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The members of that law-abiding body, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, must have been greatly shocked to learn that the former acting imperial wizard, Edward Young Clarke, had forfeited his bail in Atlanta where he was wanted to stand trial on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

President Harding has named the week beginning April 22 as forest protection week and urges that it be made a time of education in the need of protecting the forest resources of the country, with special emphasis on the waste of these resources through forest fires. This northwest region ought to be particularly interested in the conservation of its greatest present resource. Reforestation and prevention of waste in forest use should be regarded as two sides of the same problem.

A Japanese investigator reports that exports from his country to the Asiatic mainland are on the decline, owing to the development of Chinese manufacturing enterprise. American exporters and others interested in foreign trade will have to reckon with Chinese competition in the world markets. Possessing immense resources in coal and iron China has also a great reservoir of labor to draw from. This favorable combination will attract capital from the western world where mounting taxation claims an increasingly large share of profits. The attraction of capital to the newer countries is illustrated in a Washington, D. C., news report which says that three hundred millions of American money have been loaned to Latin American governments, state and municipal, in the past two years, besides great sums directly invested in oil and mineral concessions by American interests.

A Mexican journalist complains that the press in his country gets its international news through the press agencies of this country and consequently colored to suit American tastes. A similar complaint has often been voiced by Americans with regard to European news which in great volume was filtered through London.

WILES OF "WITCH DOCTORS'

Important Personages Among the Wild Tribes of New Guinea Remarkable for Cleverness.

In the New Guinea islands when a man is ill and has been reduced to a state of delirium, the witch-doctor arrives, an old man with mattered hair and an exceedingly dirty skin. Around his neck he wears a collection of oddities, consisting of bits of crystal, pointed sticks, human bones, and perhaps some native medicaments. Around his loins he sometimes carries a second bag with a supplementary supply of these valuable adjuncts, and somewhere he is sure to be concealing stones and pieces of glass which he is going to charm out of the body of the sick man, writes R. W. Cilento, in Asia Magazine.

The sorcerer proceeds to examine the patient with elaborate ceremony and then announces to the anxious relatives that it is just as he expected; certain stones have been wished into the man's body by a neighboring magician or some other evil agency. Bending over the sufferer, he begins to mumble long incantations and to rub vigorously. Sometimes he is a skilled masseur, and uses a hot stone wrapped in bark, to knead the sore muscles. By this treatment he frequently relieves the rheumatic pains which accompany so many infections. Some time during the course of his massage, he palms off one of his stones or fragments of glass, and the sick man, if he be conscious, generally experiences great and immediate relief.

MUST BE PLAYED BY EAR

Assertion That No Written Notes Have Been Made for the "Mouth-Organ" Seems Right.

"Every musical instrument can be fitted for written parts or 'notes' except one or two," said Halpin, the Park Row harmony magnate, to a customer who entered his shop to cause confusion rather than to do business. "Certainly, sir, I have selections published for the accordion.

"No, I admit I didn't know myself that music was printed for the accordion until the other day, when a customer asked for some. I thought the limit in sheet music, rather, orchestra parts, had been reached when they wrote the directions or whatever you call it, for bass drum and cymbals, but the accordion order taught even me something. Strictly speaking, there is no music for the accordion; the notes for the concertina will suffice.

"The exception is the harmonica, or old-fashioned 'mouth organ.' That's the one instrument a virtuoso must master and play by ear. But at that there are written instructions about how to breathe into the thing."—New York Sun.

The Young in Heart.

The little girl was crossing the ocean with her mother. One day she had been playing merrily at shuffleboard with a middle-aged gentleman who had made her acquaintance, and who took a great deal of pleasure in teaching her the game.

Her mother, coming in search for her, found her just as she had stopped playing. "What have you been doing, my dear?" asked the mother.

"I've been playing with that young man over there," the little girl replied.

The mother looked across at the middle-aged gentleman and smiled. "How do you know when people are young?" she asked.

"Oh," replied the little girl confidently, "young people are those that have a good time."—Youth's Companion.

Different Estimates of Pie.

A business man, forced to take many of his meals downtown and, as a result, inclined to be favorably impressed with his wife's cooking, invited two of his youngsters to take lunch with him at the chamber of commerce. This was a treat to the youngsters who were in the habit of eating at home all the time. When the pie was served the proud father said to the children: "This pie isn't anything like the kind that mother makes, is it?" And to the father's horror and the amusement of the others at the table one of the children replied "No, father, it's much better."—Indianapolis News.

