

There is little sympathy for anybody who breaks down from the work of minding other people's business.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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According to government reports, the price of a steak is less than in 1912. But, then, so is the steak.

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That Portland has about the best public schools in the whole world is a broad statement, but is so easily proven that I have no hesitancy in heralding this fact to the world. The main contributing features of the efficiency of our schools is the wise and economic administration of the present Board of School Directors. Out of a tax levy of only five mills, netting the measly little sum of \$1,550,435, the board has, by a series of economies known only to themselves, saved enough money to buy three automobiles, two for use of the over-worked directors and one for the clerk of the school board.

It surely causes the little homeowner to swell up with pride to point out the street car window or from the jitney bus to the swiftly passing auto and remark to his seat companion, "That's either one of our School Board or the School Board clerk. Some class, eh? He didn't have to buy the machine he's riding in, either. Belongs to us taxpayers, but we let him use it. Eh? Oh, yes, we buy the gasoline, and the oil and new tires and pay for the repairs. Small matter. Buy less than \$500 worth at a time and save the cost of advertising for bids. Then some of the tight-wad taxpayers don't know so much about what's going on and therefore, don't kick so much."

We have a fine system of levying school taxes. A meeting is called and after the chairman is sure the house is packed with a sufficient number of large-hearted, generous, automobile-inclined voters, the tax levy is fixed by a motion (seconded before the meeting is called), and the tax collector does the rest—or perhaps the Sheriff if the home-owner is out of a job, as many of them are at the present time.

Then the school elections are patterned after a model which should be the envy of all the world, especially the Hottentots or the South Sea Islanders. The convenience of the polling places is one of the unique and pleasing features. For instance, if you live in the Arleta school district, within four blocks of the school building, all you have to do is to walk over to the aforesaid Arleta school building where a voting booth has been established and be told by the judge and clerks of election that you must go to Lents to vote. This is only one and one half miles. The school clerks or

school directors would not mind this, as he could ride to Lents in our school district automobile, but the average taxpayer must walk or take a jitney, as the street cars do not pass the Lents school.

We are surely generous, we taxpayers of this county. We build a fine scenic highway which we are too poor to ever see, bond ourselves for paving miles and miles of beautiful roads, over which we are too tired to ever walk after the labor necessary to live and pay our taxes; then we, in our large-heartedness, remember the school directors and the clerks and we buy automobiles that they may be able to enjoy the beauties of our Oregon.

Of course, we were not asked by the school directors and clerks to buy automobiles for them to use. Oh, no. They just bought them and paid for them with our money. They were just too modest to ask for them. Now the next thing will be three chauffeurs and the mechanics and three garages and six suits of livery with brass buttons and—the grave for the overburdened taxpayer.

But there's no use in talking, these automobiles should help a great deal in educating our children. They should graduate at least one year sooner. This addition to our school equipment should make our grammar grade graduation certificate equal to the certificate of Yale or Harvard, and be the means of bringing many families to our city for school advantages.

What matters it if 20 per cent of school children of this country are underfed and under-nourished; if economic pressure forces two-thirds of all school children to leave grammar school before graduating, and only 10 per cent finish high school? What do we care if the poor man, trying to buy a home for his family must scrimp and save, is ill-fed and ill-clothed, worrying continually about his next payment, his taxes, an annual burden almost beyond his most strenuous efforts? We as a school district own three automobiles, and our clerks and directors don't have to walk, or even ride street cars or jitneys. To hades with the poor man, we must keep our school officers up to the latest style.

But we might have a few, just a few, mind you, changes in our school laws, after we bleed the taxpayer until he is bloodless. Some day we'll wake up.

Siezing Time By The Forelock

So few of us are aware or have given thought to the fact that Christmas will soon be with us again. It seems but yesterday when we were planning for the holiday season and selecting presents for relatives and friends, but it is only a few tomorrows until the yuletide.

You remember, at least most of you do, that last year there were many little presents you wished you could buy for some loved one, but felt financially unable to do so. You also remember the resolution made that you would put by a little money next year in anticipation of Christmas time. Have you done so?

There are always so many present needs, we so love to enjoy today that is hard to resist the picnic, the launch party, the vaudeville and the movies, and before we are aware, a touch of frost, the faded flowers, the colored foliage, reminds us that Christmas is but a few days away and we are again unprepared. It is not too late, however, to make a start toward a holiday fund for the coming Christmas.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good." Just at this time we have the best possible excuse for foregoing the pleasure of vaudeville and movie show. You are probably aware that the union musicians and theatre managers are having trouble and that no union musicians are employed in Portland theatres. You may not understand the reason for this trouble; you may have read the managers' side of the controversy in the daily papers, all one-sided, but sufficient is it to say that the musicians have a just cause in the violation of an agreement by the managers and should be supported by organized labor and friends of the labor movement.

