

Editorial Snapshots.

There ought to be something doing at the next term of the circuit court.

Bully for Bay City! About \$900 was subscribed there the other evening for the railroad.

The bootlegger squealed when put on the stand. No other evidence was necessary after a confession like that.

Keep away from gambling joints, and don't go bootlegging and selling whiskey if you don't want to be rounded up.

Those who pleaded guilty for violating the local option law showed good judgment and are money in pocket by doing so.

If the members of the Tillamook Bar Association had the interest of Tillamook City at heart they would have refused to defend those who were arrested last week.

The taxpayers of this county are paying Sheriff Crenshaw \$1,600 a year to do his duty, and they have a right to expect that he will do it, no matter who it offends or who it pleases.

By all means push every gambling case and don't make fish of a few persons and fowl of a lot of others. Round them up, every one of them, who have been gambling at the White Corner the last few months.

There are a few persons in this city who would not comply with the law when saloons were running. They will not do so without saloons. That being the case, these law breakers ought to be given a touch of high life behind the bars of the county jail.

Where the violators of the law have taken to fighting the cases, the district attorney ought to push the other cases against them so as to give them a fire and jail sentence, the same as the Jap. Why not? Let them have all the fighting they want and the public will soon see where it will land them.

It is plain that one witness in the whiskey cases have gone on the stand and perjured himself. That is not the first case where witnesses have done that in gambling and whiskey cases in this city, but it is time the deputy district attorney put a stop to this by sending some one to the penitentiary for swearing falsely.

Mayor Botts, in his message, rightly calls attention to the White Corner, a place which has brought Tillamook City into disrepute. It has always been a gambling joint. Recent evidence obtained proves that the gamblers are operating there, but behind closed doors. That being the case, it looks to us that the city council would be justified in closing the place up.

The county went behind \$10,000 last year, making the outstanding indebtedness against the county about \$60,000. The cause of this is county courts, with a view to making the tax levy as low as possible, have placed it too low every year. Four years more of a deficit like this of last year would make an indebtedness of \$100,000. Hence our contention, that from now on the county court ought to make the levy so as to wipe off this indebtedness in a few years.

It is gratifying to observe that Tillamookers have little more backbone than they used to when it comes to a question of lawlessness on one hand and law and order on the other. But there are quite a number of Tillamookers whose backs need stiffening yet, for although they "beef" a good deal about this one and that one violating the law, and also complain about it, they lack the moral courage and back bone to inform the officials or go on the stand to testify against the lawless class.

Business men and property owners must admit that violators of the law bring a city like this into disrepute. Citizens who bring their families here to trade or for educational purpose, ought to be protected and have a right to demand that Tillamook City be made a clean business town. And in this connection, as we look back for a number of years, we fall in one instance to see wherein the lawless class have done anything to improve the city. While, on the other hand, they have brought the city into disrepute. The wide open gambling saloons were a curse to the city, and to-day it is the same lawless faction which is violating the laws and who are giving the city another black eye.

Rollie complains that the Headlight did not mention the part J. C. McNamara played in the recent raid on the disreputable gambling joint and round up of the law breakers. McNamara is but a small trout in the puddle. If we understand the situation correctly, a number of citizens have banded themselves together with the idea of stopping the lawlessness that was going on and to assist Sheriff Crenshaw in the execution of his duty. We have not been let into the secret of the new movement to wipe out the "black eye" the law breakers are giving Tillamook City, consequently as there are so many implicated in backing up Sheriff Crenshaw it is well to wait developments. There is one thing about the Headlight, people know where to find the editor when it is a question of morality and law and order. Not so, however, with Rollie the saloon advocate.

THE HEADLESS BANDIT.

Queer Story From the Archives of the Vienna Courts.

Dr. Loye, a French physician, who greatly interested himself in the question, "What passes in the head of a decapitated human being?" related the following remarkable story, which he stated was taken from the archives of the Vienna courts: It was in the year — that Schoenberg, a well known bandit, and four of his associates were caught and condemned to death. They were already on their knees ready to pay the penalty of their bloody deeds by submitting to the awful fate of decapitation when Schoenberg addressed the judge, asking that his four companions might be pardoned on certain conditions. "If," asked the bandit, "after I am beheaded I get up and walk to the first of my comrades, will you pardon him?" The judge thought that he was pretty safe in complying with the request. "Then," continued Schoenberg, "if I walk to the second, the third and the fourth, will you pardon them also?" The judge replied that if such a miraculous feat could be performed he would obtain pardons for the other three also. The bandit was now satisfied, and, bending his head, he received the fatal blow. Instantly the head rolled down in the sand, but to the surprise and horror of all present the headless trunk arose and walked alone. Aimlessly, it appeared, the body walked around until it passed the first, the second, the third and the fourth condemned bandit, when it fell down and became motionless. Query, "How could a headless body think?"

