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Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE OSTRICH

"The ostrich hides, in sand or shale, its head, when men pursue it." There's just one trouble with this tale—the ostrich doesn't do it. The ostrich has a pair of limbs that shame our modern motors, and o'er the desert sand it skims, when chased by locoed voters. It scoots along with easy tread, as fast as racing cycle; "I do not need to hide my head," it says, "so help me, Michael." Some liar of an older day, some falsifier able, sent forth that roorback on its way, that stale, bewhiskered fable. The ostrich is a bird of sense, with wit and prudence gifted, and from the mists of fable, dense, its fame should soon be lifted. It shows how close a bad renown will stick when once you gain it; you can't excuse or live it down, or sidestep or explain it. A story's told of you in youth—some scandal fiend may fake it—and be it lie or be it truth, you'll find it hard to shake it. So let us cease to pass around the tales that have no backing; some good man's fame we thus may wound, some heart we may be cracking.

ON THE MAKING OF LAWS

One of our exchanges notes the fact that somebody has gone to the trouble of counting the laws passed by congress and the state legislatures during the last five years, and finds there have been sixty-two thousand laws enacted in this country in that time.

Some time since former United States Senator Elihu Root, now presiding over the constitutional convention of New York state, who the other day made a great speech in behalf of the short ballot and rule by the people, made the statement that he had caused a search to be made with the result that the number of federal and state laws had been enacted in the five years as given here, not to say anything of the numerous court decisions which in effect become laws.

With laws enacted at the rate of more than a thousand a month the average man may well wonder how he's going to keep within the law and without the penitentiary.

The Oregon City Enterprise notes the progress of the age in the following editorial paragraph: "The firemen's tournament now in progress here may be one of the last held in the state. The coming of the automobile equipment, which can be maintained at a small cost, has done much toward eliminating the old time volunteer department and many a valley town, which were once proud of its unpaid department, now has one piece of apparatus and two or three paid firemen. The tournament, with its spirit of clean sportsmanship and friendly rivalry, stimulates healthy competition in any community blessed with a volunteer department. The passing of the wet test, the water fight and other contests dear to the heart of the firefighter, is to be regretted."

The Eugene Guard wants armed "pacification" of Mexico at once, without further delays, immediately, etc. It thinks that the fighting along the border calls for drastic action. But why should we worry—those Texas Rangers are "pacifying" the greasers at the rate of about twenty a day if we may rely on the press reports.

"Salem Street Railway" painted on the street cars is practical boosting—and especially since the cars have been treated to a coat of paint.

It's just one war scare after another.

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YOUR OWN EIGHT HOURS

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Eight hours a day or more are sold to an employer. And be it said to the glory of humanity, not many men shirk or slight their tasks. They do the best they can for the other man.

Every man has approximately eight hours a day in which to work for himself. Of this time how prodigious is the waste!

Most careers are made or marred in the hours after supper. Among the burners of oil at the shrine of knowledge you will find about every man whose life has been rich in the joy of achievement.

Probably success has been the theme for more discourses, written and spoken, than any other subject, unless it be failure. To judge by the hullabaloo one would think success and failure fearfully mysterious things. The simple matter of fact is that they are plain and palpable effects of plain and palpable causes.

We have seen lists of reasons for failure running all the way from seven to seventy times seven. Most of the lists ignore entirely the one reason that stands out like a mountain above ant hills.

People fail because they are not in earnest about wanting to succeed. A determined spirit overcomes all the difficulties that may confront it.

Among a hundred or a thousand young men there are a few who study the game. They decide upon a line of action. They hew to the line. They miss a lot of "good times", but joy is evenly distributed throughout their lives. With mind set upon success, they study for it, plan for it, work for it, fight for it, live for it, and get it.

They get it—not sometimes—but nearly always. Earnestness means success, indifference failure. Earnestness studies the game and wins. Indifference lags and loses.

The eight hours a day which are a man's own offer him the best opportunity for good fortune.

