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THE LORD KNOWETH how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.—II Peter 2:9.

Uncle Sam is living within his income, in spite of politicians.

Chinese bandits have taken to motor cars—and yet some people contend that the Chinese are not progressive.

It is estimated that over 2,000 organizations are represented at Washington by lobbyists. We hope that at some future time Mr. Average Citizen can have an advocate present and make it one hundred per cent.

### LESS AVOIRDUPOIS.

Is the trend among American men away from obesity? A Washington observer in looking over the official city with an eye to avoirdupois has noted that its public men are growing thin. He has found the senate uncommonly lean and long and was impressed by the paucity of fat men in the house.

This is more to be expected than to be surprised at. The nation is working faster and playing harder than any antecedent generation or civilization. As activity, both physical and mental, is always associated with thin men it would be natural that this high-speed age should produce a race of lean and hungry Cassidues. If the facts bear out observations obesity in the next generation will be a distinction boasted of only by the lazy and easy living.

There are some 2,200,000 golf players in the United States, and golf is recommended as a fat-reducing agent. Industrial and commercial America is producing more in eight hours than it formerly produced in twelve, and the fast worker waxes thin. The adage, "Work and grow thin" is no younger than man but every race and age have had their fat men.

### LOBBYISM.

Americans entertain the chronic complaint that there is too much legislation that is opposed to public opinion and too frequently it is not the majority that is represented in legislative enactments. That is the lamentation that arises from every unpopular law.

Perhaps in some instances the legislators are at fault. Representatives of the people frequently place private interests before those of the public. But such instances are believed to be the exception. As a rule legislative bodies sincerely believe that each of their enactments represents the will of the majority. If the legislators are sometimes in error in this belief the public may be at fault.

The public seldom concerns itself with legislation until it has become law. On the other hand, the special interests, the interested minorities, the reforming groups and the other forms assumed by the lobbyists are in the legislative halls arguing the merits of their pet bills. Hearing nothing but these praises the legislators sometimes assume that public sentiment is unanimously in favor of the legislation, and act accordingly.

This evil can only be corrected by abolishing the lobbyist or by fully informing the public on every measure before it becomes law. Unfortunately, abolition of the lobbyist is impossible and so great is the volume of legislation introduced it would take all the voter's time to inform himself of its nature. A third alternative might be passage of a law requiring legislators to vote diametrically opposite to the way the lobbyist tells him to.

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## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



## OFFICE CAT

By Junius

Spring is certainly here. The golf bugs have bitten deeply, the baseball bugs are getting just as strong a hold and the short skirt fans are applauding vigorously. By the way, speaking of short skirts—why not make this column today a "girlie" one? All right, let's go!

"Ah," sighed the father, "it's a girl."  
"Aw," groaned the jury, "what a girl."  
"If I had known we were going through a tunnel, I'd have kissed you."  
She: "Heavens! Wasn't that you?"

He: How does my hair look?  
She: Fine—only there's a crease down the middle of it.

DO NOT READ THIS!  
When every pool in town was a mirror  
That into the her dainty  
chauss-pieds,  
She went undressed without a single hair, or  
Thought that she had need to be ashamed.

Two only when she had vacated of the apple  
That she became inclined to be a prole,  
And found that economy she'd have to grapple  
With that much debated problem of the apple.

Thereafter she devoted her attention  
To the time and all her energy to her clothes.  
And that was the beginning of civilization.

And modesty, as you may well suppose.

Heard this come about in fashion-revels  
Now girls conceal so little from the men,  
It would seem, in the name of all that's decent,  
SOMEONE OUGHT TO PASS THE APPLE'S ROUND AGAIN!

"How do you like my new colored stockings?"  
"Very pretty, but I'm afraid the locality you're in will want to play around with you."

PRETTY GIRL  
Before she used cosmetics,  
Her complexion was quite plain,  
She used in all about her home,  
And could not get a fellow.

Nature, in her, was not grand,  
She had a right to be; but  
Ten some wise duck invented rouge,  
Then she "emulated with color."

CLOSMING TIME  
A woman is old when she begins to wear shoes in which she can be comfortable.

Adieu.

## Yesterday In Washington

Advisers were received that two distinct anti-government movements are under way in Honduras.

Secretary Hoover declined to call another national radio conference, probably in September.

The tariff commission opened hearings on the proposed imposition of special tariffs on butter-fats.

Western railroads filed a brief with the interstate commerce commission declaring their inability to maintain service under the present rates.

