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SOMETHING NOVEL ABOUT HENRY FORD

It has been the rule of newspapers generally to sneer at Henry Ford, when not poking fun at him, and especially since the failure of his peace mission. Therefore, it is refreshing to find a sympathetic sketch of him from a source that cannot be suspected of having been subsidized.

The public knows Mr. Ford chiefly as the inventor of an automobile, which, in the language of one satirical, has made walking a luxury, and of a futile scheme to bring peace to a war-racked continent.

After accounting for the adoption of his peace scheme by the inexperience of Mr. Ford in world affairs the writer closes with this interesting touch and tribute:

"If I read him aright, Ford will not relinquish his peace propaganda, but it will take other forms. Meanwhile, he will devote his attention to his business, now grown to the proportions of a little world in itself. For recreation he will expand the work on his big farm near Detroit, where his principal crop is free wild birds. It is planted with trees and shrubs specially chosen with reference to the tastes of his feathered guests, for whom he has built houses and artificial nests on scientific lines, and before whom he daily spreads viands as carefully selected as those for his own table, while their drinking water in freezing weather is tempered by an electric heater.

"It has been rather the fashion to rail at Ford's oddities; but if we take them all impartially into account and try to strike a just balance, putting into one scale his worst mistakes and infirmities, and into the other his peculiar acts which are prompted by pure kindness and do no one harm, I suspect that he will take pretty high rank, as man and citizen, among the millionaires of his generation."

What is there about the office of legislator that attracts so many? The pay is only three dollars a day, and mileage, and the session lasts but forty days, so it is evident the office is not wanted for the salary. As for the honor, there is generally so much kicking at the legislature that that phase of the office is not worth much. It looks as though it must just be the unfulfilling desire of the American citizen to hold office that causes men to spend their time and generally more than the salary amounts to get elected.

President Sproule, of the Southern Pacific says the story that his company will build a road from Coos Bay to Eureka, California, is false. With all deference to Mr. Sproule's supposed knowledge of the subject he is most decidedly mistaken. His company will build that piece of road for the simple reason that it cannot afford not to do so, or to allow some other road to get a water level haul around the Siskiyou instead of over them. Yes, the Southern Pacific will build from Coos Bay to Eureka—sometime.

The Evening Telegram seems to be as much out of touch with Portland folks as it is with those of the balance of the state. This is pretty conclusive evidence that it is wrong in its positions on state affairs.

Signor Gregorio Carcuita, professional sword swallower and juggler of cannon balls, has joined the United States marines. This talk about preparedness should now cease abruptly.

Occasionally some doctor or health faddist takes considerable trouble to show mankind how to live to be one hundred years old. Just why anyone should want to live to that age is not explained. When the body is worn out and the mind weakened it is fit and proper that we should step down and out. It is after all not the length of life that makes it desirable, but rather good health and pleasant lines during the years we are on earth.

The birds are somewhat used to snow now, but at the same time a few crumbs left where they can get them will not be overlooked by the little helpless fellows. If you want to have a little private dinner party that you will thoroughly enjoy, set the table on the back porch or some convenient place and forget all about sending out invitations. The birdies will attend to that.

California is determined to stay in the lime light. With Mt. Lassen growing tame and the Panama Exposition a thing of the past, she bids for notoriety by staging two storms each worse than the other and the barometer hunting the cellar. She swiped Oregon's rains and refused to trade even a bit of sunshine for them.

It may be that the position taken by the land grant convention was correct, but when it is known that S. A. D. Puter is in Washington working hard to have the convention's plan accepted by congress it at least awakens suspicion that there may be a large sized Senegambian in the fuel supply.

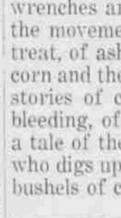
Mrs. Mohr testified that she loved her husband despite the fact that he beat her and threatened to shoot her. In her cross examination she went even further and testified that, "she loved him dead." Isn't that just what the prosecution is trying to prove?

With so many of those little Balkan countries to be supplied with kings the stock may run so low that some of them will have to be satisfied with the joker.



