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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



It is probably just and wise. It minimizes the chance of alien residents remaining alien and profiting by American opportunity without giving a fair return in loyalty and service. It puts a premium on Americanism and helps, in a proper and natural way, to repay the debt the country owes to its defenders.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



The gossiping female feels that Nature has handicapped her by giving her two ears and only one tongue.

CURRENT COMMENT.
Herds of autos now remind us
We should build our roads to star.
And departing leave behind us
Kind that rains don't wash away.
When our children pay the mortgage
Father made to hand the loads,
They'll not have to ask the question
"Here's the bonds, but where's the roads?"

FATHER'S CHANGE.
Edinburgh Scotsman: Willie (to his father who had recently married the second time)—There's a shop in the High Street just like you, daidie.
Father—Shop like me? What do you mean?
Willie (getting near to the door)—Why it's under entirely new management.

A LESSON IN CHILD CULTURE.
A negro laundress had four boys who were so polite and well behaved that they excited the interest and admiration of one of her patrons.
"Mandy," said her mistress one day, "how did you manage to raise your boys to be so mannerly and obedient?"
"Well, Ah'll tell you, missus," replied Mandy thoughtfully. "Ah raised dem boys wid a bar' stove; an Ah raised 'em frequent."

HIS PRIZE LAMP.
Father (reading letter from his son at college to mother)—"Myopic says he's got a beautiful lamp from boxing."
Mother—"I just knew he'd win something in his athletics."
The time to buy a used car is just before you move, so people in the new neighborhood will think you are the one who used it.

The Forum
TROUBADOUR DANCE EXPLAINED
To the Editor:
An erroneous impression has gone abroad that the dance which took place in the Key Club by the University Troubadours was under the auspices of the high school student body. The orchestra wishes to correct this wrong impression.
First, we wish to say that our knowledge no statement to the effect that the high school was sponsoring the dance was made. The concert only was under high school auspices. The dance was given by the orchestra itself in conjunction with Mr. Desilet, manager of the Rex hall.
The above misapprehension was made more serious by a misunderstanding whereby the dance was advertised as lasting until 1 o'clock. Upon our arrival in the city and learning the circumstances, we, with the willing co-operation of Mr. Desilet, changed the closing hour to 12 o'clock and reduced prices accordingly.
We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the high school authorities and the student body as well as the general public for their cordial hospitality.
(Signed)
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Bible Thought. For Today

A GOOD NAME THE BEST ASSET—A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—Proverbs 22:1.

Half-Time and Half-Pay

It may seem a far cry from geology to coal strikes, but the report of the Geological Survey on the soft coal industry clearly explains a good deal of the coal miners' discontent.
The Survey shows that during the last 30 years the coal miners have lost an average of 53 working days a year. That is bad enough. Suppose the ordinary business man or railroad man or professional man were forced to remain idle without compensation, three working days out of every 10.
Lately it has been much worse. The mines were shut down 113 working days in 1919, 84 days in 1920 and 125 days in 1921. Last year, then, the miners worked only a little more than half time. One week's pay had to be stretched over nearly two weeks.
In such a situation, wage scales obviously cannot be taken at their face value. A miner and his family have to keep on living whether they are working or not. It is the year's income that counts, and the average year's wage of the miners last year was certainly a starvation wage.
This is a fact to be kept in mind as the coal situation comes to a crisis. It does not justify a strike, but it helps to explain a strike, by explaining the mood of the strikers. Hunger does not reason clearly. It is not higher wages the miners require, but more work per miner—or fewer workers per mine.
The industry is in a badly muddled state, with no rational adjustment of labor to production, of wages to profits or of profits to prices, and with a huge overhead expense carried through long periods of idleness, to be paid for by the public. What the coal industry needs is not a labor war, but industrial statesmanship, to revamp the whole business.

The Happy Cop

It may be, as the old Gilbert-Sullivan song says, that "Take one consideration with another, a policeman's lot is not a happy one," but you can't prove it by Willard Green of Washington, D. C. Green, 40 years old, has been a policeman for 23 years, and says: "I'd rather do it than anything else in life. The thrills make it fascinating."
Green's sincerity is proved by the fact that he is worth \$200,000, all made in business on the side since he joined the police force, and could live the life of a successful business man, either active or retired, if he wanted to. He operates rooming houses, and has built his fortune from the savings that he and his wife squeezed out of his original salary of \$75 a month. There's a lesson there in thrift, if anybody's looking for one. But Green won't talk much about his business affairs; his main interest is his police work.
Fortunately there are many more of the same kind. It might be supposed that policing work would lose its attractiveness, with salaries comparatively low and crime more rampant and dangerous to cope with than it used to be. But there seems to be no lack of energetic, intelligent and courageous young fellows glad to tackle the job.

