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JUST MEDIUM.

I never loved ambitiously to climb. Or thrust my hand too far into the fire. To be in heaven sure is a blessed thing.

MR. NEWELL'S CRITICISMS.

Director Newell of the reclamation service has made some very sharp remarks regarding inflated land values on the Umatilla project.

It is unquestionably true, as the director says, that settlers on the project would have fared better had they bought their land at lower prices.

There are also a great many people who will swear that the director underestimates the value of the project land when he derides present prices.

Just why the director takes up this subject now is not entirely clear. The bulk of the land under the Umatilla project has been sold already.

the Columbia river for irrigation purposes. Does he believe that company will refrain from "inflating" land values. Just watch the Rimrock company.

PROFIT IN COMMISSION RULE.

With the commission form of government in operation in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for the last ten months, the city administration have issued a statement from the official records showing the savings made since the old councilmanic form was abandoned.

Under the new form four facts stand out pre-eminently: The city for the first time has been placed on a cash basis and city warrants are paid on presentation at their face value.

More public improvements are under way and contracted for than at any previous time.

The police department, instead of being in debt at the end of each month, now is self-sustaining, and in addition has enough money left to pay half the expenses of maintaining the fire department.

The monthly saving to taxpayers under the new system is shown to average \$12.92.

For nine months under the old form of government the average monthly license fees collected were \$84.56; under the new, \$152.63—an average monthly gain of 136 per cent.

Under the former government the average monthly fines in the police department were \$65.20; under the new form, 1230.68—an average monthly gain of 89 per cent.

A comparative statement of the operating department, which includes expenditures and revenues, salaries, street department, fire and all expenses, shows, for the new form, monthly average \$2,094.45; for the old form, \$3,420.37, a saving to the taxpayers of \$515.92 each month.

AT COFFEYVILLE.

Coffeyville, Kansas, the hotbed of insurgency where President Taft recently met the progressives face to face and was treated courteously but given no enogre, has the commission form of government. Coffeyville is a city of 12,687 people and it adopted the commission plan on April 7, 1911.

Germany and France have been talking of war for weeks yet they have not fired a single shot while here comes Italy and Turkey with scarcely a word and begin to fight.

If that strike occurs the suffering public may decide that they have stood such affairs about long enough.

Now for some hot news from Africa.

BLISSFUL IGNORANCE.

Holden, the New York "bird man," lately had in his shop a taciturn parrot. Day after day it sat silent on its perch, indifferent to every question.

SEPTEMBER 26 IN HISTORY.

1512—Fall of Tournay in Belgium, which closed the campaign on the English under Henry III.

1764—Several Italian villages experienced earthquake shocks.

1804—Emperor of Germany established a new bank at Venice.

1854—Marshal De Saint Arnaud distinguished French commander, died.

1854—Sunday schools have been established by all the churches in the country.

1860—General McClellan arrived at New York from Europe.

1874—Battle between the Carlists and republicans in the province of Navarre, Spain, ended after last night's four days.

1894—John McCullough the actor, broke down in his lines at McVicker's, Chicago, then chided those who hissed him from the audience.

1890—Naval parade in New York in honor of Admiral Dewey.

1904—Japanese hold all important forts around Port Arthur except Golden Hill, Lieutnant and Mikwan-shan, according to letters received by Russians from friends in besieged city.

1904—Battleship Connecticut, one of the most powerful ships of the navy launched at New York yards.

American system of jury trials criticized at St. Louis congress of lawyers and jurists by Alfred Nelinex of University of Louvain, Belgium.

1902—Two thousand persons attended the Hudson-Fulton banquet in New York.

1910—Walter Brookings, aviator, made Chicago to Springfield, Ill., Ill., flight.

Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis died, Mt.isco, N. Y.

CALL OF THE COOK.

Oh when I married Linda I asked her: "Can you cook?" She just looked wise and answered: "I know my little book."

And since that time she's fed me on dishes a la France, With Sweden, Spain and India thrown in when there's a chance.

I've breakfasted on waffles with jam and mayonnaise, For lunch I've seen spaghetti cooked in fifty different ways;

And when I'm called to dinner quite often there will be Hungarian goulash on the board, Scotch scones and Russian tea.

My appetite is hearty, and I dote on simple food, But if I should confess it my wife would call me "brude."

So all my meats are stuffed and braised, croquetted and saute-d, My vegetables au gratin-ed, my desserts are glac'd.

I'm steeped in spice and curry, I'm filled with crumbs and paste (I'm pretty sure that nothing in our kitchen goes to waste.)

And when, with all my hungry soul, I yearn for Irish stew, I hear the carol of the cook: "Just taste this Swiss ragout!"

I sigh for beefsteak simple, but my sighing is in vain, I'd give a whole week's salary to see an egg cooked plain.

I love a boiled potato, but always, 'pon my soul, They're minced with peppers, nuts or cheese, or served in casserole!

How I would relish pork and beans! And O! what a relief 'Twould be to find upon my plate a hunk of good corned beef.

But hark! A voice calls: "Dinner, John! Come see what I have made; Here's shrimp soufflé with Creole sauce, and mushroom marinade!" —Puck.

ORIGIN OF CERTAIN NAMES.

Valley Forge—Village in Chester county, Pa., so named because it is situated at the mouth of Valley creek where a forge was erected by Isaac Potts before the revolution.

Wheeling—City in Ohio county, W. Va., from the Indian, Weal-ink, meaning "place of a human head," from the circumstance of the Indians having displaced the head of a white man on a pole at this point.

S.S.S. A GREAT TONIC AND BLOOD PURIFIER

There is one reason above all others which makes S. S. S. the greatest of all tonics, and that is because it is the most perfect of all blood purifiers. Any system which needs a tonic, needs a blood purifier, for it is impure blood which causes the weakened, run-down condition of the body.

and is now a patient at the state insane asylum. "I was never so surprised in all my life when the report was made known that 'The Little Yankee' was a female person," said Chief Clerk Carleton.

Prepossessing and voluble, she stood before the police magistrate to tell her story. Near by was a wallpaper hanger. He had been arrested on the woman's complaint.

"You charge this man with hugging and squeezing you," said the magistrate, addressing the woman. "I do, your honor," was her reply.

"State the facts." "Well, your honor, I heard a band play, so I opened a window to see what was going on. A political procession was passing the house. The prisoner, your honor, was hanging wallpaper in the room, but he stopped work, came to the window and also looked out. Suddenly he threw his arms around my neck an almost suffocate me with his kisses."

"Did you cry for help?" "No, your honor, I did not." "Why not?"

"Because, your honor, I feared my cries would be misunderstood. I am a democrat and that was a republican procession."—Hagerstown Almanac.

TROUSELED WOMAN POPULAR IN LEBANON

Salem, Ore.—P. Carleton, chief clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, is intimately acquainted with Ray Leonard, the woman who masqueraded as a man in Lebanon for over 20 years.

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