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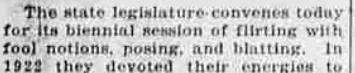
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The state legislature convenes today for its biennial session of flirting with fool notions, posing, and blattin. In 1922 they devoted their energies to the regulation of the human soul along religious lines; this year they will concentrate on fish, beans, and birds.

Said the Governor of Kansas to the Kansas convict: "Get my boy to beg your pardon."

Mrs. Florentine Kappler had the misfortune to fall on her back porch last Saturday. (Western Siskiyou News.) Ouch!

OUR HOMEOWN BRITISH (Chico, Cal., Enterprise) She has become frightfully bored with "Aw-meer-ika"—accent on the second syllable.

Please direct your attention To a very slight mention Once made of the town of E. Point. As a result of the fracas, In all they will take us, First cracking each limb and each joint.

It was "La Belle France" during the war, but when it comes to paying war debts to Unis Estats de la Nord America it's La Belle France.

Considerable heavy thinking, between pestering of the resident, is being indulged in by our extinguished seeders, over the appointment of a U. S. district attorney for western Oregon.

STARTLING RESULTS (Corvallis Gazette-Times) Frank Dodele and Mr. Kimes had a collision near Hloggett last week. Mr. Dodele's Ford roadster was badly damaged, while Mrs. Kimes' truck got through with slight scratches.

The Eugene orator, who started out an address: "Gentlemen, and members of the University of Oregon alumni," to date has not been painted green, by the class of '27, for his fine and uncalled for distinction.

Gold threaded stockings are the very latest for female wear. It is safe to bet the first wearers in public will be those storks built along the architectural lines of old fashioned churns, turned upside down.

The executioner of a bass solo over the radio has the edge. His hearers cannot get at him.

Yesterday another farmer and I came in to buy a bill of groceries. We could not get a curb position near the store where we made our purchases because of town cars that were parked there.

Another gasse sile in the offing. There is a fecundity of gasse sile, and no paucity of insurance agents, or disparity in the ranks of auto mechanics.

THE COW (Baltimore Evening Sun) The cow is a female quadruped with an alto voice and a countenance in which there is no guile.

The young cow is called a calf, and is used in the manufacture of chicken salad.

The cow's tail is mounted aft and has a universal joint. It is used to curbar marring flies, and the tassel on the end has unique educational value.

Persons who milk cows and come often in contact with the tassel have peculiarities of peculiar and impenetrable force.

THE GOVERNOR'S WAY.

GOVERNOR PIERCE'S first two years have been very successful. We have the governor's word for it.

Taxes have been reduced by \$2,000,000. If the state income tax had not been repealed, there would be no state taxes at all.

All departments have been very efficiently administered from the market master to the insane asylum. Oregon, in fact, would be a perfect land of milk and honey if there were not so many rich and unscrupulous liars in the state.

The rich and unscrupulous liars, it seems, were responsible for the income tax repeal. They were also responsible for the defeat of the Oleo bill. They are responsible for everything our governor doesn't like.

Thousands of farmers in this state favored the income tax repeal and also endorsed the Oleo bill. The first won, the second lost. It seems somewhat childish to ascribe both results to the misrepresentations of nefarious wealth.

There is every reason to believe the people knew what they were voting about on these two questions at least. They weren't bribed. It would have better sportsmanship and far better sense for Governor Pierce to accept the result gracefully, and conclude that the people of the state want milk mixed with vegetable oils and don't want more than one income tax.

That, however, is not the governor's way. He is a good hater and a poor loser. All of his friends are angels and all his opponents crooks. For forgetting nothing and forgiving nothing, Governor Pierce has prepared the way for a continuous struggle with the legislature he says he wishes to work with in friendly co-operation.

QUILL POINTS

The silk worm isn't the only one that bestirs itself to keep daught in clothes.

Government waste consists in spending money in some other neighborhood.

An executive is a man who does the worrying while subordinates do the work.

The annual loss by fire seems incomprehensible after one has burned ten matches in an effort to ignite kindling.

The air man conquered with such triumphant shouts didn't register 30 below zero.

It's none of our business, but we wonder if the thrifty White House maids do the family wash.

This is the season when man believes prayers just as effectual, if said in a warm bed.

There were just as many petting parties in the old days, but those present numbered only two.

Every village has at least one deep thinker whose wife takes in boarders.

Even an amateur can ride a horse if it isn't necessary to ride an office chair next day.

Correct this sentence: "How I love the snow," muttered the rheumatic old gentleman.

"D—" suggests cussing, but you can't tell whether it means that other word or Daves.

Among those who always will have something to look forward to are the Russian royalists.

The queer part is that the cross-word puzzle became so popular without benefit of denunciation.

The snoopers know so dratted much, they might at least report our incomes and save us that trouble.

