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THE DEFINITE MR. HUGHES

Mr. Hughes is worried over the expression used in the Federal trade commission bill, concerning "unfair competition." He thinks "it is not definite enough" and says so in simple language. His elucidating statement is that "I cannot accept the crude statement of suggestion that the anti-trust law has been clarified by definition." If it puzzles Mr. Hughes the rest of the world may as well give up trying to understand it. As a member of the United States supreme court he assisted in deciding that the United States gave the Oregon-California railroad company certain lands in Oregon with the understanding that these lands must be sold to actual settlers in quantities of not more than 160 acres and at not to exceed \$2.50 per acre. He decided that this gift had a condition qualifying it, but that in spite of this the lands were given to the company in fee simple. He decided that the company must sell the lands to settlers as provided in the granting act, but at the same time said that as no time was fixed in the granting act in which the sales were to be made, that the company need not sell them or any of them until it got ready so to do. In other words that it need not sell them at all. His decision in brief, was that the railroad company must sell the lands as provided in the act but that it need not sell them at all.

After a few judicial gymnastics like that anything that is not plain to Mr. Hughes is beyond deciphering. The trouble is that he cannot tell in every day English just what he means about anything. "I cannot accept the crude statement of suggestion that the anti-trust law has been clarified by definition," is about as close as he can come to it and that needs someone not befogged with judicial wisdom to define.

He says: "Why there is not a businessman in the country who knows what the act means or what he should do or not do under it." Is there a lawyer, judge, legislator or anyone else in the country who can tell what should be done or not done under that decision of Mr. Justice Hughes in the land grant case? Mr. Hughes is profound and knows much, especially about that case, will he not kindly throw some light on what it means?

President Ripley, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, says he "is sorry the strike was called off." It may be possible there are one or two other railroad magnates who feel the same way about it but the balance of the hundred million citizens of the United States breathe easier since this calamity has been averted. Mr. Shipley says the law will be tested in the courts, but that there is no hurry about it as the law does not go into effect until 1917. It looks to an outsider as though the giving the law a trial and seeing how it worked would be the proper thing. If unsatisfactory it is time enough to attempt to change it then. It may be possible the railroad managers are mistaken in their prognostications. This has happened heretofore, when railroads or big business thought they were going to be ruined and found instead that they were benefitted.

The trial of Bennett Thompson on a murder charge, that of killing Fred Ristman, a chauffeur of Portland, and Mrs. Helen Jennings near Tualatin, last May, is set for tomorrow at Hillsboro. The murder attracted wide attention, being one of the most brutal and coldblooded committed in the state in years, and the trial will be followed with interest in all parts of the state. The evidence it is understood is all of a circumstantial character, but is said to be strong. The district attorney thinks his case is impregnable and the sheriff promises some surprises when the evidence is being taken. However, but one thing about the murder, so far as the general public knows, seems certain and that is that whoever murdered one also murdered the other.

The Adamson bill fixing the eight hour day passed the senate by practically a party vote. One republican, LaFollette, voted for it and two democrats against it. It was not a party question, why the division along party lines unless for political purposes?

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CONCERNING LAKE MALHEUR

T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Audubon Society, is in Washington protesting against the draining of Malheur lake on the ground that it is the largest and most important bird preserve in the United States. The lake and its surrounding marshes are now included in a national bird preserve, and it is to find how far the general government can go toward preventing the drainage of the lake that T. Gilbert Pearson is in Washington. It would seem that every faddist outside the state of Oregon considers this state a sort of unoccupied territory that can be set aside for the convenience of any crank or experimenter. The map of Oregon with the forest reserves, railroad lands, withdrawals for reclamation, bird preserves and such, done each in a separate color, looks like a painter's palette.

The State has nearly 100,000 square miles but practically two-thirds of this is set apart for Gifford Pinchot and others to experiment with. The area segregated for forest reserves and other purposes and so prevented from bearing its just, or any portion of the expense of developing the state or running the state government, is as great as the combined area of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and with a little squeezing might also hold Delaware. This vast area is set apart for the faddists. It is tough on old man Oregon, but being used to it he may stand for being denied to drain his lands lest it interfere with someone's bird hatchery. Of course if the lake is to be drained it should be let alone until our state biologist takes the birds' pictures and chases the muskrats and other denizens of the swamps from their holes to have their mugs filmed and their homes preserved for the camera.

