

Ex-Officers Make Good Living With The Hand Organ

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LONDON. (By Mail.)—While the employment problem continues, the charitable public is daily being disgusted over the numerous disclosures of the flagrant abuse of the unemployed and the cry, "Help the soldier," with the result of the really deserving case often being but cavalier treatment.

During the past New Year, "bar-brother" season, the West end of London was paraded continuously by bands of the unemployed. The processions were headed by a hand and collection organ. But the most popular form was the street hand organ, and a police court disclosed the accounts of the daily collections. The "wounded officer" is the most profitable of the lot. The "wounded officer" is an army or navy officer is the term, "officer and gentleman" being synonymous. So the first man clad in an officer's uniform trying to earn a living by playing a hand organ came as a great shock.

The first ex-officer organ grinder, wore medals and was discreetly dressed, was doubtless genuine, but he has been many imitators. A man, who had no right to wear a uniform, was promptly arrested and punished, but quite a number of other organ-grinders appear to be certainly ex-officers. It is an offense to play a street organ and the law did nothing.

School Meeting at Sylmon Valley

A parent teacher association of the Sylmon Valley school district No. 111 held a very interesting meeting at the Sylmon Valley school house last Saturday night. The program opened with singing in America, followed by a solo by Constance Henderson; a sketch of Washington's life by Alice Hurbart; The Origin of Valentine's day, by Edith Richey; solo by Paul Trueblood; instrumental solo by Lucille Sharp; recitation by Roy Ellis; vocal solo by O. C. Brown, gave a very interesting talk on the requirements necessary to become a standardized teacher, and complimented the district highly on being the first one in the county to be standardized.

The county superintendent then the school clerk, the members of the school board, the school teacher and the president of the P. T. A. came forward, and with a few chosen words presented the idea of standardization to the school. Mr. Lawrence Goodburn, the school clerk, responded in a very interesting manner. The Valentine's day assembly opened and the Valentines were distributed to the assembly. Light refreshments were served consisting of cocoa and prune cake. Music was enjoyed until a late hour.

Hickory Tree In Hall of Fame

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Dedication today of the celebrated Washington tree in the hall of fame, created by the American forestry associations to a hitherto unpublished by James Russell Lowell, the whose natal day is the same as that of Washington's.

The tree was taken from Mount Vernon by General Washington, and one of his aides in the Revolutionary war, General Brown, who died on his lawn before his death. K. Mellhaney of Bath, nominated the tree for the Hall of Fame. Twenty seven feet and a half in circumference at the base, and six feet from the ground has a girth of fifteen feet.

In planting the tree, Mr. Mellhaney the letter from Lowell, written thirty years ago, just four short years before the noted poet died. It expressed his sympathy with the nation of Arbor day, and his nature. It was written on the occasion of the planting of the tree by the school children of Washington on his birthday, Feb. 22, 1891.



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gracious object for the furtherance of which Arbor day was instituted. I have planted many trees and every summer they repay me with an abundant gratitude. There is not a leaf of them but what whispers gratitude. I often think of the Scottish farmer's words, quoted by Scott: "Bays stick in a tree Jock, 'twill be growin' as we're asleepin'." In my childhood, I put a nut into the earth, from which sprang a horse chestnut tree, which now has a girth of eight feet, and sustains a vast dome of foliage, the haunt of birds and bees and the very thoughts as cheery as they. In planting a tree, we lay the foundation of a structure of which the seasons (without care of ours) shall be the builders and which shall be a joy to others when we are gone.

"I need not say how great a pleasure it is to me that my young friends should decorate my memory with a tree of their planting. I wish I could be with them to throw the first shovelful of earth upon its roots."

Rich Woman to Live In Cabin

(By United Press.)
HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 22.—Believing that a "new social order is inevitable" and in order "to help bring it about without force or violence" Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett, a wealthy Hartford suffragist, candidate for United States Senator on the Farmer-Labor ticket last election, is forsaking her luxurious surroundings and is going to live in a log cabin. All of her property in Hartford and the handsome country residence in beautiful Farmington, are to be sold and within a short time she will leave with her husband and two daughters to join the Brookwood school at Katonah, N. Y.

The Brookwood school is about a mile outside of Katonah. Its purpose is "to equip and prepare thoroughly qualified workers for the new order. The institution is financed through voluntary contributions and by levies by labor organizations. It was organized in the fall of 1919, by members of the "Fellowship of Reconciliation."

The Bennetts intend to build a log cabin at the school and keep no servants. "My daughters, 18 and 15, are at the school and will continue to live there," said Mrs. Bennett, "but Mr. Bennett and I shall go back to the simple life. Money and valuables are only fetters. They just tie you down and after, all, happiness does not lie in wealth and riches."

As Bennett explains it, the idea of the school is founded on the ethics of Jesus. It is not connected with any organization, church or ritualistic organization or religion, as its founders believe that the new social order is rooted in the teachings of Jesus, who "did not propose to improve the world, but to regenerate it, and aimed not for a better world, but for a different kind of world."

