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## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH AMERICA

The European war has done one thing for the United States that was surely needed, and whose effects will be far reaching, and that is by cutting off tourists from visiting the scenic beauties, now somewhat marred, of Europe, it has turned their attention to their own country and induced many of them to get acquainted therewith.

The department of the interior has just made public some statistics about the visitors to our national parks, which show the number this year is more than double that of those visiting the same parks last year.

This year 51,820 visited Yellowstone Park, and there and then learned that the United States contained the greatest wonder and beauty spot, unequalled anywhere in Europe, or for that matter, the world. The number last year was 20,250.

Yosemite, which for majestic grandeur, stands without a peer, and which following the opening of the first Pacific railroad was visited by hundreds of Europeans, which was literally raved about in the magazines and art journals of the old world, somehow did not appeal to Americans, who crossed the Atlantic to see the Alps, largely because they had to go abroad to see them neglecting the far grander scenery of their own land, was visited last year by 15,131 and this year by 31,642.

Mount Ranier lifting its majestic snow-crowned, sun-kissed summit nearly three miles into the skies, was viewed in 1914 by 15,038 and in 1915 by 34,314, and so the story goes.

The Panama Exposition had much to do with this too; perhaps was as great a factor as the war itself, for it sent many a tourist through the northwest, who otherwise would not have made the trip. While there are no statistics possible as to those who have viewed the mighty chasm where the resistless Columbia, fifth river in the world, has cut the great mountain chain in two and poured its majestic azure flood through to the Pacific, the number is known to be large and the stream of humanity ever increasing.

There is no such a panorama of natural grandeur and beauty in the world as the fifty miles of river west of The Dalles. Just above that historic city, the river, as though preparing for its wonderful journey, turns on edge and races through a channel one can apparently almost jump across, then gathering for its race it winds in a great curve along the edge of the hills until with a sudden turn it sweeps into the grand canyon. Then what a varied ever changing picture. On either side the hills sweep up, ever more and more abruptly, cut here and there by some foaming torrent rushing down from the glaciers of Hood or Adams, with the beautiful Hood River valley tucked away and hidden like some wild thing, with just a peep hole left out to the big river. Then the bluffs rising higher and still higher, basaltic-columned terraces, that lift up step on step until the eyes weary of following them; while calm, majestic, resistless the blue flood sweeps around their bases, and in its silvered mirror, mocks at them and turns them upside down, making depth of height, and with her laughing ripples makes them responsive shake their rock ribbed sides. Then the mighty sweep of angry waters at the Cascades, and peace again as the flood sweeps on by tower and pinnacle, titanic embattlements; streams that leap over the lofty brims and kiss their way down thousands of feet of moving spray-born greenery, or lose themselves in mists that drift and sway along the mighty walls, veritable webs of gossamer. Who can describe it? Let him who thinks he can, see it, realize it, feel it—and then picture it if he can.

Then there is Crater Lake of which it can be said: "God made but one then broke the mold."

A few of the East have seen some of these beauties, and as the years go by the number will increase yearly, as these beauties are told, until the Pacific Coast becomes known the world over for its scenic beauty, the greatest in the world.

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## VOTE ON EQUAL SUFFRAGE TODAY

The result of the elections in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania held today are being watched with the keenest interest by all those who favor equal suffrage. If all the states should adopt it, it will mean the enfranchising of six million women, by today's vote. Those in touch with the situation however are of the opinion that equal suffrage will fail in all of them, and that this result is certain in Pennsylvania.

It is unfortunate for the advocates of suffrage that the elections happen just at this time when the "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier" sentiment is being so extensively discussed. No doubt there are many men who under average conditions would vote for suffrage, that will not vote for it now. They believe, and probably are right in that belief, that the majority of women are against militarism in any form, and that to enfranchise them now would make the effort now being made for "preparedness" that much harder to accomplish. That this will cause many to vote against it is undoubtedly true, and it is possible, indeed probable this element may prevent the adoption of this constitutional amendment. The results should be pretty well known tomorrow and the Capital Journal hopes to tell its readers, that all three of these big Eastern States have followed the pace set by our own good old Oregon.