In showing your loyalty to the cause of the working class, by refraining from attending entertainments in these theatres, you are not only helping the union musicians, but you are helping to sustain the cause of the bread-winner of your house; helping the struggle of the poor against the rich; keeping your money from the coffers of he who would hire a scab because his services can be secured for less money than the

union worker and also you are saving money toward a Christmas fund. You have an opportunity to kill not only two but many birds with one stone, with credit to yourself, and at Yuletide your pleasure will more than compensate you for the amusement you have foregone; you will have money to buy presents, and the pleasure of giving, added to the knowledge of having assisted a worthy cause, will surely fill your cup of gladness to overflowing.

NON-PARTISAN LAW ATTACKED
The referendum campaign against the California non-partisan election law, passed by the last legislature, is losing its force. It is necessary to secure 46,000 signatures before this law, intended to abolish partisan elections, can be submitted to the people. Opponents of the law started their campaign with the belief that they would sweep the state, but the small number of signatures secured would indicate that California citizens are weary of political partisanship.

LIBERTY
When walls of steel and blood stained trench
No more are held by Russian, English
German, or French;
When czar, emperor, king, queen or royal prince,
Never again shall try with force, the people to convince
That sacrificing life and liberty is needed patriotism,
Then shall the light of reason shine as thru a prism.

When the greed of ruler, or moneyed potentate falls away,
To the home and family shall come a new day.
On history's storied pages, written in deepest red,
Not liberty, but aristocracy and plutocracy are dead;
The powerful, as the weak, must learn the golden rule,
The dignity of labor will be taught in humanity's school.

May the foundation trenches of a permanent new state
Be dug and filled with love, without fear or hate.
Ruled by the Great Master's all pervading power,
In peace plenty and happiness, with scarce a darkened hour,
Less than this were vain human effort misapplied,
Rich and poor bow the head and ask God to guide.

R. K. MARSTON.

COOKERY

Peanuts can often be substituted for meat and vegetables and a very good substitute they make. Most people who eat peanuts buy them fresh from the roasters and eat them as they are or in candy, or peanut butter for sandwiches. There are a number of good recipes which make both for diversion and economical meals.

Corn and nut loaf: Mix two cupfuls corn, one cupful chopped nut meats, two eggs, one cupful of milk, and half a cupful bread crumbs. Place in a buttered baking dish, and cook forty-five minutes in a moderate oven. Serve hot.

Cream of peanut soup: Allow one pint of shelled peanuts to a quart of milk and one pint of water. Put nuts through the food chopper, with medium knife. Grate a small onion and add it to the peanuts with pepper and salt to taste. Cook in a double boiler for twenty minutes. Thicken with a rounded tablespoonful of flour rubbed smooth in a little milk and a spoonful of butter. Cook ten minutes longer. Finely chopped mint may be added when served.

Peanut and cor. loaf: Mix one cupful chopped peanuts with one pint of corn, a dozer rolled crackers and salt and pepper to taste. Bake and serve with white or parsley sauce.

Peanut and celery loaf: Mix half a pint each of chopped celery, soft stale bread crumbs and chopped peanuts. Season with salt, pepper, a pinch of thyme and a teaspoonful of onion juice. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter melted in half a pint of hot milk and mold into a loaf. Bake on a buttered pan for almost an hour, basting with equal parts hot water and melted butter. Serve with white sauce.

Peanut cutlets: Mix equal parts ground peanuts and bread crumbs with beaten egg, using one egg for each pint. Season with sage, pepper and salt and shape into cutlets. Dip each into the white of an egg beaten with a teaspoonful of water, then into the crumbs, and bake in a quick oven until browned. Serve with tomato sauce.

Baked rice and nuts: One-half cupful rice, well washed; add half a cupful each of ground peanuts and milk and one cupful water; season with salt and add two chopped sweet peppers, and bake in moderate oven, stirring once in a while until rice is done.

If we would keep down the food bills we must use the vegetables and fruits as they are in season, especially those which do not last over the winter months.

Peach Chartreuse: Put one and one-quarter tablespoonfuls gelatin, four tablespoonfuls sugar and two cupfuls milk into a saucepan and dissolve over the fire. Rub enough peaches through a sieve to obtain one cupful of the pulp; add this to the strained juice of one-half lemon and the dissolved gelatin. Stir occasionally until cool and set in a wet ring mold. Turn out, when firm, and serve with halves of peaches in the center.

