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THIS IS NO LIE

Once there was a town on the banks of a great river, and in the town was a beautiful public building that had been erected with money contributed by the people of the entire county. The people of the town were, as Teddy would say, "de-lighted" to get the building and very proud of it; because at that particular time they didn't have much else to be proud of. If the Moguls of the county had asked the citizens, as condition precedent to the building of the edifice, to donate a small tract of ground to be used for park purposes, they would have fallen over themselves in their eagerness to contribute for that purpose. But the moguls, as usual, had a great deal more hindsight than foresight and did not think that the Distinguished Citizens who were so Profuse in Promises prior to the construction of the Edifice could become so Parsimonious in Performance after the Big Building was up. So they waited until after the Great Order had Laid the Corner Stone and the Big Band from the Metropolis had drooned out the voice of the Great Singer and the Multitude had been fed and all the other details of enthusiasm had disappeared and the people of the town had got down to their usual basis for the consideration of public matters, and then the Wise Gazebo said unto the people: "Verily, if you will donate to this commonwealth certain lots and parts of lots fronting and adjacent to the Magnificent Temple, we, as Custodians of the People's Interests, and in order that the Architectural Gem may have an appropriate setting, will appropriate of the common revenues sufficient to construct a broad highway and park, with paved streets, cement sidewalks, and a beautiful fountain whose prismatic rays shall be of sufficient beauty to shed sunshine upon the most Pessimistic Day." Then did the Common Council, as servants of the people, respond freely to the wishes of the court and purchase from certain individuals, at the highest market price, the greater portion of the desired domain. Then also did the wise Gazebo, with their usual foresight, sell and convey unto a certain firm of Brothers, an old relic which in former times had served the people as a temple.

And right here, to come down to every day English, is where they made the mistake, because if they had thrown the old thing into the river or torn it down and burned it into ashes, and scattered the ashes to the four winds of the earth, that there might be no further remembrance of the dodgast old hunk, they would for once have done a smart thing. As it was, the Distinguished Brothers got into a racket with the Municipal Wise Men, and the whole gang of them have got such stiff necks that you couldn't bend them with a top maul, and the Wise Gazebo of the County, having made an order that the building should be moved within a certain time, have run out of sand, and dare not enforce their own decrees so long as they are opposed to the wishes of the Distinguished Brothers.

MR. FULTON'S LETTER

Hon. C. W. Fulton's open letter appears in the Mist this week, and our readers will admit that it is an open and courageous document. Mr. Heney's only answer is that he will make good in due time. It is "due time" now and Heney should at once proceed to prove his case. The assertion that Senator Fulton can prosecute Collier's or the American Magazine for libel if their published inferences are not correct is

childish and has a cowardly sound. Such a suit would last for years, and the people are to be called upon to pass judgment upon Senator Fulton in about three months—for he has distinctly said that he will be on the ballot at the next primaries and that he would submit to the decision of the voters of his party then and to the popular verdict at the polls next June. If he is a corrupt man the people who have frequently honored him have the right to be acquainted with that fact, and Mr. Heney, having made the charge, is now called upon to substantiate it. The Mitchell letter to Brownell is susceptible of different conclusions, and is not, in itself, any proof of corruption on the part of Senator Fulton. The Oregonian, which cannot be said to be unduly friendly to Senator Fulton, takes this view of the case, and calls upon Heney to "make good."

It is a courageous step on Senator Fulton's part and has a ring of truth. He risks everything upon his ability to convince the people of his truth and integrity, as he will stand no show whatever if Heney proves his charge against him. If, on the other hand, Senator Fulton demonstrates his innocence of any concessions wrong doing, his vindication will make him hosts of friends, and it will be hard for any competitor to defeat him.

The December number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, a copy of which has just been received, gives full description of the correspondence courses that are now being offered by the University. The courses are arranged especially for teachers, students preparing for college or university, woman's clubs, teacher's groups, granges, home makers. The University intends to add additional courses in Economics, Political Science, History, English Literature, Technical Drawing, Civil Engineering Education and others, as its resources permit. The correspondence work has met with a hearty reception throughout the state. More than two hundred students enrolled for the various courses during the past month.

A CHANGE OF FRONT

The Oregonian, after declaiming loudly against rings, seems now to regret the passing away of the political rings that ruled Oregon for so many years. The direct primary law, it declares, has abolished parties, and it seems to regret the abandonment of the old convention methods, and of course the Dalles Optimist echoes the Oregonian's plaint, and thereby proves itself to be a pessimist. Cheer up. Things are not so bad as you seem to think, and, notwithstanding your assertion to the contrary, we are fully as liable to secure good men as public officials as we were under the rotten old convention system. It was a regularly called convention that nominated Mr. Furnish, and he was knifed to death by the men who failed to manipulate that convention. There was nothing creditable about the method employed by either faction, either then or in any of the conventions that have been held in Oregon in the past twenty years. There is no truth in the statement that the direct primary method of nominating is opposed to legitimate partisanship; but it is opposed to bossism and it may be that it reduces the power of a paper that attempts to dictate the nominations. A candidate must go direct to the people. In the good old days when the Mitchell gang or the Corbett gang was on top the bosses dictated everything. No man in Oregon could aspire to the legislature or even to a local county office unless he had the consent of the boss. The direct primary system puts an end to all this and if a young man desires a career in politics it is as open to him as to any other aspirant. The officers are no longer personal property to be sold to the brightest bidder, and the Oregonian at one time, when it was rejoicing in the success of Willis Duniway, seemed to recognize this fact. It stated distinctly that under the old boss-ruled convention system Mr. Duniway would have had no chance for success and expressed gratification that at last he was able to get before the people. What is the reason for the change? The Mist does not pretend to possess the gift of prophecy but it thinks it safe to say the people will never surrender either the direct primary or Statement No. 1.

