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For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. 8:9.

CLEARING HOUSE

Steps should be taken at the earliest possible moment to put into effect the suggestion made by Governor Roosevelt, of New York, that the 48 states cooperate in establishing a states bureau which would act as a clearing house for information pertaining to state legislation and administration.

Such a bureau, properly organized and staffed, would carry on during the intervals between the annual conferences of governors, keeping all governors and legislative bodies informed at all times of what the others are doing.

The three-ought-a-law mind and the other sort of mind that sees in everything a move to enact more unnecessary laws immediately look upon the Roosevelt plan as a system for recommending to other states new statutory experiments. It conceivably could operate with opposite results.

Many laws are enacted by legislatures and signed by governors because they are in ignorance of the failure of similar legislation in other states. Too often commonwealths hear of the praises sung to proposed laws in remote states and hear not the lamentations that follow their adoption.

There most certainly should be an agency that would keep all administrators and legislators informed of the successes and failures in state government.

WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIES

For the first time in more than 10 years German territory is entirely free from occupation by the allied armies. The last officer of the occupational army in the Rhineland was withdrawn last week.

The final evacuation of the country west of the Rhine at this time—more than four and a half years before the date set in the Versailles Treaty—can be attributed almost entirely to the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan. Evacuation was conditioned on Germany's meeting certain conditions regarding reparations and disarmament. The conditions have been met and the allies have carried out their part of the contract.

While the French may argue that occupation was essential to their national security, they will not deny that it contributed nothing to the amity of nations and the establishment of world peace and served to aggravate the traditional hatred and suspicion between themselves and the neighboring Teutons.

La Grande people are using water for sprinkling lawns and gardens in a greater amount this summer than ever before—and there is an abundance of water without restrictions of any kind. Now the water supply is taken as a matter of course but such was not the case a few years back when strict limitations were in force—when lawns and gardens needed water the most there was very little except for drinking purposes. And this reminds us that we have a great city asset in the deep wells that help supply our needs with the purest water in Oregon.

Oratory seems to be definitely on the wane: Virtually all the non-stop flight records are now held by aviators.

What to Do in an Emergency: In case of an earthquake, jump into the nearest airplane.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON—At Washington's beautiful union station the other afternoon more than a score of diplomats gathered to say goodbye to one of the most popular members of their group—The Hon. Vincent Massey, first Canadian minister to the United States.

by the statements which accompanied his departure. Said Secretary of State Stimson: "I consider Mr. Massey one of the ablest representatives of a foreign power in Washington."

Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, expressed profound regret. Sir Esmé Howard told the Embassy of New York that he had come to feel for Massey the sentiments of a brother.

Massey was a familiar figure not only in Washington, but throughout a great part of the country where he traveled about on government business, and to make many speeches acquainting the people of the United States with the problems and achievements of their northern neighbor.

The minister would be moving about among his guests, always very much aware. His social life was limited by the determination to keep his golf in the determination to keep it. Sometimes the two young sons of the minister were among the present.

There were some who thought it indicated a pulling away from what Canadiana could do for the country. Massey was charged with the delicate task of beginning.

Oyster Cultivation

The various countries which raise oysters for market besides ours are: England, France, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy, Australia, China, Japan, Canada, Mexico, and certain parts of South America and Algeria. In these various countries there are about ten different species of oysters, all of which are similar in structure to our own, though some do not grow so large and do not have the same flavor.

Virginia's "Fairy Stones"

The staurolites, better known as fairy stones, are found in a field of about fifty acres on top of Hill mountain, Patrick county, Virginia. They are twinned staurolite crystals simulating the Roman Maltese and St. Andrew's crosses. The original staurolite mineral has changed to a compact, softer material so that the stones can readily be prepared for the jewelry trade.

Color in the Sea

The most beautiful of tropical sea-folk is the moonfish, often called the ghostfish because of its paper-thin form of a silver color. The angelfish is as gaily colored as the rainbow and with trailing fins of contrasting tints. The squirrelfish flaunts a deep coral shade and great dark eyes. The parrotfish attracts attention as much by its gorgeous colorings of turquoise blue, plum, purple or bright green as by the peculiar lony beak.

Valuable New Metal

The new metal, beryllium, comes from beryl, which is a hard gem stone, of which emerald and aquamarine are variations. Beryl contains about 14 per cent beryllium oxide and occurs in feldspar, especially in New Hampshire and North Carolina. Beryllium is the world's lightest metal, being only about twice as heavy as water.

Tie It Tight

Tie a pencil securely to your telephone and you will find many steps and a great tax on the memory will be avoided. It must be tied, though, or it will disappear just like any pencil.

Road Menace

The cling-vine type of girl 14 said to be scarce now, but she is frequently seen winding her tendrils around the automobile driver.—Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

Women as Chattels

Behind the question: "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" was the one-time accepted belief that a woman was a "chattel," like furniture.

Not Originated by Mutes

The manual alphabet used by deaf mutes was not invented by them but by persons who talked for the purpose of secret communication in monastic institutions.

