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THE REAL SHOW.

Judging by all accounts, the real, central, spotlight figure in the inaugural procession at Washington next month will be one Thomas Riley Marshall of Indiana, vice president-elect.
While Woodrow Wilson is busy putting the quietus on the inaugural ball and on other ceremonies that usually accompany the induction into office of the new president, Mr. Marshall's friends are getting ready to cut the biggest dash that any vice presidential party ever cut in Washington on any March 4th since the days of the cherry tree cutter. Mr. Marshall will shatter all precedents when he goes down Pennsylvania avenue, escorted from the white house to the capitol by a black horse squadron that will outline and outpost altogether the gallant squadron from Essex that is to accompany the president-elect.
Chiefs of the inaugural ceremonies did not take kindly to the plan of the Hoosier friends of Marshall to make second place outline first place, but there is apparently a desire on Mr. Wilson's part to let the black horse squadron march and do honor to Marshall and to Indiana.
The vice president-elect ordinarily rides from the white house to the capitol with the outgoing vice president or the president pro-tem of the senate, as the case may be, in a carriage following the one occupied by the president-elect, but with sufficient distance and enough people in between the two to make it certain that the escort of honor is for the chief and not for the subordinate.
This year, however, there will be two escorts of honor and a division of the acclaim of the people along the route. The mettled chargers which will precede, flank and take up the rear of Mr. Marshall's carriage are the property of a private military school in the Hoosier state, and they

will be bestridden by husky cadets trained along cavalry lines like unto those followed at West Point.
Mr. Marshall may yet make something out of the office of vice president.
Anyhow, the new white house cow will have some trouble in living up to the strenuous advertising pace set by Pauline Wayne.

Legislature argues that insanity is incurable. Scat. Man, aren't we always normal again two months after Easter?

Explorer Robert E. Peary has had his appendix removed. Doc. Cook's reputation, it will be remembered, was removed by the Danes some time ago.

If a man wants to stand out in his community as a learned citizen, he should know the meaning of the different weather flags.

One Kentucky court has music at its daily sessions. Must be fierce to try and sleep in such a court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county.

In the matter of the estate of Hiram Williams, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county administrator of the estate of Hiram Williams, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required, at 1502 V. avenue, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

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SINGING CRICKETS.

They Are Kept in Cages Like Canary Birds in Japan.

Selling crickets is a lucrative business in Japan, where the insects are valued for their songs and kept in cages like canary birds. In Tokyo there are two wholesale merchants who send their agents into the streets of the large cities. The insects are carried in little bamboo cages. A good seller clears approximately from 80 cents to a dollar a day. An insect valued for its music brings from 2 to 7 cents. The Kusa hibari is the most valuable of all the songsters, but the common cricket and the grasshopper are considered excellent singers.

The singers are collected from the fields in September, before laying time. They are taken from the grass and shut up in glass jars. Soon after they are imprisoned the females lay their eggs and die almost immediately afterward. The jars containing them are kept in a temperature of 80 degrees C.

The young come forth in March. The loss of eggs is about 10 per cent. The male is the singer. He only is an object of commerce, and from a hundred eggs the cultivator, despite all his care, has only fifty salable insects. The lot of the locust is a martyrdom from birth to death. The locust is the toy of the Japanese child. He is caught on bamboo twigs rubbed with a gluey substance and tormented according to the ignorance and the cruelty of his keeper. The life of the singing insect never exceeds a term of five weeks.—Harper's Weekly.

FISH AND THEIR FOOD.

Queer Ways by Which Some of the Toothless Species Get a Meal.

The curious ways in which fishes eat form quite a study. Some fishes have teeth and some have none at all. In some the teeth are found upon the tongue, in some in the throat and in some in the stomach. Some draw in their food by suction; the sturgeon is one of this class. The jellyfish absorbs its food by wrapping its body around the prey it covets. The starfish fastens itself to its victim, turns its stomach wrong side out and engulfs its dinner without the formality of swallowing it through a mouth first.

So there are all sorts of methods for those regularly toothless, and the fishes which have teeth show almost as great a diversity in the number, style and arrangement of them. The ray or skate has a mouth set transversely across its head, the jaws working with a rolling motion like two hands set back to back. In the jaws are three rows of flat teeth, set like a mosaic pavement, and between these rolling jaws the fish crushes oysters and other mollusks like so many nuts. The carp's teeth are set back in the pharynx, so that it actually masticates its food in its throat, while the sea urchin has five teeth surrounding its stomach and working with a peculiar centralized motion, which makes them do as good service as if they numbered hundreds.—Harper's Young People.

