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## CEILING OF THE EARTH.

Air experts say the next war will be fought on "the ceiling of the earth," and in the saying they give us a new expression. They fix the limit of altitude at 25,000 feet, thereby establishing the height of the ceiling above the ground. There is no reason to doubt the statement of the aviators. Indeed, military men generally express the belief that the next war will be fought largely in the air. The nation that dominates the air in the beginning of the struggle will be the victor, they say, just as it used to be the case that the nation which dominated the sea was the victor. But, this ceiling of the earth! What a picturesque expression! The air-men crawling over the ceiling of the earth as flies used to crawl upon the ceiling of the home before the advent of the screens. That is exactly what they are like—tiny insects far above their abode on the earth, twisting and turning in the air, swooping through and sweeping above the clouds. Up there out of sight from below, where all is eternal blue, there is where the next war will be fought, says Columbus Dispatch. But let us believe that the generation now anchored to the ground will have passed away, and its immediate successors succumbed to old age, before the "ceiling of the earth" is splattered up with human wreckage.

When the American Civil war was over, many of the men engaged retained their uniforms; even in the seventies one would occasionally spot a teamster in a battered, old-fashioned army cap. The former soldiers of today have taken to dyeing their army overcoats, the favorite colors being navy blue, black, and deep brown. The number of these one sees thus metamorphosed is quite extraordinary. Some appear to have had a change of hue at home in the family wash boiler; others show forth the more finished technique of the professional dyer. Perhaps a century hence there will be a footnote on the phenomenon in a history of American manners and customs.

In 1839, the congress of the United States appropriated \$1,000 to purchase seeds to help out farming sections when it seemed advisable that the government should assist. But it was 20 years later before appropriations along agricultural lines amounted to more than \$40,000. In 1860 the appropriation was \$40,000. In 1888 the department of agriculture was given cabinet rank and that year received an appropriation of \$971,823. In 1918 it got \$33,586,457.

Ruskin said: "If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law." There is a mighty host of fools in this world who will ultimately learn this inexorable truth in sorrow and in tears. "Thou shalt work" was a commandment that preceded even the dispensation of Sinai.

Crowds in Berlin have been acclaiming Von Hindenburg as the next imperial president. An imperial republic is something new in the way of experimental government, but with Von Hindenburg at the head, the empire is more likely to figure than the republic, and the world has had more than enough of the German empire to risk its resurrection.

Italy follows France in its elections showing the sentiment of the nation toward bolshevism. In Russia, its birthplace, the excesses of that parody on government has shown other nations its real nature, and they are not slow to appreciate its perils, as the elections are proving.

Differences of opinion may be expressed freely and fearlessly, but let the American people determine to pull together during these strenuous after-war days, realizing that obedience to law is the foundation and bulwark of true democracy.

There may be a shrinkage in the wheat crop, but it is comforting to know that it is the shrinkage of a surplus.

As long as anarchistic foreign language publications are tolerated we will continue to have our Red problem.

If you want to hear a profiteer denounced right, just listen when some other profiteer begins to illuminate the atmosphere with the luridly of his vocabulary.

## Seminole Indian Customs.

Seminole Indians take care of their own law-breakers and set their own penalties, which must be obeyed unless the Indian wants to be outlawed. If an Indian is banished for a number of moons, for instance, he must present himself before the council, sometimes for further punishment, unless he wants to be outlawed.

The Seminoles have managed to keep themselves absolutely pure blooded by the rigidity of their laws against intermarriage with the whites. The penalty is death—but only once in recent times has it been enforced, when the Indian squaws hanged the Seminole wife of a white man, and destroyed her child.

## Church Crypt for Skulls.

Under the chance of the church at Hythe, Kent, England, is a very curious crypt. This crypt is used as a depository for a large quantity of human skulls and bones, which are believed to be those of Danes killed close by in battle before the Norman conquest. Most of the skulls are arranged on shelves, while the bones are piled up in a symmetrical heap. Such ghastly relics are rare in English churches, although they are to be found at several places on the continent.—From the Wide World Magazine.