President Coolidge decided he would be unable to attend the Bunker Hill celebration at Boston June 17, but probably will speak at Cambridge July 2.

The internal revenue bureau ruled that users of gasoline in business activities may deduct appropriate state taxes from their federal income tax returns.

ALASKAN RAILROAD FACES HEAVY YEARLY DEFICITS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The expenditures of more than \$11,000,000 will be made to complete the government-owned Alaska railroad, in the belief of Noel W. Smith, its general manager. For the next few years, Mr. Smith expects in addition an annual loss of about \$1,500,000 in operating expense.

The construction program contemplates spending \$2,255,811 on roadway, track, bridges and telegraph and telephone lines. A minimum of four years will be required for completion of this, although six years is recommended. Building for employees will cost \$200,000 and will be completed, Mr. Smith said, as soon as practicable.

The estimated cost of a tunnel between Tunnel Station and Hirtz is \$1,250,000, and will take about two years to complete.

Mr. Smith believes the only two possibilities of more than a six-year growth in traffic lie in the possible development of gold mining in the Palihanka district of coal mining.

Basal Penalties to Welcome Women from Distant Lands

HONOLULU (AP)—Women will be welcomed as delegates to the Pacific conference, to be held here in July of this year, and Hawaii will appoint four women to the executive committee of the conference to assist and entertain them.

The main Chinese delegation sails June 28 and the remainder will sail four days later, the committee has been informed. The American and New Zealand delegations will arrive June 18. Japan is expected to send 25 delegates, including Dr. N. M. Otsuki, who was president in the Pan-Pacific educational conference here several years ago.

The purpose of this conference is to hold here a Pacific forum similar to the Institute at Pontiac at Williamsstown, Mass.

## Will Make Ocean-Flight



Edmonton, Canada, J. H. Brown (left) has been placed in charge of a flight to be undertaken by the navy from Honolulu to Manila. Chief E. C. Sullivan will pilot the plane which is now under construction at Seattle, Wash. The first stop to Hawaii will be tried without refueling.

## HEALTH

By Dr. Frederick Stricker

The fact that there were four deaths from meningitis in this state during the past week makes it necessary to draw attention of the public to the infectious nature of this highly fatal disease. Preventive measures are clearly indicated although they are very difficult to carry out.

Meningitis has come down to our time through the centuries like many of the other infections but outbreaks have been reported almost every year in the United States. It is a very fatal disease as the mortality is over 50 per cent. It was a serious disease in army camps during the world war and was second only to pneumonia. Meningitis has its greatest prevalence in winter and spring. It is a disease of children and young adults. The disease is caused by a double round organism which occurs in tissue cells and is called on this account the diplococcus intracellularis meningitidis. There are other forms of meningitis but the epidemic form is always caused by this germ.

The germs leave the body with the discharges of mouth and nose. In no other disease have carriers been demonstrated in such great numbers in proportion to the number of cases. The disease is transmitted by contact with a carrier or with a person who has the disease. Individuals develop into carriers by contact with carriers and they occur usually when there is close contact and bad ventilation. Carriers can be cleared up by having plenty of fresh air and avoiding overcrowding.

The disease is usually preceded by chills, depression, headache, pain in back and limbs, but suddenness of onset is the most striking feature. There are a number of types of this infection but there are certain cardinal symptoms, fever of sudden onset, general depression with or without pains in the back and neck, draining back of head and delirium or coma. The treatment of the disease consists of an early injection of anti-meningococcus serum.

We know something about the cause of meningitis and we can guard against this to a certain extent but there are still many unknown factors.

Prevent meningitis by:

1. Avoiding a lowering of the resistance by over-fatigue, loss of sleep and excess of any kind.
2. Avoiding contact with cases of meningitis.
3. Avoiding contact with cases sick with other communicable diseases.
4. Avoiding places where there is overcrowding such as public gatherings, crowded street cars, moving picture theaters and badly ventilated schools and churches.
5. Keeping the hands clean. Washing the hands before eating.
6. Sterilize all eating and drinking utensils before being used by others.

The following precautions are necessary to prevent the spread of this disease:

1. Prompt reporting of cases upon suspicion.
2. Placard house to keep visitors away.
3. Isolate patient in a room with a trained attendant.
4. All discharges should be immediately disinfect.
5. Everything that comes in contact with patient should be sterilized by boiling or other effective means.

