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BRYAN'S RESIGNATION.

It was no surprise to many who have watched W. J. Bryan for the past fifteen years when he resigned as Secretary of State yesterday. Public opinion has for some time believed that President Wilson was forced to take charge of the State Department and to direct the course of affairs, mainly because Mr. Bryan's tendencies are plainly too much in favor of Providence doing it all. He is a kindly man but not a man of sufficient metal to meet emergencies.

Mr. Bryan was raised on the plains of the middle states and his environment was never such as to broaden him into what might be termed really a national character. Pleasing in appearance and brilliant in oratory he made his way along lines of least resistance. As a cabinet officer he would have discharged his duties without flinching so long as no duty was of sufficient size to cause flinching. But when it came to putting a man of Mr. Bryan's temperament and training in a place where it takes the wisdom of a Lincoln, the nerve of a Grant or the diplomacy of a McKinley, he is not to be counted, and therefore did the least thing for himself and all concerned when he resigned.

The country now fully realizes what has been suspected for some time—that President Wilson is the one man to look to. Discussion of his ability to handle any situation that may arise is useless at this time, for in the last eight weeks of his administration he has shown himself to be of large size, possess a great heart and to be thoroughly American. It is barely possible that Mr. Bryan's attitude in the past has prevented the President from doing many things his better judgment prompted him to do. Respect for the high office of Secretary of State is bound to have as singular effect upon a president and President Wilson being a man of high intellectual attainment has no doubt maintained that respect.

The fellow who plays cards for money often finds the other fellow did the same thing.

It costs only \$1.00 to buy a spading fork, and only about \$10 to cure the lame back you acquire therewith.

Punishing Children.

The only logical punishment for children is the punishment that fits the crime, that is working out of the law of natural consequences.

If the little girl leaves her dress on the floor where it has fallen, don't pick it up and don't give her a fresh one tomorrow.

If the boy is late to luncheon when promptness has been asked for, show him that the minutes lost will make it impossible to get to the ball game in time.

Punishments of this sort make chil-

dren blame themselves instead of blaming mother.

Children, on the other hand, who have done well should be encouraged. When they have been good, fairies should leave little gifts under their pillows; new toys, candy, pretty pictures or books.

A bad child is never actually bad himself. The parent is always to blame. When one sees well-behaved children one is sure to later find parents who have "behaved well" before these children.

LEGAL NEWS

Conveyances
 Nathaniel Parker, et ux to E. A. Seiber and Ella Seiber, his wife, \$1500. Warranty Deed. Conveys N 1-2 of Blk 4 in Town of North Union, Ore. A. E. Eaton et ux to Perry Reed, \$25. Warranty Deed. Conveys A strip of land containing .957 acres, more or less, in S E 1-4 of SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Sec 24 Tp 4 S R 40 E.

Articles of Incorporation
 Filed by Geo. G. Hopkins, Harley D. Smith and E. D. Selders, Incorporators Name "Smith Produce Co." To carry on general produce and commission business. Capital stock \$2000. Duration 50 yrs. Place of business, at the city of La Grande, Ore.

Suits Filed
 Julius Roesch, Plt vs J. H. Childers Deft. (Suit on note and account) Plaintiff prays judgment against defendant in sum of \$670. and interest \$50. Atty fee, and costs and disbursements.

Arie Ryssdam Plt vs E. G. Erskin Deft. (Suit on Notes.) Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for \$200 with int. at 10 per cent from 20th Feb 1915 until paid; \$35 atty fees; \$190.15 with int. at 10 per cent from 22nd April 1915 sum of \$30. atty fee; and costs and disbursements.

Mary J. Davis-Jerome, Plt vs Edward A. Jerome Deft (Suit for divorce.)

Union County Co-Operative Association, Plt vs Theresa Gettle, Joseph Gettle Defts. Defendant pray that plaintiff take nothing by this action and that Defendants have judgment against Plaintiff in sum of \$2500 together with costs and disbursements.

Marriage License
 Norman Frees to Janet Herschey.

A PLOW THAT RANG TRUE.

It Likewise Proved Its Quality to the Buenos Aires Buyers.

In Buenos Aires a few years ago an American salesman of plows wished to demonstrate to a local customer the superiority of his goods over that of a German competitor. The American salesman arranged for the test.