He's Youngest Preacher in World: 8 Years Old

This shows eight-year-old Mayo Cleveland, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cleveland of Greenville, Tex., who is said to be the youngest preacher in the world. He recently delivered his first sermon, prepared entirely by himself, lasting 25 minutes, before a large audience in Kingston Baptist church. His remarkable knowledge of the Bible and delivery has attracted nation-wide attention. He was born December 4, 1914; was converted January 28, 1923; was licensed to preach and was baptized in February, 1923.

Aristotle's Philosophy.

Aristotle has been called a practical philosopher. A better designation would be a philosopher of facts. He sought for facts everywhere in nature. Thus he began, under his father, and he continued to be all his life, a student of nature. When he mistook her he wrote down wrong conclusions, but he really mistook her seldom. In consequence, very many of the things he wrote four centuries before Christ are true today. Nature's laws being unchangeable lead only one way, and on that way her modern pupil and her classical Aristotle meet.—New York Herald.

Coal Oil Bath Kills Cooties, Also Bull

C. E. Moore, a farmer of Coshocton, O., had a cootie-infested bull. To kill the cooties Moore painted the bull with coal oil. When the bull walked too close to a lime kiln, his hide burst into flames. The bull plunged under a straw stack.

The cooties are gone, but so are the straw stack and the bull.

MRS. MARIE CHAPMAN MACDONALD PRESENTS VIOLIN PUPILS

The following program was given by the violin pupils of Mrs. Marie Chapman Macdonald in the Sherman, Clay & Co.'s auditorium Wednesday evening:

Minuet in G ..... *Beethoven*
Luella Stretch, Elizabeth Prideaux, Cara Ash, Catharine Prideaux

Pixies Waltzing ..... *Brown*
Gereen Reck

Robins' Lullaby ..... *Krogman*
Evelyn Schmidt

Dance of the Dewdrops ..... *Ducelle*
Catharine Prideaux

Second Waltz ..... *Godard*
Vivien Young

Lilacs ..... *Kern*
Catharine Prideaux, Elizabeth Prideaux, Margaret Harmsen

a. Little Gazelle ..... *Ducelle*
b. On Dress Parade ..... *McIntyre*
Jack O'Donnell

Dance Des Sylphes ..... *Devaux*
Elizabeth Prideaux

Star Blossom ..... *Logan*
Olive Updike

Dance of the Elves ..... *Ducelle*
Margaret Harmsen

Elenor ..... *Deppen*
Luella Stretch

Madrigale ..... *Simmonetti*
Cara Ash

Basket of Roses ..... *Albers*
Vivien Young

a. Adoration ..... *Borowski*
b. O'Belle Nuit ..... *Tales of Hoffman*
Olive Updike

Serenade d'Amour ..... *Von Blon*
Luella Stretch, Olive Updike

TEXAS LEADS IN FARM PRODUCTS

Nation's Total in Crops and Animal Production in 1922 Is Worth $14,310,000,000.

Washington.—Texas led the country in farm production, combining crops and animal products, and Iowa was the second state last year, the Department of Agriculture reports. The value of crops, animal products and total farm production by states for 1922 follow:

	Crops	Animal Products
Maine	$ 41,200,000	$ 36,300,000
New Hampshire	20,400,000	19,400,000
Vermont	44,200,000	38,800,000
Massachusetts	46,500,000	38,700,000
Rhode Island	3,900,000	5,800,000
Connecticut	28,500,000	28,800,000
New York	291,800,000	256,700,000
New Jersey	58,800,000	34,800,000
Pennsylvania	266,300,000	213,400,000
Delaware	15,500,000	7,100,000
Dist. of Colum.	1,100,000	7,100,000
Maryland	68,100,000	36,600,000
Virginia	180,800,000	93,000,000
West Virginia	69,900,000	52,700,000
North Carolina	861,000,000	67,100,000
South Carolina	171,500,000	33,200,000
Georgia	223,700,000	65,300,000
Florida	74,000,000	13,500,000
Ohio	296,300,000	272,700,000
Indiana	238,200,000	234,200,000
Illinois	442,100,000	361,200,000
Michigan	225,700,000	161,600,000
Wisconsin	283,800,000	273,900,000
Minnesota	300,100,000	188,100,000
Iowa	479,300,000	476,700,000
Missouri	291,100,000	326,900,000
North Dakota	238,400,000	57,000,000
South Dakota	191,200,000	86,100,000
Nebraska	273,900,000	288,000,000
Kansas	306,300,000	251,500,000
Kentucky	221,200,000	127,900,000
Tennessee	229,100,000	131,900,000
Alabama	242,900,000	51,900,000
Mississippi	238,600,000	49,300,000
Louisiana	146,700,000	22,200,000
Texas	755,000,000	246,500,000
Oklahoma	251,600,000	133,100,000
Arkansas	245,700,000	60,200,000
Montana	92,500,000	61,300,000
Wyoming	25,100,000	32,600,000
Colorado	111,700,000	84,500,000
New Mexico	19,100,000	29,600,000
Arizona	28,400,000	14,900,000
Utah	34,800,000	25,400,000
Nevada	11,300,000	10,700,000
Idaho	77,600,000	45,500,000
Washington	142,200,000	58,800,000
Oregon	93,600,000	61,800,000
California	441,400,000	148,400,000
Total	$8,961,000,000	$5,349,000,000

Total Over Eight Billions.

