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**AN ISLAND.**

"Chimmie, what's a island?"  
"Why, it's a place where you can't get away from without a boat."  
—People's Home Journal.

**SELDOM WHAT THEY SEEM.**

She—The devil isn't always as black as he's painted.  
He—Nor is a woman always as pink.  
—London Answers.

**AN EASY ONE.**

"My wife was once on the stage. Can you guess what was her specialty?"  
"Oh, that's dead easy. Monologue in the continuous."  
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**HADN'T MET IT.**

Collector (sternly)—Do you know anything about this note?  
Owens (gazing at document)—Can't say I ever met it.

**WEST CHEHALEM**

"The Art of Living with Others" is the splendid topic for discussion at the C. E. services next Sunday night. Miss Beulah Versteeg will lead the meeting.

The Parent-Teacher Association has purchased two gasoline lamps for use at the Ewing Young school. This has been a long needed bit of equipment for the school.

A "Caterpillar 45" gas tractor has been purchased for use on the Swan Benson ranch. Henry Amoth has also purchased a tractor for use in his orchard, it being a "Samson Sieve Grip."

In the absence of Rev. F. C. Stannard, Mrs. Upton, of Newberg, took charge of the services. She confined her talk to her work as a representative of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Finch are preparing to move to Portland in the very near future. They have many friends in the community who regret their leaving-taking but wish them well as they go to their new home.

The attendance at the "spelling bee" held at the school house last Friday was very poor but those present enjoyed an evening of spelling. The next meeting of the literary society, March 22, will consist of a program and debate. Everybody is requested to be present.

The regular quarterly business meeting of the West Chehalum church was held Thursday night of last week. The following officers were elected: On the board of deacons, B. F. Yergen, H. C. Baker, E. G. Fendall, Mrs. E. E. Sherwood and Mrs. T. C. Morrison; trustees, Mrs. S. M. Calkins, Mrs. J. U. Smith and Mrs. B. F. Yergen. Mrs. George Bush was re-elected as clerk and De Vere Fendall was elected treasurer. Other business was discussed and following the meeting a Sunday school social was held in charge of the C. E. social committee. An hour was spent in several jolly games in which the young people took the prominent part.

The president, Mrs. J. U. Smith, of the West Chehalum Auxiliary Red Cross, reports that during the months of January and February they have finished 5 dozen hospital shirts, 6 suits of pajamas, 10 sweaters, 17 pairs of socks and 1 helmet. To the one who doubts the fact that they have been busy, this list speaks for itself. The house owned by L. H. Amoth, in which they have been working, is soon to be occupied by the owner and the society will establish new headquarters in the old Calkins building, near the Ewing Young school.

**HARDLY SEEMS SAME WORLD**

Cardinal Gibbons Tells of Changes He Has Witnessed During His Many Years of Life.

I have lived a longer time than almost any man now in public life. It must be very difficult for the present generation to reconstruct for themselves the world into which I was born, things are so completely changed.

The Napoleonic wars were still a living memory. Many people who were by no means old when I was a boy had seen General Washington, and when I was ten years old men who were as old then as I am now were fourteen years of age at the time of the Declaration of Independence. Slavery was in existence in the Southern states, and was to remain in existence until I was a grown man and a priest. Machinery was just coming into use, but nobody dreamed of the extent to which it would be employed later on. Electricity in all its uses was almost undreamed of. Men knew from the experiments of Benjamin Franklin that it might possibly be used, but the telegraph, telephone and electric light had still to come. Railroads were a new invention.—Cardinal Gibbons, in the New York Independent.

**TO SAVE FROZEN POTATOES**

Tubers Should Be Dried Out in Oven—Will Lose None of Their Nutritive Value.

Frozen potatoes are not necessarily spoiled, says the Literary Digest, and goes on to quote the Revue Scientifique as follows:

"The potatoes must be dried—that is to say, the greater part of their water constituent must be removed, to prevent decomposition, which takes place very rapidly after they have thawed out.

"The oven should be heated as for baking bread. Then, when it has reached the necessary temperature, which is easily recognized in practice by the appearance of the roof of the oven, the potatoes are put in, cutting up the largest. They are spread out in a layer so that evaporation may easily take place, the door of the oven being left open. From time to time the mass is stirred up with a poker to facilitate and hasten the evaporation. When the drying has gone far enough, the potatoes having become hard as bits of wood, they are withdrawn to make room for others.

"Potatoes thus dried may be boiled with enough water to make a paste similar to that which they would have furnished if mashed in the ordinary manner, and which will answer very well, at least to feed stock. The potatoes, in fact, will be found to have lost none of the elements that give them their nutritive value.

**WEALTH OF SOUTH DAKOTANS**

State is Neither Rich Nor Poor, but Has No Slums and No Poverty Worries.