You never realize how enjoyable a car can be until it gets so shabby that you don't care what happens to it.

As to elevating guns, it isn't the nation with the longest range that triumphs, but the one with the longest vision.

Correct this sentence: "Accidents will happen," she remarked cheerfully, "and I still have five china cups."



SUCCESSFUL MEN.

WE ARE prone to judge civilians by their fortunes, by their millions, viewing them with admiration if they walk with plutoats; we behold them in their splendor, loaded down with legal tender, the successful men enchant us, and we all take off our hats. Yet a man may be successful in this busy world and stressful, though he lacks the gift or talent that makes money multiply; many men are striving greatly, doing stunts sublime and stately, who'll be planted by the county when their time has come to die.

Abe Martin



The Bear Wallow Bank has locked its doors an' adopted th' mail order plan 't t'ide it over th' crime wave. It's beginnin' t' look like puttin' women on th' same basis as man has set 'em both back.

Timely Views on World Topics

"Supreme Court Might Give Congress Advice," Says Solicitor-General. James M. Beck, solicitor-general of the United States, speaking recently on "The Problem of the Supreme Court," suggested it would be in the interest of public policy for the country's highest tribunal of justice to give advisory opinions in advance of litigation under certain conditions.



JAMES BECK

of which is in doubt, the court should comply. He said the court's power to refuse such aid cannot be questioned and it must be left to the discretion of the justices whether they would comply with the request of congress. Aid should not be declined, he said, when a clear question of the power of congress to do a certain thing was involved in a concrete case and the proposed law was not a political issue in the partisan sense.

He did not suggest any new law to accomplish this result and cited an instance of 100 years ago, when President Monroe asked the supreme court for advice as to the power of the federal government to make appropriations to be expended wholly within one state. The court, he said, for the first and only time in its history, authorized one of the justices to advise the president as to its views, which in this case was favorable.

"I recognize that the constitution imposes no duty on the court to give such advisory opinions," he said, "but it does not forbid such useful co-operation, and the great end of our constitutional development should be to bring the three departments into closer co-operation, and not widen the gulf that now separates them."

The solicitor-general's proposal came as the peroration of a speech that had been devoted to a discussion of the supreme court's place in the governmental system, which he said was inspired by consideration of the attack on the court in the last election by Senator La Follette, to whom he referred as "a distinguished senator leading a new party movement."

He said the fact 4,000,000 voters followed the call "cannot be ignored by thoughtful men, for nothing is more certain than that this is not the last assault upon the supreme court.

"To strengthen public confidence in the supreme court is therefore all important," he continued. "How can this be accomplished? The cause of conservatism is ill served by assuming that any human institution is perfect."

He said the supreme court was "becoming more and more a monastic institution," and its members were expected to be "political technicians." Less and less interest, he declared, was being taken by the public in the court's activities.

He led up to his constructive proposal by a disquisition on the historical process by virtue of which the supreme court had developed the policy of refusing to pass upon constitutional questions until these questions had been brought before it embodied in litigation. He gave examples of the harmfulness of this policy, though he said it had also its beneficial aspects.

COMMUNICATIONS

Regarding High School. To the Editor: In regard to a meeting called by the Crater club, on January 5, to discuss the coming high school bond election, I wish to correct the very erroneous impression left by the indefinite newspaper article of the next day's date. I made myself clear, to those present, that I did not represent my organization officially, so did the president of the Parent-Teacher Council. I take this means of letting my fellow club workers know that I did not, in any way, commit them, either as an organization or as individuals, to make a stand for or against this issue. (Signed) MRS. W. B. ROBINSON, President Greater Medford Club.

Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Noted Physician and Author

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

Authorities Differ—and Wobble.

Scientific study, experimental investigation, common sense and logic are of very little avail in an argument with a hygienist, sanitarian or health officer who believes there is some relation between "exposure" and the undefined group of diseases unhappily called "colds." They're like these parlor socialists—you can't pin 'em down. If you take up any one line and drive 'em into a corner they can always wiggle out along another line. That is to be anticipated, for the authorities who uphold these conceptions seem to make a studied effort to avoid falling into a trap which will likely prove fatal to their attitude. They refuse to define precisely what "exposure" means and what "a cold" superinduced by exposure is. It is essential to keep these points a little vague if the old bogey is to continue to service.