The news gatherers Sunday went to the trouble and expense of telegraphing the statement that Jim Ham Lewis would not be a candidate for re-election to the United States senate in 1918 but would make the race for mayor of Chicago instead. If anyone, even James Hamilton himself can tell what he is going to do this year, let alone next, he can pose as a seer and prophet.

King Constantine's record for abdicating is running a close second to Villa's unequalled death record.

Villa continues to die and come to life again, and Colonel Roosevelt is getting into his class.



HUGHES IN COLORADO
I sat with Charley on a peak that overlooked the Thompson gorge; he was so thrilled he could not speak, and I could only say, "By George!" The abyss spread for leagues below, a fissure scooped out by the gods, and we could see the tourists go, on errands vain, to spend their wads. The sinking sun's expiring beams the canon stained with gold and red, and I was lost in noble dreams, when Charley raised his voice and said: "Man's whiskers are a precious boon, awarded by divine decree, and he is but a thoughtless loon who'd shave them off with snickersnee. I hold it sinfully unwise to stain one's whiskers brown or black, with chemicals or any dyes compounded by immoral quack. If all the money spent for shaves were used to swell poor widows' means, those widows now would cleave the waves in their own private submarines." The voices of the birds were weird, strange whispers issued from the trees, and through the statesman's germ-proof beard there blew a chilly mountain breeze.



THE TATTLER

Well, as old man Timkins used to say, the strike has been stopped temporarily anyway.

That stringed instrument, the humble bean, continues to be a factor in local crop reports.

The weather was such yesterday that nobody knows who would have won the ball game.

Did you ever notice it? The busiest man in town doesn't always do the most business.

Going down—pavement on the fair grounds road.

A Salem woman has invented a new drink, the basis of which is rhubarb. It is already on sale in some of the local drink shops, and folks who have tried it say they like it.

Company M will be in Oregon again in a few hours. Hurrah!

That respectable citizen of Salem who recently purloined some meat from a local market is now suspected of having robbed a furniture store.

Only the dippy dipped at the Dip yesterday.

Pickers are hopping to the job.

Houses are filling up.

OPEN FORUM

OBJECTS TO TAXES

To Editor of The Capital Journal: I am taxed all to pieces and am about ready to go on a strike. I am paying over fifty dollars a month on property that is renting for \$32 a month and it used to bring me in \$156 a month. Tax receipts on this property, which I am ready to show anyone, show this for the last twelve years:

Average for last four years\$655.40
Average for four years before..... 392.20
Average for four yrs. before that 292.02

My property has been assessed about the same as others around me and has not changed much in valuation for a good many years, as it is all down town and business property. But it seems to me the board of equalization should take into account the earning power of property. I would be glad to give the rental value instead of the taxes to the government according to the terms of the People's Land and Loan bill. If we keep on making new laws and killing industries and business we will all be ready to make a turnover to the sheriff.

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Brotherhoods Call Off Railroad Strike Order

Washington, Sept. 3.—The order for a national railroad strike at 7 o'clock Monday morning was canceled last night.

This action followed a meeting of the 13 brotherhoods' chiefs at the National hotel headquarters. Through the men previously had voted to await President Wilson's signature, they changed their minds when the eight hour bill passed the senate and decided on immediate action.

Messages were at once put on the endless chain to be flashed the country over to general chairmen and by them to the last haulable "brakie" in the land.

The railroad brotherhoods will help the railroads get their increases in rates if the increases are shown to be justified, the leaders say.

"If investigation shows that the wage increase entails too heavy a burden on the roads, we'll take off our coats and help get them the rate increases," said W. G. Lee of the trainmen's union tonight.

President Wilson will sign the eight hour bill some time between his arrival in Washington at 7:30 tomorrow and his departure for Kentucky at 10:50 p. m., the White House announced tonight on receipt of word from the president at Long Branch.

New Books Received at Public Library

The following new books have been received at the city public library.

Bassett, J. S., Short history of the United States.

Bennett, E. A., Hilda Lassways.

Bennett, E. A., The train.

Doyle, A. C., Mischief.

Doyle, A. C., Sir Nigel.

Foot, H. M., Valley road.

Howell, C. F., Around the clock in Europe; a travel sequence.

Howells, W. D., Familial Spanish travels.

