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Day Labor

"Abolish the contract system on public works." There you have it, good old populist doctrine. Soap-box socialists too have urged it and occasionally a prohibitionist, but no real live statesman on the job ever dared to go in for it strong until—

Well, until Tacoma had such an all-fired hot time with Green river contractors that the city commissioners got desperate and said they'd be hanged if they didn't do something radical.

So they built the third unit by day labor. Hired an up-to-snuff foreman and told him to get busy. Now the job is done.

And wonders of wonders! The long whiskered pop is vindicated and the hairbrained scheme of letting the people do their own work is a winner and the city saves \$40,000 on a \$140,000 job.

The heresy of yesterday becomes of a sudden the statesmanship of today and the commissioners are throwing up their hats and saying "let's have more of it."

Owen Woods even his his eye open for building that municipal street car line over the tideflats by day work. The engineers estimate \$87,000 for it. Owen believes he can do it for a heap less and he probably can. He was particular when the ordinance went through to see it had it in that the city might do the work without contractors if it sees fit.

Of course a reasonable man might have been able to figure it out that if the city hired the same foreman the contractor did the city might keep the profit the contractor made, but it took a three-year fuss with contractors which aroused all the municipal pessimism and disgust in town to force a demonstration of the fact.

But the city has it now. It took just \$100,000 to build the \$140,000 Green river third unit. Nick Lawson says now that the city could have saved \$300,000 if it had built the whole thing. But neither Nick nor any commissioner would have dared to suggest getting along without a contractor before.

After all, if the three years' row with contractors and the three lawsuits now on in court, show the city a way it can save 30 per cent on all future public work in Tacoma, they will be a bonafide good thing and a blessing in disguise.

A city like a man seems to learn more when the winds are wrong than when it is all smooth sailing.

Representative Humphrey of Seattle, is apparently trying to make himself solid in his district by introducing bills for public buildings in all the towns—which will never pass.

Democrats have discovered it is no easy task to fill all the jobs and have the unsuccessful applicants satisfied.

With the bank deposits over \$21,000,000 in Tacoma the bank business in the last two months has reached the enormous figure of \$82,715,999.10 which shows the money here is kept working.

If that municipal farm is only going to cost \$40,000 complete Tacoma people ought to save that in a few years in ink formerly used to write denunciations of the old jail.

If Washington does not grow more cows all the diamond thieves will quit and go to stealing bottled milk.

A Logical Conclusion. Agnes—What foolish things a young man will do when he's in love! Ethel—Oh, Agnes! I'll bet Jack's proposed!—Boston Transcript.

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LET'S SMILE AWHILE

LISTEN TO THIS, MABEL. tin' to be a pretty fine pumper. The other day they had a big organist over from New Haven, and I pumped a piece he couldn't play!—Everybody's.

Teaching Her to Swim. A small boy went up to another in the street and said: "Can you tell a feller how to learn a girl to swim?" "Oh," said the other kiddie, "you goes up to her gentle like, leads her gently down to the water, puts yer arm round her waist—"

FROM A SAD DEMOCRAT. BY TOM JACKSON. Yes—Cornish, N. H., is the place Where Wilson's summer home will be But as for people seeking jobs 'Twill be like Washington, N. G.

AFTER A SWAT. BY TOM JACKSON. Spring is the time to swat the fly. And when you've swatted all. Go forth and make arrangements for New paper for the wall.

Different. Salesman—That cigar, sir, you can offer to your friends. Patron—Yes; but I want some I can smoke myself.—Browning's magazine.

Going by Opposites. "What is your name?" "Minnie, mum." "All right; but we expect a maximum amount of work-out of you."—Houston Post.

First Trip of the Season. "Been fishing, Jimmy?" "Yep; played hooky, too." "Catch anything?" "Guess I will when I get home."—Washington Herald.

An Inducement. "Now if you don't study, Johnny, you'll never get to be president." "I don't want to be president. Presidents don't have no fun." "They don't, eh? They get season passes to all the big league games."—Kansas City Journal.

Might Be Either. He—Is that new place just opened on your street a tailor's shop or a public spooning parlor? She—A spooning parlor? What do you mean? He—Why, I noticed a sign in the window: "Hand Pressing Done Here."—Boston Transcript.

The Second Collection. John D. Rockefeller, golfing on the Seabreeze links in the soft air of Florida, sad of a contribution he had made to a St. Patrick's day fund: "The gentleman to whom I gave this contribution thanked me and remarked: "Your generosity is most prompt—and you know the proverb, Bis dat qui cito dat—he gives twice who gives quickly." "That is to say, I suppose," I answered, "that they are apt to give the quick giver another touch on their second round, eh?"

A Pumping Genius. Visiting his home town after many years absence, a gentleman met Sam, the village fool. "Hello, Sam," he said; "glad to see you. What are you doing now? Still pumping the church organ?" "Yassir, I'm still pumping the organ. An' say, Charlie, I'm get-

Unattended Child On Long Trip

LIMO, O., April 11.—Not even a princess could have received more attention than was shown by the Erie railroad officials to Leonore Gobbold, the 7-year-old girl, who on arrival here completed the first lap of the 4,000-mile journey she is making alone from New York to far western Canada. The crew and kind-hearted passengers vied with each other in showing attentions to the little girl.

Last December the girl's father, then newly a widower and who now lives in Victoria, B. C., decided he could not properly care for the girl. Placing a tag on her he shipped her to New York en route to the home of his parents in England. In New York the Children's society learned that the grandfather to whom she was being shipped in England could not care for her. The father was notified and finally agreed to take his daughter back.

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The bird stands erect like the Indian runner duck, and has the broad back and smooth, downy breast of a duck, colored like the wild mallard species. The fore leg is the exact counterpart of the ordinary duck's, but the toes are not webbed. It has a rooster head, and crows. The bird waddles duck fashion. The fowl is about eight months old. An attempt will be made to see if it is duck enough to try to swim.

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