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LISTEN TO THIS, SPOKANE.

The commission plan, being prepared for Spokane, is making good elsewhere. Read this from Collier's of this week: "Here is another story of the spread of the new ideas of city government—a spread which is now so rapid and successful. On January 12 of this year the people of San Diego adopted charter amendments providing for a commission form of government, with five commissioners and a mayor, and also for the Des Moines system of non-partisan primary and election. In spite of the combined opposition of the saloons and the local branch of the Southern Pacific political bureau, the amendments carried by a vote of two to one. Berkeley, California, followed soon after, with practically the same system, and Los Angeles followed with the Des Moines system of election, but not the commission form of government. At the first election in San Diego under the new system the old Southern Pacific machine, which had been in absolute control for years, was overwhelmingly defeated, not electing a single candidate. At the Los Angeles primary last month the Good Government candidate for mayor led by over 5,000. Under the Des Moines system the power of the machine will apparently be lessened everywhere.

THE ELEVATION OF LIMBURGER.

Sing ho! the song of limburger! For years the lowly cheese has had no one to defend it. If you liked it—why you liked it, but you apologized for it, too. If you didn't, why the English and the German and a few other languages were not enough to express your opinion of a cheese that was an abomination. Poor old limburger—all it could do was smell and be smelled! And it did that with all its might and main; that was its specialty; that was its "metier," as the Parisians say. It could not compare with Roquefort for tang; with Swiss for flavor; with Camembert for that satisfying something connoisseurs love; no, all it could do was to make itself overly manifest whenever it butted into polite society. It was the under dog in the cheese world; the poor old hoi polloi that every other cheese made cutting remarks about. But all that is about to be changed. The patient, long-suffering, long-smelling limburger has found a champion. At one bound it is about to leap from the bottom of the cheese ladder to the very topmost rung. It is to be the great I-am of the cheese world. All other cheeses remain—cheeses. But limburger, if an enterprising western doctor succeeds in proving his claim, is not only to be a cheese with a smelly pedigree, but a cure as well. Think of it, this doctor says limburger is a cure for cancer—one of the worst of humanity's ills. Thus are the humble justified of their existence in this best of all possible worlds.

Can't Waste Time With the Babies.

A writer for a popular magazine now undertakes to adduce proof of the fact that the majority of men waste that most priceless possession, Time. And he proceeds to itemize Time much as an accountant itemizes a bill of groceries; so many hours for work, so many for sleep, so many for eating, improvement, study, dressing and undressing, and so on. Then taking up the case of a man who had actually kept account with himself during his entire life, he classifies all the balance of this man's life as TIME WASTED. The writer applies the scalpel and does some vivisection. Plain loafing is charged with 1712 hours, waiting for tardy appointments 1498 hours, and so on down a list till his massive brain evolved this wonderful thought: "Time wasted playing with the babies, 652 hours!" The man had lived 40 years. He was probably in possession of his first child at 25, and doubtless the kiddies remained at the "baby" stage more or less during the ensuing 10 years, so this wise fool WASTED 65 hours a year or an hour a week playing with his babies. Language fails utterly when we attempt to put into words our contempt for this father. That nature made a mistake in granting him children seems evident. The suggestion that a rational human being could begrudge the happiest hours of life, those hours spent with children, is simply incredible. Time spent with children cannot be wasted. To them we turn for our inspiration, our hope and faith and truth. Their prattle is the sweetest poetry in life. This baby item in the magazine man's article spoils an argument which otherwise might be good. We all of us do waste time and need to be reminded of the evil once in a while. But we do not give too much to children.

What the Law Allows Women of Washington

Only in personal injury cases and actions growing out of the death of a man by negligence does the state of Washington show any niggardliness in the protection accorded women in the law. Widows have a right to sue for damages when a husband's death is caused by the negligence of another person. Mothers and minor brothers and sisters who may have been entirely dependent upon the decedent during his lifetime for support can secure no provision from the corporation or person whose neglect or carelessness causes the death of the provider. For the death of the husband the widow can secure damages supposed to be equal to his earning power during his life expectancy and also compensation for the loss of his companionship. Minor children also can maintain an action for the death of the father to compensate them for the loss of his support. NOTHING FOR THE MOTHER. A mother or father can maintain legal action if his or her child under legal age is killed by the negligence of another. The amount of damages to be awarded is supposed to be a sum equal to the amount that the child could likely earn up until it reached legal age minus the cost of supporting the child. For the aged mother, whose ac-

Press Humor--Most Anything--Have a Smile

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



By FRED SCHAEFER. "No, Osgar, only hiss nose lie to, mit Roman features—iss he prominent?" "Say, Adolf, dot feller you spoks prominent."

Great Hoaxes of History

Speaking of Explorer Cook, Australia Produced an Ananias Recruit Without Any "Purple Ice."

"The most amazing story a man ever lived to tell," exclaimed one of the bushmen. He miraculously showed up in London in 1898 with a tale of hair-raising adventures in the wilds of Australia.

According to his story, De Rougemont had been captured when a child and taken to Australia.

Republicans and socialists have carried the elections in Spain, and it seems the liberals will overthrow the lords in Great Britain, and it would be well for plutocracy in this country to sit up and take notice.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



tralia, there given to a cannibal tribe of bushmen. He miraculously stopped many attempts to put him in a soup kettle, and finally won the esteem of his captors by his wonderful prowess in the field of battle.

