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King Constantine of Greece died suddenly Thursday. His biography shows dying suddenly was one of the few things he ever did without first consulting his wife, a Princess of the House of Hohenzollern, who gave him a royal henpecking day by day, in every way.

Seven young men of Portland have been cooped up for a series of burglaries. One was secretary of a Sunday school class, and another carried a powder puff. There was nothing the matter with the other five, except that they did not want to go to work.

Helitellers of the legislature will now hold their serpent tongues. A bill to increase the butterfat in ice cream has been introduced, and it will produce an oratorical cyclone, rivalling the 47 years discussion of the blessed Rogue River fish bill. The butterfat bill is of no particular value, except that it aggravates practically everybody.

The activity in the Ruhr recalls those Utopian days, when William Jennings Bryan proclaimed, "a million men will spring to arms"—(see war opening marriage records), and Newton D. Baker told the mother's congress we "will conquer Germany with love."

PROMINENT CITIZEN LAYS BEAUTIFUL CORNER-STONE AT POULTRY MEN'S MEET: (Hillside Lakeview Times)—How appropriate and unusual.

One of the cutest things performed by the hell-for-efficiency Easpee is to block the Main Stem crossing, with two freight trains, when the dear public thinks there is only one.

HE WANTS OUT (Salem Capital-Journal) "The inevitable process of mental deterioration is perpetual and quite noticeable among all inmates.

"I have a desire to reach out into the light of civilization for a life that is noble and grand, I want to be a gentleman, a real man among men, that my children in the future will be proud of.

"I foster sanguine expectations that before my mind is obdurate by prison environment you will come to my rescue and save me for future citizenship."

(On observing the tone of deep regret which characterizes the announcement that a Royal Automobile Club test of anti-splashing devices for motor-cars has failed to reveal an acceptable device.)

"I weep for you," the Walrus said, "I deeply sympathize; It grieves me to observe so much laborious execution, But none of these devices has induced me to revise

My feeling that your problem still awaits its true solution.

"It were well if all designers as they chew their thoughtful cud, And evolve the hopeful outlines of anti-splashing invention, Would remember there are other points besides a little mud Which demand the closest scrutiny and practical attention.

"Now if you showed me something that cost naught to fix and run, That didn't weigh a pound and yet would stand the fiercest bashing.

I think you might regard the trick as definitely done, And this although it didn't altogether stop the splashing."

P. S. Dear Walrus, while he thanks you for your most considerate test Of these anti-splashing devices and your judgment on their fitness, May a poor, bespattered Oyster venture humbly to suggest That the R.A.C. is not, perhaps, the most impartial witness?

It suggests a group of burglars who had generously met To advise on window catches and the best to be selected, But who ended by reporting, with expressions of regret, That they could not recommend a single one of those inspected.

—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

Editorial Correspondence

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10.—Jackson county has nothing to boast about in the way of committee appointments, and yet when it is remembered that none of the local representatives are in the Portland and eastern Oregon combinations, the situation might be worse.

Judge Dunn is the most favored. He is chairman of elections and privileges, which committee will probably handle the proposed change in the school election laws.

The Jackson county senator is also on two other committees which promise to be important in this session—education, roads and highways. His other committees are mines and game.

In the house, Carlin, who wanted the ways and means or assessment and taxation, both being committees on which he is particularly well qualified to serve, was denied both and was given chairmanship of legislation, which will have to do with the introduction of bills after the first 29 days. He is a member of the roads and highways however, and also gets a place on the judiciary committee, both important, particularly the former, but not dealing with subjects in which Carlin specializes.

As before stated Ralph Cowgill particularly wanted chairmanship of the irrigation committee, his experience as engineer of the Medford irrigation district well qualifying him for the position. The place, however, was given Leo of Canby, a real estate dealer, Cowgill getting second place. Cowgill is also on game, which is not so important since it was divorced from fish; he is on mining as well, and is chairman of the Military affairs committee which will probably have plenty of excitement in the proposed revision of the state bonus law.

When the really important positions in both houses are considered, however, Jackson county, as usual, is an "also ran." Portland and eastern Oregon have control, and having control, make the most of it. In fairness it should be noted, however, that Senator Smith of Grants Pass has the important chairmanship of ways and means, which holds the purse strings—considered the most important position in the upper house.