Nothing left but a trans-Pacific non-stop flight, now, unless somebody wants to attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

Statistics show that the high prices are not due to the producer, the wholesaler, or the retailer. It must be the consumer who is at fault.

One way to boost production in this country would be to put the labor leaders to work.

Too many persons in this country are enjoying the right of free speech.

A dollar does not go far, still it seems to get beyond calling distance.

A city without sugar cannot be expected to remain sweet tempered.

Gromore sure grows more.

## ITEMS FROM ARLETA AND KERN PART

The Chilson store in South Mt. Tabor is still closed on account of smallpox in the family at the residence, 2808 73rd street.

Rev. A. C. Brackenbury, pastor of the Laurelwood M. E. church, was unable because of illness to fill his pulpit last Sunday.

Mrs. S. I. Payne, 4923 65th street, entertained an afternoon callers last Monday, Mesdames M. A. Locher and F. E. Holmes.

At the meeting of the Mt. Scott Mental Culture club at the library hall on February 27, "The Work of Amy Lowell" was the subject of an able paper by Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snider, 4418 79th street has been in flu quarantine for a past few days, the daughters, Kathryn, Dorothy and Maud, all having had it one after the other. Mr. Snider, who has been confined to bed since the outbreak of the flu.

At the meeting of the Kern Park pharmacy and Geo. B. Shaw, one of Mr. Leach's assistants, are both back in the store again after several days of enforced absence on account of la grippe.

Ben Leabo and his son Delbert of 7537 45th avenue, are now out of flu quarantine. Mr. Leabo will probably return to work in the near future and Delbert, who has been a Franklin High student will take an indefinite vacation till his health becomes robust.

The luncheon and the dinner which were to have been served at the Kern Park Christian church on February 20 have been postponed till February 27. At that time the Fisher people will demonstrate their flour by making biscuits for both the noon and the evening meal.

Kellogg school has been only about half itself for the last week or ten days, so many of the pupils being out on account of smallpox and vaccination. Professor B. A. Thaxter, principal, announces that it will probably be a week before regular activities will be resumed.

At the regular meeting of the Millard Avenue Welfare club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crum, in their apartments in the Crum and Raebek building, it was decided to inaugurate an intermediate choir with Geo. Colvey as chairman of the music committee and director in charge. Colvey, who has been confined to bed from an attack of rheumatic fever, is now able to be about the house.

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Rev. E. O. Shepherd of 6733 32nd avenue, left last Sunday for Brush Prairie, Wash., where for three weeks he will assist in special services in the United Brethren church, of which the Rev. W. N. Blodgett is pastor. Mr. Shepherd will keep in touch with his own work in Portland by occasional trips here.

Mrs. M. M. Ahrens, mother of Mrs. E. E. Gilmer of 2833 71st street, has assumed the care of the convalescents in that family, and of Mrs. Gilmer herself, who is confined to her room by an attack of the season's epidemic. Mr. Gilmer, who had the disease, has recovered sufficiently to return to work.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Abrams, 7001 Powell Valley road, is still in smallpox quaran-

tine. Mrs. Abrams and the youngest child are now undergoing the inconvenience resulting from vaccination. The youngster who had the smallpox is getting along nicely but according to the health requirements the ban will not be lifted for about ten days yet.

Walter Campbell, youngest son of Mrs. Effie Campbell of 6827 55th avenue, has been in bed for several days with an attack of la grippe, is convalescing satisfactorily. Miss Myrtle Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Campbell, missed one day of work last week at the downtown bank where she is employed, on account of a sore arm resulting from compulsory vaccination.

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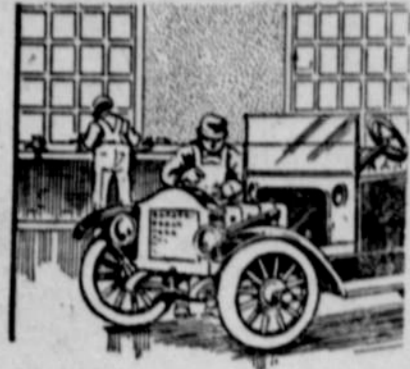
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