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**"ASSISTANT GOVERNOR."**

Colorado now has an "assistant governor"—and a woman, at that! Governor Carlson announces that he has appointed his wife to fill this position, to serve as long as he continues in office and put in as many hours each day as he does. Her principal duties, it is explained, will be to look after legislation relating to women and children, and the governor declares he will abide by her judgment in the disposition of such measures. In addition to handling legislation, Mrs. Carlson will meet all women interested in legislation, hold conferences, and perform the same duties in her particular sphere as the governor will in his own.

The idea is a rather novel one, yet it has points of merit that must be conceded. A clever, intelligent woman in such a position should be able to render valuable services, not only to the governor but to the people of Colorado as a whole. Designated to handle legislation affecting women and children, her duties will embrace a field in which she, with every other woman of the state, has a personal interest. And by thus bringing the feminine influence to bear in the settlement of all such questions it can scarcely fail to result in legislation that will be distinctively beneficial and of improved character. Also, the assistant governor will take a large burden from the shoulders of the governor, and relieve him of many perplexities and annoyances which he would have to face if he undertook to do this work himself. When important and persistent women appeal to the governor, all he will have to do will be to refer them to his "assistant," and she will have to take the worry and assume the responsibility.

There is just one possible danger that may result from this plan. After a woman assistant governor has been trained in this manner, how long will it be before the women of that state insist on putting a woman in the governor's office, and letting some man fill the position of assistant? The women of Colorado vote on equal terms with the men, and if they ever unite on a woman candidate, or on a slate of women candidates, then men may as well prepare to see a petticoat government installed, while they will be lucky to get even secondary positions. No doubt the men politicians will be quick to see and appreciate this point, and naturally, therefore, they will criticize the governor for starting the innovation. But the thing already is done, and the future political trend in Colorado will be watched with more interest than ever.

**CHINESE EGGS.**

The legislature would do well to give heed to the request of the Oregon poultrymen for protection from the cheap and inferior foreign eggs that have been pouring into the state since the new Democratic tariff law went into effect, says The Eugene Register. The legislature, of course, cannot enact customs duties, for that is a power reserved to the Federal government, but there are other methods whereby it could afford some measure of relief. One of these methods is suggested by the poultrymen, who will ask that a law be passed requiring imported eggs to be labelled and compelling restaurants and other eating places where foreign eggs are used to display a sign acquainting the public with the fact.

Both the poultrymen and the public are entitled to some such protection as this—the poultrymen because their business is immediately concerned and the public because it is entitled to know what it is eating. Chinese eggs would not be such a menace to the Oregon poultry raiser if they were plainly labelled and if places using them for cooking purposes were compelled to make the fact publicly known. Chinese eggs are inferior in size and quality and are poorly packed. They are produced under conditions of almost unbelievable filth, and are in no way to be compared with the Oregon product.

An examination of the market quotations discloses at once the reason why Chinese eggs, which enter this country duty free under the Underwood tariff law, are regarded with disfavor by the Oregon producer. Nearby, fresh gathered Oregon eggs

were quoted on the Portland market Monday at 30 cents, while Chinese eggs were quoted at from 14 to 16 cents. The careful buyer for home consumption undoubtedly prefers the fresh Oregon egg, in spite of the great disparity in price, but the careless buyer and the one who is not buying for home consumption is quite likely to be attracted by a saving of from 14 to 16 cents per dozen.

The admission of foreign eggs free of duty is quite certain to continue for at least two years, and it would seem that the Oregon poultryman is fully entitled to such protection as the state can give him. At the same time the Oregon consumer is entitled to know what he is getting.

**SOME HORSESHOES.**

Among the industrial items relating to the war, we get this one: Russia has contracted with a New Jersey concern for \$1,000,000 worth of horseshoes. Do we believe in luck? If we do, here is the hunch that heads us in just right. Even as we associate good luck with the horseshoe, this million-dollar horseshoe order is typical of the real condition and the prospect that is worth while to contemplate. But this order is more than a good omen, says an exchange. It is hard, substantial, profitable fact. And it is not alone and lonesome—not by any means. If we turn the pages of the trade journals we will find many similar facts, and they range all the way from cotton cloth to structural steel.

Responding to this million-dollar horseshoe impulse the Northern Pacific opens its shops at Livingston, Montana, on full time; eastern steel mills are in smoking activity over the delivery of 80,000 tons of steel rails; and the same mills, and others, are negotiating for contracts which will call for the delivery of 200,000 tons additional of the same material. The Pennsylvania railroad is headed into the same game with orders for structural steel and steel for use in reinforced concrete work. The price of cotton goods advances in response to livelier inquiry and increased demand. Canned meats, shoes, blankets, grain, foodstuffs of all sorts are touched by the million-dollar horseshoe luck—if we shall be pleased to call it such.

But after all, luck is not the word. The natural wealth of this country and the enterprise of its people are here for the world to draw upon in its time of need. It is a situation that admits of but one fact and but one prospect. The fact is that business has begun to hum, and the assured prospect is, it will continue to hum with increasing vigor.

