subsidy—merely a loan of credit.

The Blue Ledge mine? There are miles of tunnels, through rich ledges, thousands of tons of ore on the dump. The assays are accessible to all. They have been public property for eight years.

The owner of the mine? It is his proud boast that his word is as good as his bond—and an instance to the contrary is yet to be cited.

Other mines in this district and in adjacent districts? They await examination. There is nothing to be gained by delay in investigation.

The timber resources? The United States forestry service cruise shows 68,000,000,000 feet of timber, mostly pine and redwood, tributary to this projected railroad.

The terminal? Humboldt bay is an improved harbor and not a creation of the future. Eureka is a modern city.

Freight rates? We know that Medford has to pay the highest freight rates of any city in the United States and that material industrial progress is impossible until there is a tidewater connection that will force reductions enabling interior industries to compete with tidewater plants without prohibitive handicaps.

Medford has marked time long enough. "Go slow" has been our motto for some years. We have been making progress backward and sideward, like the crab—every way but forward.

And as the preacher tells us, there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven, and the time has come to do something to develop our tributary country, our mines and our forests, and incidentally that they in their turn will develop our city—for the Lord helps those that help themselves.

THRIFT.

THE campaign is on to teach the American people thrift and economy. Not enough of our people save money, we are told. Every wage earner, every salary receiver should put aside so much each year in a savings bank or in bonds.

The advice sounds good and people are likely to accept it as such. But it is not disinterested, if we consider how it works out. The wage earner puts his money in the bank and gets 4 per cent, or perhaps in bonds that bear 5 or 6 per cent. If he doesn't the bank will invest in bonds.

The bonds are issued by a corporation that pays dividends of 10 to 50 per cent, and sometimes from 100 to 10,000 per cent. The game is good.

It has another phase. If all practice thrift what is to become of the millions among us who live upon the extravagance of the nation, and sell us everything from chewing gum to motors and player pianos? The same people who want us to be thrifty make our gum and pianos, and our movies and employ thousands of people in these industries who labor for a livelihood. Now if we save all our money, the gum factories and movie towns will be closed. Our ice cream vendors and tobacconists will be unable to pay their rent.

It cannot be possible that we are seriously to pursue a policy that will bring bankruptcy and want to millions, because that would likely bring trouble.

Our financiers do not want precisely that. What they really mean is that we should save enough to buy all their bonds and spend enough to enable them to make good dividends on their stocks and carry enough insurance to save the taxpayers the cost of burial.

It seems like the millenium has almost come—for the fleecers of sheared asses.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

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THREE PERISH IN CLEVELAND LODGING APARTMENT FIRE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 28.—Two unidentified men and one woman, Mrs. Ethel Seaman, were burned to death, and a score of persons were injured early today when flames swept through the third floor of the Foster apartments at 1117 Prospect avenue. Police are searching for a masked man who, according to the story told by Miss Beecie Reimer, a waitress, entered her home on the third floor, bound and gagged her and set fire to the building.

Most of those injured were hurt by jumping from the third floor windows. One hundred persons were rescued by means of ladders and fire nets.

The fire was of incendiary origin according to the police. Three men and one woman are held at police headquarters and a police guard was placed at the bedside of Miss Reimer at a hospital, where she is suffering from a broken shoulder.

"We are convinced the Reimer girl knows who started last night's fire as well as the fire yesterday morning in her rooms," said Detective Farrel.

Some of those held by the police were involved in a white slave investigation a few days ago following which one woman was sent to prison. In this case the Reimer girl is the alleged victim.

OHIO STREAMS ON THE RAMPAGE

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—Flood conditions throughout Ohio had not improved sufficiently today to allay all fears of serious damage resulting from the rains which fell over these sections during the last forty-eight hours.

Many rivers and creeks overflowed their banks yesterday and last night, inundating thousands of acres of lowlands and driving hundreds of families from their homes. Property damage, however, was not high, and so far as known no lives were lost. Conditions in the north part of the state still were threatening, according to reports from Findlay, Tiffan, Fremont and smaller towns and districts. Many streams had reached the danger mark and it was believed further rainfall would result in the recurrence of the floods of 1913.

THE GOLDEN CLAW AT PAGE THEATRE TONIGHT

Double Triangle bill of merit at the Page.

