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OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



HEAD WORK.

J.P. Williams
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OFFICE CAT

By Junius

The Premier of Finland says movies are immoral, but who cares a heck what he thinks about it? What if our Premier should come back at him and say fiman-laddie were indigestible?

Wife: So many bills, I don't know where to begin.
Hubby: Begin with the butcher. I have to pass his shop on the way to work every morning.

Our contention is a man should be at least 80 before he carries a cane and twice that before he wears spats.

At ten years old, Jackie Coogan can look forward to making more farwell tours of the world than any other star.

"I hear Tom kissed you last night?"
"Yes—by force."
"Arms—or habit?"

Sitting in a shoe store trying to remember which sock has a hole in it is worse than trying to solve a cross-word puzzle.

We imagine that most folks who read this column do so with the hope that it won't be tiresome every issue.

There may be a lot of truth in the old axiom that there are a lot of good fish in the sea, but our observation has been that the big ones are too wide to bite.

Speaking of recent accomplishments in the field of invention, one La Grande man has invented a noiseless slushrag, made of wireless wire.

"Oh for the wings of a dove!" said the poet.
"Order what you like," remarked the host, "but I should prefer the neck of a chicken."

Excavators in a pre-Pueblo village in southern Nevada have found piles of dice carved from bone. We have suspected that this art was no new thing.

Well, the horse market is looking up. Three of them brought 75 cents at a Tennessee sale the other day.

Mrs. Calla Coe went to Mt. Vernon Thursday where she will visit with relatives.—Newark, Ohio, Advocate.

"Say it with timber" is a slogan which does not appeal to the boy who expects a spanking.

Morton's Father at Hood River—HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Lestie L. Morton, 20, drowned near Gessaco Sunday, was reared here where his father, Joseph W. Morton, was born. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Morton, lives at White Salmon, Wash., as does a sister, Miss Avis Morton.

U.S. Experts Help Argentina Raise Food Crops, Cotton

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—American methods in the development of crops and mineral resources are being rapidly introduced into Argentina, which, formerly looked to Europe for instruction. The national and provincial governments now have in their service no less than nine technical experts who are either Americans or have gained their knowledge in the United States.

Argentina's infant cotton industry is being developed under the technical advice of two American experts, Ernest J. Tutt, former chief of the cotton section of the textile division of the department of commerce, and Dr. N. E. Winters, a cotton geneticist, formerly of Clemson College, South Carolina. Mr. Tutt is devoting himself to improving methods of cotton cultivation, harvesting, ginning and marketing while Dr. Winters' work is to obtain pure uniform varieties of the plant for the different sections of the republic, and adapt seeds from other countries to Argentine conditions.

W. E. Cross, an American sugar expert, is in charge of the experimental station maintained by the provincial government of Tucuman, where the sugar industry is centered. He is developing new varieties of sugar plants and controlling pests and diseases.

Thomas Greig, an American geneticist in corn, is in the employ of the ministry of agriculture endeavoring to obtain better varieties of that cereal.

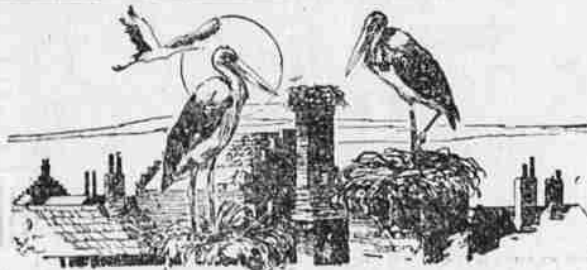
The culture of tobacco is being developed by Felix Charlan, a specialist formerly employed by the Canadian government, who has studied tobacco culture in Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Cuba. He is introducing American seeds and methods.

The methods for making cheese used on the Pacific Coast of the United States are being introduced by an Irish expert, who spent considerable time studying the American dairy industry.