South Dakota has never claimed to be the abode of millionaires, says the Aberdeen (S. D.) American. Undoubtedly the men who have a million can be numbered on the fingers, even though the whole state be canvassed.

That this state is paying hundreds of thousands in income taxes while other states are paying their millions is nothing to worry about. South Dakota has no slums and no poverty at the other side of the pendulum. The swing in South Dakota describes a small arc because most people are neither very far above nor very far below a state of comfortable living.

South Dakota paid \$49,164.33 tax on personal incomes and \$812,248.15 for corporations. In comparison New York turned in 180 millions for the first item and about the same from corporations.

**PATRIOTIC SQUIRREL**

When workmen were cutting down a large dead oak tree near Vermont and Oriental streets recently, relates the Indianapolis News, a squirrel's nest was found in one of the hollow sections. Billie, the squirrel, is an old-time playmate of all the children in that neighborhood, but the children did not know just where he lived, so could not protect his winter home. Knowing this, the pet had taken one of the numerous American flags at the corner and lined his nest with it, thinking it would save the tree until next spring. Billie had stored only a few nuts, knowing that the children would feed him well during the winter.

**DETECTIVE FOR PERSHING.**

Bernard A. Flood, who has the reputation of being one of the finest detectives of the New York city police force, has been attached to the staff of General Pershing. His missions in the past in search of offenders and in causing their arrest have taken him to the chief cities of Europe and South America, and the New York police department loans him to the federal authorities for the highest sort of "special intelligence" work.

**NOT ILLEGAL.**

"There goes the rascal who bought up our legislature."  
"Well, I never heard it was wicked to buy a vacant lot."—Farm Life.

**NOT TRUSTWORTHY.**

Belle—And has she every confidence in her fiancé?  
June—Except that she fears he will not show up at the church.

**A HARD FINISH.**

"Do you think happy marriages are still possible?"  
"Certainly. It's the life that follows that makes one so pessimistic."

**RETURNS FROM PRISON CAMP**

British Soldier Long Given Up as Dead Was Captive in the Hands of the Germans.

Given up as dead 12 months ago a Birmingham (Eng.) soldier has returned to his family. The discovery that he was a prisoner of war came about in quite an interesting and curious fashion. A chum, who enlisted with him, went "over the top" in an attack recently, and secured the surrender of a German wounded in the hand. In British sporting spirit, Tommy commenced to render rough first aid, as the wound was bleeding badly, and then, according to his letter home, "all went black, and I felt like putting my bayonet through him, for he was wearing poor old 's ring." The soldier went on to say that he threatened Fritz with summary execution, thinking he had robbed the dead; and the Bavarian implored him to stay his hand, and in broken English was emphatic that the missing man was a prisoner, and had bartered the ring to him for food, after the missing Tommy had lain out two nights with a bad wound in the arm and was picked up by the enemy. Further questioning elicited that he had been sent to one of the big prisoners' camps and later on to do work behind the lines on an eastern front. A few days ago the German's statement that their son was alive was confirmed by a letter from him to his family.

**RIGGED FOR WHALE**



The Kid—If me tackle only holds out I orter have pretty good sport.

**CAUSES SINGING OF TELEGRAPH**

The singing of telegraph wires is sometimes regarded as a weather prognostic, though opinions differ as to the kind of weather it foretells, says the Popular Science Monthly. There has been much discussion as to the cause of this sound. Probably it is simply the Aeolian harp effect, and and its occurrence depends chiefly upon the direction of the wind in relation to the direction in which the wires run. Variations in the pitch of the sound depend upon changes in the tension of the wires with varying temperature.

**MISUNDERSTOOD.**

"Our chauffeur wants to marry me, papa," said the daughter of the rich man.  
"Marry you! Well, I like his nerve!" exclaimed the incensed parent.

"Oh, I'm glad of that, papa. I was so afraid you wouldn't."

**INDUCING ACTION.**

"What's your idea of the difference between a statesman and a demagogue?"  
"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "a statesman tries to lead the people. A demagogue raises a holler and tries to stampede them."

**HIS PLATE WAS BROKEN.**

Sister—Do you think that Billy Van Dusen will ask me to marry him?  
Brother—He will for all of me. A cuss that won't lend me money can expect no favors in the advice line!

**EXPLAINED.**

Wife—I dreamed last night, dear, that I was in a box party at the theater.  
Hub—Oh! That explains why you were talking so loud in your sleep.—Boston Evening Transcript.

**CAUTIOUS COMMUNICATION.**

"I'm going to tell you something in confidence," said the diplomat.  
"All right," replied the cynic. "To what particular person of my acquaintance do you want me to mention the matter by accident?"

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