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### IT'S A GOOD OLD WORLD

Tuesday an editorial paragraph told of little Johnny Scott who had run up against it hard who wanted a mother to love him, but inadvertently the place where Johnny was located was not told and so several supposed he was here in Salem. We are glad indeed the mistake was made for it demonstrated forcibly that it is not a hard and cruel old world we live in; but a great big-hearted world, with all kinds of great souled folks in it. About 9 o'clock the morning after the brief editorial was published, a little fellow about five years old came timidly into the Capital Journal office with a little ball of newspaper wadded tightly in his fist and wanted to know where the little boy lived that it told about. When told he lived way back in Jersey City, New Jersey, he seemed sorry, for he wanted to help him, and no doubt his mother sent him to find out, so she could do something for the little human maverick. Later in the day a kind-faced elderly woman, with "mother" fairly quivering in her kindly eyes, came to inquire about the boy and she too was disappointed in learning that he was beyond her power to help. Still later another inquiry was made for him. We do not know whether Johnny has found a home and the little mother he asked the police to get for him who would love him, because we do not know whether the newspapers in the Jersey city told the hard row he had to hoe. Here in Salem he would have found a home inside of twelve hours after his need became known, and humanity is the same, America over at least. Let us hope he has a bed and did not go supperless to it last night, but that some good motherly woman saw that he had a clean little nightie, tucked him in and kissed him good night, just as that other little woman did who gave up the unequal fight and went away from her boy two years ago never to return. Anyway, Johnny, your hardships were not in vain, since they touched hearts way out on this side of the world and prompted them to generous deeds. It is a good world, a great generous hearted world, but it is a careless one that needs to have its memory jogged, that is all.

### A JOB LOT OF BLUSHING

Mrs. George W. Wickersham, whose husband was at one time attorney general of the United States, is tired. She admits it. She breaks into print to make the confession, making the balance of the country who may read her confession sympathize and be tired with her. She has not worked hard, or worried over much, but has grown weary "blushing for her country." She also admits that she is tired "hanging her head as she has been forced to hang it" by the miserable democratic administration that disconnected her husband from his job. She is against suffrage, she says; but embraces it gladly to spare her blushes and get her head out of hang. Of course blushing at her age—we beg her pardon to alluding to so delicate a subject—but anyway it is a hard task, especially when one lone woman undertakes to blush for the whole country, and naturally suggests that she call science to her aid not to hide, but to assist in providing blushes that won't come off and so give the weary one a rest. She wants to quit blushing for her country, and says so. She wants to be proud of it, and to pass that pride on down to her son, his son, and then his'n, etc. She says: "We must stand before the world unafraid," and of course wants her blushes sidetracked as she does so. It's a hard world, Mrs. W., a tough, cruel, treacherous world, especially our part of it, when we have to blush for it and hubby loses his job. Truly its a blushing shame.

The records show that Chas. E. Hughes has not voted in any election since 1910. It is safe to assume, however, that he will exercise the right of suffrage in the presidential election of next fall—and he will not vote for Woodrow Wilson, either.

Some of the convicts engaged in pulling flax seem to prefer pulling their freight.

### "AS CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT"

General Manager Scott of the S. P. wired the Public Service commission yesterday concerning the car shortage saying: "We are giving your needs special attention, as far as conditions will permit." That sounds all right but to be encouraging should also show what those "conditions" are. If Manager Scott means that he will give our needs all the attention possible after California's and Washington's needs are supplied in full, his promise is empty wind. Oregon alone in the West has a car shortage, and it has it because the Southern Pacific has it bottled up and the crok driven in. No other road can get its trade, hence Oregon can wait. The S. P. is a public utility and it is its duty to serve the public. If it discriminates against Oregon further, as it has always done, a suit in damages should be brought against it by those whose business is being ruined by its deliberate neglect. Instead of facing an employee's strike it should get an ultimatum from the public, and not heeding it face a strike from that source. Oregon has been the playing of the Southern Pacific long enough. Her industries are handicapped by neglect, just as for years she has been held back by deliberate violation of the law granting it millions of acres of land in this state, which it neither uses nor allows others to use. How long shall we tamely submit unresistingly to such treatment.

