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STOP-GAP IMMIGRATION BILL

"This bill," said a New York congressman in the House debate on the immigration restriction bill, "will extinguish the light of hope and progress throughout the world."

It can hardly be so bad as that. The measure would admit 3 per cent of the nationals who were in the country when the 1910 census was taken, and that would let in 300,000 or more in the course of a year. The fact that it would involve incidental discrimination against certain races that were not strongly represented in our population until after 1910 is not regarded by most citizens as an overpowering objection. The older Americans confess a frank preference for the northwestern Europeans who, intentionally or not, are somewhat favored by this bill.

Nevertheless it is confessedly a stop-gap piece of legislation, with many imperfections. It would work injustice in large numbers of cases, and it would not solve the American immigration problem, which is probably the largest of all our national problems, and the one of longest standing. It is supportable only because it offers a temporary bulwark against a great deal of undesirable material that otherwise might drift into the country during the coming year, and because it gives the government a respite, in which it may, if it chooses, work out something like a really scientific and permanent immigration policy. If congress, therefore, passes the pending bill—to which the country appears to be reconciled as a tentative measure—it will be expected to proceed immediately thereafter with the laborous task of creating a better arrangement to replace it next year.

When congressmen finally follow their own conscience they will vote for disarmament, but in that there is a danger. No move of this kind should be for long unless watchful eyes see that other nations are doing likewise. The world would have been in fine shape disarmed with the Kaiser's war machine in full working order, would it not?

The Overland National Bank in Boise closed its doors this week with deposits of over \$800,000.00. It is the case of a man who backs the live stock industry with all his might and with the bank's finances. He had confidence in an upturn in the market but it has not come quick enough to save his institution.

The first few days of May looked very much like the calendar had slipped back to March, but the good weather is now due and will soon be with us in all its glory. Sunshine in the Grande Ronde is about as fine as can be found any place in the world, when it comes.

When Mayor George Baker barred the leper from entering Portland he probably did so at a distance, for the mayor, like other folks, is not inclined to offer the political handshake to one so afflicted.

Hood River has reduced the price of bread—not to a level with wheat, for the flour man yet has to be convinced that wheat is way down.

Let the fishermen strike in the lower Columbia. There will always be Bonney's fish hatchery over at Union.

Wheat is on the upward tend. Hurrah, for the sunshine.

COOKING BY THE SUN

Science has made another big jump, in the invention of a cooking stove whose energy is drawn direct from the sun. It was shown the other day to the National Academy of Science at Washington by Dr. C. G. Abbott, of the Smithsonian Institution. The proof that it actually works was presented in the form of a can of beans, cooked and canned on this solar stove by Mrs. Abbott. The savants examined the beans and pronounced them good. To get down to technical facts:

The apparatus, as described by the learned Dr. Abbott, is a concave, parabolic, cylindrical reflector which probably looks something like an ordinary reflecting telescope. It may be compared roughly to an electric reflecting heater, though in this case the process is reversed, the heat coming in instead of going out. The rays of the sun, shining into the reflector, are focused on a tube of cylinder oil, which is thereby heated to a high temperature, supplying the heat required for cooking in a fireless-cooker compartment. The stove can be used 24 hours a day, the inventor says, because its insulation preserves the heat through the night.

Such a stove, naturally, can be of little use except in a climate where there is much sunshine, or in the summer season of northern climates. The experiments were made at Mount Wilson, Cal. The stove, too, is admitted not to have reached the commercial stage yet. But it is on the way, and is probably of more importance to the human race than the Einstein theory.

A good many of those, corporation melons cut last fall are now found to have been unripe.

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 5, 1738.—John Frost born. A brigadier-general in the Revolutionary War.

May 5, 1864.—Battle of the Wilderness (Va.) begun.

May 6, 1864.—Attack on Confederate ram Albatross by the Sarcas and six other vessels.

Fifth President. James Monroe—Republican. Inaugurated March 4, 1817. Age 58. Term of office, 8 years. Residence, Oak Hill, Va. Born, April 28, 1758, Monroe's Creek, Va. Died, July 4, 1831. See 73. William and Mary college graduate. Lawyer. Parentage, Scotch.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Sea-Coal Fire.

The air is like wine. The sunshine is mellow. I read the weather report. It sounds fierce. Soon the snowflakes fall. And the day is darkening. But I am happy. Before my sea-coal fire I put on my slippers. Friend Wife says, "I'm sorry, but there's just enough coal for tonight." The five and two ones in my inside pocket! I see them slowly fading away. I go to bed. But the snowflakes have done their worst. I'm potentially broke. I cuss my sea-coal fire!

F. P. A. calls attention, in his justly celebrated Conning Tower, to the fact that the fellow who wears a synthetic porcelain collar usually has his neck shaved rough.

Which may or may not adhere to facts, but we have noticed that chaps who wear those O-O glasses frequently part their monickers on the left side.

