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D. WARD KING.

D. Ward King of Maitland Missouri, from the "Show me state," apostle of good roads without money, will be in La Grande on the 30th of April and the 1st and 2nd of May to demonstrate that good roads can be built without much money and can be made into real roads. No subject has demanded more space than this movement for good roads, for it is in line with the tendency of the age, which is commercial and demands smooth and even avenues for the world's products. The world has a taste of luxury and demands smooth highways. The world is getting wiser and more efficient and demands that the enormous waste in energy in moving products cease. It is this great problem of conservation that is the real impetus behind the national movement to smooth the highways of the country and make them passable every month of the year instead of but a few during the dry season.

Mr. Ward has spoken at every chautauqua meeting in the middle west.

Six states have changed their laws to conform to the ideas of Mr. King in the construction of public highways. Eight states have paid him with public funds to explain the idea of roadmaking, and railroads have offered him transportation in private cars and employed him at a handsome salary to preach this great truth of good roads.

It is not bluff, not advertising, for not many newspapers would devote their columns to a man's scheme if it did not prove to be of supreme benefit, or if the man were in the ring merely for the money there is in it. That is not the case. Men have appended their signatures to statements that are extreme and would not have done so if the facts did not bear out his statements. In speaking of the benefits of this Ward road drug Stewart Ives de Kraft in Harper's weekly has this to say:

"The River-to-River-Road is due to the desire of J. W. Eichinger, of the Des Moines Capital, to perform a newspaper feat. Any man who can transform an Iowa mud road to a nearly perfect highway, 380 miles long at an estimate cost of building and maintenance for the first year of \$3. a mile, has grasped a new idea in road building. This road from Council Bluffs to Davenport is a success and is commanding the attention of the entire country and Canada."

CUMMINS' TRUTHFUL STATEMENT.

In a speech delivered at Chicago, Senator Cummins of Iowa, reiterated the fact that should be patent to everyone, but which seems to need repetition occasionally. That fact was, "the Republican national committee was the sole cause of Democratic success in 1913."

The whole country was stirred by

that committee's nefarious action; it was admitted in every state in the Union that the national body had committed theft, and that admission has never been contradicted. The statement stands unchallenged—the result of the late national election proved conclusively the voters' disapproval of such work.

Yet the old national committee is trying to hang on. Its members expect the people to forget crimes committed. But the people will not forget. There is no hope of national success of the Republican party so long as the old crowd hangs onto the party machine. And there is almost positive assurance of success of the Republican party if the old national committee will step aside and give way to energetic, honest Republicans who hold the party above selfish ends.

While Senator Cummins' statement is correct, it must be remembered that a strong guard should be put out in order to unhorse the old committee, for they are the keenest, craftiest bunch who ever did politics in America. They know how to take advantage of lethargy on the part of the public and they are taking that advantage right now.

By all means, follow the Cummins' advice. Get a good clean national committee, adopt a modern platform and the present administration will confront a strong opponent. Otherwise, Republicans and Progressives alike had as well sit on the good box, and while whittling to pass away the time, tell the stories of great achievements of the G. O. P. in years gone by.

REAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

An encyclopedia for school teachers, rural and city, who have not had facilities to either train themselves to teach children physical development or who have little or no facilities to teach their pupils even should they know how, has been prepared under the direction of the State Superintendent Churchill and sent to every school teacher in Oregon. Illuminating pictorial pages from various playgrounds of Oregon set out the realized possibilities of the plan. La Grande's playground facilities are pictured in the booklet.

The unique scheme to teach teachers to teach children things—physical at little or moderate expense, takes the form of a practical recreation manual of schools. No teacher can escape the benefits if she studies it: parents would benefit thereby and the pupils of rural schools are destined to more attention to their physical development than heretofore. The larger cities of Oregon have already given some attention to this perplexing problem, but this manual solves the problem.

Play and education, equipment, types of school buildings, plays and games, festivals and special days, athletic meets, field meets and the social center, form the captions for the different chapters in the manual. The compilers, Lebert Howard Weir and Stella Walker and Durham gained much information from the Chicago Playgrounds association, Robert Krehn of the Portland schools and various other sources, making the data authentic and the compilation easy to study.

The sand court, wading pool, swinging, teetering and climbing apparatus, are recommended chiefly for the little folks, and the older girls from 11 to 16 are urged to adopt volley ball, goals, quoits, ring toss, bean bag, etc., for games and play. Much the same thing is recommended for boys of that age, with the addition of vaulting poles, running paths and the similar gymnasium equipment such as bars and rings.

Various playground songs, set to music, form no small part of the book.

Then follows a concise description of every popular and oldtime game

that can be played with little or no equipment, the rules being tersely set forth.

Supplemental to the booklet is a chart showing how playgrounds are best constructed when any actual expense is gone into.

Read the advertisement, too.

BLESSED AS THE IMMORTAL GODS.

Blest as the immortal gods is he, The youth who fondly sits by thee And bears and sees thee all the while Softly speak and sweetly smile.

'Twas this deprived my soul of rest And raised such tumults in my breast, For while I gazed, in transport t'ose'd, My breath was gone, my voice was lost.