Mr. Hughes will return to the east with the firm conviction that he has seen Oregon and been seen of Oregonians. He has done neither. He has seen the citizens of the state's largest city and he has seen the Columbia highway. That is all. He will be as thoroughly informed as to the balance of the state as the Idaho man who visited the Panama exposition and on his return home one of his neighbors asked him: "Well, Jim; what did you see at the fair?" He gave himself up to deep thought for a minute and then gave out the startling information: "I saw the gold-darndest biggest pile of oyster shells behind a restaurant that I ever saw."

The Oregonian says it is an enemy of "pork" and its editorial page backs up its statement, but does not every other newspaper feel the same way about it? In the past fifty years tons of printer's ink have been utterly wasted roasting "pork" but the public taste for it is never satisfied. It has been the practice under all administrations so long that it has at least the indorsement of "Custom." Our congressman from this district has a slice of it to dispose of now and there is considerable feeling already engendered between a few valley towns as to which shall have it. Like Homer dead, several claim its home is with them.

Coos Bay boosters are some advertisers. They announce that a ship load of "Old Crow" and other old brands of straight goods bottled in bond and all that, along with beer and the "makins" of cocktails and other fancy decoctions will be anchored just outside of the three mile limit during the celebration of the opening of the Eugene-Coos Bay railroad. We note that many places are to send representatives, even San Francisco sending a hundred though that burg is not dry. Naughty, naughty Coos Bay!

When Mexican bands play the Star Spangled Banner, America, and Dixie for the benefit and pleasure of the American soldiers just across the line it can safely be predicted that all danger of war is over. It was a nice thing on the part of the Mexicans and no doubt thoroughly appreciated by the boys on this side the border.

Justice Brandeis has declined to serve on the joint commission to settle matters between Mexico and this country. It was supposed he would accept, but Chief Justice White objected on the ground that his services were needed as the court was behind in its work.

Mr. Hughes can win some substantial backing from the newspapers by showing them how to reduce the cost of printing paper. It ought to be an easy job—for him.



### THE FLY

One little fly, so busy, will make a strong man dizzy, and drive him to despair; 'twill spoil a day delightful, and fill with language frightful the palpitating air. I murmur, after dinner, "A nap would be a winner; so I shall sleep a few; some snores, in Greek and Latin, will make me fresh as satin, in half an hour or two." Then to my couch repairing, I soon am smoothly faring into the land of dreams; and then a fly comes pacing along my forehead, tracing the furrows and the seams. Around my eyes it rambles and then it lopes and gambols, along my queenly nose; then my bald head exploring, still burrowing and boring, industrious it goes. Maliciously it chases around the ticklish places, which isn't right or fair; I feel my hair grow sore; I am severely moral, or I would rise and swear. At last I rise and slay it, decapitate and flay it, and then lie down again; no use—there comes another! The dead fly left a brother, to plague the souls of men!



## THE TATTLER

It looks now like an early fall—for the deer.

Fog in the morain',  
Sunshine at noon,  
Pessimists mourning,  
Winter comes soon.

Keen noses can smell the hops.

If those library burglars had taken a certain book and read it carefully it would have done them good.

Almost anybody can make a moving picture by hiring a truck and transferring his household goods to another place.

After all, the state could hardly have chosen a more entertaining crop than flax to experiment with.

A suspicion prevails in some quarters that there is too much "try Portland first" in this town.

It having been observed that some of our people are summering at Newport, and that others Sunday here and there, we rise to respectfully announce that considerable number of our citizenship are forevering south of this city.