The German plows proved to be almost exact duplicates of the American implement in design and rather better in finish. Wasting no time in explanation, the American salesman called over a powerful peon and ordered him to swing with all his strength with a ten pound sledge upon the share of one of the American plows.

The husky Basque spat upon his hands, lunched his muscular shoulders, swung the heavy hammer in a wide circle and brought it down on the spot indicated. A note as clear as that of a bell rang out and the plow went bounding across the floor, but save for the patch of red paint that fused to and came off on the hammer head the share was unmarked. When the operation was repeated upon one of the German implements the first share was completely shattered, the pieces being scattered about the floor like so much broken crockery. Thinking that possibly the faultiness of this share had been an accident of construction, perhaps of overtempering, the dealer requested the peon to swing upon the second sample. This blow demonstrated that the German implements were not even consistent in their effectiveness, for this share doubled up under the blow and folded lovingly in around the hammer like a flower going to sleep at night.

There were tears in the consul's eyes as he wrung the salesman's hand in congratulation, but all he said was, "And they still accuse us of exporting wooden nutmegs!"—World's Work.

HE NEVER SWORE.

Yet a Court Record Quoted Him as Using Strong Language.

One day during a term of court at Macon, Mo., some years ago, Judge Shelton, who was running through a stenographic record of a trial, detected a sentence which reflected upon the piety of appellant's senior counsel, Major B. H. Dysart, a pillar of the church.

"Major," he said, "I have just been reading this record. I was inexpressibly pained to note in it some very disrespectful language you used in the presence of the court."

A funeral solemnity would fall short of describing the appearance of Dysart's features.

"What do you mean?" he asked. "Of course you may have been excited a bit during the trial, major, I know those other fellows were worrying you like everything, but that is hardly an excuse for using cuss words. You should have waited until you got outside. It won't do."

"Does your honor mean to intimate that I swore in your presence while trying a case?" demanded the major sternly.

"I don't intimate anything, major, but you just look at that." And he handed the transcript to Dysart. There, nestled in the midst of a long argument over an object—a printed as plain as type could make it, were the words:

"It is a damned obscure injury."

It required nearly five minutes for the major to become calm enough to think out how it happened. Then he grabbed a pen, shoved it into the ink bottle and viciously scratched out the bald sentence, over which he wrote:

"It is a damnum absque injuria," meaning a damage without an injury.—Kansas City Star.

Your Lot in Life.

Make the most and the best of your lot, and compare yourself not with the few that are above you, but with the multitudes which are below you.—Samuel Johnson.

Her Turn to Blush.

A minister was in love with a member of his choir. He himself was musically inclined, and frequently the two would sing duets. Recently he arose to announce the music for the morning service, and this is what he said in his agitation: "Miss Blank will now sing 'Oh, Had I the Wings of a Dove, I Would Fly Away,' accompanied by the pastor."

STORY OF A FRONT TOOTH.

A Small Fortune That Was Restored to Its Rightful Owners.

One winter morning a little boy of eight or ten years ran into the office of the United Charities in New York city crying bitterly. Between his sobs he gasped out, "Uncle has stolen mother's front tooth; please get it back for us." His mother, then lying dead at home, was an actress. In her youth she had had a large diamond inserted in her front tooth, and the advertisement had proved profitable.

As the years passed misfortune overtook her; she was deserted by her husband; the family larder was often empty and the children hungry. Resolutely she refused to part with the diamond, always telling the children that after her death the money it brought would support them for some time.

When the little mother became ill with tuberculosis the children hushed her fears about their future with reassurances of the value of the jewel. But before the funeral a wicked uncle came in the night and pulled out the tooth.

An officer was sent at once to the uncle with threats of arrest if restitution was not made at once. The mission was successful, the tooth restored, the diamond taken out, sold and the proceeds used for the children.—Consensed From Survey.

A FRIEND IN NEED.

Joe Jefferson's Story of the Man Who Helped His Parents.

The late Joe Jefferson told this story of his childhood days:

"When my parents were traveling in the west we had a hard time to get along, meeting with bad luck in town after town. Finally we came to a little village in Illinois and prepared to give the play. However, the people of this town had recently turned against the theater, and the license was far beyond what we could pay. We were almost in despair, for our situation was desperate, not enough money to give our play in the town where we were and not enough to get to the next town.

