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Bureau of Fisheries as a Matrimonial Agency

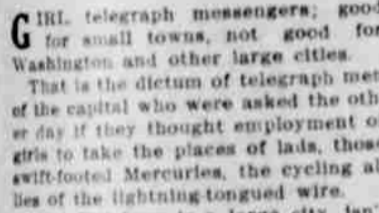


WASHINGTON.—As a matrimonial agency the United States bureau of fisheries has stepped into sudden prominence. The methods of the bureau are unique. The unions are obscure and unobtrusive. The bureau embarked in its new line of endeavor the other day. The result of its first attempt is a speeding happily westward with a honeymoon in the sweet breezes of the Pribiloff Islands as an objective. It all came about in this way:

Out in the Pribiloffs there are few white people, but many Alibuts, and the progeny of the Alibuts are both numerous and ignorant. To the bureau of fisheries, which is the real government of the Pribiloffs and the Alibuts and seals which there abound, has been delegated the task of bringing light where heretofore was darkness. The school system of the Pribiloffs is a division of the work of the bureau of fisheries. It is the intention of the government to have two teachers on each of the large islands of the group. The fisheries people prefer that they have a man teacher and a woman. They also prefer to have them a married couple.

Castling about for new material, the bureau found that Alvin G. Whitney of Groton, Mass., wanted to become an Alaskan school teacher. Mr. Whitney passed the examination in fine style when it was explained to him that the Pribiloff government, which is the bureau of fisheries, wanted married teachers. The case was explained to

Girls as Messengers? Never in the Capital City



GIRL messenger messengers, good for small towns, not so good for Washington and other large cities. That is the dictum of telegraph men of the capital who were asked the other day if they thought employment of girls to take the place of boys, those swift-footed Mercuries, the cycling allies of the lightning-tongued wire.

"But Pittsburgh is a large city, isn't it?" as inquiring reporter asked. "And Pittsburgh is using it!"

"The Pittsburgh large or small, I say girls would not do for messenger boys," a positive telegraph man said, smiling at his own "fish." Incidentally, he did not altogether credit the report that Pittsburgh was "trying out" the messenger girl plan. In fact, he scribbled a "note" to Pittsburgh asking about it before he went farther with the interview.

"Girls as a rule do their work better than boys," the positive man admitted. "They are generally more conscientious and more careful. They would not be so apt to be distracted by collisions and fights and fusses and other street sights, and—so far as physical ability would permit—they would be more prompt than boys."

"But there the advantages of girl messengers cease. The bad weather we have in Washington would prevent girls from delivering messages. They just could not stand what our boys have to endure."

"It is not necessary to speak of their not being able to go to places where messages have to go. We keep

Corn 25 Cents the Ear on Bill for U. S. Senators



servicing of one lonely cob of very ordinary dimensions for the senator wing of the capitol is a restaurant, with two special rooms reserved for the senators and a big dining room open to the public. There are times when charges for some items on the bill of fare rise to the altitude of the high priced restaurants in New York—Delmonico's and Sherry's, for instance.

There were smiles on the faces of "regulars" among visitors when they spied an item on the bill of fare setting forth "sweet corn, 25 cents."

It brought to their minds visions of dazzling and steaming cobs roasting on a plate. They ordered corn and he held with considerable surprise the

Senators' Vocal Triumph Is Rudely Interrupted



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS RANDELL and his assistants were scurrying about the senate side of the capitol just before the recent adjournment, trying to complete a quorum of the senate, and while the senate bells were clanging their summons of senators to that body, the posse was attracted by loud sounds of sweet melody arising from Senator Bradley's room.

"My Old Kentucky Home," and "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," and other airs of the south rang through the corridors, drowning out the sound of the senate bell. Upon opening the door of Senator Bradley's office the searchers found Senator Bradley, basso profundo; Senator Smith of South Carolina, tenor robusto,

Positions for the Fair Sex.

Several bank presidents in the smaller towns are women, as well as clerks, tellers and cashiers. Government experts frequently are among the fair sex, whose deftness of touch makes their fingers especially efficacious for such work as that of the dead letter office.

Maintenance of a Microbe.

