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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ERNE HICKS, ON HIS WAY FROM THE DEPOT WITH A PAIR OF OYSTERS, CROSSED A PATH WHERE SOME BOYS WERE COASTING. THE OYSTER SUPPER HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

Darwin In Kentucky

It seems rather late in the day for public controversies over the theory of evolution suggested by Darwin and worked out by Huxley and Spencer. Thirty or 40 years ago it was regarded as a living issue. Laymen fought over it, and theologians maintained that religion and morality were in the balance. Now the majority of well-informed people either believe in evolution—with moderate reservations—or else they are quite indifferent to the matter.

Yet the Kentucky legislature seems to regard the matter still as a burning issue. At any rate, there has been a tremendous effort to bar the teaching of evolution from the state university and the normal and public schools of Kentucky by definite enactment. Moreover, there are rumblings of a similar effort in the supposedly modern city of New York, to the deep disgust of some of the metropolitan newspapers.

It is strange, from almost any point of view. Churches generally first fought the idea of evolution, thinking that material science was endangering religion. Now churchmen are pretty well agreed that religion and science have their separate spheres, each valid in its own place, with no real conflict possible. Many a minister, too, teaches straight evolution as the process by which God created the world and the creatures in it. In any event, it is hard to see what business legislators have with the matter. A scientific theory has never been proved or disproved by legislation. Perhaps Kentucky needs evolution in politics.

There is a demand in Cleveland to take the zoo out of politics. If politics were taken out of the zoo, there wouldn't be so many politicians making monkeys of themselves.

A wedding expert declares that the third year is the most dangerous in married life. If that's the case, why not skip the third year and just go right on with the fourth?

John D. J. says, "Success consists of doing the common things of life uncommonly well." Yes, and then again it consists of doing the common people uncommonly well.

A campaign is on in Peoria, Ill., to have women give up cosmetics and use the money for the educational system. Better to be well read than well red.

Now Voliva says the sky is a solid dome. We are not so sure about the sky, but we know Voliva's sky-piece is.

NEW GRANGE ORGANIZED

PROMISE, Feb. 27. — Promise grange was organized Friday evening, February 24, with thirty-eight members by W. R. Gelsler of La Grande. Ula Paulson was elected master, Miss Emmeline McDonald, lecturer and Marshall Freshman, secretary. Miss Emma Carpes was appointed as chairman of the woman work committee to have charge of the women's part of the grange and to arrange for socials and special entertainments. The first regular meeting of the grange will be held Saturday evening, March 11.

NEWS ABROAD

(By Associated Press) BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27.—The Argentine government has just signed an agreement with the Bolivian government to construct a railroad in Bolivia which Bolivia can buy at any time that she wants to. This is said to be the first instance of one South American government building a railroad for another.

The road would connect across the border at Yacajata with the Argentine system, and tap territory in eastern Bolivia from which it is expected Argentina will be able to draw valuable raw materials. Development of petroleum fields in eastern Bolivia is expected to be the result of this agreement.

"Business is business," but men are men. And we're all good pals together!

Nobody keeps a bootjack around the house any more, but we should think it would come in handy for helping the girls get their feet out of the shoes two sizes too small they have been wedged into.

Double Barreled Weakness. A Kentucky mountaineer traded two kegs of the stuff once commonly made in the Kentucky mountains to a city chap for a much-used motorcycle. Some time later the city chap sought out the man-o'-the-hills and complained that the liquid in one of the kegs was very much diluted.

"That makes the deal squarer," drawled the hill man. "The motorcycle is weak in one barrel, too."

A Careful Dresser. "Have you ever sat on his lap?" "No and I don't think I ever shall. He thinks too much of the crease in his trousers."

(Dictographed in local furniture store.) "This is Chippendale furniture," said the salesman.

"I never heard of that wood before," said Mr. Newlyrich.

"You made a nice break," said his wife as they left the store, "calling Chippendale a wood."

"Well, ain't it?" "Certainly not," said Mrs. Newlyrich, with emphasis on the not. "It's a town."

Every woman will implicitly trust her husband just as long as she knows she has her eyes glued on him.

Pitiful Creatures. The poor nut who brings home a pint of ice cream when sent to the drug store by his wife for cold cream.

"What's become o' the feller that wuz runnin' around these parts here a while back sayin' that we wasn't gonna hev' any winter?"

"Let me show you our new electric vacuum cleaner," suggested the salesman.

"No, thank you," said the newlywed. "We haven't any vacuums in our house."