The Capital Journal gives all the Eastern ball scores of the day in its regular 3:30 edition. The Portland papers sold here do not give these because they are printed before noon and are really late morning editions printed to catch street sales in the city and suckers in the outside towns. The ball scores come to the Capital Journal over its leased wire, and when it goes to press at 3:30 p. m. it is 6:30 in New York and midnight in the European war zone. Thus it covers the entire news field completely and this fact explains why the Capital Journal contains news so much later than the fake afternoon editions of the Portland papers sold on the streets of Salem.

Naturally it is a Boston paper which perpetrates the following: "Speaking of academic elegance of diction, it is noted that David Starr Jordan says that the ideal college president 'does not pass the buck to the trustees'."

When Tom Edison settles down to solving the navy question the first thing he will probably do will be to invent a 36-hour day so that he will have time to work out his problems, remarks the Lawrence Telegram.

A Rhode Island judge was shot and killed by some one who objected to one of his decisions. That would appear to be a quicker and more effective way of disposing of them than the Oregon recall provides.

Some of those papers which seem to think, since the Frank lynching, that nothing good can come out of Georgia, appear to be in ignorance of Tyrus Cobb's birthplace.

The czar has taken personal command of the Russian armies. We doubt, however, if he will make a better record as a sprinter than the grand duke.

1905, would be entitled to a patent on the land.

The Hood River Glacier sounds a warning: "Unless people of Hood River and White Salmon are more careful in their use of the O.W. R. & N. railway bridge, some shocking fatality is liable to result. Almost daily pedestrians walk out on the high, long structure, and it is not infrequent that we hear of narrow escapes there."

The Rogue River Courier, September 3, carries a note of mourning: "The Medford Daily Sun, dated this morning, comes to us with advertisements of but two Medford establishments in its columns. One is a three inch ad for an ice cream house and the other a two inch ad for an undertaker. The latter advertisement seems especially timely, for it is evident that Medford has got a bunch of 'dead ones' needing his services."

Lincoln County Leader: It is said that Ben Franklin's prospective mother-in-law objected to him as a prospective suitor for her daughter's hand on the ground that he was in an overcrowded business, and that he would be unable to support a wife, declares an exchange. Ben was a printer and newspaper publisher then—no of six in all of North America! Today there are more than 25,000 newspapers in the United States, and new ones are appearing daily. The mother of the future Mrs. Franklin was evidently neither an optimist nor a prophet.

Roseburg Review: In yesterday's issue of the Review there was printed an item to the effect that certain lands in the vicinity of Glendale had been thrown open to entry. The item should have read that the plats covering the lands involved had been filed, and that the land was in the reserve. Only persons who have lived on the land involved since April 29, 1905, and April 3,

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A Galley o' Fun!

NEWS VALUE.

The value of a bit of news depends entirely upon location. Mills Corners news is not important to Chicago, and Chicago news is not important to Mills Corners. It is important to Mills Corners to know that Ted Hawkins has bought a new hat. Excitement in the town will be at fever heat until it is known whether it is Arabella Simkins or Sarah Means.

That Zed Driscoll has put up a new fence is thrilling, because no one thought Zed had enough crops to be worth fencing; and besides there is a hope that the building of the fence will involve Zed in a fight with Jim Billings, or perhaps a lawsuit, or both.

That Mame Simpkins has a visitor is important, for the whole town will be more or less affected, according to circumstances. Of course, the ladies will hope that the visitor will turn out to be older and homelier than themselves, and the young men will hope that she will turn out to be young and pretty. In direct proportion to her youth and prettiness she will affect the town economically, socially, and ethically.

If she goes to church, the attendance will increase during her visit; if she stays away the attendance will be smaller. Economically, the presence of the visitor will affect the candy store and ice-cream parlor as well as the hat, shoe and collar store and the photo gallery. If the girl be young and pretty, and also a sophisticated girl from "the city," it is certain that her stay will be momentous.

That Hiram Scraggs went to Brentwood last week is an item worthy of a scare head, especially in the eyes of the Hobbs family, where there are six unmarried girls, one of whom has been keeping company with Hiram.

That Sadie Budkins is going to have a party is very important to those who have been trying to collect various little bills from the pater familias, as well as to those who know they will not be invited. Those who have not been invited know that they will be crowded over by those who have been, and those who are invited know that they will be talked about, and perhaps assassinated, by those who are not. Of course, there will be steps taken toward forming a retaliatory party.

