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Home Brew
TODAY'S BEST BET
How much did you contribute to the fund for broken-down burglars last night?
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And many of the apartment houses in Los Angeles bear this sign: "Beggars and peddlers not admitted. Dogs and movie people not desired."

My son Willie wants to go to work for a butcher and learn the business, so he can have a meat market for his own some day. Should I let him do this?—H. R. D.
No, indeed. A butcher always gets the worst of it.

Who was it that started the "Better English week" in this country?—F. T. H.
Mr. Grey forgets his name, but he was a billiard player.

Are the heavy weights the most brilliant prize fighters?—J. A.
They could not possibly be. The most brilliant are the light weights.

MR. GREY'S HOUSEHOLD HINTS
An Akron inventor has obtained a patent on a collar made of rubber so elastic that one size can be worn on either a 13 1/2 or a 14 1/2 shirt.
Red ants will not eat a hard-born egg unless the shell is removed.
Never throw away an old raspberry pie. The juice and berries can be used to dye napkins, handkerchiefs and pillow cases.
Some time, when the scissors have been mislaid, and you have no pocket knife, and wish to rip up an old dress, try a can opener.

SPEAKING OF ALIBIS—
We rise to celebrate that of the market reporter, who drifted in at 7:55 and said:
"Will, I went into a restaurant on Union st. at 6:40 and ordered ham and eggs. I looked over the market page and about 6:55 I realized that it was time to be at work, and I hadn't eaten." "Oh, lady," I called to the waitress; "what about my ham and eggs?" And she says to me, "I'll order them as soon as the cook gets here."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SEATTLE?
QUESTIONS
1. What is the value of the Alaska and Yukon territory trade handled by Seattle merchants?

PREVIOUS QUESTIONS
1. There are over 3,100,000 potential hydro-electric horsepower in Washington, according to estimates. This is the greatest potential horsepower of any state in the Union.
2. A total of 1,015 tons of coal an hour can be delivered to ships' bunkers from the conveyors on Seattle's waterfront.
3. There are 800,000 acres in Western Washington suited to berry-growing, or ten times the present acreage.

Frayed Trousers

"Is it possible, dear," asked the editor's wife, as she looked up from the Sunday paper—
"Is it possible, dear, that the trousers you wore last week are frayed at the ankles?"
"Such me, who?" asked the editor.
"Oh, nothing. Nothing at all. I am sure that they achieve the purpose for which they were intended. But some people—you know.
You're always asking me to suggest topics for 'human' editorials, as you call 'em. Suppose you write an editorial about trousers—frayed trousers."

LIVES THERE A MAN with soul so dead he never to his wife hath said: "What made you give that suit away? You know 'tis good for many a day. You know I loved its comfy feel—I loved the frayed edge at its heel. I loved its creaseless, baggy knees—go beg it back, dear, won't you, please?"

For, ever since the world began—since clothes were donned by mortal man—he's loved his oldest suit the best—the trousers that were seldom pressed—the coat that sagged a little bit the once it was a perfect fit—the vest that didn't quite connect, altho 'twas not completely wrecked.
A few years back we thought 'twas fun to heed the word from Washington: "Spend not your coin on glad rags, but Buy a Bond to Save the Day!" Ah, happy he who had by chance, a clothes-press full of ancient pants! The tailors gave one awful yell. 'Twas stylish then to look like a hobo.

Oh, brown old suit from Way Back East—Oh, light Palm Beach that warms us least—Oh, Pongee silk of gray and green—Oh, dark blue serge that shows a sheen—Oh, mournful black that's shy a vest—Oh, khaki garb, adventure blest—Oh, "business suits" of every hue—we celebrate each thread of you!

"Old friends are best," the poet writes. Old suits are best these winter nights. Too soon we have to pass them by. Too soon their days of doom draw nigh. Too soon we'll hear on some bright morn, "Your pants are frayed; as sure's you're born! Go write a check for fifty beans and buy yourself some brand-new jeans."

The Cause

THE heart-rending tragedy of Friday, in which a heroic Seattle policeman was killed, five children left fatherless, and four boy desperadoes face years in prison, if not the hangman's noose, leaves the observer aghast at the horror and futility of the crime.
It is a simple matter to ascribe the tragedy to a "crime wave," to "evil influences," to "born criminals"; but the cause lies far deeper than any of these facile explanations.
Vicious as the boys undoubtedly are, they are the products of their environment. That environment, to a certain extent, was responsible for the death of Patrolman V. L. Stevens. That boys of 19 could become so hardened, so utterly callous to the value of human life, points unerringly to rotten, running cancers in our social order.

All of the boys exhibited at the police station the smattering callousness of men who have spent the best part of their lives behind prison bars. There was no sign of weakness in their bearing. Every kindly feeling had been ground out of them in a world where honesty, humanity, decency and sportsmanship were merely terms at which to sneer.

