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SEAWALLS, AND PATIENCE.

Never in her history has Astoria gone in for a bigger thing than the seawall she contemplates building, not even the Astoria & Columbia River railway. To be sure the seawall is purely local in its applied benefits and will be so considered on all sides; even in the money centers from which the capital that is to build it may come. The project requires illimitable patience, especially in the arrangement of the preliminaries. It is too ponderous a thing to be rushed; it is one of those huge, permanent improvements that will bear the longest and deepest scrutiny and estimate. Its importance and value is of such a nature that its permanence must be made the first consideration; cheapness and flimsiness of construction are out of the question; it is a big thing, and as such must have the initial elements of strength, scope and solidity. Anything less is a sheer waste of time and money. All these things require infinite patience, a resource in which Astoria is peculiarly rich. The patient, intimate, and extended knowledge of what she really wants in this relation will bring a frution far ampler than any hasty and ill-considered makeshift will ever bring.

"SMITH."

Shot down like the dog he was, in the lair he had delved in the underbush of the foot-hills of Clackamas, Frank Smith the fleeing outlaw who had killed three good men in twice as many days, has supplied another of the type that constitutes the link between the days of abnormal human savagery and the civization of the present hour. The shot that laid him low broke the strain of public anxiety and the whole state breathed freely and gladly. Glad that no further opportunity was given him to wantonly slay other good men; glad that he was killed; glad that the state and society were spared the inundation of a long-drawn, aggravating trial in the courts; glad that the issue of the desperate affair set up its flerce warn ing to other murderous minds in our midst, and glad, above all, that the good name of the state has been preserved intact from any subsequent blunder, or harsh criticism of its ability to cope with the miserable situation. Smith is dead! Do mortibus nil nisi bonum

CANADA MINUS REASON

Canada has deliberately barred the "Appeal to Reason" from her mails. Why for? Has Canada no reason to appeal to? Or has the appeal to her reason culminated in the regulation, afore- felt over a wider area than first reportsaid? A good deal depends upon the ed.

quality of the reason cought to be approached. Reasoning is a process that invariably takes its color from the training and status of the mind, or minds, appealed to. Canada, evidently. could not be propitiated with the logic offered by the Socialist organ; in fact. the appeal made was deflected from her philosophic regard to her tangible fears of social and commercial disruption, and she promptly sat down on the appellant Socialism of itself, is a cult of supreme beauty; but any cult tinetured with anarchy, is amenable to just such jolts as this, and worse,

THE "JAP" INVASION.

What is the fundamental difference between an invasion of Japanese cheap labor and Chinese cheap labor? The Jap is the cheaper of the two in a money sense, and the moral attitude of the one is lost in its absolute similarity with that of the other. Better deny the privilege of entry to all of either nation save the scholars of each, and put the standards above the reach of all jug-

EDITORIAL SALAD.

There are things that have moved more rapidly than the Russian loan.

So Secretary Taft also is a reader of Bunyan. Yet he is a comparatively

A folder baby carriage is being widely advertised. It is the carriage that

It is astonishing to think that citizens of Chicago would take umbrage because their gas bills were "inflated."

And now it is found that Baltimore fire pictures have been doing duty in the "scope" sheets the past week.

After the many reports about Witte and Castro resigning it will be interesting to see which really "gets there"

Unfriendly criticism of the big corporations will probably be suspended while the railroads, telegraps lines and (writing). express companies are doing so much for the coast sufferers.

San Francisco's buildings numbered 50,494 of wood and 3,881 of other ma terials. The largest stock of kindling makes it seem fortunate that the conflagration spared anything.

A dime from each of the inhabitants of the United States for San Francisco would produce \$8,000,000, and there are few who can not afford more. To give a mite is infinitely better than to offer nothing.

Just as a place has appeared where the millionaire and the tramp bunk together and live on the same fare, a soldier steps in and compells everybody work. Weary Waggles' dream of golden slippers at the Golden Gate is

In addition to its original capital Stanford University has an endowment of \$36,000,000 and it owns 100,000 acres of land in twenty-six counties of California. The institution will restore its buildings, revised and improved.

Mme, Eames's account af her experiences on the morning of the earthquake will be scrutinized in vain for corroboration of certain picturesque narratives that were current last week.

