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GOD PROVES—"And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said . . . Take now thy son . . . even Isaac, . . . and offer him for a burnt offering . . ."—Gen. 22:1-2.

Rudolph Valentino is quoted as saying that no woman is worth fighting for. That is probably true of the woman who will accept a man with such a lack of spirit.

If business is as good this year as efficiency experts are predicting, present office holders should have no difficulty returning to office on a prosperity landslide.

A Yale professor finds that the cost of living had advanced two points. It's a tremendous disaster but we find numerous people who contend it is still worth the price.

There has been a coal strike in the eastern fields but it didn't seem to affect prosperity of eastern states in 1925. If forced to, the people of this country can probably get along without a lot of things.

THE PICTURE CONTEST.

One of the most worth-while activities undertaken in the city in several years is the picture study work and contest now being brought to a close for its first year. Growing out of the circulating picture library instituted here last year, the contest has developed a tremendous amount of interest among children and parents. It's a wonderfully fine thing. No more constructive work could be done than this which develops an appreciation for the beautiful and stimulates cultural interest of high character.

The interest and zeal of the children participating is shown in the present final contest. Many youngsters can name more world masterpieces and the artists than most of us know exist. One little lady named thirty pictures and the artists of each correctly in fifty seconds—as rapidly as they could be presented to her. Many others are equally adept. Another youngster underwent an operation at the local hospital and was busy the next day, when the doctor called, learning the pictures strewn over her hospital bed. Two or three children from one family have participated in the contest in some cases, indicating a keen appreciation for the good that can be accomplished by both parents and teachers.

Winners will not be picked easily because of the expert ability of so many of the children, and judges have taken care to see that all papers are numbered, not signed, so that every chance of unconscious prejudice will be eliminated. So close are the contestants that additional prizes have been sought for second places in various grades so that proper reward will be available to the children for their excellent work.

The business, professional, and other public spirited men and organizations which have offered the prizes for this contest should take a great deal of pride in the part they are playing and should feel complimented that they have the privilege. If they will but investigate the work that has been done and become acquainted with the interest and enthusiasm of the children that the contest has stimulated, their prizes will be offered every year and will become a standing award. It is a privilege that should be guarded jealously—guarded because it is an aid to the development and advancement of children that will mean much in future years.

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OUT OUR WAY



ASLEEP ON THE DEEP.

By WILLIAMS

WAR TUNNEL STILL SOUND

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP)—One of the greatest pieces of battlefield engineering of the Civil war has been brought to light with the reopening of the main tunnel by which the famous mine under the Confederate works near Petersburg was placed. Explosion of the mine caused the "Battle of the Crater" to go down in history as the most tragic of that war.

Much of its timber still is sound, the tunnel is declared to be a model of shoring. It is planned to make of it a shrine to American ingenuity and resourcefulness.

Winding its narrow way thirty feet underground, the tunnel extends a distance of 510 feet from behind what was General Grant's front line to the crater itself. Several parallel and perpendicular shorter tunnels connect with it. Finally the passageway enters a large underground room, believed to have been a Confederate bomb-proof dugout.

It was this gallery, as it was called by the Pennsylvania miners of Colonel Pleasant's regiment who dug it in thirty days, that afforded the means of laying the mine which were intended to clear the obstruction to Grant's march on Richmond. In the success of Col. Pleasant's plan, which at first described as "slaptrap and nonsense," the North had placed its faith for an immediate ending of the war.

Federal troops had been drilled for a month and Grant had concentrated 65,000 troops in the adjacent valley for the charge that was to follow the explosion at 3:30 a. m. of July 30, 1864, which wrecked Elliott's salient and cleared the way to the capital of the Confederacy.

Many sections of the passageway have now been found to be in place just as originally built. Heavy and there were discovered evidences of the men of the 43rd Pennsylvania Infantry who dug them. Whether the parallel galleries were dug by the men under General Lee in an effort to locate the Federals working underground or by the same men who dug their way 510 feet to the crater, remains undetermined.

Through Col. Pleasant's tunnel 400 pounds of explosives were placed under the Confederate works. While Grant's army waited the fuse was lit. After an hour's wait it was found necessary to enter the tunnel and relight it half way up. A few minutes later came the explosion which sent 200 Confederates to death, caused confusion and delay to the waiting Federal troops, and paved the way for the rush of General Meade's men to their destruction.

A crossing from Confederate batteries placed advantageously after it had been learned that their position was being undermined, met the Federals as they charged through the opening made by the explosion. It was two hours before General Meade penetrated the thin Gray line.

By that time Mahone had come up with his Petersburg brigade, and the celebrated "Crater Charge" drove the enemy beyond the crater, leaving behind more than 5000 Union dead. The hope of General Grant for the immediate capture of Richmond was wrecked.

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There is some co-operation among wild creatures. The stork and the wolf usually work the same neighborhood.

Friend—Does writing a joke pay?
 Author—It's funny if it does.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE

On a tombstone in a cemetery near Ozark, Ark., is this inscription: "Here lies the body of Jane Smith, beloved wife of Thomas Smith, marble cutter. This monument was erected by her husband as a tribute to her memory and as a specimen of his work. Monuments of the same style, \$250."

The married man who insists upon his rights usually gets the rights and sometimes a few lefts thrown in for good measure.

Now that Washington, N. C., has petitioned Washington, D. C., to change its name in order to avoid confusion, we may expect similar action from Boston, Ark., Pittsburg, Col., Brooklyn, Conn., Philadelphia, Ill., Denver, Ind., Detroit, Kan., Chicago, Ky., St. Louis, Mich., Milwaukee, Ore., and New York Mills, Minn.

A man may have an open countenance, but his wife soon shuts him up.

His wife—A writer here explains why some husbands consider their wives angels.

Her brute—I suppose it is because they are always harping on something.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

He was introduced to me and called me—"Miss Mabel."
 Half an hour later, he called me—"Mabel."

He took me out and called me—"Kid."
 During our engagement, he called me—"Sweetie."

On our honeymoon, he called me—"Tootsium."
 Six months after the marriage, he called me—"Dear."

After five years, he calls me—"Hey, you!"

"Are you going South this winter?"
 "No; I made so much money in Florida last summer I can afford to stay at home."

Dan Cupid is a marksman poor. Despite his love and kisses: For while he always hits the mark, He's always making Mrs.

"Your husband is ill," said the doctor to the La Grande wife.
 "Dear me," she replied, "I do hope it is nothing trivial."

A lot of us could be more content with our lot if we did not know what our neighbors have.

Love—it brings heaven down to earth and raises hell.

Figures don't lie, but oh, you figures.

If only we could "settle" our debts by acknowledging them.

MAN SHOT ACCIDENTALLY.
 ELGIN, Ore.—Harry Wilson, 25, of Deer Horn, on the McKeel river, was injured, perhaps fatally, when a rifle carried by his brother, Earl, was accidentally discharged. The bullet struck him on the left side and passed through his body. Physicians expressed little hope of his recovery.

The two men were taking up a long line of traps near Deer Horn when the accident happened. Earl stumbled and in the fall the gun was discharged.

Well, it's an awful world. In Guthrie, Okla., 55 are charged in a murder ring. This will make Chicago jealous.

NOW COMES TARGET PRACTICE