WAR STORIES

I'm tired of the stories of battle, that word painters send from the front, of peasants who perish like cattle, performing the patriots' stunt; I'm tired of the gun and the armor, of all things that slaughter and slay; so tell me a yarn of the farmer who shucks eighty bushels a day. In lists of the butchered, diurnal, there's nothing I see that enchants; I'm tired of the major and colonel, with blood on their bibs and their pants; I'm tired of the spy and the spoiler, of dead ones that litter the sward; O, tell me a tale of the toiler, who's whacking up wood by the cord. I'm tired of the boys in the trenches, with shoes full of water and loam; far better the plumbers, whose wrenches are fixing the pipes in my home. I've read of the movements of legions, I've read of advance and retreat, of ashes and ruin in regions, where once grew the corn and the wheat; and now I am weary of reading these stories of carnage and gore, of myriads wounded and bleeding, of hosts who will wake never more; so tell me a tale of the granger who carries his mules in the morn, who digs up the eggs from the manger, and shucks eighty bushels of corn.



Mrs. Elliott of Shaw Has Narrow Escape

Mrs. Elliott, of Shaw had a narrow escape from death at Shaw station this morning at about 10 o'clock. With several others she was waiting to take the train for Salem. There being no depot or waiting room at that place those waiting for trains do so in the store. This morning as the train pulled in these waiting started to cross the track from the store in order to board it. Mrs. Elliott crossed just ahead of the train, but as she stepped off the track slipped and fell backward striking on the pilot and rolling in front of it. She was pushed along in snow for 40 feet, the snow piling up in front of and covering her. Mr. Rudolf Schmidt saw the accident and rushed to Mrs. Elliott's aid expecting to find her a badly mangled corpse; but when she was pulled out of the snow and got her breath, it was found she was not even seriously bruised.

Governor Offers Reward For Clark

Owing to the scarcity of one George Clark, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary on the night of January 24, Governor Withycombe today offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of the escaped convict. There is a standing reward of \$50 for the return of escapes and this makes the reward \$250 for the return of Clark, dead or alive. The pen officials are of the opinion that Clark is in the Marquam neighborhood where a strange man was reported by John Slaughter, a farmer residing in that vicinity. Guards were sent at once to Marquam but so far they have been able to locate no trace of Clark though it is believed that he is still at large near that city.

Seven Dead in Arkansas

Arkansas City, Ark., Jan. 29.—Seven persons are known to be dead in floods along the Arkansas, White and St. Francis rivers, while hundreds are homeless. Conditions, already alarming, promise to be worse before night with the rivers at the highest stages ever recorded. The drowned are reported to have been a family of six who perished in the breaking of a levee at Watson, and a man, fording the Cadron river. An 18 foot wall of water carried houses before it and left Watson under at least 17 feet of water.

Did Santa Send It?

Portland, Or., Jan. 29.—Just before Christmas the four year old daughter of Mrs. C. A. Stephenson wrote a letter to Santa Claus asking for a baby sister. It didn't come and she was disappointed. Last night an excited jitney driver hammered at the door of the Stephenson home. In his arms was a baby girl, three hours old, which a mysterious woman in black had left on the rear seat of his jitney. The four year old girl has insisted and the Stephensons will adopt the foundling.

Eugene Paper in Trouble

Eugene, Or., Jan. 29.—The Eugene Daily Guard, which has been under the control of E. J. Finerman for the last three years, was placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday, through an action brought by Hollenbeck and Midgley, owners of the building occupied by the paper, for \$626.99, for rent. E. J. Adams, a local attorney and president of the Harbor Sound Investment company, was named receiver. The indebtedness of the concern is alleged to be in excess of \$20,000. No statement of assets was filed.

CITY NEWS

State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff returned to this city today from Portland where he has been attending the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor.

A. C. Stambrough, superintendent of city schools of Newberg, and Raymond Bassett and Miss Hope Parry, two seniors in the Newberg high school, were visitors at the state house today.

The Albany junior high school basketball team will arrive in the city this afternoon at 7:15 o'clock this evening will show the Washington junior high school team what they know about basketball playing. The game will be played in the gym of the senior high school.