## OPEN FORUM

### Is He An Accident?

Hughes? He discussed the tariff after the fashion of 25 years ago, before all our industries were trustified. Blaine, in his "Twenty Years in Congress," said we had our golden era of industrial development under the "Walker Free Trade Tariff," and that everybody was so well satisfied with it that no political party platform mentioned it in 1856.

Senator LaFollett has shown that our golden era of trust development was under Roosevelt and a high tariff. We grew from three billion to thirty billion in trust formation during the colonel's presidential reign of seven years.

Hughes would have a "non-partisan" tariff board to apply the "principle of protection" to industries! Indeed, non-partisan!

As interpreted by the Oregonian, Mr. Hughes thinks war "would be preferable" to the conditions for which he condemns Wilson. From what I could get of private opinion in passing about in the crowd at Portland, I should say the common man is for war "only as a last resort." It is not a bad thing in abnormal times, under abnormal conditions, to yield a little to circumstances. Ordinarily an American would have the right to travel from Paris to Berlin by way of Verdun, but just now he ought not to call upon the American military to sustain him in that fight.

Evidently Hughes would make our navy the collective agency for our speculators in foreign bonds, and our army the bulwark of their speculative holdings in Mexico and other southern countries. He would have us all taxed to sustain an army to support a speculation that pays no taxes to us. Fine statement, that, eh?

L. D. RATLIFF.

## STATE HOUSE NEWS

Contending that the average yearly earning of a freight car is \$892, and that the greatest possible revenue from demurrage at the rate of \$1 a day would amount in a year to \$205 on one car, or \$587 less than the earnings of the car, the international demurrage bureau has petitioned the public service commission asking that the railroads be permitted to raise the demurrage rate from \$1 to \$2 a day. The commission has replied that the Oregon law already provides for a demurrage of \$2 a day on cars engaged in intrastate traffic, but that the commission has no jurisdiction over cars engaged in interstate traffic.

The fine of Arthur Ditz, serving time in Jackson county for violation of the liquor law, has been remitted by Governor Withycombe.

A requisition has been issued by Governor Withycombe upon the governor of North Dakota for George Elliott, who is wanted in Baker for non-support.

A change in the text book used in the preparation of teachers on the theory and practice of teaching has been announced by State Superintendent Churchill. Strayer's "A Brief Course in the Teaching Process" is to be replaced by Gesell's "The Normal Child and Primary Education." The Strayer book will be used in the examinations next December, but not thereafter.

A statement printed in a Portland paper to the effect that pursuant to the solicitation of Commissioner Daly of that city the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has decided to change its practice of adding 5 per cent to its rates, and deducting same if bill was paid within ten days from issuance of the bill, has occasioned some remark in the office of the public service commission. It appears that Commissioner Daly is in no manner responsible for the change, which was made following an order from the public service commission under date of May 31, 1916, effective July 1.

## Maderos Will Return to Homes in Mexico

Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 16.—Forty-eight members of the famous Ma-

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tero family of Mexico, now residing in Corpus Christi, will return to their native country as the result of Carranza granting amnesty to political refugees and restoring confiscated estates.

"We do not consider this any special concession to the Madero family," said Alfonso Madero, brother of Francisco I. Madero, the martyred president, "but it seems to be the policy of the Carranza government to return all estates to their former owners, thus bringing order out of chaos.

"There is no way of estimating the value of the Madero properties, which ran into the millions. There are hundreds of members of the family now living in El Paso, San Antonio, New York City and Corpus Christi. It is our desire to return to Mexico as soon as possible, but until normal conditions are restored we don't consider it safe."

### ELKUS GETS INSTRUCTIONS

Washington, Aug. 16.—Ambassador to Turkey Abram I. Elkus, received final instructions from Secretary of State Lansing yesterday preparatory to sailing Thursday on the Oscar II for Copenhagen. Elkus is understood to have been instructed to take up immediately after his arrival in Constantinople the question of an American commission to investigate conditions in Syria. Turkey turned down this proposition several days ago. Elkus saw the president this afternoon.

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