BOURGEOISE VERY HOSTILE

(By Associated Press) MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—Among the old-time Russian bourgeoisie there is a decided hostility to foreign relief work. The general opinion among the anti-bolsheviks of the more intelligent classes is that foreign relief will lengthen the life of the bolshevik regime and they are so bitter against the communists that they express a desire to starve and let all Russia starve rather than have the present government strengthened.

The old bourgeoisie in Russia, for the most part, are apparently as irreconcilable as the groups of old-time Russians in Paris and other capitals.

But among the peasants, the folks in Volga who are actually getting the food, there is a decidedly different feeling. They appreciate the American generosity and express their thanks in unstinted terms.

Realistic Cook. In "Mayfair and Montmartre" Ralph Nevill tells of an old policeman who said of his cook: "She is one with a great reverence for the Old Testament, who ought to be at a parson's. She glories in sending up either a burnt offering or a bloody sacrifice."

Ancient Sulphur. Sulphur is one of the oldest known elements. The ancient Assyrian alchemists regarded it as the principle of combustion on account of its inflammability, and termed it "bitumen," meaning, literally, burning stone.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—



JUNIUS HAS THE GRITE

I feel so very, very bad. Moans Junius. In fact, you know, I feel quite sad.

Groans Junius. With here a pain and there an ache, No wonder my poor nerves do shake.

And all my bones just jump and quake. Weeps Junius.

A pain I have in my left side. Sighs Junius. My liver, I know, must have died. Cries Junius.

My poor old head is off its base. I have no brains in my face. My appendix, too, is out of place. Sighs Junius.

My nose is now a moonshine red. Pines Junius. I cannot eat my daily bread. Whines Junius.

My lungs now must be a fright. No sleep have I the whole long night. But thank the Lord, my tongue's all right. Sings Junius.

—Junius Observer.

BUSINESS

"Business is business," but men are men. Lovin' and workin', dreamin'; Trottin' with pencil or spool or pen. Rotterin', plantin', schemin'.

"Business is business"—but he's a fool. Where business has grown to smother His faith in men and the Golden Rule.

His love for a friend and brother. "Business is business"—but life is life. 'Thoug' we're all in the game to win it.

Let's rest sometimes from the heat and strife. And try to be friends a minute.

Let's seek to be comrades now and then. And slip from our golden tether.

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SPRING SIGNS DISAPPEAR

(Special to The Observer) COVE, Feb. 27.—Winter returned again, covering up all the late signs of spring.

E. H. Evans is moving into his own residence. He has been living in the Sever's house for the past three years, but that property has been sold and he returned to his own.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Simmons have been occupying the Evans house and have found it necessary to vacate.

Several of our Farm Bureau people attended the Farm Bureau meeting in La Grande.

Chris Bertsch is quite seriously ill. Many of our sick people are out again.

Everett Bell has been ill but is out again.

Samuel G. White is again in the street, after being confined to the house for some weeks.

Mrs. R. G. Dykstra entertained the girls of the Open Circle last Monday evening. This group of girls is in charge of Mrs. Benn Towle and consists of Mabel Alexander, Grace Gayotte, Violet Bloom, Laura Richards, Florence Delaney, Olive Delaney, Eva Baker, Lois Marton, Zela Gayotte and Daisy Breshers.

Mrs. M. J. Duffy entertained the Ladies Aid on Wednesday.

The Baptist ladies will have another cooked food sale on Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Milman was called to Pendleton a few days ago by the serious illness of a grandchild, a small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Tobin.

Frank Smith has returned from Medford, where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Marvin McDaniel.

Miss Essie Kelley entertained the young ladies of the B. Y. D. club at her home on Wednesday evening.

Regular meeting of the Woman's club at the library on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Cummins, the mother of Mrs. E. F. Roberts, is quite ill at the home of her daughter in Cove.

Chas. De Haas has returned from Athena, where he has been all winter, to begin work on his farm here.

OIL IN THE BITTER ROOT

(By Associated Press) MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 27.—First indications of oil at the test well being sunk by the Bitter Root Oil company, a mile and a half from Covilla in the Bitter Root valley were found Saturday. It is said, when the drill opened a flow of gas which forced water and oil in a spray far above the derrick. Reports reaching here say the flow was encountered at a depth 840 feet, at least a thousand feet less than geologists had predicted. Oil would be found if it existed in that territory.



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Messages received here from towns of the valley say the people of Ravalli county are all-tray. Wagner Had Own Grave Dug. While still in the prime of life, it was a whim of Wagner, the great com-poser, to have his grave dug in his own garden.

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