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EM-TEES

A JOB FOR HOMER By Charles B. Driscoll If Homer were alive today I wonder what he'd write; I bet he wouldn't waste his time on that old Trojan fight.

He'd find so many human things, All ready to his pen; He'd chuck the Grecian goddess stuff, And write of mortal men.

The things that Homer's goddesses And Gods were wont to do, Were thought to be heroic then And somewhat graceful too.

But now if Homer were alive, He'd find that things worth while Are done by men and women who Have have beat his gods a mile.

I think he'd write an epic verse, About a telephone, A sonnet to a gentleman Who makes the ice cream cone.

He'd throw his Iliad away, Forget the wars of Greece; And write a deathless ode about The land that lives in peace.

A Minnapolis genius finds that by reading a novel backwards the plot isn't changed and it's finished before it is started.

Turning a shoe horn is a cheap and also leads of being termed eccentric harmful wap of passing the time and or wabily in the walnut.

At the annual meeting of the Porch Climbers of America it was resolved that the blackist prevail on all Ex-quitmaux because of their failure to provide porches on their domiciles.

DID YOU KNOW THAT The fellow that wrote "Merrily we Roll Along, Roll Along, Roll Along" didn't have jelly rolls in mind.

Very few steeplejacks strait in painting a flagpole at the bottom.

Don't let your nose get into other people's business. That's why a fork is used in eating pie.

ONLY DUMB ONES. No babies around—Sign on the Chicago movie.

CRUEL AND USUAL He was stabbed six times in the roundhouse.—Hickville Munch.

"SPOOKS" AT THE PAGE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

Materialization of the spirits that inhabit the world just beyond the senses, is what Dr. Eddy proposes to make the main portion of his psychic demonstration at the Page theater this Sunday night.

It is said Dr. Eddy has done much in the occult world that is unbelievable to him who has not seen his demonstrations and experiments, and it is said he has been mentioned in connection with the chair of experimental enthusiasm that is to be established at the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

Instead of calling for the dim cabinet and the shaded lamp, it is said Dr. Eddy gives his demonstrations in the full glare of the lights and in front of the committee from the audience.

Besides the psychic demonstrations that Dr. Eddy makes manifest, he brings the spirit land before the spectators so that those, who came to doubt, no away convinced that there is more in the psychic world than would appear possible to the man who does not look below the surface.

The other experiments will include supernatural visions, slate writing, floating tables and chairs.

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NOTICE!

Irrigation District meeting will be held at Oak Grove school house on Medford-Jacksonville road, at 8 p. m. Saturday, December 16, 1916. Every one come.

(Signed) COMMITTEE. Typewriter paper of all kinds at Medford Printing Co.

SHEARING THE LAMBS

W ALL STREET is again shearing the lambs. The operators of the Chicago wheat pit are in the same pleasurable occupation. The German peace offer furnishes the excuse for trimming the suckers this time.

For some time stocks have been steadily boomed. Whenever the country becomes prosperous an era of speculation follows. The stock exchange offers the quickest and easiest way to make money—also to lose it. Moreover, as in any gambling game, the professional dealers and players manipulate the cards, in addition to taking a rake-off on each hand.

The public is permitted to win a little money in order to make the speculative fever epidemic. Stocks are sent higher and higher as the dear public invests more and more upon margins, and feverishly counts its paper winnings. When the manipulators figure they have forced stocks as high as they can profitably, concerted selling "short" on the first occasion breaks the market and breaks the speculator. The paper profits vanish in a twinkling and the account "is sold out." The lamb is shorn, and his golden fleece further enriches Wall street coffers.

Stocks are worth intrinsically just what they pay in dividends. The fictitious value, added or removed, does not affect their real valuation—merely furnishes a vehicle for the professional to rob the sucker who gambles on margins. If the activities of the stock exchange stopped here it would be no worse than any other gambling device—but it doesn't. The constant draining of the idle money into unscrupulous hands has concentrated wealth to a dangerous degree, and the market operators do not hesitate to use their power to wreck established institutions and industries in order to reap additional fortunes in the wrecking and the rehabilitation, to the demoralization of the people. The public pays for the speculative dance in increased prices upon products of industry and in excessive freight rates.

The same system obtains in the wheat pit. In the days of the famous "corners" it was not only the speculator who was fleeced, but the game consisted of trimming the producer by forcing down the price of grain below the cost of production. Agitation and organization of producers stopped this, and it is Mr. Ultimate Consumer who is now the eventual victim of the system. The general public pays the parasites of the grain pit in increased cost of living.

THE HIGH COST OF GIVING

R IGH T now everything is high cost of living. Just as a warning, however, about another week, it is going to switch for a time to high cost of giving.

Folk with the proper Christmas spirit won't be affected. Those who give to get, or give for the impression it leaves, will be hit. And they usually are hit hard.

With some people it might come down to almost a question of "Shall we eat this week, or shall we give So-and-so a Christmas present?" In a case like that the real Christmas spirit gets lost in the shuffle.

