

Aren't the People Entitled to Know All the Facts?

The House of Representatives in appropriating \$11,000,000 to build a Government armor plant, voted down a proposal that books be kept so the public could know exactly how much Government-made armor will cost.

Advocates of a Government plant expect to get armor cheaper. Why then refuse to look facts in the face?

We can and will make armor for the Government cheaper than it can do it for itself—and we want to prove it.

If our offer to do so is to be rejected, aren't the people entitled to know exactly what the Government-made product costs?

That question is now before the Senate of the United States.

CHAS. M. SCHWAR, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACE, President

Bethlehem Steel Company

LOCAL NEWS

Wild Berry Time!

Miss Kora Browas of Silverton is visiting Independence friends.

A good pair of reading glasses for \$1.00 at O. A. Kreamer's.

Mrs. M. C. Williams, who was operated upon for appendicitis in a Salem hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. G. O. Ireland and children of Portland arrived in Independence yesterday to visit relatives for some time.

Mrs. M. B. Jaques and daughter, Miss Stella, of Spokane, are visiting Mrs. Jaques' mother, Mrs. Clara J. Taylor.

Mrs. Thos. Fennell went to Portland last week to see her daughter, Mrs. Pipes, who was injured in an automobile accident.

W. S. Kurre has entered the the government forestry service and will go to Hood River where he will be stationed for six weeks. Ira Mix will officiate at the First National during his absence.

Great Sale of Ladies Wool Skirts at \$1.98, Values up to \$7.50. Made of fine wool materials, plain and mixtures. Mostly all sizes. A big bargain at the price. Excellent for house wear or could be altered for girls. We advise you to come early. Elliott-O'Brien Co.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who aided us by their sympathy and assistance during our bereavement in the loss of our son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Black,
Arthur Black,
Mrs. Maggie Prather,
Mrs. Hattie Fisher.

Warm weather is here and everyone has been anxious to see it. So it is only a few days now until you can go bathing. Then you will find a large supply of bathing suits, caps, and shoes awaiting you at very reasonable low prices. Caps and shoes, 25c and 50c. Suits 25c to \$3.00. Conkey & Walker.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Wednesday was Miss Madeline Kreamer's birthday and the event was duly celebrated at the Kreamer home in the evening. The young people had a splendid time and enjoyed the occasion immensely.

REFORMING A MINING CAMP

How the Law Was Established at Scalp Gulch.

When I first went into the mine I chose for my field of labor the mining camps of California. It occurred to me to "chime in" with the miners, secure their confidence and thus be the better able to influence them.

I was told that a mining camp bearing the name of Scalp Gulch was the worst in the region. There was no semblance of law or order, every man being a law unto himself. All disputes were decided in accordance with the rapidity of "draw" and accuracy of aim. I determined to go there and see if I could accomplish any reform. I was told that I would never come out of the place alive, but my idea of a soldier of the cross is that he must at times be a real soldier.

I found there a people who differed from other people only in this—they had drifted completely away from all restraint. I attributed this condition to the fact that there were no women in the camp for I have observed that any body of men living without the refining influence of women will gradually sink to the level of the brute. I resolved to make my beginning with these desperate fellows by promising them that if they would reform I would return to civilization and ship them a carload of wives.

I gathered them together in a clearing, mounted a stump and made them an address. Instead of holding up their wickedness to them simply as wickedness, I pictured their condition as entirely unaltered for the introduction of any refining influences. Their mothers would scarcely dare to come among them in their present condition. After drawing a picture of home life at which I could see a number of them were visibly affected, I expatiated on the superior delicacy of woman, her tenderness and devotion. "Now," I said at last, "there are many young women who would be glad to come here and turn your cabins into homes for you. If you will pull yourselves together I will go and bring a number of them myself, making sure that those I select are good women."

My last words produced an instantaneous effect. "When you go?" was shouted from a dozen throats. "Just as soon as you convince me that you are fitted to receive your future wives," I replied.

"Parson," said one of them, "you go long and bring the gals. We promise you to be returned before you get back."

There was such unanimity in this request that I assented, and the next day took my departure. From several institutions where girls were taken in and kept till they were able to go out and make their own living I selected some twenty volunteers, who, relying upon my representation, preferred the role of wife and mother to factory work or the duties of servants. I chose none except of good character and such as were recommended for their piety. I put them all on a train and took them to the station nearest to Scalp Gulch. From there I sent word to bring over the teams for further transportation.

