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## THE PRESIDENT'S WEDDING

It is in accordance with American ideas that the wedding taking place in Washington this evening, in which the head of the government is to be married to an American woman, who has been engaged in trade, and making a living for herself, should have occurred in the home of the bride just as most weddings in this democratic country do.

The chosen ruler of the richest, greatest and naturally the most powerful nation in the world, or that ever was in it, is to be married without pomp or ceremony, and will slip away to no one knows where, to indulge in the sweet dalliance belonging to every honeymoon.

How different had it been, the wedding of royalty. There would have been pomp and glitter, be-uniformed men and bewilderingly gowned women; blare of bands and excess of ceremony and function; bishops in trailing robes to perform the ceremony and an army of officials, each borne down with the weight of his responsibilities in seeing his part of the gorgeous affair went off without a hitch.

There would have been crowned heads or their representatives from half the world to do honor to the event. The city would have been ablaze with streamers and banners, and all the pomp and ceremony possible would have accompanied the uniting of the hands of two persons who very likely had no liking for each other, and whose marriage was simply one of political policy.

It is fitting too that the fair woman who today gave her hand to the president let her heart go with it, as is the custom in this land of freedom and equal rights, where there is no class or caste, other than that which comes from individual worth.

The whole country regardless of politics has only the best wishes for the president and the charming woman whom he has made his wife, and sincerely hopes as well as believes she will prove indeed a helpmeet, making him forget when official duties are over the strenuous cares of the day and compensating him for all its troubles and annoyances.

Maybe when Ford's second peace ship catches up with the party now on the Oscar, the delegation on it may offer peace terms to the first that will be acceptable. Rev. Charles Aked having taken a firm stand apparently will require more than moral suasion to cause him to make any concessions. His remedy for the situation is to put everybody ashore who does not agree with his theories. The trouble is that those disagreeing with him are as "sot in their ways" as he is. All together they do not seem to be any more amenable to reason than the rulers they are supposed to try to persuade to show christian charity for each other, and to reach a compromise through mutual forbearance.

It is rather a suggestive fact that of all the warring nations that own and operate submarines, Turkey is the only one that has shown a christian spirit in dealing with unarmed merchant vessels belonging to an enemy. When the frightened passengers of an Italian steamer began to jump overboard expecting every minute to have a torpedo exploded under their vessel, the commander, called to them not to be afraid that "we are not murderers." It is only proper to add that the commander of the submarine was probably an Austrian. Christian nations might do well to follow the example of the "unspeakable Turk."

There was a sort of preliminary arranging of the plan of battle in enforcing the prohibition law, going into effect with the new year, when the prosecuting attorneys of the state gathered in the office of Attorney General Brown Friday. The law was gone over thoroughly and it is fair to presume that the attorneys are well supplied with munitions of war and are generally in a state of "preparedness" for old demon Rum no matter what shape he attacks them in.

## THE HOBBY RIDERS

We are used to hearing it said that this is an age of specialization in occupations. But a little look backward convinces us that specialization has been the ruling order in every age.

Morse, when riding his hobby, the telegraph, was spoken of by a congressman as "an old fool who wants congress to pay for stringing a wire from Baltimore to Washington, with the absurd notion that people can communicate at a distance." But the specialist won out.

Copernicus was such a hobbyist that he was called crazy when he said the earth moved round the sun, and his book on the revolution of the heavenly bodies was prohibited. But his hobby carried him to fame.

Galileo, compelled to abjure his hobby, still muttered under his breath, "The earth moves just the same." And it does.

Franklin rode his hobby, electricity, and when folk sneered, "of what use is it?" he replied, "What's the use of a boy? He may become a man."

When Westinghouse went to Vanderbilt with his air brake the railroad magnate told him he "hadn't time to talk to fools." Westinghouse worked twenty years to get his hobby accepted. He specialized in the fullest sense.

The successful worker today, and always, is he who singles out from the vast number of possible employments some hobby and rides it whip and spur.

The specialists have made the industrial and scientific world.

Yuan Shi Kai recently president of the republic of China by the will of the people and now the emperor of China by the will of himself and a coterie of politicians, explains his acceptance of the crown by saying that "the pressure brought to bear on him by the people was such that he could not refuse." We have known many politicians in this country to be affected the same way, and the pressure was not exceedingly heavy either. There is in politics nothing like being in a receptive mood. Next year just a little gentle pressure would convince Root, Marshal, Cannon, Clarke, Roosevelt, Borah, Hobson, and dozens of others who would like to occupy the presidential chair, and democrat and republican alike, that the urging was irresistible and the pressure dynamic.

