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Truth is stranger than fiction to the average married woman.

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1-28.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Designating the pipe lines as common carriers and placing them within the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission is the latest threat that has been made in the war of reformation to be waged against the railroads.

The location of the war-like move in the future tense as made advisedly. There are all kinds of threats being made as to what Congress is going to do to the railroads with a view to bringing them into line and making them give all the shippers impartial treatment. Doubtless many members of Congress are sincere in this determination. But to see the plan really carried out would be so foreign to anything that has ever before been done in the history of this country that one may be pardoned for hesitating a bit before classing the threat with execution. Many members of Congress own stock in railroads. More would like to. Many members also have business interest that to a large though not a preponderating amount of shipping and all or nearly all members ride on passes when they can get them. There are ways of reaching a majority and a very large majority of members and the railroad usually succeeds in reaching them before any important piece of railroad legislation is consummated.

But the bill to declare the pipe lines common carriers has already been introduced by Mr. Rhinock, an obscure member from Ky. The term obscure is not used in an offensive sense, but Mr. Rhinock is one of the members who may not be classed as a house leader, and his measure while undeniably a just one, possibly will not meet with the enthusiasm that would have been accorded it had it been introduced by a member who has been more in the limelight. The member in question in discussing his bill says simply that the pipe lines are as much common carriers as the railroads and they are the only competitors of the railroads with their tank cars and other equipment. They tap all the oil producing territory in the United States, and in the case of many oil wells that are far off the railroads they furnish the only means of transporting crude oil to the refining market.

Now it is known of course, that the pipe lines in the past have declared themselves outside the Interstate Commerce law and have practiced all kinds of oppression and discrimination. They have been able to make or kill an oil community. They have been able to dictate the price at which they would buy crude oil from the well owners and the price at which they would sell it to the refiners. Thus they had both ends of the industry in their hands. Of course the bulk of the pipe lines are owned or controlled by the Standard Oil Company and the blow, if it is a blow, will fall on this institution, to call the monopoly by the best name possible. If the Rhinock bill goes through, and there is every reason to believe it ought, and think it won't, the independent refiners and oil well owners will be given the greatest possible aid in their struggle for existence. The bill is only another move in what looks an attempt to get fair and open treatment for all shippers and to prevent all profits of the producer from being swallowed up in the attempt to get his commodity on the market.

One of the features of the pending rate bill that the railroads fear more than the actual fact of rate registration is according to Congressman Esch, of Esch Town, and bill fame, the publicity that will attach to their business if the Interstate Commerce Commission is really allowed to go after their books and air a few facts about their accounts. To be sure there are some features of every business that may be properly regarded as trade secrets and some on which the very success of the business depends. But there is little in the proposed publicity that will attach to the railroads that any honest corporation ought to fear.

Yet the railroads do fear it and they fear it according to Mr. Esch, because they know that publicity as to many of their practices will solidify the sentiment for strict governmental supervision of their dealings with the shipping public. Scarcely a day passes that the Interstate Commerce Commission does not get a complaint from some small shipper to the effect that the railroad tariff between his factory town and his natural market threatens to entirely wipe out both his business and the community of which that business is the chief support. He is charged a higher rate for hauling his fuel from the mines than the same railroad charges for hauling the same fuel from the same mines a greater distance to some of the bigger towns. He is discriminated against in the same way when he imports his raw material and exports his finished product. The cases are comparatively small, individually but in the aggregate they are enormous. The question is why should they exist at all? The publicity feature of the rate bill would explain them and a good many things besides. This is one of the chief fears of the railroads. The fear of publicity which an honest business should welcome, is going to be the greatest stumbling block in the way of effecting rate legislation.

## A Scientific Wonder.

The cures that stand to its credit make Buckle's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of piles. It heals the worst burns, sores, boils, ulcers, cuts, wounds, chilblains and salt rheum. Only 25c. at all druggists.

## A Parable on Tobacco.

Published by Request.

