

SCHOOL HEAD TO BE TRIED FOR GRAFT

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26.—Indictments, charging crimes of which one carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in the penitentiary, were returned by the grand jury yesterday against A. P. Armstrong, county superintendent of schools. The basis of the charges is the alleged acceptance of \$20 from C. E. Klingensmith, as a bribe to render a favorable rating in his examination for appointment to the police force. Mr. Armstrong being at the time of city civil service commissioner.

The action of the jury concluded an investigation of several weeks, beginning with the official conduct of the commissioner, but ramifying into many channels of municipal affairs. The probe started when the district attorney was informed that there had been a system of barter and sale of positions in the city civil service.

Examination of 1912 Probed. All the rumors pointed to one group of officers who took an examination in February, 1912. The district attorney, started by summoning the entire list, consisting of George T. Teeters, John S. Thompson, William F. Maas, M. D. Wells, A. F. Gordon, Eugene Schiller, Harry H. Holland, Christ Johnson, William J. Dill, John N. Cordes and C. E. Klingensmith. Many of these were eliminated immediately by their positive denials that they had been approached in any way.

Teeters, Thompson, Schiller and Klingensmith, however, admitted various degrees of negotiation, furnishing a basis for further inquiry. Thompson said he was "felt out," but no money proposal was made. Teeters testified he was asked to contribute, but postponed his decision. Schiller said he was asked to contribute, but returned a defiant answer.

Cremationists to Organize

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 26.—The first national convention of cremationists of America is to meet at the crematorium in this city tomorrow for a session of two days. Steps will be taken at the meeting to form a national organization, similar to the Cremation Society of England.

POWER BOAT RACES ON KEOKUK LAKES

KEOKUK, Ia., Aug. 26.—It is generally predicted that new world records will be established here this week at the annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association. The regatta was formally opened today and will be continued until Friday.

Among the contestants are two new boats entered by Commodore Blackton of the Motor Boat club of America, whose "Baby Reliance III" broke all existing world records at the association regatta at Davenport last year. The new boats were designed to pass the sixty-mile-an-hour mark. Whether this will be accomplished remains to be seen, but the experts who have seen the craft on trial spins are of the opinion that they will turn out to be world-beaters.

Another notable entry in the regatta is "Disturber III," owned by Commodore James A. Push, of Chicago. This is a big forty-foot hydroplane with the most powerful engine ever placed in an American racing hull.

The scene of the regatta is Lake Cooper, the big sheet of water formed in the Mississippi river above the great Keokuk power dam which was dedicated today. The lake was named in honor of Hugh L. Cooper, the engineer who designed and built the dam.

SWEDISH SERVICE

There will be service in the Swedish language at the Methodist church tomorrow, Thursday, August 28, at 8 p. m. Good songs and music will be rendered. All are most cordially invited to attend.

NEW YORK CUTS ITS INFANT DEATH RATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The years of determined effort on the part of the health authorities, several charitable organizations and a number of local philanthropists to improve the hygienic conditions surrounding infant life in this city are beginning to bear fruit. During the last few years the mortality among infants in Greater New York has shown a fairly steady decline, even during the most unfavorable weather conditions of the summer and the improvement seems to continue. According to the report just published by the health department, New York was the only large city in the country to show a decrease in the average death rate for infants in the first six months of 1913.

For many years, long ago, in fact, any resident of the city can remember, certain of the poorer sections of New York have been infested and made unsafe by the presence of organized gangs of men, unscrupulous, brutal, cowardly and steeped into every view, capable of any crime. In the hands of Tammany these gangs were valuable tools and weapons against their political opponents, and, in consideration for their services at primaries and elections the members of these gangs enjoyed practically immunity from police interference and other privileges.

To Oust Gangs. The brutal killing of Rosenthal by members of one of the lower East Side gangs and a number of other murders committed since then, brought matters to a climax and the decent and law-abiding citizens made a powerful demand for the suppression and extermination of these gangs. Notwithstanding the disgraceful exposure of police corruption which resulted from the Rosenthal murder investigation, the police were either powerless or unwilling to make determined war against the gangsters and the citizens finally reached the conclusion that, if they wished the gangs driven out, the world have to do the driving themselves. The other day the citizens of the lower East Side held a mass meeting in which the situation was thoroughly discussed and the decision reached to make a determined effort to rid the East Side of the numerous gangs which infest it. The citizens decided to make a joint effort with a view of making things unpleasant for the gangsters and reached the unanimous decision not to depend upon the assistance of the police authorities in their efforts.

GERMANS TO USE NEW AEROPLANES IN TESTS

BERLIN, Aug. 26.—As a preliminary to the most imposing and extensive German army maneuvers in years, the Kaiser today held an inspection of the Fifth Army Corps at Breslau.