The Russian forces have occupied the Persian town of Hamaden. The place is of no great importance in a commercial way but its capture serves to show how the war, starting on the borders of Germany has reached even into the lands and scenes of biblical times. Hamaden, which is the ancient city of Orontes, is said to be the burial place of Esther and Mordecai. According to recent reports the site of the garden of Eden has already been over-run by armed forces. This is carrying the war back to first principles.

Besides remembering to shop early, which by the way you will be late in doing unless you commence at once—it is also well to remember that if you like your morning's morning, that January first is but two weeks distant and that the druggists will not have anything in the morning line for sale. The law permits you to have it around the house so long as you had it in your possession before the law went into effect. This is only a hint for those who have not yet acquired the dry habit.

Chauncey M. Depew claims that it is a mistake to retire from the usual pursuit of life whatever it may be, and regrets that he has done so. Chauncey is mistaken in the idea that he has retired. He was always an after dinner talker and is at it yet. The only trouble with Chauncey is that he has talked so long that he has nothing left to say without repeating himself and so is no longer in the urgent demand he once was.

So far as the prohibition law going into effect is concerned there are many who will indorse the republican idea of a much more thorough "preparedness" than the democrats have planned.



## DOING GOOD

We all are bent on doing good, when it's not too expensive; when coin is asked, it's understood we're all on the defensive. With helpful word and kindly smile, I trot around the village, but if you'd touch my little pile, I talk of graft and pillage. I weep for those afflicted Serbs, who wade in blood and slaughter; not all your consolation curbs the flow of briny water. But when I'm asked to loosen up, to help to buy some fritters, so all those hungry Serbs may sup, you find me with the quitters. I mourn for those heroic Poles, whom Fate is always beating, who tighten up their belts three holes whenever they think of eating. For mourning doesn't cost a cent, and tears are cheap as blazes, and any sympathetic gent can hand out feeling phrases. But when I'm asked to spill a bean, to buy the Poles a dinner, I say, "I need for gasoline my coin as I'm a sinner!"



## A Galley o' Fun

### LIGHT ON A DARK SUBJECT.

The suburbanite is a man who spends his daytime in the city and his salary in the country. He usually is old enough to know better. The suburbanite is a patron saint of transportation companies, snow-shovel makers, perambulator manufacturers, lawn-mower grinders, and growers of seed-grass, garden, and canary.

He lunches at Thompson's, dines at home, and eats his breakfast on the road to the station.

He knows his way home in the dark but probably would fail to recognize his bungalow if he were to run up against it in the daytime.

The suburbanite usually has a wife four children, la grippe, and no permanent cook.

He sleeps all day Sunday dreaming of trial-balances. Week-days the hubbies are still slumbering when he leaves for the city in the morning, and abed when he reaches home at night. Offspring of suburbanites know only by hearsay that they have a father.

All suburban jokes on record were written by cave-dwellers. Suburban life is no joke to the suburbanite. Besides, he has no time for foolishness—the seven-thirty local waits for no man.



## AN INTERESTED PARTY.

"Yes! Cholly has taken up hunting. I believe his doctor recommended it."

"His doctor? I thought it might have been his tailor?"

## WHAT IT COSTS.

Running an auto is now so much of a necessity that I should like to give my experience. I am deeply pained from time to time as I notice the gross extravagance of my friends, and I think it is high time that the real figures should be given.

When I was getting fifteen dollars a week, I talked the matter over with my wife, and we decided that we could deny ourselves the auto for another six months, but at that time I was suddenly raised to sixteen; no obstacle then preventing, I got my first car.

The cost of a car should be carefully considered. My experience is that it is better to get the best car you can—for the money. I did not hesitate. I secured a modest little runabout for only five thousand dollars, paying the agent out of my first week's salary. The balance was furnished by my mother-in-law, who has the privilege of using it once every spring.

I have had the car now for six months; during this period we have been to California twice and we took a hurried trip over the Alps, besides this I have used it to go to and from my office.

The car has had very rough usage, and yet the total expense counting gasoline and three tire plugs, has been only three dollars. How do I account for this? I don't. I simply give the facts.

I might add that I am using the same spark-plugs as when I started, and I have been offered three times what they cost me. I intend to use them for a year or so longer, however, when I confidently expect to sell them for even more than this.

## PROGRESSIVE FARMING.

"Well, yes," confessed honest Farmer Hornbeak, the while a grim grin wrinkled his weather-beaten complexion. "It's a good 'eal o' trouble, but the satisfaction I feel amply repays me for the extra work. Ye see, by degrees I'm sharpenin' up the top of every stump on the place, and in the course o' time I hope to have matters so arranged that the hired man will find it fully as comfortable to stand up durin' the day as to set down."

