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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, FEB. 6, 1902.

"Kissing" Hotson wants to retire from the navy and go to Congress from a district in Alabama.

Who is he? "Mr. Charles A. Johns of Baker County" wants to be governor. Where did he fob up from?

A swell hat, according to the idea of a blushing young damsel, is one that a man can't tell from a lamp shade.

Mayor Schmitz of 'Frisco, like Nero of old, plays his fiddle while the people down there make "Rome hurl" with displeasure.

A Colorado woman advertised for a second hand foot warmer, and not a widower in all the neighborhood had sense enough to take the hint.

And now what will happen to China? Chinese soldiers have fired on the English flag-ship Glory, and severely wounded the Glory chaplain, Rev. Chas. E. L. Cown.

Miss Stone is said to be treated courteously by her captors. We know but what she may fall in love with the chief and attempt to convert the band? Stranger things have occured.

Congressman Tongue has issued President Roosevelt's endorsement of Mr. Tongue's attempt to secure a reduction of the duties supposedly to going to aid trusts, the Philippines, and the United States.

It is said that General Miles will be a candidate for the Presidency in 1904. He must be a "Democ." The General may be a good soldier dressed in a parade, but he is not the combination we are made of.

Mrs. Gull (angrily)—I heard what you said to that Miss Seaview. Mr. Gull—Heard what? Mrs. G.—Heard you say just as plain as day, "Meet me at the pier, dearest." Mr. G.—Oh, rats! You just ran in one of those wireless messages from that steamer—I know.

Every issue of the Pacific Coast newspapers that pander to the monthly stock corporations seem to have arguments in favor of leasing up the public domain. Money is being used lavishly to subsidize the press of the country in favor of this robbery of the small stockman's heritage.

Judging from the way matters are sizing up in Portland there is liable to be a pretty warm fight for Simons' place in the Senate. "Little Joe" has turned a trick in the selection of the election officers for Multnomah that has raised the ire of Harvey scott, and it seems to be war to the knife, and knife to the hilt.

George W. Hayes, who was removed from the Rio Grande office in Texas, exploded the "conspiracy of southern men" when he came to Washington. He begins to hedge the charge of removal without reason, alleging that the findings of the special agent were upon prejudiced evidence and that he had no chance to reply.

Admitting that his picture was in the rogues' gallery and that for a period of years he had been familiar with the "lowest depths of New York opium joints," yet pleading for mercy from the court, Frank in J. Moses, once governor of South Carolina, was sentenced at Boston to four months' imprisonment for the larceny of an overcoat.

About Joab Powell.

Old Joab Powell was an eccentric preacher who 50 years ago preached in every hamlet in the Willamette Valley, says the Evening Telegram. He was well known in this city and often preached here when Albany was but a wilderness. Numerous stories are told of his forcible similes or pungent anecdotes, and whenever it was announced that he was to preach anywhere, people would go many miles to hear him. On one occasion he discoursed on the sin of gambling in Albany as follows:

"I am not one of your fashionable, fine, mealy-mouthed preachers; I will tell you the plain truth. What are your pastimes? Cards and dice, fiddling and dancing, guzzling and gutting. Can you be saved by dice? No! Will the four knaves give you a passport to heaven? No! You will dance yourselves to damnation among the goats. You may guzzle wine here, but you'll want a drop of water to cool your tongue hereafter. Will the prophet say, 'Come here, gamesters, and teach us the long odds?' 'Tis odds if they do. Will the martyrs take and savor and fondle and eat with you? No. The martyrs are no shoulders. You will be cut in a way you little expect. Lucifer will come with his respects and his stokes and forks and you will be cut down, and hewed and pierced and carved and housed in hell. I will not oil my lips with lies to please you. I tell you the plain truth. Ammon and Mammon and Moloch are making Bethum hunt for you. I tell you the truth, profane swearers. I have heard you wrangle and growl and tell one another before me, 'I'll see you—d—d first!' But I tell you the day will come when you will pray to Elizabeth to escape the churches. And what will be her answer? 'I'll see you—d—d first!'"

MARRIES AND SAVES JOB.

Young Man in Love Makes Inexcusable Mistake and Employer Insists on Wedding.

"It does not always pay for a man to work on all over the farm of the world. The point is, I think, that if he does he will make a great many mistakes. About the same time I had the name 'Amy' written on numerous loose scraps, on the walls everywhere.

"I called the young man to me one day and told him that he was getting so careless and unreliable that I was going to give him 30 days in which to stop making mistakes or resign. Said Amy it occurred to me that the name 'Amy' was in his writing. 'Who is Amy,' I asked him, sternly. 'She's my sweetheart,' he replied. 'We're going to get married as soon as I can save $300.' 'Married in a year?' I asked, hard, and he turned redder and replied: 'No, you won't,' said I; 'you'll be out of a job and, what's worse, unfit for work before then. You go to Amy and tell her she must marry you in a month.' 'But I can't do that, sir,' replied the clerk; 'I'm only beginning to save this month.' 'You do what I tell you,' I rejoined. 'You tell Amy that you've got her on the brain so that you are not worth $10 a month to me, and that if she does not marry you in a month you'll lose your job.'

"The poor fellow was in a quandary. 'She won't marry me,' he said; 'I must wait till I can give her a home. How can I get $300 in a month?' 'Oh, that's a trifle, Jim,' I said; 'I'll let you have the $300. You can pay it back to me ten dollars a month.' But you must be married in a month.' Well, the upshot of the matter was that he married Amy in a month. Then I gave him a raise of ten dollars a month and he paid back the $300 in two years. He got married in 30 days exactly. That was five years ago. To-day he and his wife and two boys are as happy a family as you could find anywhere. He is still working for me. He gets nearly $150 a month salary and the first boy was named for me. Now all this shows merely that a man should not let love affect him like 'dope' and that most men achieve their best work when they are happy."

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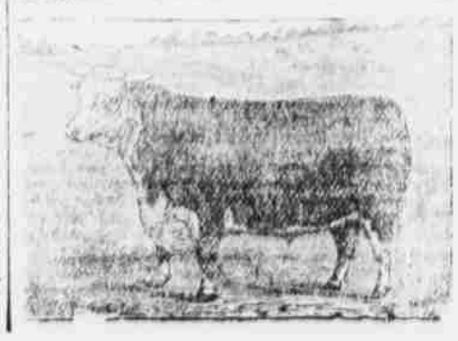

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