A country school teacher was cashing her monthly check at the bank. The teller apologized for the filthy condition of the bills, saying, "I hope you're not afraid of microbes." "Not you're not afraid of microbes," replied the teacher, "I'm sure no microbes could live on my salary."—Lippincott's

GOOD ROADS



WHO IS TO DRAG THE ROADS?

Attitude of "Let George Do It" Very Much in Evidence in Road-Dragging Proposition.

The attitude of "Let George do it" is very much in evidence in the road-dragging proposition, and the city man is always willing to let the farmer do it. Road dragging is an absolutely proved method and it should be done, but by whom? It is true that taxation is never very even, but that is no reason for trying to get something for nothing, says a writer in an exchange. It is said the farmer is benefited by good roads, which is perfectly true, but so are many other people, and the farmer has already paid his road tax, whilst many other users have escaped in part because their property is not so evident to the assessor.

The good roads enthusiast says the farmer can drag roads in his spare time. So he can, and there is no reason why the city man should not hook a drag behind his auto evenings and do some good whilst he gives his family an airing. None whatever! Lots of autos have plenty of power to pull a road drag. I haven't seen the city man doing this yet, and I don't expect to any more than I expect to see a voluntary system of road dragging successful in the long run because it is entirely inequitable. The commonsense solution is to drag the roads and pay the man who does it a fair remuneration, either in cash or county warrants. If a farmer lives on a road where the wear and tear is continuous the road will need more dragging, though he himself makes no more use of it than his neighbor on a back road, and each should be paid for the work he does and those who do no work should bear their full share of the expense—not expect George to do it all.

PAY FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

In Many Instances Bonds Issued by Counties Sold at a Premium—Farmers Gain.

There is financial wisdom in floating county bonds for road improvement. In many cases those bonds sold at a premium and everybody interested gains a benefit.

In some southern states good roads bonds have brought a price so high that the premium has wiped out two or three years' interest on the principal.

In Bradley county, Tennessee, but a few years ago, the supervisors voted a bond issue of \$50,000. Those bonds bore interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

So enthusiastic were the citizens for road improvement and so much confidence did they have in the locality in which they lived, that the premium was \$20,000, the cash sales placing in the county treasury \$110,000.

It has been ascertained by the office of public roads, the bureau of the federal census, and the industrial divisions of twelve great railroads, that the building of modern highways immediately enhances the value of the property through which they run to a marked extent.

This increase is estimated by the most conservative at \$2 an acre, and by the more enthusiastic at \$5. All concede, however, that the increase is immediate and inevitable.

Place the acreage of the rural portion of a county, therefore, at 200,000 acres and the increased valuation due to the construction of better highways at but \$4.50 an acre, and it will be seen that the property holders whose land is to be thus benefited would gain not less than \$900,000.

Gasoline Engines of Binders.

Where grain is badly laid or the ground wet, there are many advantages to the binder equipped with an engine to drive the machinery, whilst the horses furnish the traction. A binder so furnished has the machinery in full operation when it strikes the grain and the elevators continue in motion when the horses are stopped if too wide a swath has been taken and the aprons choked. Where irrigation ditches have been plowed in or on side hills, the bull wheel will slip sideways on wet ground, which is lost and we choke up, have to clear things and begin all over again. Where the bull wheel furnishes the power it is nearly always necessary to drive horses a little faster than desirable to keep up the motion. The supplement engine does away with all these troubles and is a distinct advantage on the old way.

Time and Labor Lost.

When farm buildings are so inconveniently arranged that it requires several unnecessary miles every day to do chores, many dollars in time are lost.

Protect the Cherries.

If the cherry growers will plant mulberries near their orchards their fruit will be protected.

Poor Cows Expensive.

It looks like lots of work and expense to hunt out and sell the poor cows and replace them with those that are better bred and more profitable, but it is not half so expensive as keeping the poor ones.

Planting Orchards.

One ought to take two or three years to get ready to plant an orchard. He must study soils, varieties, methods and markets, and inform himself as to the best place to buy trees.

OBJECTED TO THE RED TAPE TO MAKE DUSTLESS DUSTERS

Why New York Woman Is Done with the Famous Society with the Long Name.