**DAY OF PRAYER.**

The anxiety of Pope Benedict to secure an early ending of the European war again is shown in the announcement that he has named a day of prayer for Catholics all over the world, when clergymen and laymen will unite in invocation to the Almighty to banish the discord, the fierce hatreds and the horrible havoc of Europe, and mercifully to restore peace in that part of the world. February 7 is the date set for this program of widespread supplication, and on that day all dutiful Catholics will conscientiously obey the mandate of the official head of their church organization.

It is now several months since President Wilson prescribed a similar duty for Christians of every faith in this nation, and while it had no appreciable effect on the great war, it generally was conceded that the effort was not entirely wasted. It at least served as a reminder of the world-wide wish and hope for a return of European peace, and this reminder will be renewed by the coming observance of a Catholic day of prayer. In fact, there should be no cessation of peace prayers by the followers of every religious faith, for the object sought is one of universal interest and concern. Such prayers may not actually end the great war, but they may influence the men in whose hands rests the final decision. Also they may influence public sentiment among the warring nations, and thereby help to bring about the thing so eagerly sought and desired. A Catholic day of prayer is therefore to be welcomed, nor will Catholics be the only ones to offer peace prayers on the day designated.

**BUY IT NOW.**

The Chamber of Commerce of the city of Pittsburg has for its slogan, "If you are going to buy it, buy it now." The phrase has been caught up of late in many parts of the country, and is being emphasized, not only by the President, but by many men in lesser positions. The argument which lies behind the words is just this: Men who are not earning quite so much as they were a short time ago are anticipating even worse times ahead. They therefore are very prudent in their buying, purchasing only those things which they feel to be absolutely necessary. Large sums of money in the aggregate, are thus held in reserve, buying in all trades drops far below the normal, and all the workers especially those in manufacturing lines suffer. If, instead of saving his mon-

ey, the man first spoken of was to buy what he wants and needs, he would make work for others, and if these in turn followed the same policy, buying and selling would go on in ever increasing amount until finally, business would become normal, and, instead of suffering we should all be comfortable and contented once more.

**WATER POWER.**

The conversion of water power into electric power, capable of transmission to almost indefinite distances, has excited widespread interest in the possibilities of future water power development in this country. The sudden demand of the war upon the industrial resources and powers of neutral countries increases this interest. Thinly populated regions, rich in water power and natural resources, may be in peculiar position to meet this demand.

The Oregon conservation commission recently has published a stimulating report upon the industrial possibilities of the Columbia river basin—perhaps the greatest single source of potential water power in the country. Its horse power is estimated at twenty millions, little of which is yet in use for conversion into electrical power for cities and railroads.

The same region happens to be full of the raw material of nitrates, potash and phosphates, in the sea kelp of the ocean as well as the mineral deposits of the valleys and plains. These are the stuff of the land fertilizers we import from Europe and South America to the amount of a hundred and fifty million dollars annually, and of the explosives already made from them for the domestic trade.

Combination of the water fuel for electric furnaces with this wealth of raw material near by should quickly replace large part of our foreign supply of fertilizer and explosive, with that made by domestic labor from American materials. This is only a glimpse of the possibilities of scientific industry in the natural resources and potential powers of the United States.

An indication of what farming lands in Polk county will be worth in a few years may be estimated when it is known that farming lands in Illinois are selling as high as \$300 per acre. A person who purchases an eighty-acre tract of raw land in Polk county at prevailing prices, and develops it into a farm, can make a good living from the start, and as his farm improves he can live more luxuriously and at the same time save money. At the expiration of fifteen or twenty years he could sell his holdings and retire, if he so elected.

"There are 41 standing committees, and Mr. Selling gave 35 of these chairmanships to his own supporters and six to mine," says Representative Allen Eaton in a harrangue to the press. The only fault we have to find with Ben is that he so far forgot himself as to overlook the six. It's about time Eatonism was bottled up.

When does a man become old? Not at the age of seventy-five years, for Abe Uglov had reached that mile-post on Friday last. Mr. Uglov is a man of robust health and of virile mental activity. A pedestrian, and a man who makes regularity of habit and outdoor exercises his hobbies, he enjoys a degree of strength and health more usually found in men of fifty or less.

The United States is at peace, while most of the world is warring, but even so not all the good things are coming our way. Neither of the two annual eclipses of the sun this year will be visible in this land.

It seems as hard to find a basis of common agreement concerning the question of military preparedness as it is concerning that other vexatious problem, the tariff.

Senator Smith, who enjoys the distinction of having introduced more measures at the last session of the legislature than any other member, is maintaining his reputation as an introductionist.

Representative Eaton's publicity bureau is still actively engaged in supplying the rural press with copy.

Just as soon as President Wilson gets used to that new baby, business will again proceed.

One week from today we will get a weather tip from the ground hog.

**FAIR REFLECTS OREGON.**

Home-Made Products Find Place at Panama Exposition.

