

State Press Flashlights.

The storekeeper who doesn't advertise because his grandfather didn't should wear a powdered wig and knee breeches just as the old man did.—News Reporter.

Again the time has come when you must swat the fly. The big, fat blue fellow you see about now should be exterminated. If you kill him now, there will be 100,000,000,000,000 less flies next August.—News Times.

The other day we received a paper marked "refused". A glance at the date line showed the subscriber more than a year in arrears. He had previously requested us to continue the paper. This is one reason why the editor is sometimes hard put to pay his honest bills.—Willamina Times.

The newspaper has made presidents killed poets; made bastles for beauties and punished genius with criticism. It has curtailed the power of kings, converted bankers into paupers and graced pantry shelves. It has made paupers college presidents, it has educated the poor and robbed the philosopher of his reason; it smiles, cries, dies, but it can't be run to suit everybody and the man will be crazy who tries. Why not call and pay that years subscription now and stand a chance to be made president.—Lone Journal.

Possibly the parcel post has been the great public benefactor that we were assured it would be; but only a few persons are satisfied that it has not proved itself. Generally speaking, the manufacturers of Oregon have not found it a blessing; the shopkeeper in the country town is certain that it has done him little service; the business man in the larger cities cannot see where he has benefited by it. An Eastern mail-order house declared a dividend of \$20,000,000 this year; probably if the stockholders of that opulent concern were asked what they thought of the parcel post they would give it their unqualified approval.—Spectator.

A carload of brood sows has recently been shipped from the Portland Union Stock Yards to Hood River for distribution among the school children in that valley, and it is possible that in the near future that section will be as famous for its production of livestock as it has in the past been famous for its wonderful apples. These brood sows are sold on credit, the children being expected to raise the pigs to maturity and pay the stockyards people when they market the pork. A careful record will be kept during the period of the pigs' growth and the makers of the best records will receive prizes at the end of the season.—Seaside Signal.

McMinnville has a remarkable case of a man who lives by his faith. An adherent of the Russellites, otherwise known as the "Millennium Dawnties" recently made a financial loan, paying interest for the full period of two years in advance, and giving real estate security. The broker called attention to the payment of interest so long in advance as an unusual proceeding, but the borrower protested that he wished to pay for the full period, so that when the final dissolution of the world came he would be owing nothing. The broker asked, "Yes, but what will become of the principal?" The man of faith replied that the land would still be here, and the lender could take it, if it would do him any good.—Telephone Register.

Paris sends out an interesting story to the effect that the king of Italy has \$25,000,000 invested in the Krupp gun works, in Germany, which would be forfeited to the German government in case Italy decides to go to war on the side of the allies. Even a king cannot very well afford to lose a sum of this proportion, and doubtless the matter is giving the Italian ruler no little concern. According to the Paris statement this money represents the bulk of the accumulated wealth of the house of Savoy, and its loss will comparatively impoverish the family of Italy's king. It is also claimed this money was first invested in United States steel stock, but the Italian king followed the advice of Emperor William and changed it to Krupp stock. And probably he now wishes he had left well enough alone.—Polk County Observer.

There are some people who believe that the modern process of milling wheat into flour destroys much of the real good building material in their food stuffs. They do not like the roller-process flour and are seeking to obtain that ground by the old-fashioned system of stone rollers. In the city of Chicago an organization of women has taken up the idea of securing old-process flour for use in their cuisine, which will furnish it with more nitrogen, phosphate, calcium and ash properties, and make it healthful for those who eat it.

They have arranged with a miller in a neighboring state, who own an old water-driven mill, where the grain is ground into flour between two massive stones, to supply them with the necessary product and their bread in the future will be more substantial and palatable than that made heretofore, though not so white in color.—Pacific Homestead.

The desire to take a chance, to speculate, to gamble, is inherent in most people, and no matter how ridiculous or grave the subject may be, there can be found many who will make a wager on the outcome. The present war, with all its intricate problems is no exception, and that great institution of Lloyds in London which takes a risk on anything, is posting the odds they offer on the continuance or settlement of the conflict within a certain period. Contrary to the expressed opinion of Lord Kitchener that the war would last three years, Lloyds has offered even money on it being ended before September first, and give the big odds of 115 to 1 that it will be over before the 1st of March, 1916. Now if you think that it will hang on longer than this date cable all you can spare over to London, and if you are right, you will get your investment back one hundred and fifteen times.—Umpqua Valley News.