## TRUE.

Wills—I see a fellow in New York took out \$250,000 insurance on \$200 worth of goods.

Gillis—That's nothing. I know a lot of fellows who carry \$25,000 life-insurance on a thirty-cent life.



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## WILLAMETTE NOTES

The oratorical contest will be an interesting one this year due to the fact that there is two prizes for the winner. This is the result of combining the regular inter-collegiate try-out with the Walter Keyes contest. So that the necessity of two try-outs is dispensed with and the results will be known sooner. The winner will be Willamette representative in the inter-collegiate contest in which eight colleges of Oregon participate; in addition the winner will also receive \$15 in gold, the first prize offered by Attorney Walter Keyes.

The rules governing the contest are: The oration will be limited to 1,500 words, contestant shall choose and write their own orations. There will be two sets of judges; one for thought and composition, the other for delivery. There are a number of men and women who have signified their intention of entering the contest as it is a free for all university students. Several letter men of previous years are awakening and will pen orations during the Christmas holidays, to compete with the under-class aspirants.

Manager Paul Smith has hopes of seeing Willamette take first place in the inter-collegiate contest this year, for never before has there been the enthusiasm in forensics. This is perhaps due to the fact that this year has seen the introduction of a department of public speaking, of which Professor Helen Stein is the head. She will coach individually every contestant privately in addition to the instruction given in the class room.

Dr. John O. Hall, head of the economics department, has inaugurated a unique scheme for the study of economics. He has divided his class into six groups for the purpose of research work. Each group selects a chairman, who then assigns to each member of the group a topic for his individual research work; all of the topics which he hands out bear directly on the main subject which his group was to consider. Then when all have compiled their reports the group takes charge of the class and imparts the knowledge they have assimilated to the class.

This system has made the subject a very interesting one to study, as each student has a certain responsibility placed upon him which he must discharge.

Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase of the college of music will take both the men's and ladies' glee clubs for an extensive tour during the spring vacation; the trip would have been made sooner, but Dr. Chase is desirous of working out a program that will be worthy the praise of the most critical audience. The program will contain a skit, or musical comedy that will be arranged for Willamette characters. In addition there are to be two soloists and the male quartette, as well as several others who will appear in "stunts." The tour will be through northern climes, as far north as Seattle, and returning they will appear at Aberdeen, Chelalis and Castle Rock.

Joseph Gerhart, head of the extension department of the Y. M. C. A., is making arrangements to take a deputation team to several of the smaller towns adjoining Salem, during the Christmas vacation. The purpose of these trips is to interest young men in Y. M. C. A. work.

The manner of program to be put on is: The deputation team will play basketball with a team in the town which they are visiting, after the game it will be announced that the next morning, which will usually be Sunday, a mass meeting will be held, at which the college men will take charge and render a musical program and later speak on the interests of the Y. M. C. A. and college. This will be a new venture for the local college Y., but it is thought will be successful.

Ernest V. Baker, a graduate of the '14 class in law is the author of a book of poems entitled, "The Heart of the Last Frontier." The first issue of 1,000 will be out next week. While in school at Willamette Mr. Baker wrote considerable poetry for a number of the leading magazines, so his work can be considered really of worth.

Paul R. Smith, forensics manager, returned from Portland this morning where he has been endeavoring to complete arrangements for forensic work. While gone Mr. Smith attended a party at St. Helen's hall, a young ladies' finishing school, and reported as having had a very enjoyable time. Last evening he was the guest of Rufus C. Holman, Multnomah county commissioner, to a theatre party.

Fred McMillin, assistant in the chemistry department and Prof. Clark of Salem high school, have arranged to hold a demonstration of the physical and chemical properties of liquid air. This demonstration was decided upon by inquiring of the students as to what extent they were interested in the matter. Such a demand for the demonstration was immediately manifested that the two professors have sent east for the liquid air. The demonstration will be held early in January after the opening of school.

Dallas, Ore., Dec. 18.—Asking \$4,800 as damages, Mrs. A. J. Barham, of Dallas, yesterday filed action against Dr. L. A. Bollman, one of Polk county's leading physicians and surgeons, charging malpractice. Mrs. Barham alleges she sustained an injury and that the doctor made a wrong diagnosis of the case, and for several weeks treated her for trouble that did not exist. She alleges that as a result her arm became paralyzed.

HOP BUSINESS NOW AT LOWER QUOTATION  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—While the market for hops is quiet, occasional sales are reported at fractionally lower prices. The latest deal reported is the sale by Conrad Krebs of 180 bales to Durbin of Salem at 11 cents a pound. Dealers in general report a lack of new business available here or elsewhere along the coast.

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