President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University is being talked about a good deal nowadays as a possible Democratic candidate for President. But maybe this is only a device for keeping the rust off Princeton's political date

At about the same hour as the earthquake in San Francisco, a lake near Seattle was agitated so violently that houseboats, floats and boathouses were tossed about and jammed, and some were broken from their moorings During the disturbances, lasting six minutes, three distinct tidal waves passed across the lake and mounted high on the shore. The earthquake was

ACROSTICS AND ANAGRAMS.

Have Been Known Since the Days of the Psalmist.

We find that the acrostle is the most ancient form of puzzling mankind. Acrostic is Greek for a number of verses the first letters of which form a word, sometimes a name and sometimes a sentence. The final letter may form a word, or, as Addison tells us, the letters will even run down the center of the verses as a seam. The Hebrew poets often made their verses run over the entire alphabet. Twelve of the psalms are written on this plan, the most notable being the One Hundred and Nineteenth. This has twenty-two divisions, or stanzas, corresponding to the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each stanza is formed of eight couplets, and the first line of each couplet in the first stanza in the original Hebrew begins with the letter aleph, the second commences with beth, the third with gimel, and so on through the alphabet. The English divisions of the psalms are called after the Hebrew letter that began the couplets. It was also customary to compose verses on sacred subjects after the fashion of Hebrew acrostics. This was done with a view to aid memory, and such pieces were called abcedarian hymns. The riddle is also of ancient origin.

The Proverbs of the Bible, or sayings attributed to Solomon, are often in the form of riddles. Was it not the queen of Sheba who proposed riddles to Solomon? The Koran, the scriptural book of the Mohammedans, also contains riddles, as do some books now in existence, written in Arabic and Persian. The ancient Egyptians also propounded riddles, and one of the seven wise men of Greece, who lived in the sixth century B. C., was celebrated for his riddles in verse. Homer, the Greek poet, according to a statement in Plutarch, died of vexation at not being able to solve a riddle. In the middle ages riddles were encouraged for amusement on winter nights in the baronial hall and also in the monastery. In later days some of the most brilliant men of letters contributed to the list of riddles.

The anagram, or transposition of the letters in words or sentences, was much in vogue in Greece in the olden times. The Cabalists, or Jewish doctors, thought that the anagram always pointed out a man's destiny, and if his name written backward or transposed in any way spelled a word with meaning they firmly believed it a revelation. The flatterers of James I. of England proved his right to the British monarchy as the descendant of the mythical King Arthur from his name Charles James Stuart, which becomes "claims Arthur's seat." The best anagrams are those which have in the new order of letters some signification appropriate to that from which they are formed. When Pilate asked, "Quid est veritas?" (What is truth?) he probably had no idea that his question answered itself, but it did. The transposition made it, "Est vir qui adest" (It is the man who is here). Anagrams were written as early as 250 B. C., and their name comes from the Greek words ana (backward) and gramma

Where the Lady Was Going. An official of a New England road told the following:

The ticket agents in the Boston office of our road are greatly troubled by patrons who, when wishing to purchase tickets, lay down a coin and neither tell where they are going nor how many tickets they want. This necessitates one or more questions on the part of the patient agent. One day a little elderly lady approached the window of the office, placing a large family umbrella on the slab, and, after fumbling nervously in her pocketbook, pulled out a quarter and laid it down without a word to the ticket seller.

"Where are you going, madam?" asked the ticket agent.

"Oh, I'm going to the doctor," was the tremulous reply.

An Apt Pupil.

A professor who, when asked a question, was in the habit of saying: "That is a very good point indeed. Look it up for yourself," was once much disgusted with a student who had failed to answer a very simple question. "Mr. Jones," said he, "I'm surprised that you, who are going to teach, cannot answer such an elementary question. Why, what would you do if one of your pupils were to ask it?" "Well, professor," replied the other, "if such a thing had happened before I came here I'm afraid I would have said plainly that I didn't know, but now I think I'd do just as you do and say, 'Look it up, my boy; look it up!"

No Procrastination.

"Ethel," he whispered, "will you marry me?"

"I don't know, Charles," she replied

"Well, when you find out," he said, rising, "send me word, will you? I shall be at Mabel Hicks' until 10 o'clock. If I don't hear from you by 10, I'm geing to ask her."-London Tit-

Simplicity.

I am convinced, both by faith and experience, that to maintain oneself on this earth is not a hardship, but a pastime, if we will live simply and wisely, as the pursuits of the simpler nations are still the sports of the more artificial.-Thoreau,

Seems Reasonable.

"What is the correct garb for a surgeon about to perform an operation?" "A cutaway, I suppose."-Minueapolis Tribune.

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