At the school now are William Finche, former Yale football player, Mrs. Finche, Spencer Miller of Columbia College, and Miss Sarah Cleghorn, poetess.

Mrs. C. J. Riedel, of Grants Pass, is spending several days in this city visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riedel.

MICKIE SAYS:

ONE BILL SCRIBBS COME IN PEEVED TH' OTHER DAY AND WOLFS OUT, "WHY DON'T YA PUT AN AD WHERE EVERYBODY KIN SEE IT?" AND TH' BOSS, HE UP AN' HOLLERS, "IF YA WANT YOUR ADS TO BE MORE CONSPICUOUS, WHY DON'T YOU LOOSEN UP AND BUY BIGGER ONES? YOU CANT EXPECT A LITTLE TWO-BIT AD TO LOOM UP LIKE THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR!"



FIRST LOVE STILL LINGERS

John Burroughs Has Vivid Recollections of the Little Maid Who Won His Heart.

John Burroughs' recollections of his first sweetheart are as fresh and rose tinted as the cheeks of the little lady as she ran down the hill to play with her ardent young admirer of five. "Uncle John tells about her in 'John Burroughs, Boy and Man,' the semi-autobiography which is written by his friend, Dr. Clara Barrus.

"I can see her now, as she came running down the hill from the school-house, the cape of her little pink sun-bonnet fluttering in the breeze," said Mr. Burroughs as he pointed out the course she took down the road to her home.

"I must have been between five and six years old. I had gone over to neighbor Bartram's in the West settlement with father on a stoneboat drawn by the oxen. Father probably went there to help him draw stones for a new piece of wall—they used to exchange work in that way.

"I can hear her father's voice as he sent me over the hills to the school-house—he had a prodigious voice—'Eleanor, come home.' And soon she came flying down the road to play with me.

"We played by the barn on a little mound of hay. I remember we made a nest there—I can see her now as she took a wisp of hay and plucked it together, making believe it was an egg; and that she was a hen—I can see the sharp angles of the shining hay as she tried to shape it like an egg before she covered it in the nest."

RECALL FATE OF FRANKLIN

Interesting Relics Recently Brought to Vancouver From the Land Where He Perished.

After being in the possession of the thrifty natives of King William's land for three-quarters of a century, a large number of interesting relics of the ill-fated Sir John Franklin polar expedition have been brought from the frozen north by Joe Benard, who is here after a four years' stay along the northernmost coast of the North American continent, says a Vancouver (B. C.) dispatch.

Though priceless from a collector's point of view, the utilitarian value of the relics is negligible, and they were obtained by Benard for a piece of lumber worth possibly 20 cents on the coast.

A few brass buttons among the relics are believed to have belonged to the distinguished leader, though there is as yet no positive proof of this. Benard also obtained a number of primitive scientific instruments used by the northern tribes. These will be sold to various museums and universities for which the explorer has been collecting ethnological specimens and data since 1910. He also brought a collection of furs worth approximately \$25,000.

Sir John Franklin, with 154 companions, sailed into the Arctic in 1845 to find the northwest passage, and was never heard of again. After many relief expeditions had failed, his fate was ascertained in 1850, when bleached skeletons were found on the trail to Hudson bay.

GET DRINK FROM FLOWERS
Natives of India Distill Valuable Spirit From Mowra Tree—Seeds Also Yield Oil.

The flowers of the "mowra" tree, native to India, are highly valued for food. They are rich in sugar, and an intoxicating drink is distilled from them. A syrup prepared from them is hotted down, yielding a sugar equal in quality to date sugar.

In the central provinces of India mowra flowers are regularly used as an article of food by at least 1,000,000 people, each person consuming about eighty pounds per annum. Throughout that country they are looked upon as a valuable reserve in famine years. Their fleshy, juicy, globe-shaped corollas are collected when they have fallen, and are spread out to dry on mats in the sun. A single tree will yield 200 to 300 pounds of flowers in a year. They are eaten either fresh or dried, and cooked in many different ways, with rice, shredded coconut or flour.

The bulk of the crop of flowers, however, is used for the preparation of "daru," or mowra spirit. They are fermented, sometimes with molasses added, and the liquor is then distilled in crude apparatus. With good distilling apparatus, 100 pounds of the flowers will yield five and one-half gallons of proof spirit.

It is estimated that in the Hyderabad state alone there are enough mowra trees to produce 700,000 gallons of proof spirit per annum. The seeds yield an oil which is largely utilized in the manufacture of soap, candles and imitation butter.

Bokhara in Hands of Reds? Nominally the government of Bokhara is in the hands of the amir, who is an absolute autocrat, but actually power is largely exercised by the Mohammedan clergy. The houses in the capital are closely packed together, and everyone must be indoors by dusk. At night the streets are patrolled by police patrols, who beat drums to scare away thieves and robbers. The city is surrounded by a ruined but still strong wall about 7 1/2 miles in circumference. It is now reported that Bokhara has been captured by the Reds.