One of the Vanderbilts having sworn allegiance to England, can now have the privilege of turning over about one-third of his income to the government of his adoption, in the shape of income tax. It is hoped he may prove a real patriot, and remember that while naturally he should have a kindly feeling for the country that permitted his grand dad, the old financial pirate, to accumulate several millions and lay the foundation for the present Vanderbilt fortune, that he owes full allegiance to the land of his adoption.

There is considerable complaint made as to the little tent colony on the old mill site in North Salem. The complaint is not against those occupying the tents, but as to conditions which are said to be decidedly unsanitary. It may be possible that conditions are responsible for the tent colony. As to that we do not know, but it is suggested that the city should take some steps toward improving sanitary conditions there, even should it require the renting of a few houses.

Villa says he can and will whip the whole United States if he has to. Of course he can if he has to, but let us ardently hope he will not have to. Estimating results yesterday where in one hours fighting he wounded one woman and six soldiers, killing none, how long would it take him to reduce the population of the United States where the birth rate is about twelve a minute.

Portland goes on the water wagon next New Year and its citizens are denied even the comfort of the thought that anyway they will save money by it. The increase in taxes whether due to the commission form of government or something else will absorb the surplus savings, if any.

In labor strikes the employer generally insists on the protection of his property, and he is entitled to it. At the same time he overlooks the fact that the laborer is entitled to the protection of his property in the same degree. The laborer's property is his right to work, his labor.

Bethlehem steel which recently touched \$600 per share has tumbled in the past week to \$450. In other words \$150 dollars worth of water has been squeezed out of the stock, which is yet a long ways from being classed among the "drys."

A problem for the football fans: If the Oregon Aggies beat Michigan 20 to 0, and the University of Washington beat the Oregon Aggies 29 to 0; What would the score have been had the University of Washington played Michigan?



## FLEEING TIME

The winds grow keener every day, as from the north they roam, and "Time is winging us away, to our eternal home." Old Father Time still is in haste, he makes his long legs whiz; he seems to have no hour to waste, though ages all are his. His eager stride he never slows, he never rests or stops, he breaks all speed laws as he goes, and laughs at traffic cops. He swings the seasons round so fast there is no pause betwixt, and summer heat and winter blast are sometimes badly mixed. The spring-time comes, the robins call, but ere we've learned their strain, we find we're in the midst of fall, and cold November rain. We celebrate the noble Fourth, and ere the echoes die, a wind comes whooping from the north, and Christmas day is nigh. So let us do our shopping late, this merry, festive year, and fill the clerks, who on us wait, with thoughts that scorch and sear. Oh, Father Time, what is the rush? Is time too good to last? Lie down and rest—be quiet—hush! You make us old too fast!



## A Galley o' Fun!

**PARTNERSHIP.**  
Mr. Lately Married.—But, dearest, I thought we had planned to go to the opera this evening?  
Mrs. Ditto.—Yes, love; but I have changed our mind.

## THE BACKS!



Once upon our sins we brooded—  
(some of us—we trust that You did).  
But, now Lent is quite concluded,  
we have put our broodings by;  
Once again we lightly revel with the world, the flesh, the devil,  
Once again we find our level—which was never very high!  
Oh, you Violets and Graces! Oh, you hats and gowns and laces!  
Oh, you sweet and lovely faces!  
Oh, you tresses puffed and curled!  
Eyes are bright beneath their lashes,  
Life again with glory flashes!  
Gone the sack cloth, gone the ashes!  
—Oh, you good old wicked world!

Spring, the young and kind and tender,  
sneeds upon us all her splendor;  
Nature is a glorious spender—why  
not join her in the show?