Parents Found Negligent In Duty Toward Children

BERRIDGE, Calif. (AP)—Professor C. H. Mead of the department of education in the University of California said recently that the parents of today were shifting their responsibilities to the already-overburdened shoulders of the teachers. "They are expecting too much of the schools," he asserted. "They now demand that the teachers give instruction and moral as well as mental training. They have shifted the burdens from the home to the class room, and expect perfect results."

Parents also, Professor Mead continued, say their children cannot read, write or spell as well as they could. He maintained that present-day students were far ahead of their parents or grand parents at the same age. He pointed out that some tests given in Boston in 1850 were repeated recently and it practically all instances the modern child came out the better.

"What we need, instead of complaints by some white-hearted supporters and training at home, and establishment of the 'sandwich' spirit among the parents."

Canada Has High Hopes Of German Sugar Beets

WINNIPEG, Man. (AP)—One hundred plots within 75 miles of Winnipeg are to be planted this summer with seed of sugar beets grown in Germany. The Manitoba Sugar Beet Company is distributing the seed among chosen gardeners and farmers to insure a trial under the best conditions. The beets are to be tested later to determine the quality and suitability of Manitoba-grown beets for sugar manufacture. Machinery costing \$1,200,000 is to be ordered. If tests are satisfactory, 10,000 acres of beets are to be planted next year.

Wash. Girls De-like College

WASHINGT. (AP)—The Wash. girls are not keen on graduating at college after leaving high school. The retiring head of the Washburn County school, Miss Jones, said of 2,000 girls who had passed through the school since its establishment only 44, or two per cent, had used the grants which they wanted to graduate from a university.

And, if the farmers all buy Henry Ford's airplanes, floating water-melons will become very dangerous.

## May Visit U.S.



His Majesty Haian Tung, deposed Manchu emperor, who was granted a yearly income of four million dollars and control of the city of Peking when dethroned in the first China revolution and who later was deprived of all holdings, is contemplating a visit to the United States.

## "Man Without Country" Worries Ship Officials

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"We don't care what they do with him—but they'll have to keep on paying his expenses until they do it."

Deported to England. The prince, emir, or something else was deported to England about a month ago.

The British authorities sent him back. Now he's waiting to be deported to France, where he lived at one time.

But French officials say the welcome will be erased from the door-mat if an attempt is made to take him there.

After his trip to France, indications are his next voyage will be to Turkey, as he was born in Kurdistan, now a province of the Ottoman Empire.

The Turks however are evincing no signs of staging a Proclama-tion Day celebration upon his arrival.

Instead, they have declared him an outlaw.

Zerdehono came to this country several years ago and cut quite a swath with his various high-sounding titles.

As Emir of Kurdistan he was dined, wine and generally honored by society.

He married, and for a time settled down in Kentucky, his wife's native state.

When the Princess Palina, Sultan of Afghanistan, visited America, he accompanied her party on a tour to the Egyptian throne.

He called at the White House, and also visited the State Department to establish his claim to royalty.

A Bad Move. This last proved to be a false move. The State department looked him up—and his courtly presence was soon gracing the district of Columbia jail.

Immigration authorities made the arrest at the Egyptian legation, where they found him further pressing his claim.

"He was a clever faker," said Tolman, "living off his self-manufactured titles."

He had no money, and he wouldn't work. That made him a public charge, and we ordered him deported.

"According to law, the return expenses of an undesirable alien must be paid by the steamship company which brought him over."

"That puts it up to the White Star line."

"All we're concerned with is that he doesn't stay here—and we'll see to it he doesn't do that!"

And in the meanwhile, Zerdehono, assured of free meals and a place to sleep, is placidly preparing for an indefinite period of ocean travel.

Greek Letter Fraternities To Celebrate at Schenectady

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (AP)—The founding of the Greek letter fraternity system at Union college 109 years ago will be celebrated with fitting ceremonies here this fall. Nearly every national Greek letter organization will send representatives to participate in the centennial festivities.

The so-called "Big Three" of the national fraternities, Kappa Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Phi, all were formed at Union college. Kappa Alpha, which claims to be the oldest of all the country's national Greek letter fraternities, was begun in 1825 and Sigma Phi and Delta Phi were instituted two

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years later. In connection with the celebration three fraternalities will erect a memorial gate at the entrance to Jackson's Garden on the north side of the Union campus to commemorate the founding of the fraternity system.

School Site to Be Chosen. SALEM, Ore.—Members of the board of regents of the Oregon state normal school will leave here for Ashland, where they will select a site for the new normal school to be located there. The last legislature appropriated \$175,000 for the establishment of the institution. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, has been elected president of the school.

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