As a proof of their affections they made him chief of the tribe, which job, he said, he held down successfully for 25 years. He told of wonderful animals that trod the jungles, some armed with daggers and possessing the power to give electric shocks; dangerous flying spiders and wom bats, huge ten-armed squids and leopard seals, he had seen with his own eyes.

Such tales of daring placed De Rougemont upon a pedestal, be- WHEN A MAID LOVES. I envy every maid that sighs To win the love of his eyes; And every gaze that turns for him, And every heart that burns for him, Stirs all that in me lies.

I envy every melody That seeks to turn his thoughts from me; And every song they sing for him, And tinkling bells that ring for him, Like bobbing buoys at sea.

I envy every winning wile That strives to hold with subtle guile His love from me. I live for him, And gladly would I give for him My all, to win his smile.

I envy every ruddy glow That cheers him when the sun is low, And gives its warmest beams to him, And sends, perhaps, sweet dreams to him, Because I love him so. —Smart Set.

MOST ANYTHING



Josh Wise SAYS

At a banquet the other day Carnegie knocked Knox and Knox nagged Carnegie. Take a pencil and paper and make a jingle of it.

The Brokaw divorce case is responsible for the introduction of the teacup cocktail. Just what the excuse is for serving it in a teacup is not known, except that perhaps a teacup holds more.

The new Chinese minister's name is Chan Yin Gang. "Gang" is Scotch, isn't it?

Patience: I have been spending a week looking for traces of my ancestors.

Patrice: Indeed? And did your ancestors wear traces?—Yonkers Statesman.

Senator Dewey resuscitated himself long enough to deliver a speech radiating with optimism. However, it is some time since Chauncey was much force as a radiator.

President Taft has offered an olive branch to Joe Foraker. But perhaps Joe doesn't like olives.

John Burns, cabinet member, assisted in directing the firemen's operations at a big London fire. Why is it that celebrities who don't know anything about fires always butt in and "direct" the firemen?

One More Day to Buy Pianos AT HALF

BEFORE MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, WE MUST VACATE 118 POST STREET. EVERYTHING GOES—PIANOS, PLAYER PIANOS, ORGANS, ALL STOCK AND FIXTURES. NOTHING WILL BE SHIPPED TO LOS ANGELES THAT WE CAN SELL AT A PRICE ANYWHERE NEAR REASONABLE. ALMOST ANY OFFER OF TERMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

DEALERS ARE BIDDING FOR THE STOCK. IF THESE PRICES INTEREST DEALERS, THEY CERTAINLY SHOULD INTEREST INDIVIDUAL BUYERS.

Friday night marks the close of the most extraordinary piano sale Spokane or any other city has ever seen. Such a wholesale slaughter of prices on high-grade pianos will probably never again occur in your city.

Can you afford to let the opportunity pass when the small sum of \$10 down will send a piano to your home?

We admit there is not much in such a deal for us, but neither is there anything in shipping our stock to Los Angeles and paying big freight rates.

Note the crowds that are visiting our store daily, many of them buying pianos, and some who already own pianos come just to see if it is actually true that we are selling high-grade pianos at \$125, \$149, \$186, etc., and not being able to resist the bargains exchanged their old instrument for a better one.

You can better appreciate what these prices mean when you know that dealers are actually bidding for the pianos. Two from Seattle and one from Spokane, as well as small dealers tributary, have made offers for this stock. However, we would much rather promote the name of Lucore Piano Co. by selling every piano to individual buyers, if such can be done before Friday night.

Certainly we would not leave your glorious city only under unusual conditions. Another dealer bought our lease in Tacoma last August, and being continually harassed by the landlord, and even brought into a lawsuit, we

have put up \$10,000 bond to vacate by December 31, and have also agreed to vacate our Spokane store at the same time.

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Prof. Noah Lott's DEFINITIONS



HOLY TERROR: One who takes unholy joy in being such.

VOTER: Citizen who occasionally exercises his right of franchise and is constantly baffled in his ambition to keep candidates out of office.

WEATHER FORECAST: (Misprint. Should be fourflush.) Cusses the human species from the standpoint of an entomologist.

SAUSAGEMAKER: Artificer who takes a little of everything to make a whole lot of nothing.

MY MUMMY: Corpse defeated

In the project of staying put under a pyramid. LIE: A subtle quality that turns prose to poetry.

CAUGHT AT THE CURB

It was 11 o'clock at night and all was quiet about an uptown hotel. Suddenly the door of room 426 opened and a woman in negligee hesitated for an instant in the open doorway.

Then she crouched. Stealthily she crept toward the door of 425. Horrors! Was she mad? What was that shining thing she shoved along the floor?

Hush! Don't scream! She was pushing a small tray bearing an empty champagne bottle and one small glass toward the door of the other fellow. No lady wants every passerby to see an empty bottle standing at her door.

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He wanted to send \$40 to Kopycynce. It was Christmas money going to an old mother, and he was doubtful about getting it transmitted so that it would be easily and quickly secured by the Galician peasant woman, unskilled in money matters, for whom it was intended. But our system of international money orders provided the means, and as he was a depositor he merely signed a check for the amount, and that closed the transaction. This bank is world-wide in its services. ASSETS OVER \$5,500,000.00. Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. Twentieth Year Under One Management. J. P. M. Richards President, R. L. Rutter Secretary

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