DO MOST WORK ON THURSDAY

Statistics Show That British Factory Employees Are at Their Best About Midweek.

What is the best workday in America? In England it is Thursday. That is the finding of industrial research board investigators of that country. The London Chronicle reports that over a period of twenty weeks the output was registered and "graphs" were made.

The workers gave their best on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but the output on Saturday was invariably low. When doubled (to equalize time) it is often less than 75 per cent of that on other days.

Another important conclusion was that the skilled workman is much more regular in his output than the worker not so well qualified. He does not get the "tired Saturday feeling" so soon.

In some factories the output arises until Friday, but among the less skilled workmen it was found that Thursday was the best working day. An important consideration which the investigators kept in mind was that of the atmospheric condition in which work is done. Records of the air conditions have been taken with the output records.

In various plants the Saturday output was so low that employers found it unprofitable to operate, so they closed down. From this it would appear that on a half day the worker does not give the average of a half day of production.—Richard Spillane in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

BOMBAY A CITY OF BEGGARS

Government is Planning Severe Measures to Repress Nuisance That is Becoming Intolerable.

Some time ago the government of Bombay appointed a committee to consider and formulate proposals for the purpose of suggesting practical measures whereby the ever-growing nuisance of professional beggary might be abolished. The committee has now completed its investigation and has issued a report.

The report shows that there are in Bombay city alone 5,000 professional beggars, and the beggars in other parts bring the total for the presidency to over 60,000. The general conclusions of the committee are that there must be introduced at the earliest opportunity an act for the prevention of professional beggary, which will be applicable to the whole of the presidency.

Sadhus and fakirs, it is suggested, should be exempt from the operations of the act, which it is proposed should make begging a cognizable offense. Those who have visited India will doubtless recall with feelings of horror the terrible sights they have witnessed of beggars, many of them physical wrecks and suffering from loathsome diseases, seated about the roads soliciting alms from passersby.—From the Times of India.

War Maps for Envelopes.

From the Red Cross Bulletin of the Battle states, published at Riga: "The shortage of paper has resulted in many novel makeshifts. One of these is the use of German and Russian official war maps as material for envelopes.

"Large quantities of war maps of the Russian, the German imperial army and Bermon's western volunteer army were captured by the Letts since their independence in November, 1918. They were sold to private interests, who make many varieties of envelopes from them. The paper is of excellent quality.

"No attempt was made to remove the map proper. The maps were simply folded and cut to size and glued. It is very convenient to open a letter and find that the inside of the envelope is a map of the district of which the letter treats."

Houses Few—Less Divorce.

France is finding one comfort in the housing shortage. Divorces are decreasing in Paris and other French cities "because of the lack of houses and apartments."

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Movie Closeups
For the woman who follows with close interest the changes in style from month to month, "You Never Can Tell" should prove an exceptional entertaining picture. It is the initial starring vehicle of Bebe Daniels, for Reelart, and will be shown at the Antlers theatre tonight.

One of the biggest features of the offering is a magnificent fashion show, in which gorgeously attired mannequins parade in the lobby of a big New York hotel. Absolutely new creations are shown, things which will not appear on the market until late in the spring of 1921.

This "advance style" presentation was made possible by special arrangement with one of the "big Parisian houses. For the first time in the history of motion pictures, the inland cities of America will see late fashions displayed just as they are in the ateliers of New York.

Needless to say, Miss Daniels is exquisite in the gowns she wears as a mannequin. The scene is an important one in this story of a poor little check room girl who nearly gets into trouble trying to be a vamp before a true love for a real "Prince Charming" brings her happiness. The play of "You Never Can Tell" is an excellent vehicle for the "good little bad girl" type, in which the star is at her best.

Handsome Jack Mulhall heads the splendid supporting cast, which also includes Neely Edwards, Helen Dunbar, Edward Martindel, Leo White, Mrs. Harry L. Davenport, Graham Pettit and Harold Goodwin. Chester Franklin directed the production.

A cat may look at a King, but when it starts a budding romance between a dashing adventurer and a woman whom he supposes to be the wife of his host, it's presuming a bit too far. So thinks Robert Warwick in his role of Captain Dieppe, in "An Adventure in Hearts," a screen version of Anthony Hope's famous novel, which is being shown at the Majestic theatre tonight only.

According to the story, the gallant captain had been made comfortable for the night in the castle of an Italian nobleman and is awakened by a sudden noise. Fearing the agents who are on his trail have arrived, Dieppe rushes out in the passage way,—to find da mewing cat, and a beautiful woman in pursuit of her pet. The result is love at first sight and an exciting series of adventures that finally lead to a happy ending. The picture is a Paramount Artercraft and was directed by James Cruze.

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Bonds for New Home. Twenty-dollar bonds, bearing six per cent interest and redeemable within five years, were sold in order to raise funds for a building for Stanley Dangler post of the American Legion, Cresco, Pa. The post now has a large stone house for its home and has 108 out of 111 possible members enrolled in the Legion.

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