THE WILD BALSAM APPLE.

Its Seed Holders Are Suggestive of Lace Purse.

In the brooks of autumn in certain places many little lacelike bags may be seen drifting along with the current or stranded by the shore. They are the inner coats or bodies of the wild balsam apples (Echinocystis lobata) which have dropped from the vines overhanging the stream and now float lightly away with their large seeds. The green prickly bag of the balsam apple itself began to form in late summer, and by autumn it has withered and faded to a pale straw color. We may see the trailing vines with their shrunken pods decorating the brookside bushes far into the winter. The outer coat of the pod gradually rots away, and the inner bag or seed carrier is now released and exposed as a delicate, webby network of tough fibers. A thin skin or membrane fills up the space between these meshes, but that also falls away through the action of water and the winter storms until only the ball-like tissue of the "purse" is left. These little purses, being extremely light and buoyant, float far and wide over the submerged swamp lands in late autumn, carrying the seeds with them and so planting the vine in new situations. If, however, we take these seeds home with us and plant them there, Mother Earth will suitably reward us in the following year with vines of our own. They will spring up and spread rapidly until all the stone walls and garden fences are decorated with the tracery of their stems and star shaped leaves.—St. Nicholas.

CUTTLEFISH FARMS.

Where the Queer Creatures Are Cultivated to Be Milked.

Does any one know that cuttlefish are cultivated on farms to be milked? These cuttlefish farms are located on the coasts of Great Britain, and the cuttlefish are kept in tanks or ponds to be milked of their ink. The pond or tank is connected with the sea by a pipe, and a thousand or more cuttles are kept in a single one. They form a most curious sight as they move about, trailing their long arms and staring out of their bulging eyes. They are guarded by screens which prevent them from being scared, for if they are suddenly frightened they will squirt their milk into the water, and it would therefore be lost. This fluid or milk is very valuable, and a cuttle will yield about \$3 worth a year. It is secreted in a bag which can be opened and closed at will, the cuttle ejecting the fluid to darken the water so that it may escape unseen when attacked. The best cuttlefish are procured in China, where for some reason or other they produce the best quality of milk. When the farmer considers it opportune to milk the cuttle he proceeds by opening the sluices of the pond and gently agitating the water. The cuttles then swim around the pond, and as soon as one passes through the sluice is closed. The cuttle passes down a small channel into a basin or metal receptacle, and as soon as it is secured there the water is drained off. It is then frightened and at once squirts the fluid from the bag. When it is exhausted it is lifted out, the milk is collected and the basin prepared for another.

GOLD AND THE SEA.

Why the Metal Is Shipped in Bars Rather Than in Coin.

"When the banks ship gold across the Atlantic," said a banker, "they prefer to ship it in bars rather than in coin. It loses less that way." "It loses less?" "Yes, sir. If \$1,000,000 in gold coins is shipped across the sea it is only \$999,800 on its arrival. It loses from twelve to fifteen ounces, about \$200, through abrasion, through knocking about with the motion of the waves. The sea makes gold lose weight, you see, the same as it does human beings. Gold bars lose less. In fine weather they will only lose about \$100 to each million. In the ugliest weather they don't lose over \$150, whereas in like conditions gold coins have been known to lose \$300. As gold shipments of \$10,000,000 often occur, to make these shipments in gold bars instead of gold coin is a saving of \$1,000 or more. It is odd to think when you cross in one of those gold laden ships that every wave that hits the boat clips off 10 to 15 cents from its golden cargo."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Cruel, but Necessary.

The Eskimos dread the winter and take early precautions to provide against famine. As the season approaches the great herds of reindeer migrate southward, and the walrus or the seal are all that remain for food. When an in wind is blowing the walrus is easily found on the outer edge of the ice packs. When it is blowing off the shore, however, the ice packs sail out to sea with the walrus on them. The natives then class their numbers in a list from the strongest to the weakest. The food that is in store is divided up, the weakest having the smallest quantity, the strongest the largest. Thus the mightiest hunters have strength to provide for the others. It is a cruel system, but nevertheless a necessary one. If all were weak, they would die; if some are strong, they will save many of the weak.