Too many people get Christmas and Valentine day mixed. The latter used to be a time when we traded valentines and let it go at that. But not so with Christmas. There is a real live spirit attached to Christmas.

And in giving to friends, folk might better send a postal that they could afford, than go broke on something sent for the showing it makes.

It is not what you give, but the spirit in which you give it, that counts.

HOW THE LLOYD GOT INTO GEORGE

H E was born George, and christened David. Orphaned early, he went with his mother to live with an uncle named Lloyd.

In honor of his mother's brother, the youngster called himself not plain David George, but David Lloyd George. In his early political career he was called Mr. George.

But the emphasis he put on the Lloyd got people into the habit of using also his middle name; he became Mr. Lloyd George.

The English "Who's Who" inserts a hyphen, probably reasoning that if custom couples the two names in speech they should also be coupled in print.

The best English usage, however, is still Lloyd George, without the hyphen.

DUTCH STILL FEAR HOSTILE NEIGHBORS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Premier Count Von Der Linden, addressing the lower house of the Dutch parliament yesterday, said that the Dutch government still believes there is danger of Holland being dragged into the war, according to a dispatch to Reuter's from The Hague. The premier was speaking on the budget and said that the country's munitions supply should be considerably increased and that in view of the international situation, it was unavoidable that sufficient military forces be kept at the immediate disposal of the government.

CAPLAN'S CASE GOES TO JURY ONCE AGAIN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—The case of David Caplan, on trial for the second time for the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of twenty men killed in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1916, was given to a jury in the superior court today. The jury disagreed in the first trial last May.

REICHSTAG FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says it learns that Major Ernst Bissermann of the national liberals in the reichstag has proposed a meeting of the reichstag finance committee in order to discuss the foreign political situation. The utmost importance is attached to the proposed meeting, which is to be secret, the newspaper adds.

RUMANIAN PREMIER QUILTS WITH CABINET

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The resignation of Premier Bratianu of Rumania is reported by the Budapest newspaper Avilang as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. A recent dispatch from Jassy the provisional capital of Rumania, said all the members of the Rumanian cabinet had resigned with the exception of the premier.

DRASTIC ACTION RELIEVE SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Drastic regulations adopted by the railroads went into effect today with the approval of the inter-state commerce commission as emergency measures to relieve the shortage of freight cars which for months has been a brake on the country's commerce and affected the high cost of living. The remedy is the railroads' own, proposed by the car service commission of the American Railway association and formally approved by the federal commission.

The first regulation provides that a consignee may have the usual two days to unload a car and that thereafter demurrage shall be charged at the rate of \$1 for the first day, \$2 for the second, \$3 for the third and \$5 for the fourth and each succeeding day. Heretofore the charge has been uniformly \$1 a day and many consignees, notably automobile concerns and coal dealers are declared to have been glad to permit shipments to stand for long periods because the penalty was so small that it compared favorably with warehouse charges.

Another order increases the daily rental paid by railroads to each other for cars from 45 to 75 cents per car, or about 70 per cent. Some eastern roads are said to have from 5,000 to 10,000 foreign cars of a single type. The order is expected to make serious difficulties for small roads which never have had sufficient equipment of their own.

The rise in the price of coal is attributed almost wholly to the car shortage aided by the alleged activity of speculators.

In respect to foodstuffs the same situation is said to have applied, although it has been less acute. Recent orders of the commission which provide that receiving roads shall return box and refrigerator cars without delay to the owning lines are said to be showing effect now.

Further consideration of the problems presented by the shortage of cars is the subject of a conference here today of officials of eastern roads. A meeting of some of the chief shippers of the country will be held here next week.

BLOCK IN ASHLAND DESTROYED BY FIRE

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Fire Thursday night destroyed a good portion of the Allen-Cunningham block on North Main street, occupied by a bakery, shoe shop, the Oregon Gas and Electric office and Mrs. Susie Allen's realty offices. The Cunningham portion was vacant and extensive rooming apartments overhead. The flames were discovered in the upper story. The loss was heavy as to building and stocks, with partial insurance. The properties are among the finest in the city. Some furniture and fixtures were salvaged.

The fire seems to have started in a room upstairs where kindling wood was kept. The loss will total \$15,000 to \$20,000, on stock and building.

Frank A. Cross of Carson City, Alaska, spent the first of the week in Medford as the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. H. Butterfield and Mr. Butterfield. Mr. Cross is en route from Alaska to Paso Robles, Cal., where he will spend the winter. He had with him an eskimo boy, 16 years of age, whom he brought to the United States to give an education. The boy will enter the high school at Paso Robles.

Laugh When People Step On Your Feet

Try this yourself then pass it along to others. It works! Ouch! !!! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called frezone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right out without pain.

He says frezone is an ether compound which dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quarter of an ounce of frezone will cost very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.