But Jackson county is not the only district thus affected. Two of the ablest men in the house, veterans of long standing, men of the highest attainments, particularly in the way of general business administration, are Tom Kay of Salem and Herbert Gordon of Portland. In sheer ability and devotion to the public interest, they stand out in the present house like giant Sequoias on an arid plain. And yet they have been completely smothered. Kay has been made chairman of labor and industry, and given a place on manufacturing, irrigation and public institutions, which will allow him to twiddle his thumbs to his heart's content. Gordon is to head the railroads and transportation and be a subordinate on alcohol traffic, elections and irrigation. Not one of these committees, excepting irrigation, is important.

ant, and Gordon is not an irrigation expert. In other words, the house as organized defies all the laws of nature, gravity, and common horse sense. The little men are all on top and the big men on the bottom, the heavyweights are suspended in mid-air, the lightweights are put in as corner stones. The only law that is not defied is the law of the F. P. S. K. K. K.

The Willamette is going down and so is the legislative excitement. With the committees appointed, and bills coming in for first reading, both chambers do little but meet and adjourn. Today the lights went out, the usual downpour was going on, there was immediate darkness. Speaker Kubli of the house resurrected a sawed-off candle from somewhere, and had it placed in a curious cup-shaped candle stick. In the dim flickering light he looked like Mephistopheles in Faust, in the midst of some diabolical incantation.

Governor Pierce ate at the Marion with wife and family. His two daughters are exceedingly nice looking girls with bobbed hair and rosy cheeks like father's, and at times suggestions of father's smile. The domestic circle, however, is broken whenever anyone walks past the table which is every three or four minutes by the clock. The governor misses no one and no one misses the governor. Those who have no particular favors to ask always congratulate his excellency on his inauguration speech. To each congratulator the governor gives assurance with a vigorous hand shake, that nothing could gratify him more than those words from such a source. The those who have favors to ask there is also a hearty hand shake, and the assurance that everything in human power will be done to see that the request is promptly granted.

But nothing as far as known, has been granted, or will be granted until the 15th of March. H. L. Walther offered his resignation from the fair board, but it was declined and the Medford man urged to retain his berth. In March it will be a different story, for in March the Legislature will have adjourned.

Everyone is for consolidation for the other fellow, and everyone is for an income tax so drawn that it will hit someone else, and everyone who owns no timber is for a severance tax. And yet everything indicates that all these measures will pass the senate a thing unthinkable in any previous session. What will happen in the house is another story for under such an organization anything may happen. Kap Kubli is for an income tax, but his own, he is reported to be opposed to consolidation and a severance tax. If the house committees don't follow Kap's lead there will be some excitement. And on the other hand, there will be some excitement if they do. In fact, it is bound to be an exciting session in another ten days or two weeks,—perhaps before—but just now, with Joseph's speech forgotten, it is a dead calm.

Tongue Twisters

(To be read aloud) By C. L. EDSON, Author of the Gentle Art of Columning.

THE OLD BACHELOR. Joe T. Letty, young and flighty, Used to flirt with many a sweetie, He was a mighty mighty tight he Sure was a naughty naughty knight, he Charmed each Lottie, Mattie, Nettie, And many a pretty a-kie met he.

P. T. Barnum once told Letty: "Better marry a nutty, Matie, While you are nutty, neat and matie, Ere you are knotty, old and ratty." "P. T. P. T., you're too nutty," Answered Letty, "Naughty, naughty!" Now an old dotard, Joe T. Letty Has no mate, he got the gate, he Finds no sweetie, it's too late, he Now is doty—gouty—flighty!

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor: We copied this from the New Year issue of the Orange Judd Farmer, and we consider that it fits in so well with the times today, that there should be as much publicity made of it as possible. Resp. ours, Jan 9, '23. P. J. Kirkpatrick. Let Europe Come Clean. It is pretty well settled that we

are going to furnish Europe with a line of credit so that she can buy enough grain and foodstuffs to tide her over her present period of scarcity. Let it be understood that it is an emergency and not the performance of any duty.