Bessie Barriscale stars in "The Golden Claw," a play of business and society, which opened at the Page yesterday and is repeated tonight for the last time.

Truly Shattuck, as the mother of the heroine, Miss Barriscale appears as the woman of society who lives away beyond her means. Miss Shattuck meets her and tells her of my mysteries on account of straitened circumstances. She induces the girl to believe that money is the most important thing in the world, and that she must marry a man of wealth. Miss Barriscale meets Frank Mills, who plays the part of a wealthy young man. Mills refuses to believe that Miss Barriscale is simply seeking a partner of wealth. She marries Mills. Then comes the loss of his wealth, through the failure of a mine.

VITAGRAPH THRILLER AT STAR TODAY ONLY

"The Sins of the Mothers" playing at the Star today, is the first prize winner in the New York Evening Sun's photo scenario contest. The story was written by Elaine Sterne and features Anita Stewart and Earl Williams. It is a Vitagraph production.

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MEXICO INTERPRETED

BY FREDERICK STARR

University of Chicago—Author of "Mexico and the United States."

The Aztecs had of course a migration story, most people in barbarism have their exodus. On divine suggestion and under divine guidance they started on their pilgrimage toward the promised land. It was a weary journey, occupying many years and involving many labors.

The divine sign where they were to rest and build their city was the finding of a rock upon the branch of a tuna from the rock was to grow a cactus upon which was perched an eagle tearing a snake.

When at last the divine sign was encountered in the beautiful valley now known as the Valley of Mexico, there was no room for newcomers. The valley was already occupied by different tribes.

As there was no room upon the lake margin, they settled in the swamps. For a long time they suffered every hardship, at last the worst was passed, and the little remnant of the tribe began to gain courage, command respect and to wedge their way on to the land before refused them.

USE WIRELESS IN FROST SURVEY

An interesting experiment was initiated this morning by representatives of the U. S. weather bureau and local fruit-growing interests.

Thermometers were suspended in specially constructed shelters, one at the top and another half way up on the 300-foot tower of the wireless station near Central Point. Another is located at the base of the tower, a second near Medford on a ground elevation paralleling the thermometer half way up the tower; another near Talent on a level with the one at the top of the tower, and still another on the side hill west of Central Point on a level with that at the top of the tower.

The purpose of the experiment is to test the direction of "flow" of cold air (if there is any such) on a cold night; to determine the extreme stresses controlling the filling in of cold strata of air in the several parts of the valley.

This is the first of a series of such experiments which the weather bureau intends conducting locally this and succeeding springs, as a part of the frost survey which the bureau has undertaken. It is expected that this work will clear up the confusion so general here in the valley as to weather conditions and vagaries as related to horticulture.

This first experiment was started this morning by J. Cecil Allen, weather bureau observer; Professor Cate, Professor Reimer, Ben Sheldon and A. C. Allen, the latter getting a series of moving pictures of the installation of the stations on the tower.

PRESIDENT FAVORS PROBE OF RAIDROADS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Wilson wrote to Democratic Leader Kitchin of the house today urging consideration of the bill and resolution for the investigation of railway transportation conditions. The railroad resolution was not included in the legislative program had before the democratic caucus last week.

A Secret of Baking

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INSPIRATION MARKS ALLIES' COUNCIL

PARIS, March 28.—One of those taking part in the conference of the entente allies, which held its first session here yesterday, is quoted in the Matin as describing the unique character of the gathering.

"I have seen many conferences at which statesmen and diplomatists took part," this delegate said, "usually one received the impression that each person was carefully watching for an opportunity to turn to his own account the mistakes and weaknesses of the others and obtain the maximum advantage for the power he represented, but there was nothing of that kind at the present conference. A breath of high purpose and resolve seemed to move over the assembly and to touch as all deeply.

"We felt at every moment that a work for humanity far greater than any national aspiration was incumbent upon us and guided us to a special end. The absolute necessity for union and for sacrifices echoed in every word. There is, indeed, in this conference an unforgettable grandeur for those who have the honor to share in its deliberations."

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Most remedies give only relief sometimes—they are slow, but not sure. "Pape's Diapepsin" is quick, positive and puts your stomach in a healthy condition so the misery won't come back.

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