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Monastery in Russia Place of Pilgrimage

The most strongly fortified monastery in the world is at Solovetski, in Archangel. This monastery is inclosed on every side by a wall of granite boulders, which measures nearly a mile in circumference. The monastery itself is very strongly fortified, being surrounded by round and square towers about 30 feet in height, with walls 20 feet in thickness.

The monastery in reality consists of six churches, which are the repositories of many valuable statues, and also of precious stones. Upon the walls are mounted huge guns, which in the time of the Crimean war were directed against the British White sea squadron.

The monks who inhabited the monastery at that time marched in procession on the granite walls while the shells were flying over their heads, to indicate what little fear they had of an attack by the British fleet.

Thousands of people come annually to Solovetski from various parts of Russia to view the churches and the relics. They are conveyed by steamers commanded and manned solely by the monks.

No Appeal Possible From Birds' Judgment

Most people have seen large numbers of birds gathered together in a field or on a hill. But how many know they were probably holding a court-martial on one of their fellows?

These bird courts are held periodically, chiefly by crows, ravens, or sparrows. The prisoner is brought into the court and a general croaking ensues until judgment is delivered.

Should the unfortunate bird be found guilty, it is set on by the rest and pecked to death. Stealing sticks from another bird's nest is, apparently, a crime that does not call for such drastic punishment. Six or so of the other birds simply proceed to break up the offender's own nest!

Should an offender in the sparrows' court be guilty of a crime not serious enough to deserve the death penalty, its sentence is delivered by a few sparrows who rush at it and inflict the necessary punishment. It is then forgiven and received back into the fold.

Elephants Put Out Fire

How a herd of wild elephants extinguished a forest fire in Travancore, on the southwest coast of India, was related recently by laborers who witnessed the proceeding. A tree had fallen across the road and had been set afire to simplify the task of removing it. The blaze was slowly spreading to the woods near by when the leader of the elephant herd, apparently attracted by the odor of the smoke, appeared, trumpeted loudly to its companions and soon a band of dusky four-footed men were squirting streams of water on the blaze from their hose-like trunks. A stream near the road furnished the supply. The wondering natives who had gone to a house a short distance away watched the herd put out the fire and then drag the tree into the middle of the road.

Sincerity Is Invaluable

Sincerity is the foundation. Without this rare but basic element, all that follows will be insecure. Emerson once said, "What you are speaks so loud, I cannot hear what you say." One of the prophets said, "The show of their countenance maketh them known." A man's real self rings out in his voice, peers out through his eyes and stamps itself upon his face bearing, attitude and all that he does and says. Value sincerity. You may not conform to the ideas of others, but whatever set of principles you select as your invisible code, be true to them, believe in them and exemplify them.—Psychology Magazine.

Inhuman Affiliation

Comprachicos was the name adopted by a nomadic affiliation famous in the Seventeenth century in Europe. This band of persons made a practice of buying and selling children. These children were by means of surgical operations deformed and disfigured so that they assumed certain peculiarities which provided the humor demanded at the time. The organization had its own laws, customs and for mulas, and was found principally in England, Spain, France and Germany. The name is a compound Spanish word meaning buyers of little ones.

Keep Up Your Confidence

The majority of failures began to deteriorate by doubting or deprecating themselves or by losing confidence in their own ability. The moment you harbor doubt and begin to lose faith in yourself you capitulate to the enemy. Every time you acknowledge weakness, inefficiency or lack of ability you weaken your self-confidence, and that is to undermine the very foundation of all achievement.—Orison Swett Marden in Chicago Daily News.

Disguised Compliment

A bond man in New York added to his activities the pose of "non-Communist farmer" on Long Island. Before leaving his place for a trip to Europe, he said to his bond man: "Flaherty, I have to be away for a month or two. I hope everything will run smoothly on the farm." "Oh," said Flaherty, heartily, "ye don't do a bit of harm, sir, when you're here!"

Napoleon's Task Not Finished Until 1918

When the great cathedral of Notre-Dame was alight with its wailing candles flames and while a pope, brought from Rome to Paris, was preparing, in the presence of the most august assembly that Europe could gather, to place an emperor's crown on Napoleon's head, Napoleon turned and whispered to his brother, "What would father say if he could see me now?" And the next moment, when the pope was ready to crown him, Napoleon firmly removed the emblem from the papal hands and placed the crown upon his own brow.

Kings and emperors are not born; you can make as great a king by artificial processes, provided you've got a brain under the crown, says W. G. Shepherd, in the Mentor. Born kings make trouble; made kings are just as good as born kings; probably better. That's what Napoleon kept arguing and trying to prove all his life. This contention made the born kings angry. They finally whipped Napoleon and sent him to St. Helena. He couldn't whip the born kings. He tried that 100 years too soon. The world didn't whip the divine-right born kings until 1918. I wonder if Napoleon knows that we polished off the job he tried to do.

Metals Made Use of as Writing Materials

The earliest legible handwriting on paper in existence is a letter from the wife of a government official, complaining that her husband "is wrecking his career by dissipation." This letter dates back 1,400 years. Metals were used frequently in place of paper as writing material in early times. The ruler of Kandee once sent an embassy to the Dutch governor of Pulicat. The embassy took along credentials inscribed on a plate of gold. It is on record that a book at Rome was made of marble cut so thick that the leaves could be turned over. Another book bought in the same city was four inches long, three inches broad, and the pages were all lead. The pages of some of the books used in the Middle Ages also were made of lead. The laws of Greece were inscribed on brass and those of Rome on studs of brass, ivory and wood. The state records of the ancient Ionians were written on sheep and goat skins. The first archives of France were engraved on silver plates.—London TH-Hits.