"I'm never going to have anything more to do with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," declared a Brooklyn woman, indignantly. "I've had one affair with them. It happened when a cat in our neighborhood gave birth to five kittens and then deserted them. None of us wanted the kittens so, as I have a phone in my house, it was suggested that I get the S. P. C. A. to come and take them away. I telephoned—and such a lot of questions as they asked!

"They wanted to know my name and the number of my house; the number of kittens in the litter, and their gender and color and breed; the day of their birth and the number of days since their mother went away from them. Of course, these questions were tantalizing, because I couldn't see what difference it made. I thought all they had to do was to send a man up and take the kittens away. Then they asked me if I was married, and how many children I had; how many neighbors were complaining of the kittens and if these neighbors were old maids. I thought they were very personal in their questions. But I answered them all. Finally came a question that made me mad. 'What is the name of the cat that deserted these kittens?' was asked.

"I'm sure I don't know," I replied; "she is no relation of mine," and with that I banged the receiver on the hook. And after all we had to pay a small boy to take those kittens away and drown them."

WHEN MICROBES ARE BUSIEST

Although Never Dormant, It Has Been Proved They Have Special Hours of Activity.

A celebrated scientist has made the interesting announcement that there are more microbes in the air at nine o'clock in the morning and at nine o'clock at night than during any other periods of the day. He has also discovered that the percentage of microbes in the atmosphere is less at three o'clock in the morning and three o'clock in the afternoon than at any other times. The explanation advanced for the partiality of the microbe for nine o'clock a. m. and p. m. is that the "microbe hour" is controlled by the movements of people. From five to nine in the morning they are going from their homes to their working places, and from five to nine in the evening they are again journeying through the streets, either homeward bound or in search of pleasure.

He noted that at or about six o'clock every morning and evening there were indications of the approach of the microbe "rush" hour. From that time on until nine o'clock the atmosphere became more and more crowded with germs of all kinds, some bad, some good; and then, immediately after nine o'clock, the tide began to ebb, until it was always lowest round about three o'clock. According to his researches, after lunch is the safest time for a nap.

Gospel of Forgetfulness.

The gospel of forgetfulness is now being strongly advocated by persons interested in various new-thought movements. The theory is to get rid of your troubles by forgetting all about them; by substituting happy, hopeful thoughts for the sad, despairing ones. The adherents of this gospel go so far as to claim for it a physical potency. They declare that illness can be cured by forgetting all about it.

Domestic Animals Protected.

The mayor of a little commune in the Pyrenees has just issued the following decree: "Whereas the young people of the commune are wont to meet and dance every Sunday after mass and the noise they make frightens the cocks, hens and other animals of the village and whereas the result is prejudicial to agriculture, we hereby prohibit dancing within the bounds of the commune during the hours in which the domestic animals take their repose."

Matter of Credentials.

"I am honest, intelligent, discreet, industrious, and capable of making friends," said the young man who was looking for employment. "Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "you ought to get along; although I have seen a lot of men go before conventions with those same recommendations and fail to get more than a complimentary vote."

Sad Sequel to Wedding.

A landau in which a newly-married couple, the chief bridesmaid, and the "best man" were driving from church was knocked over by an electric trolley in Lille, near Paris, the other morning. The coachman had his legs broken, the bride, a girl of twenty-one, broke her right arm and was badly hurt in the head, her husband escaped without a scratch, and the bridesmaid and "best man" received internal injuries.

Answered to the Name.

The two friends had been dining on dainties and sundry strange dishes at the "Cedars of Lebanon" cafe, in the Syrian quarter of New York. They were drinking their coffee, thick with coal-black grounds, and wondering whether they really enjoyed it, when Smithers suddenly cried out: "Pataug! Pataug!"

Tried Trick Once Too Often.

A man of seventy-five, who of recent years had extorted money from charitable persons, in Paris, by pretending to commit suicide, has fallen a victim to his ingenuity. He used to fasten a rope, attached to the ceiling, about his neck with an easy running noose. Then, having knocked over the furniture, he would overturn the chair on which he was standing and remain hanging by the rope. Alarmed by the noise, the neighbors would rush in and cut him down. After being rescued he would depict his state of distress in such moving language that money would be forthcoming for his relief. Later he would repeat the trick in another house, invariably with success. But a few days ago, when he was carrying out the trick, there was a hitch. No one went to his help and he remained hanging, being eventually cut down dead.

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