That Ralph Dickenson is putting up an addition to his house gives rise to the universal opinion that he must have robbed somebody lately.

MEANT WELL, BUT—



Tender-hearted Sportsman (second thought)—"Poor little birds! I'll fire in the air and let them go."

AWFUL.

Mrs. Blase—Who was this man Washington, anyway?
Mrs. Highupp—Some horridly un-American person, I guess. They say he actually advised against our making any foreign alliances.

RIGHT.

She—Mr. Jones is a fine man; one of the few, in fact, that stand to real progress. He says he likes to see two trees where one used to be.
He—He certainly lives up to that and more, too. When I took him home last night he was seeing six or seven where one used to be!

TRIUMPH.

Rabel's builders boasted, "We don't care, it was a success!" they cried. "Nobody put up a taller sky scraper the next day."
Herewith they felt that modern architects couldn't say as much.

AND MANY THERE BE.

Flabduh—Well, I suppose you were up bright and early this morn'g?
Roundabout—No, sir. I am nevv up bright and early. If I am up early I am not bright, and if I am up bright I am not early.

SAME THING.

City Nephew—This is the baby-toy bank. You see, when it gets five dollars inside, it opens.
Uncle Eben—Just like our bank down home. When any of 'em get about a hundred thousand inside o' 'em they bust too.

A SEVERE TEST.

He—Yes, darling, when I am with you I feel inspired—as if I could do some perfect thing.
She—Maybe you could order a luncheon that I would like without consulting me!

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Mr. Wilson's Expression

Absurd and Puerile, Lawyer Tells Bankers' Assembly

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8.—Henry D. Eastbrook, New York lawyer, principal speaker before the American Bankers' association today, characterized President Wilson's administration to new editors that "there is such a thing as being too proud to fight," as being "absurd and puerile."

The attorney was speaking on the subject of "Self Defense." He declared the European war no concern of America except as some of the belligerents have trampled on American rights. Since this country is the best hope of humanity, he said, if we fail to safeguard it we are traitors to our forefathers. Every dollar in the national treasury should stand pledged to its defense, he declared, and continued:

"No nation threatens us in so many words; but who is oblivious to hints and intimations that speak louder than words? We boast our strength to repel attack when we know we are weaker than dishwater. While every other nation has been preparing for aggression we have not made ready even for defense. Is this state of imbecility to endure? Shall we continue to listen to a wandering voice as imbecile as our condition? When this voice of our government so thought, good easy souls, we had gotten rid of it, and were ready to cry out with Isaiah, 'We have been with child, we have been in pain, we were as we were, brought forth wind.' Has Mr. Bryan proved himself so good a prophet in the past that we can afford to trust him for the future? Personally I have believed in Mr. Bryan's wisdom, and I grant him sincerity only because the point is not worth arguing.

"And yet I would heartily advocate Mr. Bryan's Quaker policy of non-resistance rather than a policy of half-preparedness. I had rather scrap every dollar and warship we own if we are not to add to them.

"To say that we are too big or too proud to fight in self-defense is, with all respect to the estimable but mistaken gentleman who said it, absurd and puerile. To say that a mob of a million or so of untrained citizens could beat-tested soldiery of Asia or of Europe is worse than puerile—it is perverse stupidity. The machinations against this government at the moment are more subtle than submarine. Our duty is to defend against both. We are permitted no alternative. We must forthwith spend money for defense, and lots of it. We must know that we are safe even from the temptation of attack. Our peace and future happiness depend upon this assurance.

"A free people, says Washington, should be armed and disciplined accordingly. I should say that the recommendations in our military experts, and were unanimous they should be adopted without much debate and regardless of cost. With the understanding, however, that the sole purpose to be subserved is not conquest, but self-defense. This simplifies and limits the problem as well as the expense. It means obvi-

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Mr. Eastbrook also discussed a merchant marine as an auxiliary to the navy and said the La Follette act prevented the requirement of a merchant marine.

Gov. Lister and Mayor Gill helped welcome the hundreds of bankers at the first general session of the convention today.

The Want pages go to the office and home and are consulted often and frequently clipped and filed for ready reference. The Journal Wants are valuable—that's the reason.