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LAUGHIN'EST BABY.

Laughin'est, kickin'est, squirmin'est kid!
 Laughin'est, kickin'est, baby!
 I'll bet angels loved you—I know that they did!—
 Before they gave me you; may be
 They didn't shed tears when they told you goodbye,
 It may be they didn't, perhaps angels don't cry;
 If they didn't they couldn't. I know that was why,
 I know that was why, oh, my baby.

I'll bet when the stork started out with his load
 All heaven was worried and sighing,
 And with you from paradise 'way down the road
 The angels were swooping and flying.
 I'll bet they came with you as far as they cared,
 I'll bet the most careless one of them all cared,
 I'll bet they felt lonely as backward they fared,
 Their eyes on their white plumage drying.

I'll bet heaven wasn't what it was before,
 Before they had brought you to me, dear;
 Yes, heaven was sad when you left heaven's door,
 But the earth was as glad as could be, dear;
 And I, oh, you kickin'est, squirmin'est elf!
 My love for you fills every uttermost shelf
 Of my heart, and your mother loves you some herself—

Now kick and goo goo in your glee, dear!
 I think at least one angel didn't go back,
 Just couldn't bear to go back knowing
 The bleakness and gloom of the heavenward track
 Without any you on it going
 Along, as she watches, invisible sprite,
 Beside where you're sleeping by day and by night;
 When you dimple she's kissing you, oh, you sweet mite!
 With your hands stretched to me pink and glowing.
 —J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROMOTIONS.

The Capital Journal Monday printed the name of each child promoted to higher grade in the public schools of Salem on that day. **IT WAS A GREATER EVENT IN THE LIVES OF THE LITTLE ONES THAN THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT.** Par tis scanned that list with the greatest pride to learn that their boy or girl went up a round on the ladder of education. To print the names of about 1200 children in one issue WAS A GREAT SCOOP OF JUVENILE NEWS. Many of the schools of Oregon are having Current Events from The Capital Journal read to them daily.

A GREAT ANNUAL.

The fifth anniversary number of the Seattle Times has 152 pages. It is the Sunday Times that is **THUS GLORIFIED WITH A LUMINOUS BIRTHDAY.** There are about a thousand pictures and about 700 columns of advertising. The editorial page is sprinkled with blackfaced type, one and two columns wide. If you have not seen the Times you CAN HAVE NO CONCEPTION OF THE LIFE OF SEATTLE. One and two page advertising with full-page pictures are very common. Each full-page picture has a different colored border. It is the greatest annual ever printed on the Pacific coast.

A MODEL RELIGIOUS PAPER.

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PLAIN SENSE ABOUT JAPAN.

(San Francisco Chronicle, Rep.)

One is ashamed to write that the conduct of the President has made it appear if the American people are afraid of Japan. Absurd as that notion is, enough has been said **TO SOMEWHAT INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY OF SETTLEMENT**, because we have to consider not a rational Japanese government, but a cantankerous and concealed populace, composed of the classes which we wish to exclude and of which, it is said, the Japanese government itself is in mortal fear. We do not wonder at it. From our experience with the few thousand whom we have with us, one can very well understand the difficulties of the Japanese government, and our people would be quite disposed to assist that government by such concessions as a strong people can well afford to make to a weaker, so only that we do not endanger the peace of the world by encouraging a turbulent populace to further extravagance, and so only that it is understood that what it done is done as a matter of grace and not as a matter of right. Our people will never accept the doctrine **THAT THE TREATY-MAKING POWER HAS ANY AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT IN RESPECT TO OUR STATES SCHOOL SYSTEM.** and if the people of California would do so, those of other states would not. If we admit any aliens to our public schools it will not be because a treaty says we must, but because we choose to do it. And public opinion here would sustain the school board in withdrawing the order in question upon a reasonable assurance **THAT AN EXCLUSION LAW WOULD SOON FOLLOW.** As to our right, under the treaty, to enact such an exclusion law as is desired, **LET THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE OF THE TREATY,** which we have frequently printed, **DECIDE:** It is, however, understood that the stipulations contained in this and the preceding article do not in any way effect the laws, ordinances and regulations with regard to trade, the immigration of laborers, police or public security which are in force or which may hereafter be enacted in either of the two countries. If that does not give to each country the right to exclude the laborers of the other, we can conceive of no language which would do so. **AND THAT IS PRECISELY THE WAY IN WHICH THE MATTER SHOULD BE LEFT.** Exclusion by treaty is fundamentally wrong, for it concedes some color of right for each country to a voice as to what people shall be admitted or excluded by the other. The dignified course of this country to pursue is to notify Japan that

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a law may be passed by congress excluding Japanese laborers AND **THAT WE SHALL NOT TAKE IT AS IN THE LEAST UNFRIENDLY SHOULD JAPAN BY LAW EXCLUDE AMERICAN LABORERS.** It is a paramount right and a paramount duty to every national government to retain absolutely control of the soil of its own territory, and of the immigrants whom it will admit or exclude.

Senate Monday Afternoon.

