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INHERITING INSANITY.

The report of the superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Mendota, Wisconsin, furnishes data that is worth the careful consideration of legislators and other who may undertake to promote the cause of eugenics.

It is a serious question when almost one-third of the total number of patients in a state institution can trace their disease to heredity and that only two-thirds come from families in which there has been no insanity.

The Titanic survivors will not be able to collect any damages, according to a supreme court ruling.

Now it is charged that the London militants are drugged in jail. Very likely. Something has to be done to prevent them from burning the jails.

An ox 25,000 years old has been uncovered in California. One of the few that escaped the beef trust.

Nowadays a bird in the hat is worth 15 or 20 in the bush.

Convention Closes With Dinner.

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Jingle he had written about the convention.

George T. Cochran, La Grande, extemporaneously spoke of the value of a wider business acquaintance.

Mr. Glafky of the Pacific Coast Produce company in Portland spoke

briefly, remarking like every other speaker from without the city gates did, of his entertainment and instruction while in La Grande. Modesty would forbid a local newspaper or a local merchant to repeat one-tenth of the kind words spoken for the La Grande businessmen, and the neighborhood club came in for well-deserved praise from practically every speaker.

George Stoddard touched on other resources La Grande has aside from those of the cultivated soil—the timber—and urged for united action to have the rough products of Oregon made into the finished goods within the state.

C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland commercial club, and a booster of good repute, called marvelous energy and municipal spirit shown in the entertainment of this convention by La Grande, and closed with paying a beautiful tribute to the patriotism of La Grande because the decoration scheme embodied red, white and blue, and at the conclusion of his toast, every man and woman was on his feet cheering the patriotic speech.

J. C. Mann, of Portland, was also called upon and assured the La Grande people that when they came to Portland next January, they would receive the best there was in Portland.

The La Grande quartet, with Messrs Ferrin, Howland, Stoddard and Bramwell in it, got off its right foot again. After a formal number the singers cut loose with harpoons set to music that kept many of the visitors squirming, and as the spirit of the thing caught on, there were calls for more and the rest of the program was sidetracked until the crowd had got a portion of its fill.

The banquet closed just in time to allow the guests to catch the mail, so that the entertainment of the guests, commenced a second after the train came to a halt Monday morning, until its departure last night.

- Crab Cocktail
Roast Chicken Baked Ham
Cranberry Jelly
Asparagus Salad Saltines
Boston Baked Beans
Scalloped Potatoes Celery Hearts
Beet Pickles
Olives Cheese Pickles Bread
Ice Cream Strawberries
Cake Coffee

Moran Confident of Winning. (Continued from Page 1.)

retire to the River Oise on Sunday he comes back with the merry persiflage: "Wrong number, Steve; after Saturday night my home's on the River Is."

If Moran, the Merry, is right in his depe, that same little River Is will mean be one of milk and honey, of

gold and banknotes, for the lad from Smoketown, Penn., will be the most popular hero who ever told the Statue of Liberty Good morning, Roosevelt's return from Africa; Cook's return from the North Pole (or vicinity) or any of the other homecomers will have nothing on him, while vaudeville engagements and all the other spoils of pug championship will put him where Rockefeller will be grinding his false teeth. If he gets licked: Curtain.

When the Trouble Started.

Slagg had lived all his life in the city. Never had he seen anything in the vegetable line except factory made grass until he decided to spend the summer working on Cousin Hiram's farm. Not knowing much in the way of driving a hoe or a harrow, the new farmhand was put to work whitewashing the outbuildings, while the rest of the staff took to the cornfields.

"Give me my money, boss," said he in a mournful voice. "I'm going back to town."

"What have ye been doin' ter yer self?" asked Cousin Hiram, wonderingly sizing up the new hand. "What's happened?"

"I don't know exactly what happened," was the dejected reply of Slagg "but it started when I tried to white wash that thing they call a beehive." -Philadelphia Telegraph.

Drilling Holes in Steel.

When holes are drilled and then reamed in soft steel bars the metal materially increases in strength, the average limit of elasticity improving 12.3 per cent and the average tensile strength 9.2 per cent. This phenomenon is explained thus: In putting together the parts of a test piece broken under tension it is found that the two ends do not coincide and that, while the edges make a good contact, the central parts do not, thus indicating that the rupture begins at the center and that the edges have a higher tensile resistance than there is along the axis of the bar.

Her Contribution.