It is expected that the 1908 fair will be held during the week of September 14-19. The dates have not yet been definitely decided on as it is desired to not conflict with any dates that the North Pacific Racing and Fair Circuit may arrange for, and in this matter it is hoped that the Oregon board will show some independence and fix its date for such a time when the best weather conditions and greatest attendance will be insured. It is about time to stop this toadying to a lot of race-horse managers and thereby take the risk of holding the

fair during the inclement weather of the early fall. Fix your own dates, and the racing people will be mighty glad to come to them. The Oregon fair is by far the most extensive and important of any held on the Pacific Coast, and the board need not fear that the owners of race horses will give it the go-by just because its dates conflict with some other little shows in the Pacific Northwest.

Queer Arithmetic

When live stock goes up a cent the wholesale price of meat is advanced 1 1/2 cents, and the retail price from a cent and three quarters to 2 cents. But when the operation is reversed, as at present, the 1 and 2 cent declines on live stock are accompanied by half cent reductions on the wholesale prices, which whittles the decline down to nothing on retail prices. How can you expect your butcher to cut off an entire cent from his price when he has got but half as much reduction from the wholesaler?

For this are the meat combinations. We do not say that the figures are precise, but the rule of preventing the declines from keeping in proportion with the advances has constituted the great method of making the margin between live meats and those sold to the consumer greater than ever before.

Household Hints

Chocolate layer cake No. 1—1/4 cup of butter, 1/2 cup of sugar, one egg, 1/2 cup of milk, 1 1/2 cups of flour, and 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder (or one teaspoonful each of soda and cream of tartar) mix and spread thinly on tins. Bake for thirty minutes.

Chocolate layer cake No. 2—2 1/2 cups of butter, 1 cupful sugar, yolks of three eggs, and whites of 2 1/2 cup of milk, 1 1/2 cups of flour and 2 teaspoons of baking powder, bake in three layers; prepare chocolate in the usual way and spread.

Lemon layer cake—1 lb. of butter, 1 pound of pastry flour, 6 eggs, 2 cups of white sugar, 3/4 cup of milk, 2 small teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in layers in a quick oven; when done spread between them the following filling: Boil two cups of sugar and one small cup of water together until it makes a sticky syrup, add the grated yellow rind and juice of 2 lemons, and 4 well beaten eggs. Let all cook together in a custard, boil until thick. This is a delicious cake.

When using carbonate of soda for cake always stir it into the milk, which should be tepid.

Never throw away old matting for if well beaten and thoroughly cleaned, it can be laid under carpets and will preserve them.

When roasting a small turkey fasten a sheet of white paper, well buttered, over the breast with small skewers. This will protect it from getting burnt and dry while the rest of the bird is cooking.

Before putting milk into a sauce pan, boil rapidly a few spoonfuls of water, just enough to cover the bottom of the pan, and it will never burn, however hot the fire.

Many a person's belief in their superior wisdom makes a fool of them.

An Electric Incubator

An electric incubator has been introduced in Europe, the operation of which is said to be attended by surer results than other methods, for the reason that it is capable of finer adjustment as far as heating and ventilation are concerned. One of the most difficult features of artificial poultry breeding is a proper supply of fresh air. In the electrical incubator air is supplied from underneath, the entering fresh air coming in contact with the eggs after being preheated by special radiators. This ventilation is controlled by opening a variable extent the lateral slides fixed at the top of the apparatus. It should be remembered that ventilation plays the part of maintaining the life of the germ. While an ample supply of fresh air, therefore, is extremely valuable for the development of the germ, any excess of ventilation will prove detrimental; in fact the surplus air will exert a drying action on the contents of the eggs. In this incubator the matter of ventilation and heating works automatically.

A Higher Health Level

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If it is all the same to Uncle Sam the jackies would prefer to be commanded by the paymaster rather than the doctor.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee by Houlton, Deer Island, Warren and Scappoose dealers. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Scientists have discovered that New York City rests upon a bed of garnets. It has always been known the foundation was red.

Florida has elected a William J. Bryan to the United States Senate. Although his name is blown in the bottle he is not the genuine article.

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee by Houlton, Warren, Scappoose and Deer Island dealers.

Congress will be expected to settle the currency trouble before taking up the profound question of antimony in bullets.

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