Seeing that men who professed to be servants of the Most High had corrupted themselves and become filthy and abominable, a great and wise prophet stood up and did prophesy these words of truth and soberness:

"Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened unto a grain of tobacco seed, which, though exceedingly small, being cast into the earth grew exceedingly and becoming a great plant, and spread forth its leaves rank and broad, so that the huge and vile worms with thorns on them, even on their tails, came and formed habitations thereon, and did crawl all over and leave their slime and filth thereupon. And it came to pass in those days that the sons of men did look upon this rank and filthy plant and were very much enamored therewith, and did think that it was beautiful to behold, and a plant very much to be desired to make lads big and manly.

And it further came to pass that men claiming to be nice men, did put forth their hands and pull the heads off these filthy looking worms, and left their bodies still sticking on the tobacco leaf that the leaf might be made rich by the juice thereof, and having cut these filthy plants and smoked them, even with an exceeding great smoke and cured and striped and pressed and wrought the leaves into curious shapes and forms. The sons of men gave gold and silver for it, and did chew thereof. And some that chewed thereof it made sick at stomach, and others it made their heads ache; and still others to vomit it most filthily; but for all this they continued to chew thereof.

And it came to pass that those who continued to chew became exceedingly unmanly and exclaimed: "We are enslaved and cannot cease from chewing."

And the mouths of all who were enslaved became exceedingly filthy and foul, insomuch that they were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit even in ladies parlors and on their carpets, and being wholly abandoned to the use of the plant, they even invaded the sacred precincts of the house of the Lord, and there, with prayers on their lips and tobacco in their mouths, they sang and preached and prayed, and spurted the filthy juice on the floor, of the Lord's house, and under the pews, and in the pulpit, and did drop their quids of tobacco.

## Doctors Are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say it saved my life." Cures the worst coughs and colds, bronchitis, tonsillitis, weak lungs, hoarseness and influenza. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free.

all over the floor of the Most High God, and would return home and say: "We have worshipped God today."

But some of the saints of the Most High were not well pleased with such conduct; but chewers care not for any of these things, but continued to chew and spit where they pleased. And in the course of time it came to pass that this rank and filthy plant was ground into dust, even the stalks and stems and filth thereof, and was called snuff; and it came to pass that ladies—even beautiful and fair ladies—did make unto themselves brushes and mops and dipped the same in the filth called snuff, and did put these filthy mops into their mouths and they would rub and scrub mightily, and called the same dipping.

And again it came to pass that the leaves of the filthy plant were cunningly wrought into little round rolls called cigars, and the sons of men did set fire to one end and put the other in their mouths and suck mightily, even as calves suck, and did look very grave and calf like, and the smoke of the torment ascended up forever and forever. And the cultivation thereof became a mighty business on earth; and the merchants and speculators waxed rich thereby.

And it came to pass that the saints (?) of the Most High defiled themselves therewith; even the poor who could not buy bread nor shoes nor religious news papers nor school books for the children, would spend money for the filthy plant and chew and spit while their family suffered. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith and said: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which satisfieth not, and wherefore this waste. And why do these little ones lack bread and shoes and your families do without religious papers and your children have no school books?"

Turn now your tobacco fields into corn and wheat and cotton, and put this evil thing from you, and be ye separate and defile not your selves; then I will bless you and cause my face to shine upon you." But manfully the chewers and dippers and snuffers and puffors exclaimed: "We cannot come from chewing and dipping and snuffing and puffing and sneezing and spitting—we are slaves."—Sel.

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## BANK STATEMENT.

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Jan., 29, 1906:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$24,795.81
Overdrafts unsecured	43.53
Banking house	800.00
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and banks	8,800.11
Cash items	111.05
Gold coin,	42.50
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.	812.58
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	5,780.00
Total	\$41,585.58

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	830.19
Bills payable	2,490.00
Deposits subject to check	27,776.64
Cashier's cks outstanding	488.75
Total	\$41,585.58

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, E. S. Coffey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. Coffey, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan, N. L. Mast, Directors,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of Feb. 1906.  
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

A Judge says that a divorce a man to the devil and the penitentiary—Yes, and sometimes when a woman who is an expert on a big wash tub secures a divorce from her husband, it either drives him to work or to the workhouse.—Ex.

## The Cause of Many

### Sudden Deaths,

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys, and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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