The Largest Pipe.

What is described as the largest pipe in the world is valued at \$8,000 and is counted as one of the most remarkable pieces of carving in existence. The pipe is made of one solid piece of meerschaum and represents the landing of Columbus. There are twenty-four figures in the scene, each one four inches high. The carver who executed this masterpiece is dead, and as the demand for this sort of work has nearly died out, it is practically impossible to find a man to duplicate it.—London Telegraph.

Month Ulcers.

Little ulcers that appear in the month from time to time are exceedingly annoying and painful. An old fashioned household remedy is alum, the powder or crystals being applied to the yellow center. But this is a bitter, nasty dose. A physician has prescribed the use of a saturated solution of potassium chlorate, applied every two hours. "Saturated solution" means as much potassium chlorate as can be dissolved in a certain amount of water.

Lepers and the Law.

The Norman-English laws enacted that a leper had neither power to sue in any court nor to inherit property. During his lifetime he was permitted to enjoy the usufruct of any property in his possession at the time he was "found guilty," so to speak, of leprosy, but all rights of disposition over it he lost.

Autobiography of a Family Man.

I was born in New York and went to Boston to be born again. For the first twenty-one years of my life I was known as the son of my mother, for the next thirty as the husband of my wife and for the last ten years as a father of my daughter. I claim, therefore, to be a family man.—Independent.

'Tis not the size or grandeur of the structure, but the contentment that abides within, that insures a happy home.—Henry Sutphin.

MODERN CIVILIZATION.

Its Complexity, Hurry and Worry Shortening Our Lives.

Not long ago while traveling I changed to stop at a village on the river Rhine, where I found an astonishing number of old people. There were a dozen over a hundred years of age and many from eighty years old up to the century mark, yet straight and vigorous. One woman nearly a hundred years old was earning her living by picking hops. Her grandchildren were middle aged. It was quite wonderful. But there was no mystery about it. It was merely the effect of a simple life spent largely in the fields, with plain diet, consisting of a few vegetables and fruits, little meat, and native beer and wine for beverages.

Nothing can be more obvious than that the very complexity of our modern civilization is shortening our lives. But of all the evils that afflict us the worst and most destructive are hurry and worry. Hurry drives the body machine beyond its capacity, while worry racks it inwardly. Of the two worry is probably the worse. This might indeed be called the age of worry. Because of the intense nervous strain to which we are subjected we do vastly more worrying than did our forefathers. The average man of today is continually surrounded and pursued by phantom troubles, which, though few of them ever materialize into realities, haunt him continually, ruining his peace of mind and injuring his health.—Reader Magazine.

Getting Married.

I don't know myself what getting married feels like, but it cannot be much more exciting than watching other people getting married. Indeed, I always get something like palpitation of the heart just before the priest utters the final fateful words, "I declare you man and wife." Half a second before you were still free. Half a second after you were bound for the term of your natural life. Half a second before you had only to dash the book from the priest's hands and put your hands over his mouth, and, though thus jiggly swinging on to the brink of the precipice, you are saved. Half a second after—

All the king's horses and all the king's men Cannot make you a bachelor again.

It is the knife edge moment betwixt time and eternity.—From Le Gallienne's "His Quest of the Golden Girl."

The Name "Fife."

The origin of the name Fife is not known. One historian tries to show that it comes from the Celtic word veach, a Piet, and means that the district was inhabited by Picts, but that is obviously absurd, as Fife was not specially the home of any of the Pictish nations. The tradition that finds greatest favor is related by a monk, who states that the first known possessor of the district which has since grown into the kingdom of Fife was one Fiffus Duffus, a famous chieftain whose date is lost in the mists of antiquity.

He Cheapened Pens.

Sir Josiah Mason was, according to his biography, walking in Bull street, Birmingham, in the year 1828 when he saw some steel pens, price 2s. 6d. each. Josiah was a hard up maker of split rings. No sooner had he seen the pens than he went home, made some better than those in the shop, sent them up to London and got a large order by return. At thirty years of age Mason's capital was 20 shillings. At sixty he had given away £400,000.

Hard Luck.

"Why does Baron Hoffman look so dejected lately?" "Haven't you heard? He married a rich widow not long ago, and now a banker has absconded with all her money."—Megendorfer Blatter.

In Egypt the cat was sacred to the moon, and when a cat died its master shaved off his eyebrows in sign of mourning.

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