The Oregon commission to the Panama-Pacific exposition is finding it most difficult to make the building almost wholly an Oregon-made product, as far as its furnishing is concerned, according to a letter from the commission. Where it is not possible to find Oregon-made goods to fit the needs, orders for other goods are placed with Oregon companies. Students of the manual training

**RUSSELL'S SERMON.**



(PASTOR RUSSELL)

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 24.—Pastor Russell preached here today at the Academy of Music. His text was, "Thou wilt not leave My soul in Hell."—Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27. The Pastor declared that the Bible Hell is very reasonable, but that the theological Hell is most unreasonable, as all will agree. The theological Hell is a red-hot furnace, manned with fireproof devils and containing practically all humanity, except the few saintly followers of Jesus. He remarked upon the different kinds of Hell. It seemed to him that each preacher felt that he had a right to make a Hell for all non-church members according to his own conception. None seemed to think it necessary to go to the Bible.

**Fire Used as Symbol of Destruction.**  
 The speaker reminded his audience of the views of the saintly Thomas à Kempis, in which he described the horrible smells and sights of Hell so graphically as to make one wonder if he had made a special visit and returned to write a description. The tortures of Hell, the saint informed us, will be kept up throughout eternity for the joy of God and the holy angels, for the satisfaction of some kind of justice which the saint had in mind, but which we of today are unable to comprehend.

Fire is used in Scripture as a symbol of destruction, the Pastor explained, an illustration of the final destruction of all the wilfully wicked. People know something about fiery trials and about heaping fiery coals upon their enemies' heads, figuratively. But whenever the word fire can be twisted into signifying eternal torment, those who love that kind of punishment for their enemies are swift to take advantage of it—eternal torture is the just, the loving thing for the heathen, for the poor, ignorant and degraded, who, born in sin, in weakness, find themselves discouraged and overwhelmed by the Adversary, and for all not church members.

This sort of thing has gone so long that gradually everybody came to believe it, and remarkably few have inquired into its unscripturalness. Many sensible people held aloof from religion entirely, unwilling to confess themselves believers of such a doctrine or worshippers of such a God.

He then showed that ministers, without giving their authority, now tell various tales about Hell, modified to suit our more refined feelings. Some have it with a slower fire, not so red-hot; others have it merely a place of mental remorse. In this they follow to some extent Dante's pictures of Purgatory, although not calling it by that name or admitting that there will ever be release from it. They declare that there is nothing in the Bible about Purgatory, and forget that there is nothing there about their kind of Hell, the Bible Hell being totally different.

**The Rich Man in Hell, Etc.**

The Pastor then referred to the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus as one seized upon to prove that Hell is a place of torture, etc. He could not digress to discuss this parable or the two figurative statements in Revelation used to bolster the doctrine of eternal torture. But he offered free of charge a booklet making these figurative statements clear. Whoever will address him—Pastor Russell, Brooklyn, N. Y.—requesting a copy of a pamphlet about Hell, will be promptly served free. Many, after reading it, are enabled to love, worship and serve God heartily, intelligently, as never before.

**Where is Hell? Who are There?**

Our English word Hell, the Pastor explained, comes from the German word *hohle*, a hole. It is therefore a very good translation of the Hebrew word Sheol, which signifies pit, hole, grave. The New Testament Greek gives Hades as an exact equivalent of Sheol. The Psalmist's statement, "Thou wilt not leave My soul in Sheol." St. Peter translated as "Thou wilt not leave My soul in Hades." St. Peter tells us that these words were not true respecting the Prophet David, who used them; that he is still in Hell, Sheol, Hades. The words were a prophecy relating to Christ's resurrection—God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day—raised Him, therefore, from Hades, after He had been in Hades for parts of three days.

The Bible explicitly declares that all die really, not seemingly; and that there would be no future life whatever for mankind, unless God provides a resurrection. God has thus provided in Christ, who died for our sins. Therefore, ultimately, all will be delivered from Sheol, Hades, the grave. Our Lord says that He will unlock the tomb, and deliver the prisoners. He "has the keys of death and of Hades."

schools of the state are furnishing a large proportion of the furniture, while the rest is furnished by Oregon manufacturing companies. Electric fixtures, rugs and draperies are all from Oregon mills and the equipment of the quarters to be occupied by the employes in the building is all Oregon made. Four students from the State University and four from the Agricultural college will be in the building to act as guides. There will be eight girls from the Oregon Agricultural college and a matron in charge of the cooking department.

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There are hundreds of swindlers in the land who take people's money for subscriptions and move to the next town to spend it. Usually these confidence men offer magazines at greatly reduced prices.

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The actual experiences of home people should be convincing to the minds of doubting ones. We have repeatedly proclaimed through these columns that chiropractic adjustments when properly applied give the desired results, and now comes Mr. A. S. Collins of this city, himself a benefactor, to substantiate our statement. Mr. Collins, who formerly resided at Burns, Oregon, was advised by his family physician to go to Portland for hospital treatment for heart and stomach trouble, which advice he accepted without getting good results. Com-



ing to Dallas he was treated by Dr. W. L. Holloway, chiropractic-neuro-path, and here is his own story over his signature:

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