An Anodyne.
"An anodyne," patiently explained a well known physician to a woman patient, "is a delusion. And medicine that soothes pain has this drawback—it relieves the attack, but the next attack comes on much sooner. Understand, I'll cure your headache, but you're bound to have another headache in a day or two."

The woman pondered a bit.
"I know just what you mean, doctor," she said. "I've noticed it about Henry, my husband, you know. A doctor prescribed whisky for his cough. My husband says it cured his cough quicker than anything else ever did, but I notice that he gets a new cough almost every week now."—Louisville Times.

Where His Money Went.
Tramp—Yes, truly, I had \$50,000 left to me once. Woman—And I suppose it all went for liquor? Tramp—I suppose so, mum. Dem judges an' lawyers is awful drinkers.—New York Globe.

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It is no mere coincidence that most of the great thinkers of the world, whether in philosophy, science, industry, literature or the arts, have lived to be old men despite the fact that in youth they were in many instances physical weaklings. Significant, too, is the fact that the majority of them began to think, began to exercise their minds along the lines in which they ultimately achieved greatness, while they were still young. There is here a pregnant hint for parents.

Whatever aptitude, whatever special interest, your child chances to display encourage him in it. Don't deaden his desire for knowledge, his instinctive tendency to think, by indifference, by failure to answer his incessant bombardment of questions. Rather thank God that your child has an active mind and set about training him in the proper use of it. Teach him the principles of observation, of analysis, of synthesis—the principles, in short, of truly effective thinking. Accustom him to thinking things out for himself and seek to interest him in whatever it is well for him to know. You need not be afraid that he will overtax his mind. No child's mind—and no man's either—is overtaxed by anything in which a real interest is taken.

The trouble with most of us is that we are not really interested in anything. We have interests, to be sure, but they are diffuse, thin, weak—they do not grip us. That is why comparatively few of us ever think in the true sense of the term. That is why when we are called upon to do anything in the nature of sustained mental effort we are overwhelmed by doubt, fear, worry, and mayhap have finally to call in the doctor with his sage pronouncement, "Poor fellow, he has been thinking too hard." In point of fact, we have not been thinking at all simply because we have not been interested enough to think.

Let us get truly interested in something, no great matter what it is, and we shall find that we can think about it easily enough. And, thinking about it—definitely, tirelessly, earnestly thinking about it—we shall find ourselves grow both in mental and bodily vigor.—H. Addington Bruce in New York Sun.

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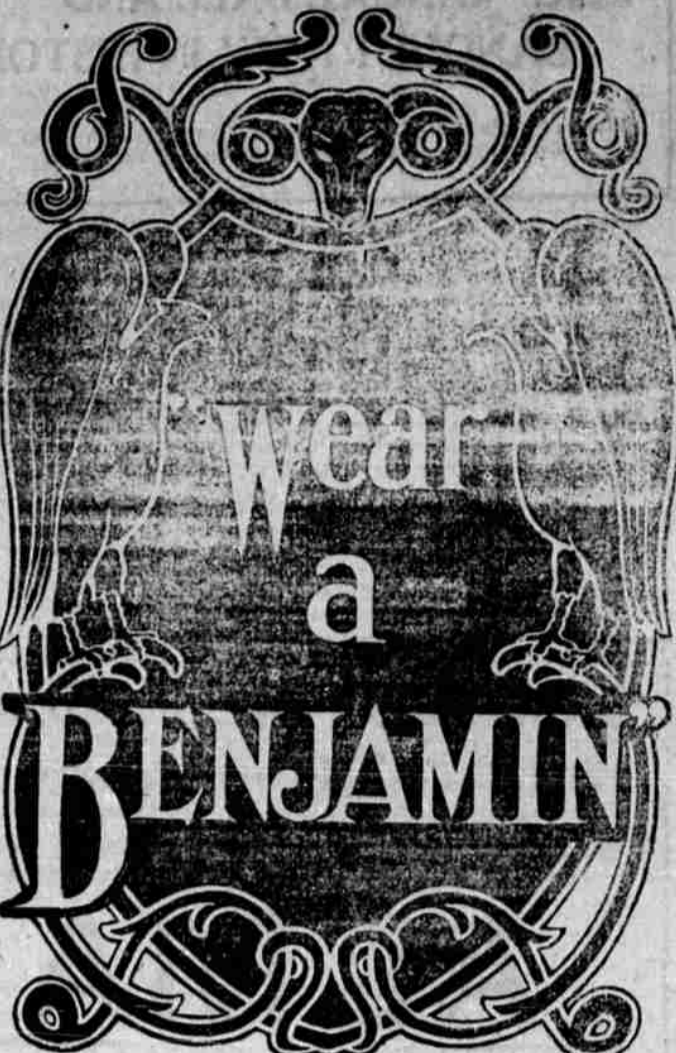
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