The Portland Journal should realize that its daily outpouring on the subject of the forced retirement of Engineer Bowlby is merely tiresome to the state at large and can have no effect unless it is to relieve its own anguished soul. It was pretty well established that Bowlby had lost whatever usefulness he might have possessed as highway engineer, and it would have been wise to have let it go at that. The Journal's attempt to put Governor Withycombe in a hole by making it appear that the removal was dictated by disgruntled contractors was only silly. There are plenty of people who are in no way connected with contractors who saw the necessity of the change, and urged it and even if it had been at the hands of the contractors we have as yet nothing but the engineer's statement to prove that it was not justifiable. If the Journal is the friend of the good roads cause it would have it appear, it should realize that future road building under Bowlby was impossible and the longer the controversy is prolonged and aired the longer will be the time before confidence is restored and new road projects inaugurated.—Hillsboro Independent.

Change Needed in Election Laws.

The fight the unions are making against the bond issue for good roads suggests that such changes should be made in our election laws as would require a property qualification for voters who would exercise the franchise on matters pertaining to taxes. We find today that practically all the property-owners in the county are willing to vote to tax themselves for improving the highways of the county and that the unions, whose ownership does not represent 3 per cent of the tax-payers, are opposing the project.

The opposition is not due to any fear that the union members shall have to bear more than their little share of the expense of constructing good roads; it is inspired by the refusal of the county commissioners to permit the unions to dictate how the money should be spent.

Here, then, we are confronted with the anomalous condition of non-tax-payers voting against a project which is for the good of all the people, and toward whose expense they will contribute little or nothing, while the tax-payers, who will have to bear almost the whole burden of cost, are nearly unanimous in its favor. This is a case of meddling representation without taxation. It brings into pitiful prominence the absurdities of public funds to which he does not contribute. There is just one thing that mitigates its calamitous consequences. The time the non-taxpayer is not indulging in his pleasurable practice of squandering the property owners money. His enjoyment, however, is none the less acute: He is following his usual custom of voting "again" the other fellow.—Spectator.

The ruling in Kansas City that drinks can be served in cafes only "with a full meal" may raise an interesting question as to definition. During Democratic days a full meal does not always fill.

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In fact, a man may be a person of no character at all and at the same time be proficient in whatever duty is assigned him; but his character goes with his work and in the end will show exactly what it is. In the final analysis a man's work will not rise above his character. Elect a man to office who is an able and skillful man, but whose character is below par, and the whole community will feel the depression of his character, and that depression will last for years. And so everywhere, in business, in school, in church, in politics, the first thing to consider in the selection of a man for duty is his character, his personality.

To Avert the Spread of Disease.

In all places where illness or disease of any kind exists there are certain general rules to be observed to keep the members of the household where the sick person lives from acquiring the disease as well as to keep the disease from spreading to other houses or localities. In the home the patient should be placed in a room as far as possible from the family. The best place is at one end of the house and on the top floor. If the disease is a contagious one or not, it is always better to be on the safe side and assume that it is. Everyone visiting the sick room should avoid catching the patient's breath and should not touch him except to do for him what the physician has advised. Always wash the hands with soap and water after having been in the sick room or after having touched or handled any utensil or vessel which has been brought out of the room. Burn all unused food which has been in the patient's room. See that the cook and the other employed in the house keep their hands clean. Insist that they wash their hands before preparing any food. Cholera and typhoid fever are "carried" by persons apparently well, who gave the disease to others by contaminating the food with their infected, unclean hands. The strict observance of these few simple precautions will be all any one need to do to prevent the spread of pestilence.

Heat and Health.

We live because we are warm; the natural heat of the human mechanism maintains life. Heat is the force which makes vital every portion of the organism. If the heat of the body falls a little below normal, 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, the strength of the body fails, and great weakness follows, which finally causes death. A continuous, steady flow of warm blood is necessary to maintain life. Heat is the thing essential to keep the heart beating. Heat does all the natural physiological work of the body. We must eat food to generate heat. We must exercise to create warmth. When the atmospheric and external conditions are such as to cause loss of heat from the system, the outside heat must be supplied to prevent this loss of heat. A great amount of heat is lost by radiation; warm clothing and warm living rooms check this loss. When the hands and feet are cold, when one is hungry, or overworked, or unrefreshed by sleep—if the diminution in the body heat is long continued an illness will follow or the normal resistance will be so enfeebled or lost that life will ebb away.

The jury in the United States Court at Indianapolis has found all the twenty-seven defendants charged with a conspiracy to corrupt the general election at Terre Haute guilty, under the law and the evidence. The persecution was under a peculiar federal statute, which was applicable only because a member of congress and a United States Senator were chosen at the election at which the frauds took place. There are many lawyers who question the judgment of the court, and, no doubt, its validity will be tested on appeal. While press reports from time to time mentioned remarks of the presiding judge to which exceptions were taken, his instructions to the jury appear to have been fair. The chief question is the applicability of the statute to such a case. Incidentally, there are prosecutions of unquestioned validity growing out of the conduct of one of the defendants and outside friends whose successful issue would be very salutary in a community which has been honeycombed with corruption.

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