Women Rule and Serve

Europeans have found a tribe of self-civilized natives in the wilds of the Asiatic Caucasian mountains called "mushu people" by neighboring tribes, because they are ruled by women. The women of the tribe appear to have carried civilization beyond the dreams of the civilized modern woman, but not to the disadvantage of the men. For the women do all the work and the women who provides the most luxuries for her husband and sons is most respected. All the men have to do is to let the food set before them, sleep, fish and smoke stone-bowled pipes which their women fill and light for them.—Capper's Weekly.

According to Hoyle

Even among the elders we see so little of the old-fashioned fastidiousness nowadays that we were attracted by an incident on the street last week. We saw a white-haired gentleman approach two boys who were playing with a kitten and join them. Then we saw him extract from his pocket a pair of gloves, return one of them and pull the other carefully over his right hand.

This completed he employed his gloved hand to pat the kitten and tickle its ribs for a minute or two. He then arose, carefully removed his glove, replaced it in his pocket, bowed to the two boys and strolled on.—New Yorker.

Banana a Bread

Panama cannot truthfully be compared with other fruits, they are really a bread fruit, having much the same properties and doing practically the same work in the body as the wheat that is in bread. Bananas are particularly effective as a winter fruit because they supply an effective source of heat. What is in a banana besides the delicious flavor? Protein, fats and mineral matter and a large proportion of carbohydrates—the food element which creates energy, both muscular and mental.—The New Age Illustrated.

Selling Line of Talk

The painter went to a fashionable artist to have his portrait painted. "The fee was pretty stiff, and the likeness too true to be flattering. Not very pleasing, the sitter murmured at the price. "Well, you need not pay for it unless you want it," said the artist. "Then you'll have it on your hands. How can you sell it if I refuse to have it?" "As easily as I can paint a tall one," said the artist in a tone which brought out the check book like a flash of lightning.

Supplies of Cochineal

Since aniline dyes now serve the purpose for which cochineal was once required, its cultivation has declined to the supply sufficient for the world's culinary requirements. There is only one place where both the plant and the cochineal bug are cultivated at all extensively, and that is in the hazy district of Guatemala, which is the home of the cactus, known locally as the nopal, and the cochineal bug, which feeds on the nopal and provides the dye.

Jurymen Are Picked For Venues for Year

A list of about 500 names has been prepared by the county clerk as prospective jurors for 1928. The first list of 31 veniremen will be drawn for the February term of court.

Those from Cottage Grove and vicinity on the list follow: Ed Adams, farmer, Cottage Grove; L. E. Adams, farmer, Cottage Grove; C. E. Ashby, farmer, Silk creek; P. T. Benston, merchant, Seginaw; Charles Boidler, merchant, Cottage Grove; Fred Boidler, laborer, Cottage Grove; Cora E. Compton, housewife, Cottage Grove; J. S. Carr, farmer, Diston; S. E. Cole, merchant, Cottage Grove; F. W. Coffman, real estate, Cottage Grove; Mabel E. Chambers, housewife, Cottage Grove; Otto Dobberstein, farmer, Cottage Grove; George Duert, farmer, Cottage Grove; Stella V. Davidson, clerk, Cottage Grove; Mrs. E. W. Evanson, housewife, Cottage Grove; Fred Frazer, farmer, Cottage Grove; E. W. Evanson, farmer, Cottage Grove; Besse Frost, housewife, Cottage Grove; Roy V. Foster, stockman, Cottage Grove; Fred Frost, farmer, Cottage Grove; Frank Fyvor, farmer, Cottage Grove; J. B. Grubb, farmer, Cottage Grove; Harry L. Grube, retired, Cottage Grove; Mrs. L. J. Henderson, housewife, Cottage Grove; M. A. Horn, farmer, Diston route; Mary Henderson, housewife, Cottage Grove; D. H. Hemenway, clerk, Cottage Grove; Cal Hileman, farmer, Cottage Grove; Norn Jackson, housewife, Diston route; John Kerr Jr., lumberman, Cottage Grove; J. C. Lebow, laborer, Cottage Grove; Glen Linebaugh, farmer, Cottage Grove; Lois Leonard, housewife, Cottage Grove; Lafayette Long, garage, Cottage Grove; W. H. Medley, farmer, Silk creek; D. W. McKibben, farmer, Cottage Grove; Butte Mooney, farmer, Cottage Grove; O. A. Nichols, farmer, Cottage Grove; Hugh Nixon, farmer, Diston route; J. E. Overholzer, farmer, Silk creek; Russell Proudfoot, farmer, Diston; Henry Rohde, farmer, Silk creek; Tom Sikes, farmer, Cottage Grove; G. W. Sweet, farmer, Cottage Grove; Ernest J. Fears, farmer, Diston route; Joe T. Smith, merchant, Cottage Grove; Harvel Strong, farmer, Seginaw; Murray Truett, laborer, Cottage Grove; Hugh Truett, farmer, Cottage Grove; C. E. Umphrey, merchant, Cottage Grove; C. D. VanValin, farmer, Diston; O. E. Willis, farmer, Cottage Grove; R. O. Yearous, farmer, Cottage Grove.

County Court to Repair Bridge. The county court has agreed to make repairs to the Ninth street bridge near the Woodson auto camp. A concrete embankment is to be placed at the east end of the bridge to keep the water from tearing away the supports, and approaches to the bridge are to be raised. When this work is completed it is probable that the city will seek the roadway at the east end of the bridge and raise the roadway to the level of the bridge and Pacific highway.

Main Street Widening Coming Up. Whether or not Main street shall be widened by cutting back the sidewalks will be up at an adjourned meeting of the city council tonight, the city attorney having been instructed to have the necessary ordinance ready for consideration. It is expected that there will be a lively discussion before a vote is taken.

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