The settlement for the reception of the newcomers till they should be paired, and as soon as the reception ceremonies were over the teams were driven on, the men walking beside them, and before the girls reached their cabins every one of them was bespoken. I feared trouble among those men who failed to secure partners, but gave out at once that I would bring enough for all.

One of the very first things reported to me after my arrival was that during my absence they had built the house which was to be used for a court room and a church. My cargo was delivered on Saturday, and I was requested to hold service the next day. At 10 o'clock in the morning I gathered my flock, the men huddling on one side of the room, the women taking seats on the other. After a very short service—the miners were not yet ready for a long one—I addressed my congregation on their coming relations, admonishing the men to be kind to their wives and the girls to remember that their husbands had been so long without feminine restraint that they must be lifted out of barbarism gradually. Then I called on one Mexican Jim, a leader among them, to give some account of what progress they had made. He arose and addressed the united assembly.

"You see, parson and ladies," he said, "considerin' we had no law, we concluded to establish a court. But a court wasn't no use so long's fellers was a takin' the law into their own hands. Herein that a party up the creek was a goin' to lynch a boss thief, we went on there to try and persuade 'em to mend their ways. In this, parson and ladies, we was very successful. There hadn't nary one on 'em ever troubled us by interferin' with the regular court sence."

"How did you manage it?" I asked, in order to draw out an instance of the persuasive powers of the reformers. "We lynched 'em."

Despite the evidence that barbarism was not extinct under the new regime, my project succeeded, and the camp became a model.

Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist; National Bank Building.

For painting and paper-hanging, call Main 6912. H. Sauer.

For Sale

At a bargain, second hand binder, mower and rake in fair condition. Inquire of Sloper Bros. & Cogle. 49

Dr. J. C. Turner, formerly of Lowe & Turner, the well known eye specialists of Portland, will be in Independence again Friday July 28, at Hotel Beaver. Dr. Turner will make regular trips to Independence every thirty days and will attend to any of Dr. Lowe's patients who may require his services during Dr. Lowe's absence. Headaches relieved, cross eyes straightened, satisfaction guaranteed, consult him.

Buy Duchess trousers and get the best, at Kreamer's.

Mrs. K. D. Scafford was recently operated upon in the Dallas hospital.

YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

Characteristics—A Game.

A game called "characteristics" furnishes good fun among friends whose personal peculiarities may be hit off good naturedly.

Have as many cards as players, and at the top of each card write the name of one of the players. In a column on the left write the following: Intelligence, piety, courage, obstinacy, humor, taste, tact, generosity, truthfulness, affection. Or you may substitute other characteristics if you prefer, but all the cards should be the same.

Explain that 10 is the normal percentage for such characteristics, that any number less or more than that is below or above the normal and that the whole must add up to 100 per cent. Distribute the cards so that no one receives the one with his own name upon it.

Each one then fills in the percentages, according to his ideas of the person's character or in a jesting spirit, as he chooses. After all have been filled in gather up the cards. Have ready ten slips of paper, on each of which has been written one of the characteristics. One of the company, blindfolded, draws one of the slips out of a basket. The player who has been given the greatest percentage in this characteristic is required to do some "stunt" proving his claim to the quality.

After this each card is read aloud, and the misfits cause much amusement.

"Hypnotizing."

In order to play this game you must have two small dishes, each with a little water in it. On the bottom of one of the dishes rub the black from a burned match. Give the dish with the black on to the person to be hypnotized, and take the plain one yourself. Place the person so that he faces you, and tell him to look straight at you and do exactly what you do. Then place your finger in the water, rub it around on the bottom of the dish and rub it across your forehead. Do the same thing again, this time rubbing it on one cheek and again on the other cheek. Of course the other person does the same thing with the exception that he rubs a black streak on his face each time while you rub just plain water. It is essential that the two persons look at each other during the entire process and never at their hands or the dish. After the person is hypnotized he must look at himself in the mirror.

Fire Worshipers.

The Parsees of Bombay are called the "fire worshipers" of the east because they hold in great reverence the fire they brought with them from Persia and have never allowed it to become extinguished in their temples and because they worship the sun as the author of life.