There is a lot of loose talk about our duty to Europe or Asia or Africa, or any benighted corner of the globe that happens to interest the talker. And this garrulous desire to aid somebody usually takes the form of a proposed dip into the U. S. Treasury as a gift or a loan that no one expects to be paid back.

Out of Your Pocket It is a pity that all men can't be made to understand that the U. S. Treasury can't get a dollar to give to anybody except as it takes that dollar out of some one else's pocket. If our generous politicians could be made to realize that it is our dollar that they are giving away, possibly they might tie a few strings to it.

For instance, as the lender, we have the right to lay down the conditions of the loan. Then why not require that governments in Europe shall balance their expenses with their real income, stop printing their make believe money—with which to cheat creditors, levy taxes on their people at least, as heavy as those we pay, revise the impossible terms of the Paris treaty, and stop war and threats of war based upon attempted seizure and spoliation of other people's land.

The Basis of Credit The basis of credit to men is character, honesty, sobriety, industry and ability to make good. If the government is going to reach into our pockets and take the dollar we have worked to accumulate, it should at least exercise the same care in loaning them that we would exercise before we let them go as a personal loan to a neighbor. If Europe is to have our further help, let her come clean.

SULPHUR CLEARS ROUGH, RED SKIN Face, Neck and Arms Easily Made Smooth, Says Specialist

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe irritated skin and heal eruptions such as rash, pimples and ring worm. It seldom fails to remove the torment and disfigurement, and you do not have to wait for relief from embarrassment. Improvement quickly shows. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.

RED PEPPERS STOP PAIN OF RHEUMATISM

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub, you feel the stinging heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone. Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, neuritis, backache, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package. S. H. BERRY, MED. ADV.

Handicraft Shop. Hemstitching. Flooding. 8c per yard. Buttons covered.

Advertisement for Mann's Department Store featuring a shirt sale. Includes images of shirts, a man in a coat, and a dog. Text: "We Wish to Call Your Attention to Our January Shirt Sale". Lists prices for various shirts: Striped Percal Shirts (\$1.00), Good quality Percal and Madras Shirts (\$1.35), Don't overlook these Arrow and Greenwood Shirts (\$2.19), and Satin Striped Crepe Shirts (\$2.95). Also lists suits and overcoats with 1/3 off. Mann's Department Store, The Store for Everybody, Medford, Oregon.

Quill Points

Getting sophisticated is just a slow process of searching for another kink.

Now if Wojciechowski is assassinated, we'll know that a linotype operator did it.

Even a League of Nations can't keep a man with authority from being an infernal ass.

A modest man always feels a little cheated if you don't notice his modesty and praise him for it.

Still, parents are permitted to see their daughter's beau at intervals when he stops in front of the house and honks.

Poison is quicker, of course, but she can give him fried food three times a day and avoid embarrassing publicity.

The surprising thing about that mint robbery is that anybody should care that much about mint in times like these.

Well, why shouldn't the bride have lots of clothes? It will probably be a long time before she gets any more.



FAT OR LEAN

I WAS LOADED down with lard, and had lost my pristine grace; I was much the fattest bard to be seen around the place; and the diet doctors said, "You are much too richly fed; you must live on graham bread and raw turnips for a space. Drastic rules you must obey if you'd have a slender form; you must walk twelve miles a day, in the sunshine or the storm; you must fire your fancy cook and drink water from the brook, and be guided by our book, which is full of by-laws warm." So I cut out all the grub that had made me large and fat, and ate mashes from a tub, and drank water from a vat; and the tallow seemed to melt underneath my snowy pelt, and quite willowy I felt, for a while, and that is that. But my dreams were all of steaks when at night I closed my eyes, and by day I thought of cakes and of large and stately pies; and I yearned for Irish stew and for chops and outlets too, and my longings grew and grew till they reached a heastly size. So at last I rose and said, "Beauty isn't worth the cost; slaw and hay and sawdust bread as a diet are a frost; I shall eat the things I wish, roasted turkeys, beans and fish, every luscious, tempting dish, though my shapeliness be lost." So the lard is coming back, I am fat, who once was lean; but I'm singing in my shack, I'm as happy as a queen; let Apollo strut around, let Narcissus pave the ground, I shall evermore be found where the gorgeous grub is seen.