A man, a new acquaintance, once told Dr. Joseph Parker of London that he had put a five pound note in the plate instead of the half sovereign he had intended.

"I hope you don't repent of your charity," said the doctor. "Indeed, no," said the guest. "Because," said Parker, "I remember that one of my congregation once did. It was a woman, and she came to the vestry after service one Sunday morning to tell me that a week before she must have put a sovereign in the plate instead of a shilling, because she could not account for the loss otherwise. But she didn't get the change from me," said the doctor, with a smile. "I told her it was too bad, of course, particularly as God would only give her credit for the shilling."

To Transfer Printing.

Anything printed on paper with ordinary printer's ink can be transferred to a clean sheet of paper in the following manner: Take three drams of common yellow soap and dissolve it in one quart of hot water. When cool add one and a half fluid ounces of spirits of turpentine. Put all in a bottle, cork it and shake well together. Take a sponge or soft brush and apply some of the solution to the printed surface. Let it soak for a few minutes. Lay it face down upon the paper on which the transfer is required and press both together evenly between the leaves of a thick book placed under weights. In a time varying from half a minute to several hours, according to the newness of the printed original, it will be transferred in reverse.

A Matter of Small Moment.

A local British official in India wanted military protection against what he considered to be the danger of an Indian rising and traveled all the way to Simla to lay before Lord Kitchener, the commander in chief, the state of affairs in his district and to urge that troops should be sent to support the civil arm. Lord Kitchener declined to do anything of the sort. "But, my dear sir, do you realize that I may be murdered in my bed one night?" expostulated the official. Kitchener eyed him over for a minute and then said coldly, "Well, what of it?"

Queer Fish.

Some curious fish found in South American waters breathe with lungs as well as gills. During the dry season the fish curls up at the bottom of a burrow, with its tail over its face, and remains there until the rise of water dissolves the plug with which it stops the entrance to the burrow.

His Mistake.

"I understand you entertained a number of people at dinner last night." "That's what I thought," replied Mr. Cumrox, "but my wife says I bored 'em." -Washington Star.

THE CHRISTIAN.

Holiness appeared to me to be of a sweet, pleasant, charming, serene, calm nature. It seemed to me it brought an inexpressible purity, brightness, peacefulness and rapture to the soul, and that it made the soul like a field or garden of God, with all manner of pleasant flowers, that is all pleasant, delightful and undisturbed; enjoying a sweet calm and the gentle, vivifying beams of the sun. The soul of a true Christian appeared like such a little white dower as we see in the spring of the year, low and humble on the ground, opening its bosom to receive the pleasant beams of the sun's glory, rejoicing, as it were, in a calm rapture; diffusing around a sweet fragrance, standing peacefully and lovingly in the midst of other flowers round about, all in like manner opening their bosoms to drink in the light of the sun. -Jonathan Edwards.

TO THE WILLOW TREE.

Thou art to all lost love the best. The only true plant found. Wherewith young men and maids distrest And left of love are crown'd.

When once the lover's rose is dead, Or laid aside forlorn, Then willow garlands 'bout the head Bedew'd with tears are worn.

Then with neglect, the lovers' bane, Poor maids rewarded be For their love lost, their only gain Is but a wreath from thee.

And underneath thy cooling shade, When weary of the light, The love spent youth and love-sick maid Come to weep out the night. -Robert Herrick.

FATHER TIME.

Think not thy time short in this world, since the world itself is not long. The created world is but a small parenthesis in eternity, and a short interposition, for a time, between such a state of duration as was before. It may be after it. -Sir Thomas Browne.

Time, which strengthens friendship, weakens love. -De la Bruyere.

He who knows most grieves most for wasted time. -Dante.

Time, to the nation as the individual, is nothing absolute; its duration depends on the rate of thought and feeling. -Draper.

THE MARINE.

An' after I met 'im all over the world, a dolt' all kinds of things, Like a quid' 'isself with a Gat- 'in' gun to talk to them 'eather kings, E' sleeps in an 'ammick instead of a cot, An' 'e drills with the dops on a 'stew.

There isn't a job on the top of the earth, The 'beggar don't know of do, You can't get a bit of right on a 'stew, 'E's own 'enough, E's a dolt' of a blousin' cousin, 'E's a dolt' of a blousin' cousin, 'E's a dolt' of a blousin' cousin, 'E's a dolt' of a blousin' cousin.

Howard Kipling

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