My bosom glowed; the subtle flame Ran quick through all my vital frame. O'er my dim eyes a darkness hung: My ears with hollow murmurs rung.

In dewy damps my limbs were chilled, My blood with gentle horrors thrilled, My feeble pulse forgot to play—I fainted, sunk and died away. Sappho (Greek).

CHURCH AND I. W. W.

I am amazed to learn that we actually have churches which must be protected from those who come to seek succor from those in them. I do not want to enter judgment upon the motives and purposes of the men who have been leading the attacks upon the churches, nor am I able to discuss all the phases of this remarkable movement. Incidentally, I must confess my amazement that men of any kind or in any walk of life should be arrested for appealing to churches for help in their hour of distress—that the idea should hold that churches must be protected from people.—Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Pastor of Church of Messiah (Unitarian), New York City.

REVENGE IS SWEET.

I've tolled and tried and worried, I've gone the cookbooks through, Till my brain is tired and flurried And my hands and patience too.

I've had the best instruction From the ablest cooks in town, And my pies are crisp and dainty And delicately brown.

But apple, mince or pumpkin Of any form or shade, Are nothing to my husband Like the pies his mother made.

So I'll give the struggle over And throw my pride away, But as sure as I'm a mother I'll be avenged some day.

My bonny tabs are growing, And they'll not be afraid To tell their future spouses What pies their mother made. —M. Gibson.

LATIN PROVERBS.

A good man doubles the length of his life; to look back with pleasure on our past life is to double it.

He who knows not how to confer a kindness cannot justly ask for one.

A good thing is appreciated more for its absence than by its enjoyment.

There are those who can see the faults of others, but who cannot discern their own.

Do not seek the quarrel when there is an opportunity of escaping.

He who follows two hares is sure to catch neither.

Happy is he who can learn prudence from the danger of others.

Popular Priced Balmacaan Coats Arrive

Yesterday we received by express direct from New York a large shipment of spring and Summer novelty coats in fancy mixtures and plaids. The prices are far lower than you would expect on such attractive styles and well-tailored garments. See them in our windows and Ready-to-Wear department. Prices from \$7.00 to \$12.50.

Another Express Shipment of Newest Separate Skirts

More attractive styles and a wider range of Fabrics and prices than ever was shown by this store are now offered. Come and make your selection early. Prices from \$5.00 to \$12.00

Dainty Crepe De Chine Waists

Our already large line of these popular waists has been added to by a new assortment of styles received yesterday. A special value offered at \$4.00.

Other Crepe Waists \$5.00 to \$7.00.

New Line of Elite Petticoats

JUST RECEIVED

The shirt that fits smooth over the hips. A decided advantage over the old style draw string petticoat.

Our new line offers all the wanted shades in satteen, silkcloth, messalines and Crepe de Chine.

Prices from 90c to \$7.00



NOVELTY BEAD NECKLACES

Just Received in Notion Dept. 25c to \$1.00.



NEW JET AND SPANGLE TRIMMINGS AND JET ORNAMENTS. Just Received.

AN UMBRELLA TAIL.

It Serves Many Purposes For the South American Antester.

One of the old natural history stories that have been only half believed is that the South American antester uses its great bushy tail as an umbrella whenever it takes its walks abroad in a shower. The story is partly true. And the tail has other excellent uses, as one might suppose of so extraordinary an appendage, for perhaps no other animal of the woods has so much tail in proportion to body.

The tail is like a huge plume, but differs from the feather and from such flat, feather-like tails as form the rudders and balancing poles of the squirrels in having its hairs arranged in two enormous fringes along the upper and under surfaces of the tail—not along the sides of it.

The benefit of this arrangement is that when the antester lies down at rest, with his tail bent sidewise, as is his wont, the long hairs of the tail completely cover the body like a cloak or umbrella and shed the rain like a sloping thatch. The hairy covering is also useful in keeping away troublesome or dangerous insects, and its dull gray tint harmonizes so well with the lights and shadows of the forest that it actually helps to hide the animal from its enemies while it sleeps.—Youth's Companion.

To Bed With Drum and Shot.

From the following story it would seem that the cadets at West Point are not the only persons who sometimes find taps and the sunrise gun annoying.

The wife of one of the officers there had a colored maid who was giving satisfaction and was apparently well pleased with her position. Mrs. Brown was therefore amazed when Sallie came to her and told her she could not work there any longer.

"Will you tell me why you are leaving, Sallie?" her mistress asked.

"Mis' Lizale," she answered, "Ah likes you an' Ah likes de kunnel an' Ah likes de chillen. But Ah can't stay nowhar whar Ah has to be drummed to bed at night and shot out of bed in de mawnin'."—New York Post.

Gauche and Gringo.

The gaucho (now nearly extinct) was the cowboy of the Argentine pampas, a half wild fellow who, dressed in his "poncho," spent his entire time looking after the great droves of cattle that roamed over the South American plains. "Gringo" is a term applied by the South Americans to a North American or Englishman and sometimes by the people of Mexico to an American.

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Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Text: La Grande National Bank. Organized in 1887. DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY. Capital \$100,000.00, Surplus \$140,000.00, Total Resources \$1,000,000.00. For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business. La Grande National Bank, La Grande, Oregon.