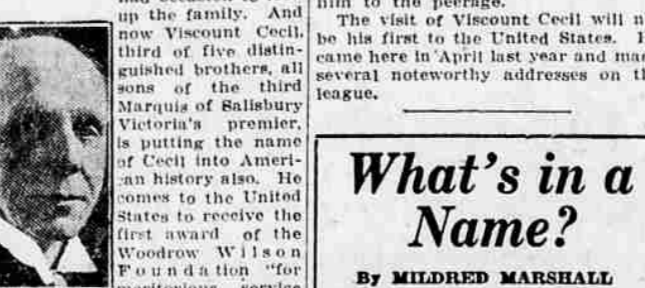
We all know that illness or indisposition does not invariably result from a wetting of the feet, or going out without an overcoat, or a long journey in the open on a cold day. If we are unprejudiced about it we all admit that it is only rarely that illness actually does occur after such an experience. As a matter of plain logic, is it not, then, rather to be assumed that exposure is not a factor in the production of illness? Can we honestly ignore the ordinary, usual experience, and search for the occasional coincidence to support the superstition about exposure?

Those health authorities who use the terms "exposure" and "common cold" in their health teachings are vague in their understanding of what these terms mean as are the plain people whom they purport to be teaching. Nobody knows just where safe or harmful life ends and dangerous exposure begins; nobody knows what distinguishes a "common cold" from a respiratory infection which is dignified with a specific name, such as diphtheria. The health authorities who vaguely and loosely employ these terms "exposure" and "common cold" cannot be brought to define precisely what they mean. They must avoid that, for the moment they attempt a definition they are all at odds about it, since what Dr. Smith deems proper ventilation Dr. Brown would consider a draft, just as Mrs. Rafferty's choice potatoes are scarcely fit fodder for Mrs. Murphy's pigs.

In the last year or two there has been a concerted effort on the part of the health authorities of the country to arrive at some practical understanding and agreement about what constitutes "the common cold." The United States public health service has made social studies and surveys and numerous research students have endeavored to obtain experimental evidence which would establish the old bogey on dignified scientific ground. The grand total of all of this effort thus far has been nil. But we must not let that weaken our faith in fairy tales.

Some one asked me the other day how long a Michigan mother is required by law to nurse her infant. representative not of Great Britain, but of South Africa. He sat in the assembly of the league and took an active part not only in its discussions but in originating further proposals in the cause of peace. Last year Great Britain named him as the representative of the empire at Geneva, which gave him membership in the council as well as in the assembly. And on November 16, 1923, it was announced that the king had advanced him to the peerage.

The visit of Viscount Cecil will not be his first to the United States. He came here in April last year and made several noteworthy addresses on the league.



VISCOUNT CECIL

Viscount Cecil was born in 1864 and was educated at Eton and at University College, Oxford. For two years he was private secretary to his father, and it was during that period 1886-88, that he was called to the bar. He was elected to parliament in 1906 and represented the district of East Marylebone for four years.

During his service in parliament Lord Robert Cecil's splendid qualities of mind gradually made themselves apparent to his country. Then came the war, and 1915 and 1916 found him parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, later minister of blockade and in 1918 assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs.

Ideas in League Covenant. During the war Lord Robert became actively interested in the future peace of the world. He drew up a plan for a League of Nations in 1916, and this actually was considered by English statesmen. Later some of his suggestions were embodied in the covenant of the league.

The fighting over, Lord Robert went to Paris for the peace conference. There he won the respect of the representatives of all the countries represented at the discussions and in the end the prestige he already held in British circles. He was patently interested in world peace and at times spoke against his own country when he believed she was wrong. Later, after the creation of the League of Nations, he went to the League as the

JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE Start by filling in words that know. One letter in each white square. Words, set in horizontal squares going either (horizontal) or up and down (vertical). Below are the keys to the missing words. Remember letters when placed in the squares should spell a word up and down or across.

- (Horizontal) 1. What children like to do on the merry-go-round. 2. Opposite of dead. 3. Not far. (Vertical) 1. Actual or true. 2. They have a boy to their car. 3. What a nail will do to a little boy's pants. (Answer will follow in tomorrow's paper.)

SATURDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Poems That Live

To Mary in Heaven. Thou lingering star with lessening ray. That lov'st to greet the early morn. Again thou usher'st in the day My Mary from my soul was torn. O Mary! dear departed shade! Where is thy place of blissful rest? Seest thou thy lover lowly laid? Hear'st thou the groans that rend his breast? That sacred hour can I forget. Can I forget the hallow'd grove Where by the winding Ayr we met. To live one day of parting love? Eternity will not efface Those records dear of transports past; Thy image at our last embrace; Ah! little thought we 'twas our last! Ayr gurgling kiss'd his pebbled shore; O'erhung with wild woods, thickening green. The fragrant birch and hawthorne hour. Twined amorous round the raptured scene. The flowers sprang wants to be press'd. The birds sang love on every spray. Till too, too soon the glowing west. Proclaimed the speed of wing'd day. Still o'er these scenes my memory wakes. And fondly broods with miser care! Time but the impression deeper makes. As streams their channels deeper wear. My Mary, dear departed shade! Where is thy blissful place of rest? Seest thou thy lover lowly laid? Hear'st thou the groans that rend his breast? —Robert Burns.

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