Crops raised in the west north central states in 1922 had a value of $2,079,000,000, an amount equal to 23.2 per cent of the total crop value of $8,961,000,000 ascribed to the entire country.

The east north central states were second, with 16.6 per cent of the national total.

The west south central states are a little lower, with 15.6 per cent of the total, followed by the south Atlantic division, with 13 per cent, the east south central, with 10.5 per cent; the Pacific, with 7.5 per cent; the middle Atlantic, with 6.9 per cent; the mountain, with 4.5 per cent, and the New England, with 2.2. per cent.

The South's crop production in 1922 was $3,506,000,000, or 39.1 per cent of the total for the United States. This value was almost as great as the value placed on the crops produced in the northern half of the Mississippi valley, embraced in the two east and west subdivisions of the north central states, which was $3,565,000,000, or 39.8 per cent of the national total. The two divisions that constitute the East had a crop production valued at $812,000,000, or 9.1 per cent of the national total.

In value of animals raised and animal products produced in 1922, the west north central states again lead, with a valuation of $1,613,000,000, or 30.2 per cent of the total of all divisions, $5,349,000,000. The combination of this division with the east north central states gave a value of $2,917,000,000, or 54.6 per cent of the national value of animals and animal products. The percentage for the South was 22.2 per cent and for the East 12.5 per cent of the national total.

ST. PETER'S, LENTS

Dedication and Confirmation

The dedication of the new church at Eighty-seventh street and Foster Road will take place before the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. After the Mass Most Rev. Archbishop Christie will administer the sacrament of confirmation. A chicken dinner will be served in the parish hall at midday.

A mission to be conducted by the Franciscan Fathers will open Sunday, April 15, and continue for a week.

The wedding season was opened by the marriage of Frank Vardanega and Cora Celorie, a popular young couple of the Mount Scott district. Father O'Flynn officiated, and the atendants were Alice Lefebvre and William Celorie. A wedding dinner served in the home of the bride was attended by 70 friends. Many happy years.

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REJECT FRENCH GOWNS

Germany Forbids Importation Since Occupation of the Ruhr.

Berlin.—Frieda and Gretchen are to have no more Paris gowns. There are to be no more smart little hats brought to Germany from the fashionable millinery shops on the Place Vendome and the Rue de la Paix.

These articles are not permitted to cross the German boundary since the French occupation of the Ruhr, and the leaders of the German fashion industry have instructed their buyers that French models are not to be bought either directly or indirectly.

High prices in France had prevented German firms from buying many models. Consequently the importations of such finery from France had been inconsiderable as compared to prewar times. But Berlin modistes were slowly resuming their Paris trips and buying limited quantities of late creations, when the Ruhr trouble came along and brought the general boycott against articles made in France.

Baron Drecoll, managing director of one of Berlin's greatest fashion shops, said that this latest prohibition will make little difference to Berlin designers, as they have not relied directly on Paris for their styles since the beginning of the war and have, to a great extent, become creators of their own models.

"Of course, many of our ideas come from Paris. It is foolish to deny that Paris leads in the creation of modes," declared the baron. "But Germany has learned to develop Parisian suggestions and adapt them. In many cases they are greatly modified, as Parisian designs are often too extreme for our trade. The prohibition against the importation of French goods will affect modistes and milliners only in two lines, silk and flowers. It is difficult to replace certain French silks and flowers."

Vienna and Berlin have been working together in the development of modes since the beginning of the World war. Because of the low exchange they have been successful in developing a considerable trade for model gowns in the Scandinavian countries, the Balkans and central Europe. American and French fashion magazines have been the source of many ideas for the German and Austrian fashion creators. They also send their representatives to the great watering places on the Riviera and have little difficulty in keeping up with the latest French ideas.

Enter, "the X-Ray Eye."

London.—Two sons of a Spanish nobleman are gifted with "X-ray eyes," according to an article in the Madrid Imparcial, quoted by the Daily Mail.

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