Fred Erickson and Walter L. Smit' went to Portland this morning to attend the ceremonial session at Al Kader temple of the Ancient Arabic order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Mountain View school district held Friday evening was one of the most interesting ones held this winter. The address of R. H. Reed, a retired missionary, was listened to with interest.

The automobile firm of Halverson & Burns are well represented at the automobile show in Portland this week. They are distributors for the Oldsmobile and Maxwell cars, both well represented in the auto show. Those of the firm attending are C. Jewett, Leo G. Page and Halverson & Burns.

The Chemawa and Dallas basketball game at Dallas last night was won by Dallas by score of 21 to 23. It was the fastest and closest game ever played at Dallas and the local team which has never been beaten had a harder game than they ever were in before. Donie, of Chemawa, played the star game, making seven baskets. Tonight O. A. C. freshmen plays Chemawa at that place.

Public Service Commissioner Clyde B. Atkinson, who is now at Washington, D. C., where he was called in a rate case, telegraphed to the commission today that the state may present its case by a petition of intervention in the suit brought by the East Side Business Men's club against a number of railroads to allow the same round trip return by way of Portland and Seattle as is allowed over the southern route. At present the rate to return by way of Portland and Seattle is about \$17 higher than to return by way of the southern route.

As tonight will probably be a great night for coasting especially on the Fairmount hill, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will install two arc lights, just for the benefit of the coasters. The hill is four blocks long with an arc light at each end of the hill. In order that it may be properly lighted, the two arc lights will be placed on the middle blocks. During the coasting season about two weeks ago, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company installed lights for the benefit of the coasters. The entire hill is in fine condition and with the extra lights, there will undoubtedly be a big crowd out tonight.

Floods in Arizona

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Gila river waters rose dangerously high today, and memories of the recent flood caused many families to leave their homes on low ground and move to safer quarters. More than 2,000 freight cars are estimated stalled east and west of Yuma with outside points in via the Imperial valley and Los Angeles.

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HOW SCANDINAVIANS VIEW WAR SITUATION

Sweden and Norway Hate and Fear Russia—Denmark Hates Germany. By Chas. P. Stewart. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Copenhagen, Jan. 5.—(By mail)—The Scandinavian business situation furnishes a sidelight on the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian attitudes toward the war. Sweden is a non-belligerent. She fears Russian aggression, with a view to acquiring a warm water port on the Norwegian coast, a port which can only be reached by a grab of Swedish and Norwegian territory. She yearns to recover Finland. She is not so much pro-German, but she is strongly anti-Russian. That she will yet attack Russia is not a bad guess.

Denmark hates Germany for the loss of Schleswig-Holstein. She fears future German aggression. She sympathizes with England. She would like to fight, if at all, on the allies' side but she could so easily be overrun across her border, by German forces that she is naturally afraid. If she fights at all it must be with the allies but there is no doubt she will remain neutral if she can.

Norway's interest is the same as Sweden's. She has nothing to gain in itself, as Sweden has, in Finland, by attacking Russia, but has perils from Russia's anxiety for an Atlantic port is as great as Sweden's can be. However, she has more interest in developing her merchant fleet than in anything else. She has small disposition to risk its destruction by the British navy. For this reason, though it seems neutral that Norway should join the Swedes in the event of a clash with Russia, the Norwegian viewpoint is not like Sweden's at all. Like Denmark, though for different reasons, Norway undoubtedly will remain neutral if she possibly can.

REGISTRATION IS SLOW

About 1700 Marion county voters or 17.7 per cent, have registered to date at the office of the county clerk. This is approximately one fourth of the voters of this county and already one fourth of the time for registration has gone by. This indicates there will be another rush during the last few days the books are open for the primaries, and a number of prospective voters will probably find themselves waiting in line for some time to sign up at the last minute.

100 AUTOS BURNED

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The Odd Fellows temple, three other buildings and 100 automobiles were destroyed today in a fire, caused by spontaneous combustion, and resulting in \$225,000 damage.

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