Later in the week his majesty will inspect the Sixth Army Corps at Posen. These two army corps are to form the opposing forces in the great maneuvers to be held nearly next month. The scene of the maneuvers will be the historic plains of Prussian Silesia. This year aeroplanes and dirigibles are to be used to a greater extent than ever before, and every available military flier in Germany will be at the disposition of the two commanders-in-chief of the opposing armies.

The aeroplanes will be employed as swift dispatch bearers and for reconnoitering purposes, the dirigibles to be paraded on both sides of the manders to their officers.

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To Welcome Lord Haldane. NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception and entertainment of Viscount Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, during his brief visit in New York the latter part of next week. Lord Haldane sails from England today and will probably arrive here next Friday. While in the city he will stay at the Plaza Hotel. On Saturday morning he will go up the Hudson river on the late J. Pierpont Morgan's yacht Corsair, and inspect the United States Military Academy at West Point. After a review of the battalion a special train furnished by the Canadian government will take him and the reception committee to Montreal. On the Monday following he will address the American Bar association, being introduced by Chief Justice White of the Supreme court of the United States. He will leave Montreal in time to sail from New York on Tuesday. Lord Haldane has been overwhelmed with invitations, both from the United States and Canada, but he is understood to have resolved to decline all except from the bar association and to confine his visit to America to five days.

SOW THISTLE CAN BE EASILY KILLED

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 26.—"As the sow thistle, the weed so common along roadsides and in waste places, is an annual, it may be destroyed merely by preventing it from going to seed," says Professor H. D. Scudder, head of the department of Agronomy, Oregon Agricultural College. "If the land can be put into cultivated crops," continued Professor Scudder, "there should be no difficulty in getting rid of the thistle.

"Then after the crop is harvested and the weeds begin to appear in the fall, the ground should be disked, and the disk repeated in the spring. This will cause the seeds to germinate and the plants may be completely destroyed by the plowing or cultivation that follows.

"In badly infested fields, the land cannot be entirely cleaned of this weed until cultivated in row crops. If this does not seem possible, the fields should be disked after harvest, and again as soon as the young seedlings have started to grow. Then, early in the fall, use the disk plow, set deep, and sow the field thickly to vetch and oats or vetch and rye.

"If this crop is seeded early in September and gets thistle and most other annual weeds. It can then be cut early in the spring for soiling, or plowed under as green manure.

"Where the sow thistle appears in pastures, sheep are very effective in keeping it down. In any case, it should not be allowed to go to seed, as it can propagate itself in no other way.

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Many Things of Interest to Boys and Girls—A Mystifying Trick With Figures—Bits of Useful Information. Riddles to Puzzle and Amuse.

In Germany, as in most European nations, militarism is very much more in evidence than in our own land of the free. In all the larger cities there are constantly to be seen soldiers in the uniforms of their respective arms of the service. Parades are a matter of



BOY SALUTING THE KAISER.

everyday occurrence, and it is therefore not surprising that the German little folks, especially the boys, should become imbued with the military spirit. When the Kaiser turns out at a review of troops there is always a large crowd to cheer him and his gaudily attired soldiers. At the recent Potsdam review the camera man snapped a couple of boys perched on a window ledge just as they were saluting the Kaiser in true military fashion. One is in the uniform of a naval officer and the other in the gorgeous uniform of the royal hussars.

A Trick With Figures. Desire a person to think of a number. Tell him to triple it and take the exact half of that.

Triple that half if the number is even, if odd multiply the larger half by three. Then ask him how many times that answer contains nine, for the answer will contain the double of that number of nines and one more if it be odd.

Thus, if the number thought of is five its triple will be fifteen, which cannot be divided by two without a remainder. The greater half of fifteen is eight. If we multiply this by three we have twenty-four, which contains nine twice. So we shall have 2 plus 2 plus 1 equals 5, the number first thought of.

Game of Mosaic. A writing game for any number. Each writes a word on a slip of paper, and after the slips are mixed one of the players draws and reads them aloud in the order in which he draws them, and each player must write them down in the same order.

Then each one must write a little story or paragraph, using the words in the same order. The game may be made more difficult by requiring the story to be of a specified length or written within a certain time, or it may be made easier by allowing the players to use the words in any order they please.

A Water Experiment. Procure two pieces of glass about six inches square, join any two of their sides and separate the opposite sides with a piece of wax so that their surfaces may be at a slight angle. Immerse this apparatus about an inch in a basin of water, and the water will rise between the plates and form a beautiful geometrical figure called a hyperbola.

A Proverb. "Haste makes waste," the saying says. It's a proverb old, yet true each day. If our work is done with haste something will surely go to waste. Careful movements are what tell. A hurried task is never done well.

Let's read the proverb another way: "Make haste! Don't waste!" it seems to say. Make haste to do what'er is right. Don't waste the precious moments bright. Read either way, the words are true. They're worth a trial, I think. Don't you? —YOUTH'S COMPANION.