Service Men Preferred

The Ford Motor company, increasing its working force 20 per cent, has given preference to service men. This is said to have been the result of an appeal made by the American Legion, which is now campaigning for the employment of war veterans rather than aliens wherever there is not enough work for everybody.
It is a legitimate and praiseworthy effort, and is already having an incidental effect that may not have been reckoned on by promoters of the idea. At Detroit and elsewhere the industrial discrimination against aliens is resulting in a rush to the federal courts for naturalization papers.
It may seem hard to "come across" in this rule, but on the way,

CEREMONIES ARE KEPT UP

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, Mar. 29.—In spite of the fact that Ching dynasty has been out of power since 1911 and the present emperor of China is a virtual prisoner in the Forbidden City of Peking, all ceremonies connected with the Manchu emperors are still kept up. At the recent Chinese New Year's celebration the customary honor was paid to the spirits of the emperors in their resting place at the Eastern Tomb. Offerings of food and provisions were placed before the tombs and the old Manchu officials who are still retained in office by the Ching dynasty knelt according to the custom prescribed in Manchu house law for the imperial family.
These officials are experiencing considerable difficulty in following out all the old customs because of the lack of funds available for the upkeep of the emperors' tombs. The funds promised to the imperial family by the republican government are usually very tardily paid with the result that poverty is facing the one-time affluent Manchus. At the Eastern tombs many of the Manchus, deprived of the annual stipend formerly paid by the imperial government, have been forced to become gatherers of wood and charcoal in order to support themselves. The old tombs and villages are falling into ruins, the forests of the huge tract devoted to the burial of the emperors are fast becoming devastated, and the monumental tombs are beginning to fall into ruin and decay.
Every effort is being made by the officials of the tombs, however, to maintain the glory of the dead emperors, and the ceremonies at New Year's typified the attitude of these faithful adherents of a departed order who refuse to allow the glory of the Ching dynasty and the Manchu rule to be dimmed.

LABORATORIES ARE ERECTED

(By Associated Press)
DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 29.—Occupying an entire city block on West Grande Boulevard, Detroit's most noted driveway, the 16-story office building and research laboratory of the General Motors Corporation ranks as the largest structure of its kind in the world.
The building, recently completed at a cost of \$15,000,000, has a floor area of 20 acres and will accommodate 6,000 workers in its 1,750 offices.
The structure is a city within itself as it contains restaurants, swimming pools, gymnasiums, bowling alleys and other amusement places, as well as a fully equipped hospital and a bank.
The building, of steel frame construction, has four miles of corridors and required two years to build, during which period 2,000 men were employed constantly.
The research laboratory, one of the distinct features of the building, occupies five floors of one wing and is equipped for work along mechanical, electrical and engineering lines. In this laboratory the future mechanical problems of the corporation are to be worked out by experts in various lines.
An auditorium seating 1,500 persons is provided. This will be used in caring for some of the conventions that come to Detroit.
A physician, who has practiced both in New York city and in a suburb near the metropolitan district, but who suffers from ill-health to a greater extent than do the city dwellers, says the habit of bottling the breakfast, which he commencing or is forced to do in many instances to catch his train, is responsible for the starting the day wrong and causing one who used it.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

By the Bootery

"The Bootery" wishes to announce that there has been a change in the ownership.

Mr Winer is no longer connected with it—in any shape or form.

Mr. Grover Smith will be the future manager and will have complete charge of it from now on. But in making this change it was necessary for us to take over The Pendleton Bootery, at Pendleton, Oregon. This stock amounted to \$6,000 and has been moved over to our store, The Bootery, 206 Depot St., La Grande, and is now on sale, beginning Saturday, April 1st, at prices we feel will convince you all—

That it is our intention to sell \$4,000 out of this Pendleton stock in the next 30 days. We are willing to increase our regular stock \$2,000—but do not feel justified in carrying \$6,000 extra stock "regularly"

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