In the senate Monday afternoon the report of the special committee recommending that H. B. 212, providing for a convention of district school boards do pass. Adopted. Favorable reports were made on the following:
 H. B. 328, Hendrick, relating to larceny.
 H. B. 301, Belknap, relating to the sheriff of Crook.
 H. B. 303, Belknap, fixing the salary of the assessor of Crook.
 H. B. 330, Merryman, relating to the clerk of Klamath.
 H. B. 359, Merryman, fixing the salary of the treasurer of Klamath.
 H. B. 247, McCue, relating to the pay of constables and justices.
 H. B. 115, Slusher, to regulate the sheriff of Morrow.
 H. B. 285, Driscoll, to provide for compensation for Indian War veterans.
 H. B. 3, Settlemier, to regulate the selling of liquor.
 S. B. 172, Malarkey, to regulate the residence of directors of incorporations.
 S. B. 184, Haynes, to define the crime of burglary.
 S. B. 173, Schofield, pertaining to the enumeration of inhabitants and industrial products.
 Further consideration of S. B. 168, Cole, pertaining to comparison of handwriting in testimony, was indefinitely postponed.
 Further consideration of H. J. R. 13, being an enabling act for a vote on universal suffrage, Jones of Polk and Lincoln, was indefinitely postponed.
 S. B. 55, Schofield, relating to the fish ladder at Oregon City was placed on its third reading and enacted.
 S. B. 30, Hedges, being the anti-pass bill in its violently amended form, and on motion of Beach at the request of Hedges, was indefinitely postponed.
 S. B. 19, Kay, relating to notaries public, was enacted.
 Senator Miller, of Marion and Linn, introduced S. B. 212, and it was requested that it go to the judiciary committee. This was objected to and Hart moved that it go to a committee composed of members from districts not changed. This was also objected to, and it was sent to a committee that will be appointed by the chairman.
 The following new bills were introduced, and, under a suspension of rules, were also read for the second time and referred to appropriate committees:
 S. B. 211, Miller of Linn and Marion, providing for interest on debts.
 S. B. 212, Hart, redistricting state in senatorial districts.
 S. B. 213, Hart, for the establishment of a law library at Pendleton.
 S. B. 214, Hart, for an hour law for miners.

S. B. 215, Hart, regarding proceedings in county courts.
 S. B. 216, Marion delegation, to increase the salary of the clerk of Marion.
 S. B. 217, Malarkey, relating to license for attorneys.
 S. B. 218, Mullit, for disposal of the 10 per cent forest reserve rental.
 S. B. 219, Bailey, to provide for a public playground commission.
 S. B. No. 90, Wheatdon, to extend the portage railroad at Celilo and appropriate \$60,000 therefor. The motion to refer to the committee on ways and means was lost, and the bill passed by a vote of 21 to 8. Caldwell, Coke, Hedges, Miller of Linn, Miller of Linn and Marion, Wright and Haines voted "no."
 S. B. 117, Miller of Linn and Marion, to establish an institute for the feeble minded and appropriate \$10,000 for the maintenance therefor. Passed. Caldwell and Hedges voted "no."
 S. B. 185, Bailey, to forbid the employment of convicts in certain lines. Passed.
 S. B. 203, committee on claims, to appropriate \$9,465.97 to pay John Mullin's claim against the state. Passed.
 S. B. 164, Coke, to protect salmon and other fish. Passed.

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Smiles

McMinnville has a walnut club. We have heard of a basswood club and a water elm club. The Capital Journal is read from one end to the other of the state now. It is even read by the hard-worked committee clerks. It takes R. D. Hume to whip a legislature into line. Ralph Ackley is the live man who is booming the Tillamook country. One such is worth a county full of dead ones. Portland papers on the legislature are trying hard to out-yellow each other. The man who is ruined by whiskey is smaller than the thing he claims is doing it, and frequently meaner. Representative Moores' Mining bill stands for the mine-makers vs. the mine-fakirs. The free text-book bill in its present form is not wanted in Oregon. The counties have too high a tax to pay now. To add from \$50,000 to \$250,000 to each county would bankrupt half of them.

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kiss? Well, by the hen feathers in Cupid's dart, the Journal man must be blind in the palate. They tell us, those who have tried it, that it tastes like the double distilled essence of honey spread thickly on a piece of pumpkin pie. Away back in the dim and joyful years of long ago, before we lost all our teeth and the clinch on the beauty prize, the prettiest girl in all the world told us with her own eyes that it felt like a covey of quails flying out of each ear and ended with a sensation like a flock of angels pouring molasses down one's back. No taste to a kiss, Great Scott! It would make a cigar Indian's hair curly and his toe nails quiver in ecstasy. The Journal man must be an ice house."

Silverton Local Items.
 A "calico" ball will be given at the opera house next Tuesday evening, February 12th. All are cordially invited.
 Miss Mary Zice visited at the Cooley home last Sunday and Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Rex Russell, of Goldendale, Wash., returned to their home last week, after a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Russell, of this city.
 Mrs. Kate Blair, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.
 Miss Skhelvev, who has been in Kansas for the past three months, returned to the city last Thursday.
 Miss Lenore Down went to Salem last Wednesday.
 Miss Rosa Lavery made a trip to Portland last week.
 A grand ball will be given at the W. O. W. hall next Tuesday evening. All are cordially invited.
 Mrs. M. J. Magers returned to her home in Salem Wednesday, after a visit in the city.
 Mr. Albert Frost went to Woodburn last Monday.
 Mr. John Brooks made a trip to Portland last Tuesday.
 Mr. Custer E. Ross made a business trip to Portland last week.
 The grand ball given at the W. O. W. hall last Saturday evening was well attended, and a pleasant time was had by all.
 Miss Martha Tice, of this city, visited at her home near the city last Sunday.
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