It would be difficult to find, even in the criminal cesspools of the cities of the East, men of more hardened or mature viciousness.
Longer prison terms, more hangings, larger police departments—all these may be advocated as preventive measures. But one fact should never be forgotten: "Certain industrial, economic or social forces are responsible for the development of boy criminals."

Till Death Doth Them Part

THE divorce bill introduced by Representative Rawson of Pierce county, at the request of the Ministerial association, would give courts the right to impose limited divorces, namely, divorces that prohibit either party from remarrying until death takes the other.
There is no question that divorces lead to many ill results, especially with relation to the care and education of children. It is, however, also a fact that where husband and wife are not respectful of each other, tho they are not divorcees, the results are also harmful, and children brought up in an atmosphere of this kind might be better off with either one parent or the other.

There is no absolute rule of wisdom in domestic affairs. Divorce may be an evil in some cases. In others it may be a blessing.
Certainly there is no good cause for granting a divorce and forevermore prohibiting the remarriage of the parties. The good clergymen to the contrary notwithstanding, this one provision, at least, should be eliminated from the divorce bill, for in actual practice, it will prove an invitation to poor morals.

Literary Burglars

THE VERY MAN who said there was nothing new under the sun is said by some scholars to have pilfered the adage from a writer dead before Solomon lived.
It is quite the thing for critics to wrinkle their brows to frown on a modern philosopher for alleged thefts from the songs of Omar Khayyam, Persian, who lived in the eleventh and twelfth centuries of the Christian era.
But old Omar, known to every lad about the time he first dons long trousers, didn't have hands clean of literary burglary himself. He cribbed as clumsily and inexpertly as the veriest schoolboy.

About half of his "eat, drink and be merry" epigrams he stole from one Abu'l-Ala, Arab, who wrote songs he called the "Luzumiyyat," 100 years before the Terzmaker lay on his back in a rose garden and poked fun at the gods.
"I give and go, Grim Destiny—I play Upon this checker-board of Night and Day—"
Thus sings Abu'l and back comes Omar with—
"But helpless pieces of the game He plays Upon this checker-board of Nights and Days—"
They finish the thought together with something to the effect that when the game's done the player's done, too.
About the only difference between Omar and the Arab was that Abu'l was a woman-hater and—well, Omar wasn't!

An Unopposed Reform

UNIQUE among so-called reform organizations, the White Cross is—apparently—unopposed. It goes out to bat with an enemy who dares not show his head.
Peddlers of narcotic drugs, propagators of the dope traffic, are not only without a day in court—they dare not ask for one.
Their secret, shifty business needs only the limelight of publicity to be destroyed. It is 100 per cent evil. It cannot stand the light.

When there was talk of reviving the ball for Harding's inauguration a lot of enthusiastic citizens cheered because they thought the high ball was meant.
Don't mistake the whole human race because a few thousand inhabitants prefer grand opera to the movies.
We haven't noticed that girls are less bold and daring now than in leap year.
The pessimist keeps adding up 1-9-2-1 and, finding the result is 13.
Welcome to the lovely nickel. He's on his way back.

Inquiring Reporter

TODAY'S QUESTION
Have you any suggestions for President Harding's cabinet?
ANSWERS
SCOTT CALHOUN, 1317 Alaska building: "Herbert Hoover is the best fitted man in the country for any job in the cabinet."

EDWIN W. CRAVEN, 1247 Empire building: "I'd like to see Root or possibly Knox as secretary of state. Charles E. Hughes should go on the supreme court bench."

H. ALBERT GEORGE, 745 New York building: "My choice for secretary of state would be Elihu Root."

D. H. POLSON, JR., 507 White building: "I'm of the other party, but I want President Harding assured a successful administration by the presence of such strong men in the cabinet as Root, Hoover, Lowden and Substant of Utah. The latter should be attorney general."

MATTHEW W. HILL, 814 Second ave.: "Herbert Hoover, secretary of labor; Elihu Root, secretary of state, and Charles E. Hughes, attorney general."

A Pig and a Gun

A pig shot a man at Paris, Texas. Stranger things may have happened, but this hog wouldn't have fired off the gun if the man hadn't left it in the pigpen.
Moral: Don't leave loaded guns lying round where a pig can mistake them for something to eat.

If a wild joker fits in a handful of kings, the four aces held by Miguel Olympus, San Francisco, Cal., were no good, as alleged at the time by his opponent in the game, Manuel Fernandez.
The battle that followed the presentation of five kings will be settled in court when the judge has noted what Hoyle says on the subject.

Sweden realizes the necessity for discouraging emigration of her men folk.
Stockholm.—Under the provisions of the new Swedish marriage law, the wife is compelled to help support the family.
Mrs. Ella Fields, Oceanport, N. J., has a rabbit trained to chase stray cats out of the yard.
Louis Nelson, Madison, Wis., has a three-eyed cat.