Praise of Silence

Says Carlyle, "Silence is of eternity. Thought will not work except in silence. Silence, the great empire of silence; higher than the stars, deeper than the kingdom of death! Silence and the great silent men! A country that has none or few of these is in a bad way. It is like a forest that has no roots, which has all turned to leaves and boughs, which must soon wither and be no forest."

As Chinese See Duties

The Chinese classics grade the duties of man into five categories—to the emperor, to parents, to elder brother, to wife and to friend.

Smart Old Dobbin

The true value of horse sense is clearly shown by the fact that the horse was afraid of the automobile during the period in which the pedestrian laughed at it.—Louisville Times.

First "Short Stories"

In early literature the parables of the New Testament most closely resemble the short story, according to some authorities.

Man and Thought

The key to every man is his thought. Sturdy and defying though he looks, he has a helm which he obeys, which is the idea after which all his facts are classified. He can only be reformed by showing him a new idea which can command his own.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A Bit Difficult

A snake expert says if you see a snake with nine scales on its head, let it alone. It's poisonous. Yeah, but what's the snake gonna be doing while you are counting the scales on its head?—Macon (Mo.) Telegraph.

Ideal Days

When young people realize that old age naturally engages in retrospect, and old age realizes that young people can have hurt feelings, life on this earth will have become happier.—Atchison Globe.

Unmerited Rewards

Riches and honor are what men desire; but if they attain to them by improper ways, they should not continue to hold them.—Confucius.

Quitters

A party composed of middle-aged people is the best. Its disturbance stops at 11 or 12 o'clock.—Terre Haute Tribune.

Old Tires Know Tacks

A new tire rides nicely, but it's the old one that knows its tacks.—Des Moines Tribune-Capital.

Milking Cows

Cows give more milk if milked three times a day instead of twice. In observed cases the increase has been from 10 to 25 per cent.

Spirit of What?

Crush, if you will, the dandelion, but do it with respect. It has the spirit which has made our land what it is.—Omaha World-Herald.

Still Good

"New Morals for a New Age" is a lecture subject. The old ones are all right so long as you don't treat 'em as antiques.—Dallas News.

Take Your Choice

"Bunk," something to sleep on; something your friends try to put you to sleep with.—Florida Times Union.

Fog's Effects

Birds of all kinds seem quite helpless in foggy weather. Horses, on the contrary, are not at all worried by the fog, and will keep their direction as well as if it were perfectly clear.

Poor Type of Citizen

"An unrighteous man," said III Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "often seeks to make up for his own shortcomings by enforcing the strictest rules of conduct for others."—Washington Star.

First Formation of Coal

Peat is usually found in bogs or marshes and is practically the first transitional stage of coal. It is very dark and resembles dry moss.

Singer's Advantage

"I'd rather be a good singer than a good talker," said Uncle Eben. "When you sing, everybody knows what's comin' an' ain't got no sense for gittin' mad."—Washington Star.

Genuine Antiques

The Pumas of Borneo are so primitive that they are not even agricultural. Monogamy is the rule among them, and marriage is for life.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Truths

Fundamental truths should be both clear and familiar; truths self-evident truths are as solid foundation for reasoning.—Simmons.

FALK'S LA GRANDE STORE Successors to N.K. WEST & CO. Tomorrow! SATURDAY, JULY 12TH STARTS OUR JULY CLEARANCE SALE! Now for a real Clearance Sale! Bigger and Better than ever!

MEN, A REAL SHIRT SALE \$2.50 to \$5 Values \$1.95 Neckband - Collar Attached Here is a real shirt event in both collar attached and neckband style shirts—made by famous makers such as Manhattan — Eagle — Shircraft, etc., in popular fabrics and colors in all sizes, 14 to 17 1/2.

26-PC. SET SILVERWARE IN THE BEAUTIFUL CUNARD PATTERN \$4.95 95c Down Then 50c A Week A TEN-YEAR GUARANTEE We were able to secure only a limited number of sets of this unusually attractive pattern.

Occupation Gone The chairman is no more. He was the character of the old packet ship. He sang the lines of the chanties and the crew joined in the chorus, performing their tasks as they sang. There were pulling songs, windlass songs, setting and furling sails, pumping the ship out. Some were intended to lighten the men while getting up the anchor.

HEAT DEATHS IN MID-WEST CLIMB TO 43 (Continued from Page One) In Chicago, the maximum was 79, in Milwaukee 82. But the prediction was for warmer weather today. Continued heat was the forecast for the middle west except in localities fortunate enough to receive showers.

Over Night News (By The Associated Press) Domestic Marion, Ohio—Building shaken by earthquake. Washington—Hoover to attend opening of American Legion convention in Boston, October 4. Cambridge, Mass.—J. P. Morgan, Andrew Mellon, and Edsel Ford among 250 prominent men named by Harvard to aid in business research.

BIG MOMENTS IN LITTLE LIVES By Oskar Hitt - SUDDENLY OUR HERO REACHED THE BLUFF, AND LOOKING DOWN, DISCOVERED CHEYENNE CHARLIE SURROUNDED BY HOSTILE SIOUX REDSKINS. SEIZING HIS TRUSTY RIFLE, YOUNG WILD WEST QUICKLY DREW A BEAD ON THE WAR-PAINTED CHIEF. UP IN THE OLD HAY LOFT.