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MISTAKE IN RECKONING CAUSE LOSS OF DIVER

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 15.—A mistake of two miles in reckoning was among the reports here today to account for the wrecking of the submarine H-3, which piled up yesterday on the beach north of the entrance to Humboldt Bay. Officers and crew were taken aboard the mother ship Cheyenne, after being rescued by breeches buoy. The H-3 lay today stern on to the waves, tattered to the shore and hidden by the fog.

According to one account of the accident, the submarine flotilla, proceeding down the coast from Bremerton, Wash., believed itself opposite Humboldt bar and the H-3 turned to run into harbor. The mistake was discovered when the little craft was among the breakers.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: In reply to the last letter of the manager of the canal company I have to say that it seems that he would like to convert this controversy into a dirty, mud-slinging, personal campaign. He is so ever reply with mis-statements and vilification that it seems nothing but mud and dirt gave him any pleasure. All of this tends to illustrate the condition in which the district would find itself if it should go into partnership with a corporation under such management.

He says the canal company has not sold water for 10,000 acres by prior contract, but only 5,000 acres. Who was it that smoked him out on this question? He wants my authority for saying it is 10,000 acres, and offers his books. My authority is the statement made by Porter J. Neff, attorney for the canal company, to me on last Saturday. Mr. Neff had also made the same statement several times prior thereto, so that my authority was probably good. He did say that of this 10,000 acres 7,000 acres were some way controlled by the canal company—probably referring to the Roguelands acreage. The canal company intends, if it sells this district water, to sell off up to 55,000 acres; therefore, even if the contracts were later than ten contracts with the district, the district would still have a partnership either with Mr. Brown and his company or with all of these others to whom water has been and will be sold. Hence, in the event of expensive repairs the district would have much trouble and probably some litigation about who was to make the repairs or improvements.

Specific Answers

Mr. Brown wants specific answers to certain questions, and here they are: First, whether I did not draw the petition for 55,000 acres to be supplied from this water supply. I did not. He knew the statement was false when he made it.

Second, He wants to know if I did not draw the boundaries to fit the canal company's water supply. I did not and he knew it was false when he stated it.

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Third. He says that I accepted their money to recommend a contract for one and one-half acre feet. This was false and he knew it was when he stated it.

Fourth. He says I drew a petition for a district including sub-divisions adjoining Medford. I did not draw it, and he knew the statement was false when he made it.

Now, as to the above; as I have heretofore explained, in taking this single employment to pass on the form of a contract I did not know the methods and rottenness of the canal company, nor did I attempt to determine how much water each of the farmers required. As before stated, I undertook only to pass on the form of the contract, and I made a provision for an investigation as to the water supply and required the canal company to pay substantially toward the expense thereof.

Mr. Carpenter Drew Petition

With reference to the petition for the irrigation district as I have before stated, there was a public committee of which Mr. Carpenter was a member. He had his office with me; and I tendered to the commission my services without any hope of fee or reward. If the petition included sub-divisions the fact was not known to me. If it included land irrigable only from the canal company's system, this fact was not known to me, and I should think it would have been very strange inasmuch as the commission investigated other water supplies—such as Squaw lake and Buck lake. But even if these things were all true that does not answer any question in this case. If they have drawn their district lines so as to allow these owners of many lots adjoining the town to vote mortgages on the farmers, then they ought to draw in their lines and exclude them. They ought to draw their lines so as to take in those who want irrigation and leave out those who do not, and they ought not to represent that the government said they have an available water supply of 32,000 acre feet, when it expressly said that the data was meagre and when the government report made no pretense of saying that this water supply was sufficient for this proposition. The manager of the canal company says if they have not water enough for the 20,000 acres they will reduce the price—but they have 25,000 acres in the district. It would do the farmer a lot of good to have the amount of his mortgage reduced, and be forever tied up, if he did not get water enough. This is the death-bed confession of a man who revels in a mud-slinging campaign.

As to Bear Creek Now as to my being responsible

A. E. REAMES.

for the farmers not getting Bear creek water—briefly, the situation is this: I did not act for private parties who submitted their contracts to me. I disapproved the contracts because the water was then, as it is now, in litigation, and because I had known the stream all my life and did not think it supply adequate. But principally because it bound these land owners forever to the use of this Bear creek water. I insisted that the contract should contain a provision that when these owners had paid out on their contracts they should own the water, ditches and canals and be at liberty to enter a district if one was to be created. It was because to canal company wanted to corner this acreage and fix it so it would forever be bound to take water from the company, that the canal company persistently refused to allow a provision in the contract releasing the land owners in the event of the creation of a district which would accommodate them. I think finally, after about a year, some such wholesome provision was included. But the canal company had tied up with water permits the waters of Bear creek both above and below Medford, seeking to make it impossible to obtain any irrigation except through it; and it wanted to bind these land-owners permanently and not allow them to make a change if a district were created. There are substantial orchardists who can verify this statement.

I desire, at this time, to apologize to the public for being compelled to reply as I have. The controversy will illustrate however, that as long as the canal company is under its present management it will bear watching.

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