The possibilities of establishing a metallurgical industry in Argentina are being investigated by H. Foster Babt, chief of the United States Bureau of mines, and two assistants, E. C. Swanson and G. E. Williams. They have been exploring the territory lying along the Andes for coal, iron and manganese.

In addition to the above an American, Leon M. Estabrook, was the organizer of Argentina's new crop statistics bureau; another American, George D. Wiggans, organized the weather bureau, and there is also an American connected in an executive capacity with one of the state railroads, said to be better than any other of the system.

Dr. Thomas Le Bretan, former Argentine ambassador at Washington, now minister of agriculture, and Dr. Carlos A. Vallejo, sub-secretary of agriculture and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, are responsible for bringing most of these experts to Argentina.



STORKS will live ONLY in REPUBLICS

- Or so people used to think in the 16th century.

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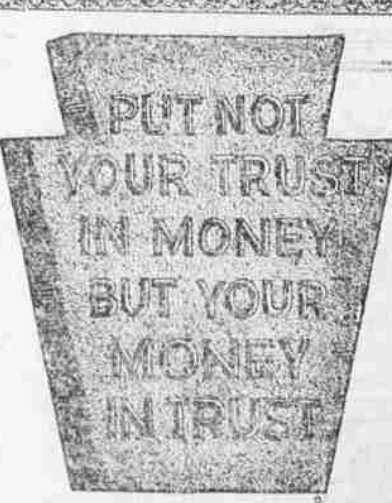
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Just as you expected—Amundsen will write a book and go on a lecture tour.

This would be a stable and happy world, indeed, if a man's faith could be made as immovable as his prejudices.

The advance in the price of rubber from 17 cents a year ago to 85 cents now seems like stretching a good thing too far.

Eastern Oregon isn't world-famed as a resort, possibly, but between the tornadoes of the Middle West, earthquakes of California, and high-pressure land salesmen of Florida, we imagine it can be considered a very satisfactory place in which to live.

If you didn't have to drive through the oil between Pendleton and The Dalles when that road was being bound this spring, you can approve thoroughly the ultimate effect evident today. It's a marvelous highway, better than paving, and probably worth the oil splashes suffered by indignant motorists earlier in the season.

Conservation of water supply is the chief reason for the allotment of alternate days to divisions of the city for sprinkling. The practice of many citizens, therefore, of keeping a sprinkler going during the entire period given them and using more water in one day than would ordinarily be required in three or four days without restriction is contrary to the spirit of the ruling. Yet that is a natural reaction. We are at a loss to see how alternate days will save the city's water supply with such practices common. It might be more successful to allow sprinkling during one certain hour each day for the entire city or work out some new arrangement where every lawn fancier would not feel urged to consume all the water the law allows. It's not so much a city administration problem as it is a community problem.

COLLECTING.

A commercial collection agency has offered to collect the war debts owed the United States by its former allies. What is more, the agency guarantees to collect every last penny owing Uncle Sam with interest. If given the job the agency would charge the usual commission of 10 per cent.

In its offer the collection agency suggests the reason why the American debt commission has failed to collect even the interest on some of the loans and the principal in all of the loans.

This reason, as given, is that the commission because of inexperience does not know that a certain amount of applied psychology is necessary to effect successful collections. It is true that statesmen and government agents are often ignorant of the psychology and practice of business.

The American debt commission has repeatedly agreed with the debtor nations that they are too poor to pay with the result that interest is compounded. A skilled collection agent would talk the financial experts of the debtor countries into believing themselves fully solvent, with the result that both principal and interest would be paid up in full in less time than it takes the debt commission to write a note asking for another conference.

Should it be found impractical to turn over the war debts to a commercial collection agency at the regular collection rates nothing could be lost by placing one or two expert collectors on the debt commission, and they might get the desired results. And results are what the people are demanding.

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The Italian debt negotiations were postponed indefinitely.

Plans to facilitate public inspection of income tax records were undertaken.

Liquor violations were charged against employees of the Mayflower hotel.

The adjusted compensation branch of the adjutant general's office was discontinued.