Whether Frank Charbonneau is possessed of the strength of Samson or whether Nate Zweifel is a trick artist and can throw his shoulders out of place whenever he so desires is yet to be determined. Anyway Nate and Frank met in the famous Japanese wrestling hold and later Nate was wearing his arm in a sling and getting out of a lot of work.

When Lou Stoop was young and in his prime, he is said to have been a thrifty chap and turned many a deal that was fast work. After sawmilling in Elgin until sawdust was about all the asset left he started in to write fire insurance. Business came fast and several of his friends paid cash for the policies. Under the lenient rules of the companies the premiums did not have to go forward for sixty days. Lou found himself in possession of several hundred dollars. The railroad was just building out of Elgin and a saloon was about ready to quit business. Lou took his insurance money and bought his license for sixty days. The railroad work grew brisk and Lou's business grew brisker. At the end of sixty days he had his money to bend in his premiums and a roll of bills that would choke a

Missus Maude Mule after a hard winter. "But," opined the corpulent Lou when told of this incident, "it is all true, but opportunity at John J. Ingalls wrote about only knocks once, and that was my once."

Ouch! The house now hold Mr. Pratt. She's nutty, there's no doubt; She changed her mind so often that She wore the same thing out.

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, Be a scrub in the valley—but be The best little scrub by the side of the hill. Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a sun, be a star. Be the best little booster wherever you are.

Mrs. E. M. Fowler, city treasurer, holds forth under City Manager Garrett's office. When inquiries are made for Mr. Garrett she doesn't call on the phone to see if he is in, but listens instead. If she hears a gentle tap, tap, tap, on the floor she sends the caller up, and if not tells him that Garrett isn't in. Mr. Garrett has a habit of tapping his feet on the floor. Someone was unkind enough to remark that when he's out he might be asleep.

Saw Both Sides.

Little Roy doesn't care for dancing and at the party the other night he held aloof as much as possible. His sister said, "Roy, don't you realize that every time you don't dance some little girl is not having a good time?" "Yes," said Roy, "and don't you realize that every time I do dance there is a little boy who isn't having a good time?"—Boston Transcript.

"Take Car Marked 'Thrifty.'" "Pa, how do we get to Easy street?" "You come to it after 50 years' travel down Hard Work avenue, my son."—Boston Transcript.

Respectfully Declined.

An income tax form was returned recently with the following remark: "Sir, I belongs to the Foresters and don't wish to join the Income Tax."—Tit-Bits (London).

With Apologies to William. The nerve of these contractors is sure strained; It droppeth down the Dagoes and the Greeks

Upon our county roads; it maketh us to swear: To cuss the boss that gives and him that takes. 'Tis nerviest in the nervy; it ill becomes The paid contractor to do just as he will His cheek but shows what he would surely do. If much more power into his hands were given. Herein doth lie the trouble; they must find That our country doth surely come above the rest. It is enthroned in each loyal heart And no two-cent contractors from another town Are going to bring in Wops to hold the good jobs down. Therefore, Contractors, though justice

thy plea, remember this, That in the course of justice, none of us Will stand to see the Wops turn our boys down. If you hope for salvation, future jobs, You'd better change your tactics and be right soon. Don't flatter yourselves that you are so wise. And think that you have pulled the wool over our eyes. Your talk of skilled and unskilled labor is a joke; The "finished products" that around you tote With you. Thou gabbest just a lot of utter rot; So trot your foreign labor o'er the hills. And put some good old U. S. boys at work. We do not pray that you will do this, we demand; And if thou dost not do as we request There are the other measures we can take.

Recent cool weather has retarded the blossoming of the Hood River strawberries. No commercial shipments will be made before June 1. Shippers state that the yield will not be far in excess of 80,000 crates, about 20 per cent heavier than last year.

BIBLICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. As described in the Book of Revelations, how many beasts were on the throne in heaven?
2. What was each of these beasts like?
3. In St. John's vision of the throne in heaven what did the Lord hold in his right hand?
4. After Delilah had bound Samson with the seven green withs, what did she say to him to test his strength?
5. How did Delilah direct her second effort to gain the confidence of Samson in order to learn the source of his great strength?
6. How many years was Jacob absent from Canaan?
7. How many sons did Jacob have?
8. After Joshua's death, how did the children of Israel treat God?
9. Who was the last judge over Israel?
10. What did the wicked do to Daniel's friends because they would not worship a golden calf?

Answers To Yesterday's Questions.

1. When Balaam was on his way to appear before King Balak, an angel of the Lord held a sword and prevented his proceeding.
2. On the road to Moab, Balaam's ass was given the power to speak.
3. Paul fled from Jerusalem because they disbelieved him, as he had formerly been a persecutor and was now a disciple.
4. The heathen at Lystra called Barnabas and Paul, Jupiter and Mercurius.
5. The heathen looked upon Paul and Barnabas as gods because they had healed a cripple.
6. Delilah bound Samson with the seven green withs, brought to her by the Philistines.
7. The seven candlesticks in the Book of Revelations is symbolical of the seven churches.

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