The Parsees have always held aloof from other people and are famed for their commercial ability. As a consequence of this ability they are the wealthiest, most cultured and influential class in Bombay. So numerous are they that Bombay has been called the "city of Parsees."

The religion of the Parsees is one of the ancient religions of the world and was the religion of Persia when that country was second in power of the four great empires of the world—Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome.

Game of "Trades."

To play the game of "trades" the players divide into two equal parties. One party retires and decides upon some trade or occupation, when they advance to the second party, saying: Here are some men from Botany bay. Got any work to do today?

The second party asks, "What can you do?"

First Party—Anything.
Second Party—Set to work, then.

Then the first party goes through the motions of some occupation, such as sawing, hammering, etc. The second party must guess what occupation has been chosen. If successful they have a turn at representing a trade.

Conundrums.

What is the difference between a watchmaker and a jailer? One sells watches, the other watches cells.
What word becomes shorter by the addition of a syllable? Short.
What month of the year is a Hebrew falsehood? July.
What kind of a robbery is never dangerous? A safe robbery.
If your uncle's sister is not your aunt, what relation is she to you? Your mother.
Why does a duck go under water? For divers reasons.

A Trick Blotter.

An ordinary blotter may be transformed easily so that it will remove ink completely when applied instead of leaving sufficient to recognize the script by steeping it in a solution of acetic acid. Permit it to dry after several applications of the acid. It will be the source of much amusement and is useful as well.—Popular Mechanics.

Song of Summer Days.

Sing a song of summer days,
Come and be a rover,
Shady are the woodland ways,
Lovers in the clover.
Schoolbooks dull are laid away,
Summer is a pleasure,
Two months for a holiday—
My, but it's good measure!
Let us see what we can learn
From the birds and flowers;
Watchful eyes will always earn
Many pleasant hours.
Happy summer days will fly,
But we must remember
When they're flying quickly by
School comes in September.
—Philadelphia Record.

SCIENCE—INDUSTRY.

Scarcity of Manganese Ore.

The prices offered for manganese ore adapted to the manufacture of ferro-manganese rose during 1915 to the highest figures that have been recorded for thirty years. In August eastern alloy makers offered \$22.50 a ton for 50 per cent ore, which should be compared with \$12.50 per ton, the average price for the preceding five years. In March, 1916, it was reported that \$22.50 per ton was paid for such ore. This great rise in prices was due largely to the advance in ocean freights caused by the shortage of vessels in which to move imported ore. There is good reason for expecting a further increase in domestic production during 1916 as a result of the high prices of feed, but it is doubtful whether more than 10 per cent of the domestic demand can be met by domestic production.

The shortage of high grade manganese-oxide ores caused by cessation of exports from Russia has become a serious menace to the dry battery and flat plate industries. Prices as high as \$85 a ton are freely offered, but as only a few deposits in the United States can supply ore of this grade little domestic ore has come to the market. There is record of a market production of 550 tons from mines in Arizona, California, Colorado, Utah and Virginia during 1915, whereas the annual demand ranges from 20,000 to 25,000 tons. Ore of this grade was imported from Japan and Cuba during 1915.

Scrap Metals Valuable.

The value of the copper, lead, zinc, tin, aluminum and antimony recovered in the United States from scrap metals, shavings and drosses in 1915 was \$14,294,530 against \$7,039,706 in 1914, a 100 per cent increase, says a bulletin of the United States geological survey. This large gain was caused by greater recoveries and much higher average values for all metals. Increased traffic on the railroads and a large demand for metal products, particularly for those to be exported, made 1915 the most prosperous year in the waste metal trade.

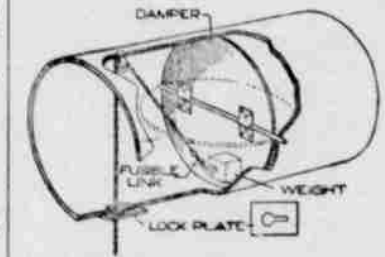
The imperative demand for zinc and copper by munition manufacturers and for foreign trade made spot metal very scarce. Secondary metals not desired for these purposes were generally available for domestic uses when virgin metal could not be purchased for prompt delivery. The incentive of high prices caused all metal wastes to be more carefully saved, segregated and refined. Many manufacturers who had considered virgin metals only as suitable for their needs found that they could use considerable scrap provided they selected suitable material and used good judgment in its treatment.

