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HUNTING FOR THE SALARIED "JOB."

An eastern exchange talks entertainingly of the job hunters who just at this time of year are infesting about every state in the union. It asserts that there are some men at least who at every change of the administration go out in search of what they call a job. But they are not looking for that at all. Asked what they do want, they reply: "Oh, anything if it only has a respectable salary attached."

They have not singled out anything in particular—no service in which they are interested, or which they are competent to render. In fact, they don't care at all about the service they may be able to give; their minds are wholly on the money they are likely to get. They even talk about the ease with which it will come, if only they can muster enough influence to get the place. They ask you to boost them up so that, without any special effort on their part, they can get something out of the treasury.

There's human nature pictured again. Haven't you seen them legging for appointment to vacancy time and again? There's quite a company of them with the notion large that they are just the fits for about every kind of a job that's likely to be left open by discharge, death or resignation, and when the opening comes they're there. The nature of the job and their experience and ability are minor matters for consideration with them. Such a thing as their proving a misfit in the positions they seek to fill never enters their thoughts.

WE KNOW TOO MUCH?

Ignorant indeed is considered the man today who does not know more than Shakespeare knew.

But Shakespeare produced his marvelous masterpiece because what he did know he did know.

The average school boy of today knows infinitely more things than his grandfather ever dreamed of. But it is to these grandfathers we look for models of excellence in high character, clear thought and rich achievement. Why? Because, while the grandfather's world was a small one, he completely filled it.

The abundance and extent of knowledge available to us today is astonishing as compared with that available to the ancients. Even the common school pupils of our time are taught infinitely more than Socrates, Plato and Homer knew.

And, yet, the greatest works come from these ancients. From them we inherit the world's highest literature, its greatest paintings, its finest architecture, its best road-building.

Why is this? Simply because the ancient, while his range of knowledge was small, thoroughly studied one thing and thus completely mastered it.

The brilliant Alcibiades was mentally and bodily the perfect type of the most nearly perfect race. Socrates, his master, gives a list of the things Alcibiades had learned: "Thou hast learned thy letters, to play on the cithara, and to wrestle. This is all that thou hast learned, unless something has escaped me."

What American parent would be content that his son should have only the education of Alcibiades, or an education corresponding to that of Horace, or to that which sufficed for Shakespeare?

Yet, although the burdens laid upon the mind have been steadily augmented, its powers have not increased. Our brains are not better constituted than were those of our fathers, although where they learned one thing we attempt to learn a hundred. They learned and we attempt to learn.

The only hope for us is to make a selection from the attempts of our too heavily burdened minds, and in those selected lines to emulate the thoroughness of our forefathers.

To him who conserves his forces, concentrating upon the different specialties as ours is we cannot possibly do the things needful to him, and holds his mind steadily toward a direct and definite purpose, the opportunities for preeminent success in any line of endeavor are infinitely greater today than they were to the ancients or to our grandfathers.

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ROOSEVELT'S PLAN WOULD FAIL.

Colonel Roosevelt's plan to stop wars by leaguering the world together against any power that might make war, is but emphasizing the original purpose of The Hague Tribunal, which has utterly failed, says Goodwin's Weekly. To forbid alliances would help but would not be a cure. To order a boycott against any nation that might bring on a war would greatly help, but it would not be a cure.

Were a decree against all offensive and defensive alliances to be accepted, then were two powers, say Great Britain and Germany, to form a secret alliance and start out to conquer the earth, they would pretty nearly succeed.

That would be no more breaking of pledges than we have all seen during the past five months. A general disarming of the nations and the destruction of their warships and land defenses would be effective, but when could such an agreement be made? To boycott in trade nations who insisted on going to war would help, but it would be hard to enforce a decree of that kind. There is too much of the wild-beast in human hearts still, to insure a cessation of wars.

The Omaha Bee says: "It is feared that President Wilson has incurred the eternal enmity of Governor Colquitt of Texas by refusing to sanction the latter's plan for invading Mexico and subsidizing the cotton kings." Naturally enough President Wilson has incurred some enmity because he wouldn't act in any other manner than that of the sensible, sane man he is.

The Oregonian is satisfied that the legislative houses acted with excellent judgment in choosing their presiding officers. Since the Portland paper made the selections in advance of the session, it ought to be satisfied.

While the "safety first" policy may be featured by the Oregon railroads, economy in operating expenses runs a close second.

The legislative craze for economy is likely to result in the abolishing of several non-salaried commissions.