Worth Knowing. A few minced dates added to fudge as it comes from the stove will make a novel and dainty confection. In cooking peas and beans the water should be allowed to boil away to almost nothing. When the seasoning is put in this makes a delicious juice. If the clothes boiler leaks while in use the hole may be temporarily stopped up by putting a handful of corn meal into the water. It will fill the hole.

Stale macaroons, which can be bought cheap at the baker's, make the most delicious addition to pudding and custards if pulverized and sprinkled over the top.

Oh, You Bathing Girl of 1913! With Socks and Bonnet She Breaks Hearts of Summer Men.



Photo by American Press Association.

The bathing girl of 1913 is now counting over her conquests of the bold hearts of men. She was some girl, as this typical picture of two of her will attest. Her newest fad in her beach maneuvers was wearing the sock bathing costume, just as you see here. Of course mere summer man long ago learned not to be surprised by what the bathing beach girl does in the way of costuming. It's her privilege. The 1913 bathing girl also improved on her looks by wearing the bathing bonnet. It's a safe bet that very few such 1913 bathing girls got their hair wet.

DAM AT KEOKUK IS DEDICATED FOR USE

KEOKUK, Ia., Aug. 26.—A marvelous engineering achievement was turned over to the world today when the great Mississippi river dam and power plant were formally dedicated. The dam extends across the Mississippi River from Keokuk, Ia., to Hamilton, Ill., and is almost a mile long. Its construction occupied nearly three years and its total cost exceeded \$25,000,000. The dam is to be used for the generation of electricity which is to be supplied for lighting and industrial purposes throughout the greater parts of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

The dedication was made an occasion for interesting ceremonies. There were parades on both sides of the river, followed by a program of speech making. An immense fleet of river craft in gala dress added to the gaiety of the scene. It is estimated that a quarter of a million persons witnessed some portion of the day's program.

TRUE MEASURE OF CIVILIZATION.

I warn my countrymen that the great recent progress made in city life is not a full measure of our civilization, for our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness and the completeness, as well as the prosperity of life in the country. The men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. Upon the development of country life rests ultimately our ability, by methods requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nation; to supply the city with fresh blood, clean bodies and clear brains that can endure the terrific strain of modern life. We need the development of men in the open country who will be in the future as in the past the stay and strength of the nation.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Akron to Vote on Commission Plan

Akron and opponents of the proposed new charter for Akron are warming up to a spirited campaign with the near approach of the special election at which the fate of the proposal to change the form of municipal government will be decided. The election will be held Thursday. If the charter is adopted the control of the entire municipal government will be invested in a commission of three, composed of a mayor and two commissioners. The mayor will receive a salary of \$4,000 a year and the two commissioners \$3,600 a year each.

GENERAL TONE OF MARKET IS WEAK

Prices may drop on the chicken market now that the demand has weakened, though no change has yet taken

place. Eggs are firmer than before with the prices higher. The water-melon trade is slow with the demand in favor of the local product. The California fruit is not in demand because of its inferior quality. Peas are down again, with the demand weak and the prices showing a slight slump. Peaches, on the other hand, are steady in quotations and the demand strong enough to handle the supply. The general tone of the fruit market is weak with prices showing a tendency to drop because of the importation of a large supply of the local products.

Livestock, Meats. BEEF—(Live weight) steers 7 and 8c; cows 6 and 7c, bulls 4 to 5c. MUTTON—Sheep 5 to 6 1/2, lambs 6 to 6 1/2c. Poultry—(buying) Hens 11 to 12c; stags slow at 10c; old roosters 8c; broilers 20 to 21c. WEENIES—16c lb; sausage, 15c lb. PORK—9 1/2 and 10c. VEAL—Calves 12c to 10c dressed, according to grade.

Fruits. APPLES—50c and 51. DRIED FRUITS—(buying)—Prunes on basis 4 for 35 to 40c. ONIONS—\$1.00 per sack. POTATOES—Nothing doing. BUTTER—(buying)—Ordinary country butter 23 to 25c. EGGS—Oregon ranch, case count 26c; Oregon ranch caddled 27c. Prevailing Oregon City prices are as follows: HIDES—(buying)—Green scaled, 2c MOHAIR—28c. CORN—Whole corn 32c. to 10c; sheep pelts 75c to \$1.50 each. WOOL—15 to 16c. FEED—(Selling)—Shorts 28c; barn 25c; process barley, \$30.50 to \$31.00 per ton. FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5. HAY—(buying)—Clover at \$8 and \$9; oat hay best \$11 and \$12; mixed \$9 to \$11; Idaho and Eastern Oregon timothy selling \$20.50 to \$23; valley timothy, \$12 to \$15.

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