South Dakota Lignite.

Few people think of South Dakota as containing much fuel, and therefore many may be surprised to know that in Pelkos and Harding counties, in that state, there are more than 1,000,000,000 tons of coal. This estimate is given in a bulletin of the United States geological survey, just published, and covers lignite in beds more than two feet six inches thick. Thinner beds are not considered valuable, and lands containing only such beds are classified as noncoal. At present this lignite is mined for local domestic use and as fuel for steam plow equipments. Experiments made by the United States geological survey and later at the bureau of mines and the North Dakota School of Mines have proved that this lignite on briquetting makes a very superior fuel. When burned without briquetting in a producer gas engine it is more efficient than the best coal when burned under boilers.

Automatic Fire Damper.

The illustration shows a damper for use in a ventilating duct which passes through a fire wall. As may be seen, a fusible link is incorporated in the actuating chain, says Popular Mechanics. This link will open when heated



WEIGHT CLOSING DAMPER WHEN CHAIN LINK FUSES
to about 140 degrees, allowing the damper to be closed by the action of the weight which is attached to it. The damper may be locked in any position by drawing the chain into the narrow end of the lock plate slot which holds the chain from slipping.

New Camera Device.

A camera device for film cameras enabling one to take two pictures on a single film has been invented by Waldo F. Hepp, a junior in animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college. The device is simple in its makeup and can be readily attached to the ordinary camera using film pack or roll films, for which it has been expressly designed. By means of this device the operator can take two exposures on a single film, each picture being half the size of the film. The operator has his choice of a full size picture or a smaller, half size picture of an object or of two pictures of the same object on a single film. The invention also covers the taking of more than two pictures on the same film.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Eva Collins is a Newport visitor.

Mrs. A. L. Thomas has gone to Newport.

More new sport shirts at Kreamer's.

Lee Robinson autoed to Portland last Thursday.

Ed. Owen returned to the mountains Saturday.

John Nelson is keeping cool at Newport this week.

Lots of summer straw hats at Kreamer's, 25c, 50c and 75c.

Mrs. Dell Bush, of Portland, is at the M. C. Williams home.

Lots of beautiful ties on hand and more coming at Kreamer's.

Misses Maud and Frances Patterson went to Newport Tuesday.

Mrs. Cromwell, of Salem, was a guest of Mrs. M. Merwin this week.

Miss Nellie Damon is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon.

Miss Hyde, of Corvallis, was the week-end guest of Miss Emma Henkle.

W. W. Black is building a house on his farm north of Independence.

An immense line of ladies' bungalow aprons at Elliott-O'Brien's, 59c to 75c.

Mrs. Gerfin, of Portland, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkland.

Mrs. Nat Wither, children and mother, Mrs. Hall, have gone to Newport for a month.

Miss Frances Patterson, of Portland, was an arrival in Independence this week.

The swimming season is on and the kids are spending most of their time in the water.

Miss Crissie Miller departed last week for Los Angeles, where she will reside in the future.

Ed. Pagenkoff, of Monmouth, and J. G. McIntosh autoed to Canby, Wednesday, on a land deal.

The season is on for bathing suits. Biggest variety at Elliott-O'Brien's for men, women, and children.

Mrs. W. A. Sloper is rapidly recovering in a Portland hospital. W. A. took the children down Sunday to see her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sperling and daughter returned last week from an extended visit in Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

Mesdames Sherman Hayes and C. W. Irvine are at the bedside of their mother, who is seriously ill at her home in McMinnville.

Who said there wasn't any more Coates' crochet thread? Just the same there is plenty to be had of all sizes at Conkey & Walker's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood and Asa B. Robinson autoed to Portland Sunday to see their mother. Mrs. Robinson is doing as well as could be expected.

Light weight auto caps and hats, sport hats and caps, 50c and \$1.00. Style and shapes to suit all. You should see them. Conkey & Walker.

Mesdames Lucinda and Louisa Baldwin, who have been in the east for several weeks, are now at Pendleton, where the former is suffering from neuralgia, which may delay their return to Independence for some time.

Dr. J. B. Grider, Dentist, successor to Dr. Allin, Cooper building. Phone Main 1021.

Kreamer has just received a new lot of rubber soled shoes.