Italy is ready to send 2,000,000 men to war, but the number which would come back is not so definite.

LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

(By William F. Kirk)

I have joined a new Readers Club and Ma to Pa was the main man last night. Some of the men are going to join us too, she said & I told all the ladies that I was sure my husband would be one of us.

I was never much of a reader, said Pa, what is the use? Oh, said Ma, we figured that it would be kind of nice to meet once a week or so at the home of some one of us, & discuss the great books of our day, the great minds which have left their impressions on the pages of time. Ma said. Next week we are going to talk Lowell.

Where does he live, said Pa, I didn't know there was any Lowell in our little town.

I'm afraid you don't understand, said Ma. Mister Lowell is a poet who has been dead a long time, but he wrote some beautiful things & we are going to discuss him at our next meeting.

Why do you girls have to discuss a man after he is dead? Pa. Ain't these our old poems at your meetings that you can discuss at your meetings?

Aggony you do not grasp my meaning, said Ma, I mean that we are going to discuss him in a literary way, the lady of his poems, the grandeur of his grandness, etc. Miss Craig-Dooman is coming along here tonight. She is president of our own club & she can explain it better to you. & I've Miss Craig-Dooman an enigma in the end.

I'm charmed to meet you, said Pa, we Ma introduced her to Pa. My dear wife was just telling me about a new Readers Club which you ladies has organized.

Oh, yes, said Ma's friend, we are very much interested in having our husbands join, too. My husband promised last night that he would surely attend our first meeting, our Lowell meeting, if you missus you know Lowell, said Miss Craig-Dooman.

I was in Lowell, Mass, once, said Pa, but I never knew a crite by that name. But maybe I can see something about him by attending a meeting such as you mean.

He wrote beautiful lines, and Ma's friend, just to show you how deep he is I will ask you a question that he wrote and that nobody has ever been able to solve. The question is "What is as rare as a day in June?"

That is kind of a ruff riddle, said Pa. Let me see. How would this be for a answer, said Pa. A baseball game in January.

No, said Ma, you do not get the idea, dearest. Mister Lowell was so fond of bother about things like baseball games. Think again, now said Ma. What else rare as a day in June?

I don't know, said Pa. Maybe the answer is a beefsteak.

I am afraid your husband isn't very particular, said Miss Craig-Dooman. My dear sir, she said to Pa, the idea is this, or at least it has always seemed to me that Mister Lowell meant this to be the idea—that there is really nothing in the world so rare as a day in June. That is the idea.

Certainly, said Ma, that is the idea. I was surprised that my husband didn't see it sooner.

Well, said Pa, what of it? I don't think Pa will ever go to

Be Grateful

The New Year finds poor Europe torn, and splashed with fifty kinds of gore; a million sad-eyed women mourn the loved ones who return no more. A million orphans, starved and cold, their hearts too sorely known to pity, look down the road and call for duty, and look and call and weep in vain. A million houses are gaunt and bare, where once the sounds of glee were heard where children danced and parents read the sacred Word. And in this country, blessed of God, there is a roar of cannon's guns no grayer terror stabs abroad to slay our brothers and our sons. No butchers on our shores aspire to dye our streams, now running clear; we gather by the evening fire, secure from harm and free from fear. Does gratitude your bosom fill, that you are from such anguish free, or do you whine of every ill, however trifling it may be? Oh, we who go our peaceful ways, unmenaced by war's steel-clad ranks, should fill the air with songs of praise and hail hard Heaven with our thanks.



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COLONEL TO BE ELECTED.

Captain Straub will attend the election in which all officers of the Oregon National Guard ranking above first lieutenant will participate, to be held early in February, to select an officer in command of the Third regiment, Oregon National Guard, a position which will be vacated February 1 by Colonel Charles H. Martin. Colonel Martin has been transferred back to his regular regiment, which is stationed at Napa, Ark.

Under the federal law as successor to Colonel Martin can be had only upon request of the National Guard organization. To select a man an election is held and the man named. A request is then made upon the war department. No names have been mentioned as likely candidates for the position here.—Dallas Observer.

DALLAS HOSPITAL SUE.