Apple snow: Press one quart of cooked apples through a sieve, add one cupful sugar, the stiffly beaten whites of five eggs, one-half cupful whipped cream and one teaspoonful vanilla extract. Mix carefully and serve.

Celery relish: To one cupful of very finely chopped celery add half a Spanish onion and as many olives as come in a ten cent bottle, all well minced. Season with salt and pepper and add a little French dressing or mayonnaise. Serve in ramekins. Stuffed olives may be used in place of the plain ones.

Grape gelatin: Dissolve two tablespoonfuls of gelatin in a quart of hot grape juice which has been slightly sweetened. Place a layer in the bottom of a mold and chill it; when partially set, arrange upon this a layer of grapes cut in half and seeded; cover with the gelatin mixture and chill as before. Repeat until the ingredients are all used. Allow it to become hard and ice cold. Serve with whipped cream.

Tomato mousee salad: Cook the solid portion of one quart of tomatoes until very thick; rub through a sieve and add a pinch of baking soda. Whip a gill of cream and blend with the tomatoes. Season, put in a mold, and pack in salt and ice. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Mock olives: Use green plums before they begin to change color. Wash them and put them in a weak brine for twenty-four hours. Drain, and put in another brine, adding one teaspoonful baking soda to each gallon water and bring to a boil. Pack at once into sterilized jars, fill with boiling brine and seal at once. Let stand eight weeks before using.

FASHION'S WHIMS

There was a time not long since, when the waist line was about the most unreliable line of Dame Fashion's frocks. It's the neck line now. Any line from just under her arms to the tips of milady's ears will mark the neck line. Some times the collar is high and swathed around the neck and above this sicken stock is an airy frill, perhaps two, which stand well up around the ears. Again, the collar may begin low around the base of the neck, if collar it may be called. It really is not more than a band much larger than the neck line is usually cut, and from it stands a very full transparent frill in which its fair wearer may bury her pretty nose. Of course, these neck line styles are not for the rounded, plump lady. Oh, no! They were designed for the tall, willowy sort, who seem to be the favorite inspirations for the designers. Still there is some consolation for the woman with enough flesh to cover her bones—she doesn't need a collar to her ears.

The pocket is another part of the modes that skips gaily from blouse to skirt and from skirt to sleeve or jacket. Some are merely decorative effects, while others are more of a practical cut and really give service.

Taffeta is still a favorite, and will be for fall. In all materials black seems to be the favorite. The many combinations of white and black in the fall silks are still seen. Two-color plaids in taffeta are extremely good looking and require little trimming, if any.

A wonderful simplicity marks the fall modes—an effect that seems so easy to attain, but which is an art in itself, and requires much study of its deceiving appearance.

The silhouette has undergone a decided change. The new gowns have a distinctive tightening of the waist line, with the bust and hip line much in evidence. The new waist line is of generous proportions and does not remind us at all of the old "hour-glass" waist line.

Among the new hats are those of very, very broad brims. They are generally of velvet in dark colors with black easily the favorite. The latest shapes are tipped high in the back. Beneath these broad brims plums curl against the hair. This is a pretty fashion revived. Another beautiful hat has a broad brim of velvet of a new color called "suede," which is a delicate shade of greenish tan. Many broad velvet brims are stitched round and round in white or contrasting colors. Some of the fashionable colors in millinery are raisen, garnet, suede, gray, biege, and blue. Many of the larger hats will be trimmed under the brim. The tiny hat has lost none of its prestige. Many are smaller than ever, if that is possible. They are close and tight and trimmed with wings and stiff up-standing bows in various fantastic resemblances to batons, stiletos etc. Those of early fall are made of satin, taffeta and combinations of velvet and silk. A very new idea is carried out in the small hat entirely made of braid, sewed round and round and trimmed with the same material fringed into tassels. Braid trimmings will be much used both for hats and street suits, and is not so expensive as is the use of fur, which gives promise of becoming the favorite trimming for later wear.

The idea is that you shouldn't mind being blown up, if you were notified in advance.

NEW CARPENTERS' UNIONS

Secretary Duffy, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, announces that the following locals were organized last month: Fall River, Mass. (Portugese); Okechobee, Fla.; Atchison, Kans.; Prince George, Canada; Enid, Okla.; Baltimore, Md. (shipwrights); Portland, Me.; Martinez, Cal.; Hoboken, N. J. (ship carpenters).

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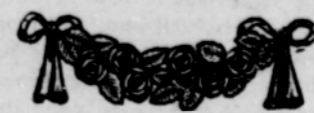
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