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BRYAN TO YIELD HIS PLACE

A report from a well-informed Democratic source is published in the New York Herald to the effect that W. J. Bryan will retire from the Cabinet of his own motion about March 1. The following is the explanation, which is being added to "The Courtliness of Literature":

With a policy of detachment from internal Mexican affairs becoming more marked, with the Red Cross work indefinitely postponed by Europe's conflict, the work for which Bryan has been famous is being taken by legal fancies raised by ship seizures, export embargo and the like. Bryan is being marked so as to show the name of the consignee and the quantity and nature of the contents.

It would seem that the Federal law is being broad to prevent a repetition of the holding of the church which Mr. Irwin witnessed and the subsequent delivery to anyone who applied for it. Doubtless the statute enacted by the Legislature will prescribe penalties for conducting blind sales of intoxicants by plainly marked so as to show the name of the consignee and the quantity and nature of the contents.

The Holstein is bound to keep in the limelight. Not content with a California cow that broke the milk record, there is now an animal in Cowley County that has three calves, all healthy and doing well. How she arranges the surplus corner at market times is something that only a cow in such circumstances can manage.

THE PROGRESSIVE COLLAPSE.

The Progressive party has hopelessly "petered out," as a possible factor on an equality with the Republican and Democratic parties, for control of the Government. Comparison of the election returns of 1914 and 1912 in Oregon, a typical Middle Western state, furnishes proof.

In Oregon, though the total vote this year was greatly increased by woman suffrage, still the Progressive candidate for governor, in a letter to the New York Times he estimates the party strength as follows: Democrats 230,000; Republicans 200,000; Socialists 100,000; Progressives 100,000.

Further, the transfer of Mr. Underwood to the Senate will leave Mr. Fitzgerald, the Tammany leader, the most powerful figure on the floor, with ten years' experience as a legislator. He has a score to settle with President Wilson, for the latter has withheld patronage from him and his Tammany colleagues and opposed his re-election.

A STATUE FOR FRANKLIN PIERCE.

The statue just erected to the memory of Franklin Pierce at Concord, New Hampshire, is after a design by Augustus Lukeman, of New York, an eminent American sculptor. Our fourteenth President is represented by a standing figure in the costume of his own period, on a high pedestal.

A DEADLY SPORT.

The hunters in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin have been almost as deadly to one another as to the game this Fall if we believe the reports of their mortality. It is said that some 15,000 of these gallant knights of the shotgun and rifle have been roaming those primeval forests for the last three months and that twenty-four have been killed by their own hands.

What needs is there to foster virility and stiffen the spine when we have sports like hunting and football with their long mortality rolls? Looked at from this point of view, the mutual slaughter of the hunters may possibly appear as a blessing. We may imagine, if we like, that the sportsman who has slain a noble animal has shot his friend feels all the manly uplift of the soul which the sight and smell of blood are supposed to cause.

Though the war promises boom prices for any crop of wheat the United States may harvest in 1915, Northwest farmers would do well to remember that it is not well to put all their eggs in one basket and that diversified farming is safety.

PURGING CHURCH ROLLS.

Some years ago the Methodist churches of the United States initiated a commendable agitation to get rid of their dead and dying members. We mean, of course, the spiritually dead and dying. There was no disposition to eliminate the physically decrepit. Indeed the church has always admitted a special duty toward that class of individuals.

THE HUNGRY TIGER WILL CONTROL.

In the opinion of Chairman Hillis of the Republican National Committee, the House of the sixty-fourth Congress will be controlled by the twenty Tammany members. In a letter to the New York Times he estimates the party strength as follows: Democrats 230,000; Republicans 200,000; Socialists 100,000; Progressives 100,000.

WEAK POINTS IN BRITISH DEFENSE.

The Germans have evidently found gaps in the naval defense of the British and French coasts or have learned through their spies where mines are laid. A series of losses to the British navy and to the French merchant marine lead to this conclusion. A squadron of cruisers penetrated within a few miles of Yarmouth and dropped the mine which sank the Halcyon.

Avoidance of the Peril.

Ray Rohn, the artist, appeared at the Palace Theatre Club the other day smoking a cigarette in a holder nearly a foot long.

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every case by ships which keep to the surface. If the Germans can get so close to British and French coasts, why cannot British submarines reach the German coast? The reason probably is that the North Sea coast is shallow and well mined. The Baltic coast, of which the southern part shuts on German territory and is doubtless mined. Kiel Bay might be a favorable field for submarine attack, but the ports on both Baltic and North Seas are on rivers, too shallow for such operations, even if it were possible to enter undetected.

PROVISIONS OF WEBB LIQUOR LAW.

Carriers Prohibited to Deliver to Fictitious Persons or Collect Price. In view of the interest in statutory enactments to carry out the force of the prohibition amendment in Oregon, the following text of the Webb law and other Federal legislation governing interstate shipments of intoxicants is pertinent and worth perusal by those interested in prospective legislation affecting the liquor traffic.

The War Tax.

I thought myself a man of peace. And oftentimes I prayed for peace. That war throughout the world should cease. And I'm wildly thirsting for Red riot, battle, strife and war, and I'm as madly thirsting for war, as I am for peace.

Prohibition Which Prohibits.

In Absence of Strict Law Evils Worse Than Saloon Arise, Says Observer. PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—As a stranger passing through your city permit me a short space in your paper to express my views on a subject now before the people.

Half a Century Ago.

From the Oregonian of November 20, 1864. The old lighthouse at Newport, on Yaquina Bay, now occupied by J. S. Polhemus, an engineer in charge of the Government jetty construction, was struck by lightning Tuesday, and Mr. Polhemus' little boy was sitting with his mother six feet from a window, which, with numerous things about the house, was a young girl's favorite. Fortunately, the boy was only stunned. A young girl in the kitchen was not injured.

That Pernicious Sailor Suit.

As Had as Toy Soldiers in Promoting Martial Spirit, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I am glad that Oregon continues to maintain her position as a front in the great moral uplift in the country.

Shakespeare for Judge McGinn.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—We are told by the immortal Shakespeare that mercy is a blessing. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. Consequently, when Judge McGinn told those two youthful burglars to go and sin no more, ignoring the fact that one of them had been paroled by him already, he was not being merciful.

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