"Finally my father found a young lawyer who listened to his story with sympathy and promised to help us. He succeeded in getting us a permit to play free of cost. We made good money that night, which carried us on to the next town in comfort.

"I recently played in this same town, which is now the good sized city of Springfield, and I visited the cemetery where that young lawyer now lies. On the stone which marks his grave is carved the name 'Abraham Lincoln.'—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Business Instinct.

The business man noticed that the friend he was talking to continually examined his watch.

"Don't let me keep you," he said, "if you have an appointment."

"Oh, no," said the other. "I sent the wife to London this morning on a visit and took the precaution of insuring her at the booking office for \$500. I am just thinking that I shall know in another twenty-five minutes if I have \$500 or a wife."—Manchester Guardian.

White Season Sale

THIS WEEK ONLY --- JUNE 7 TO JUNE 13

Including all undermuslins, embroideries, white stamped goods, the finest assortment of white wash dress fabrics, such as Embroidered Voiles, Crepe Voiles, Lace Voiles, Oxford, Stripe and Check Crepes, Rice Cloth, Swisses, Piques, Repps, Persian Lawns, Mercerized Batiste, Sylvia Lawns, Organdies, Checked Dimities, India Linens, Nainsooks, Long Cloth, etc. Profit by this White Sale and supply your white goods needs this week.

Sacrifice Sale Of Suits And Coats

Don't Delay - - If You Need a New Suit or Coat

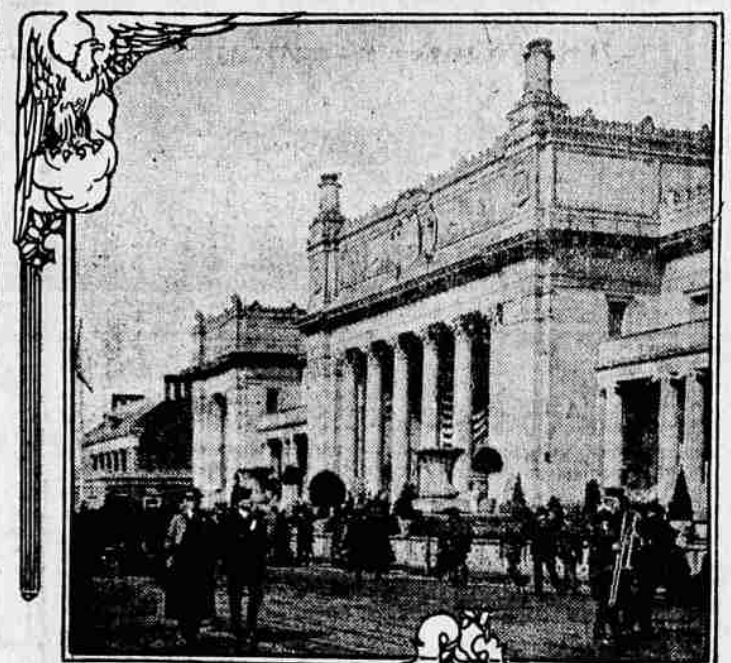
Only 16 suits left and not many more than 16 Coats left—every one new this season—Quality, Material, Style and Tailoring of every garment is most desirable—Worth your attention, if you need a suit or coat. Every one at a big generous reduction from the former price—Investigate them—five months of good seasonable wear yet ahead.

5 New Patterns in Pretty Lawns

JUST RECEIVED---Lawns are a most desirable Wash Fabric this summer for Dresses and Waists---See these new ones priced at 20c yd.

N. K. West & Co.
 THE QUALITY STORE

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 Exposition



On the Avenue of Commonwealths at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Crowds passing before the beautiful New York State building, which is one of the finest of the state buildings at the huge Exposition in San Francisco.

NOVELTY REPAIR SHOP

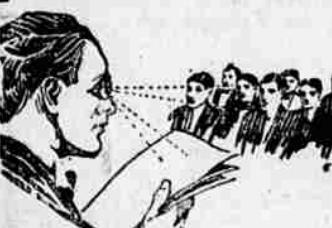
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Take your vulcanizing, bicycles, dull lawn mowers and key fitting to the Novelty Repair Shop.

Next to L. C. Smith's Garage

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