Claiming the sum of \$1095 for their services, Messrs. F. H. Morrison and Joe McConnell, local architects, yesterday filed an action against the Dallas hospital in the circuit court of this county. The complaint alleges that the services of the architects were employed in the making of plans and detailed drawings for the hospital building. Walter L. Toole, Jr., filed the complaint as attorneys for the plaintiffs.—Oscar.

any of the meetings of the Reader's Club.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE LEGISLATURE

"I don't want to accuse Governor Withycombe of plagiarism or even insinuate that he might be guilty of such an unpardonable sin," said Senator Barrett, of Umatilla, last evening, "but the wording of his message might warrant that suspicion when its text is compared to my resolution providing for the consolidation of some of the state boards and commissions." Senator Barrett has a resolution and a bill before the senate relating to the consolidation of some of the boards and commissions, which he says, are drafted after his own ideas of how the affairs of such departments might be conducted with the greatest saving of expense consistent with efficiency.

"I was most agreeably surprised to note the growth and wonderful amount of substantial improvement that has been wrought in the city of Salem; fine, new buildings, paved streets, etc., since I have been over in the sagebrush country," said Frank Duvoyn, former Salomeite and now a representative from Crook and Harney counties. "But I noticed one old landmark when I landed here, and that was the S. P. depot. I was at once surprised and sorry that the Harriman system has been so impoverished that it could not afford to reconstruct a new depot in keeping with the improvements that has been going on in a city of Salem's size. I really did not realize how hard on the railroad company was."

With two ex-governors, former Governor Moody and Geer upon the speaker's platform yesterday afternoon all of Oregon's living ex-governors, with the exception of Senator Chamberlain and Jay Rowerman, were represented in yesterday's inauguration ceremonies. Of course after the death of office was administered to Governor Withycombe, Governor West was relegated into the "ex" column and he becomes the fifth living ex-governor. Ex-Governor Moody was the seventh governor of the State of Oregon, having served from 1882 to 1887 and ex-Governor Geer was the fourth governor, having served from 1899 to 1903.

Former Governor Geer became reminiscence after the inaugural ceremonies, yesterday afternoon, and pulling a handsome gold watch from his pocket, he recalled how it was presented to him by the members of the house of representatives, when he was speaker 24 years ago. Ex-Governor Geer was speaker of the house during the session of 1891 and he says that he has worn the watch every day since the date of its presentation and would not part for it for the world. It bears the inscription "Months of the House of Representatives of Oregon, to T. T. Geer 1891," upon the inside of the front case. Mr. Geer was also the last Republican governor to have been elected by the people before Governor Withycombe.

Joe Singer, assistant sergeant-at-arms, is always on the job and when it comes to "authority" Joe speaks it with a big "A". With a simple wave of the hand, during the proceedings leading up to the inaugural ceremonies yesterday afternoon Joe put the O. S. I. A. orchestra out of business nearly choking Oscar Steelhammer in the act of delivering a high note on the trombone and announced: "Mister Speaker; the honorable President and members of the senate of the State of Oregon, atetty." Also when Joe starts through a mob with his authoritative "gangway" everybody sits up and takes notice.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Yergen celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, at the Pythian hall on New Year's day, over a hundred guests assembling to observe that happy occasion. Many of the guests being from Portland, they were received at 11 o'clock, and many remained until the evening train.

Music, cards, readings, singing and dancing were the social diversions that shed the day to a close. At 2 p. m. dinner was served at the Pioneer hotel, after which Henry L. Beuts made a congratulatory and eulogistic address talk, which vied for the admiration of the assembled guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Yergen are life-long residents of this community. Their lives are typical of the large-hearted, generous citizenry of this section, whose industry and energy have made it the finest place in the world to live, and it is these same qualities that have made them the hosts of friends that wish them many other happy and prosperous anniversaries.

Many beautiful gifts in silver were received. The guests enjoyed every minute of the day, and greatly appreciated the instrumental music by Mrs. Vandeleur, Mrs. F. L. Miller and Miss Vandeleur, as well as the songs by Mrs. Vandeleur and Mrs. Geis, and the splendid rendering of "Hagar" by Mrs. W. H. Monroe. They also appreciated the efforts of the Pioneer hotel in preparing and serving the excellent dinner.

The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. See, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraus, of Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Squires Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Senn, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Crisell, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Feller, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Feller, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Huskins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yergen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gless and Lorin Gless, of Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beeks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beeks, Mr. and Mrs. G. X. Gooding, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Erbsland, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ehlen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Ehlen, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Yergen, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Yergen, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Crisell, Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth.

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MR. FINN IS REAPPOINTED.
Waldo Finn was last week appointed county roadmaster by the court, at a salary of \$100 per month. Mr. Finn served in this capacity last year, and his work cannot fail to be appreciated by all persons interested in good roads. He has inaugurated a system of road-making that not only means a saving in construction but one that tends toward permanency.—Dallas Observer.

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