Therefore we're in gladdest raiment,  
though the tailors wait for payment—  
Where was ever human clay meant  
to resist this vernal glow?

Love, with his cherubic troop hid,  
finds the Lenten season stupid,  
But when Spring comes—Oh, you Cupid,  
how your pinions are unfurled!

Easter!—what a welcome this is—Oh,  
you cosy-corner Misses,  
Oh, you laughter, love and kisses!  
—Oh, you good old wicked world!

Oh, you sinners, gaily calling with a cadence most entralling,  
You have got us falling, falling from our cold and high estate;  
How our resolutions alter as we lay aside our psalter,  
How we half-way skip and falter in our dim religious gait!

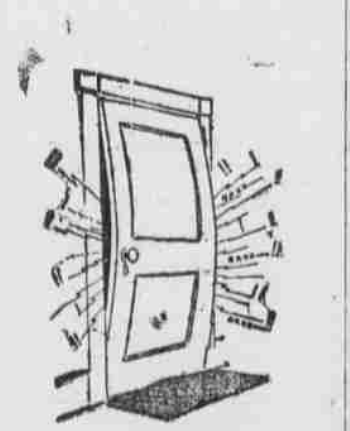
Oh, you primrose path inviting! Oh,  
you sights our eyes delighting!  
Oh, you gay old loving, fighting laughing life in which we're hurled!

Oh, you game of many chances, circumstances, and romances!  
Oh, you tune that each one dances—  
Oh, you good old wicked world!

**CHEERFUL GIVERS.**  
Mrs. Cantwell.—The junkman would not buy those things we sorted out.  
Cantwell.—Then let us be charitable, my dear, and give them to the poor.

**AN EDEN.**  
The Serpent.—What's Adam so grouchy about to-day?  
The Ape.—Oh, he says that the arrival of woman means that all his plans for universal peace have been knocked in the head for good.

## THE MISANTHROPE.



Mostly I love my fellow men,  
But I get weary now and then  
Of all they do and all they say,  
Their way of work, of life, of play;  
And on occasions such as that  
I hie me to my little flat  
And glower at the world, and swear  
At everybody everywhere!

In wrathful dreams I take a poke  
At all my friends, my foes I choke:  
The idle rich, the common host,  
The good and bad alike I roast;  
And when the slaughter is complete  
(Within my mind), why, life is sweet!

I am not often taken thus,  
But when I am—I'm murderous!  
Mostly, I say, I love mankind,  
Its funny ways I do not mind;  
But just about two times a year,  
If I could see my pathway clear,  
I'd go and find some gloomy cave  
Where I could sit and rave and rave,  
And have my fill of angry fun,  
Hooting loud hoots at every one!

**NOT UP TO HIM.**  
Teacher.—Tell me! How do you prove that the earth is round?  
Dull but Smart Pupil.—I never said it was.

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## OPEN FORUM

### A SENSIBLE CRITICISM.

Eola, Ore., Nov. 1, 1915.  
Editor Capital Journal: I wish to call attention to one phase of the bridge problem that is being overlooked and that is relating to the pedestrian travel that passes over it.

Those in authority are allowing pedestrians with push carts, wheel-barrows and other hand-conveyances, to pass over it; yet a needless obstruction to such traffic is erected at each end of the bridge. Why such absurd procedure and methods?

If the bridge is dangerous for such traffic, it should be closed to such travel, and if it is not, provision should be made for the unobstructed passage of such traffic.

It is certainly inconvenient enough to freight across the bridge with a push cart, but to be required to twice

unload, lift the cart and load over needless obstructions, and then reload, is certainly very inconsiderate treatment toward those that find it necessary to so use the bridge.

Yours truly,  
GEO. C. MITTY.

### DOGGIE WEARS DIAMONDS.

New York, Nov. 1.—Diamond earrings for doggie are really quite the latest, isn't you know. Gaby Deslys introduced them with her dog when she handed here to fill a theatrical engagement.



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