Hutchinson, Woods, Handbook of health.

Lane, R. N. A., America and the new world state.

Langdon, Amelia, "Just for two."

Lucas, E. V., A wanderer in Venice.

Parker, S. C., Text book in modern elementary education.

Wright, H. B., When a man's a man.

OLDFIELD-M'DANIEL WEDDING

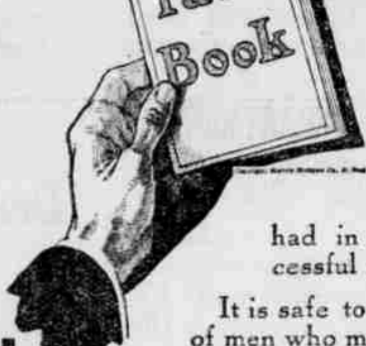
A prettily appointed wedding was that of Miss Ida McDaniels and Carlton C. Oldfield, which took place on Wednesday, August 23, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Asa A. McDaniel, 847 Laura avenue, Portland. Before a company of relatives and intimate friends, Rev. A. L. Crim read the lines of the impressive ring ceremony, under a beautiful bridal arch erected in the corner of the large living room. Mrs. Maude Springer, Watkins, sang, "Wishes," and "Because" and Miss Florence DeLano played Lohengrin's Wedding March. Little Dorris Gillilan, niece of the bride, carried the ring in a dainty basket of white sweet peas, and preceded the bride, who was beautiful in her gown of white satin and chiffon, trimmed with Mother of Pearl, and carrying an arm bouquet of Fran Karo Druski roses. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Adrienne McDaniel as bridesmaid. William H. McDaniel acted as best man.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. D. C. Bowman, of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Banzer, of Vader, Wash.; George Oldfield, of Fairfax, Mo., father of the groom. After their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield will be at home to their friends at their country home near Aurora.—Aurora Observer.

BUYS DAIRY FARM

Thos. S. Toyn arrived here a few days ago from Utah and has assumed charge of the farm two and one half miles south of Donald, which he purchased a short time ago from S. Shepherd. This is a splendid place, and we understand that it is Mr. Toyn's intention to make extensive improvements on it, increasing its value considerably.

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MY HUSBAND AND I

By Jane Phelps

CLIFFORD SHOWS SIGNS OF LIFE

her unhappiness, Clifford's neglect, soon as he came into the room. "A letter from Clifford. What does he have to say for himself?" she asked gaily.

"Oh, not much!" Mildred answered, happy that her little ruse had succeeded. "He sends kisses to me and the baby, and says that the fish are biting well."

"Does he say when he is coming home?"

"No. He doesn't mention it. But he told me before he went away that he would be back in about two or three weeks." His omission to mention his coming had hurt Mildred, but she didn't intend her father to know it.

"Mother and I must go in a few days. I hope he'll get back before we leave. I'd like to see him; then I don't like to leave you alone."

"Oh, I am almost well now, and Miss Elden will stay until Clifford comes." Mildred hastened to reply. It was no part of her plan to have her husband and father meet just then. She knew her father's intolerance of anything like neglect of duty, to say nothing of his indignation because of his love for her. She also knew her husband's temper, his dislike to have anything he did questioned.

"They must not meet. A clash would be inevitable."

Between the Lines.

"Hello!" her father exclaimed as

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Mildred's parents decided that she must be induced to visit them as soon as she was able.

"Perhaps it will be good for both of them," Mrs. Sutton told her husband. "Clifford might miss her, and be more thoughtful when she returned."

"I doubt it! Clifford is not a young man, my dear. And if he neglects her already, when they have been married such a little while, and at such a time. I fear she hasn't much happiness to look forward to in her life with him. But perhaps you are right, and a separation will do them both good. We'll hope so, at least."

Mr. Sutton's insomnia.

All that night Mr. Sutton tossed restlessly, trying to evolve some plan to insure his daughter's happiness. His heart was filled with pity and love for her, and anger toward Clifford Hammond—the man who had sworn to love and cherish her.

He could think of nothing, however, but determined to urge Mildred to visit them.

In the morning, when he broached the subject to her, she objected.

"It will be some time before I shall be able to travel, Father, and I doubt if Clifford can leave his business." She felt sure that, were she to do as they wished, it would be impossible to keep