Fashionable milliners of Paris now are making stylish hats for cats. Yep, real fellows.
Wyman Cross, Cascades, Que., has a six-legged lamb.
The diminutive mutton can, and does walk on any four of its legs, all of which are perfectly formed, but can't walk on six. Two are always resting.
Many a human has wished for an extra couple of legs for use along toward the end of a far journey afoot.

Sheriff J. W. Potts, of Mason county, is hunting for a double-nosed Indian, accused in a robbery charge. He is said to be the only redskin with two noses.

Frank Troecker, Edwardsville, Ill., went trock to the barn to feed the stock. He was followed by "Spot," a pet horse. The animal had been trained to open and shut doors. When Troecker was in the feed room the horse came up, closed the door, and latched it.
Troecker got out next afternoon. Moral: Never teach a horse to lock a door.

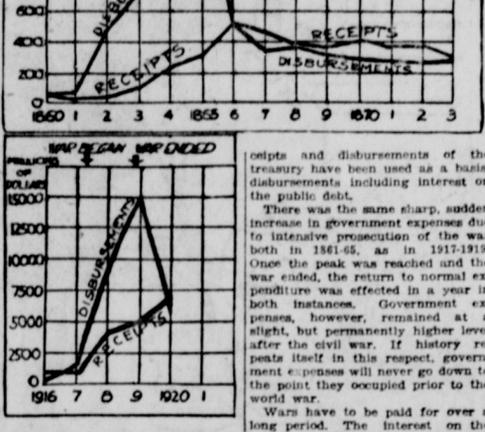
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History Repeats

Civil War and World War Cause Same Phenomena in Government Financing



History is repeating itself in government financing. The effect of the great world war on U. S. government expenditures and receipts is the same as the effect of the civil war.
Statistician Roger W. Babson has worked out the above graphs which demonstrate the healthy condition of present government receipts and expenditures as compared with the civil war period. The ordinary receipts and disbursements of the treasury have been used as a basis, disbursements including interest on the public debt.

There was the same sharp, sudden increase in government expenses due to intensive prosecution of the war both in 1861-65, as in 1917-1919. Once the peak was reached and the war ended, the return to normal expenditure was effected in a year in both instances. Government expenses, however, remained at a slight, but permanently higher level after the civil war. If history repeats itself in this respect, government expenses will never go down to the point they occupied prior to the world war.

In the Editor's Mail

REFUND PART OF THE PURCHASE PRICE
Editor The Star: Before the people of Seattle voted to buy the street car lines, they were given to understand by the newspapers that the deal would include very nearly all of the Stone-Webster properties in Seattle. Newspapers in the large cities are the chief source of information for the public and the articles printed previous to the election had a great deal to do with the outcome of the election. The power plants were as much a part of the street car system as were the cars, rails or car barns, and the people of this city would never have given the city council authority to purchase the system if they had had the slightest idea that the run-down cars, rails and car barns were all that the deal included.

The members of the city council, the mayor and the others who helped to consummate the deal, knew that the power stations, offices, etc., of the electric company were not included, and they should never have completed the purchase of the lines until some of the power plants were made to comprise a part of the purchase, or a certain amount of "juice" be furnished free to the city to operate the cars with.

Fifteen million dollars was an outrageous price to pay for what the city received, and such fact has been conceded by a number of persons in position to know.
The men representing the city in this car line purchase were supposed to be men of business ability, and had they used their ability for the city's best interests, we would now have the car lines on a paying basis with the power houses as a part of the system, or else the deal would not have gone thru.

The Stone-Webster people must have had a good laugh when this kind of a deal was put thru in a city where they had been almost constantly at war with the council over franchise provisions.
An investigation of the car line purchase was started by the present mayor, but it is doubtful if much "real information" will be unearthed. Should any incriminating evidence on the part of any city officials be shown, they should be given the limit of the law. If, however, no underhanded work is found, but the deal has to stand as it is now, with the city saddled with this monstrous debt, then the men who demonstrated their lack of business acumen should be marked off of the city's official list for all time.

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SECRETARY MEREDITH Writes for The Seattle Star Today of NEW GRAINS IN AMERICA

BY E. T. MEREDITH
U. S. Secretary of Agriculture
DURUM wheat, introduced in 1899 from Russia, now produces a crop worth \$50,000,000 annually. Egyptian cotton, brought by the scientists of the department in 1901, has become the basis of the long-staple cotton industry in the Southwest, valued at \$6,000,000 in 1917, \$11,000,000 in 1918, and \$20,000,000 in 1919. Alfalfa, a native of central Asia, brought into the Western states in about 1854, has become in a generation almost the basic crop of the West, according to the report.
The sorghums are the basis of the great agricultural development of the semi-arid Southwest. Japanese rice, secured in 1899, were the foundations of the great rice industry of Louisiana and Texas. The Washington navel orange, introduced from Brazil in 1872, makes west.

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