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Reclamation

According to surveys made of federal reclamation projects and conclusions drawn by Secretary Work of the Department of the Interior, a colonist on the average project requires a capital of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 to become established and it is to be expected that the politicians will plan some program of financing, instructing, and assisting the settler by the federal government in accordance with the policies of paternalism now so noisily championed. But if the government is to finance and supervise the reclamation farmer, why not the other farmers, who are forced to work on a much smaller capitalization?

The history of reclamation is a story of colossal waste. Projects have been developed, not in accordance with practical possibilities, but with political pull. The cost of placing water on the land, has been in many instances, more than the finest farming land in developed regions could be purchased for. At the cost of tens of millions of dollars desert wastes unfit for cultivation have been put under water, only to bankrupt the colonist because of their barrenness and to be eventually abandoned.

Secretary Work says that of 24 older federal projects only one has paid its dues and that one-third of them should never have been constructed. There are 5,963 farm units in irrigation projects without farmers. Of the \$200,000,000 invested, over \$50,000,000 should be charged off as loss—yet efforts continue to create new projects.

But why reclamation projects at taxpayers expense when there is already an over-production of farm products that makes farming unprofitable? Why bring in new land at excessive cost, when every acre of it cuts down the profits of developed farms? Why swell the food surplus, which must be marketed abroad?

When the nation cannot produce enough to feed itself, there will be ample time to develop the waste spaces profitably to conform with, instead of in conflict with the law of supply and demand. But that is not the way of the politician, seeking appropriations and popularity and so the fool program of developing unneeded and unfit land at public expense continues.

The Last Resort

William H. Anderson, former superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League, now out on parole from Sing Sing, where he served a term for embezzling League funds, announces the founding of a new order the "A. P. P. P. A." or American Prohibition, Protestant, Patriotic Protective Alliance to "supplement and reinforce the work of the Ku Klux Klan and serve as a connecting link between the patriotic fraternal orders and the Protestant churches."

It is too bad that six K's couldn't be used and thus make it double distilled Klan strength, but probably the desire to revamp the old A. P. A. accounts for the quadruple P's. Profiting by previous experience, the organization will be secret and without the law and no books will be kept so there can be no more prison terms for its treasurer. Contributions are "accepted only as outright personal gifts" to its founder and secretary "to be used in any way he sees fit."

Anderson has thus solved the problem of getting rich without work. To the easy pickings of prohibition he has added the 100 percent profit of the Kiegles, and all in the name of professional patriotism. No wonder old Samuel Johnson in his lexicography defined patriotism as "the last resort of scoundrels."

One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

WORSE THAN EVER!
Cynthia walked slowly back to her mother-in-law's house, thinking of many things; of her husband, and how soon he would be with her again; of her father, and his tragic death; of Noel Gardner, who had been thrust into her life so suddenly.

It would be pleasant to see him that night at the Atwaters' dinner dance, a party that otherwise would have been rather stupid for her. How nice he had been that morning, how sympathetic over poor little Mark's death. Some men would have driven right on, she told herself, feeling running over a cat was nothing to make a fuss about.

She quite discounted her own charm, not realizing that few men would have left so pretty a girl standing on the curb, weeping over a defunct kitten. She had been accustomed to appreciation all her life, had always been told that she was attractive and unusually pretty, but nevertheless was quite unspoiled.

Madame Leland was walking restlessly up and down the library when Cynthia entered the house. "Cynthia!" she exclaimed abruptly, coming to the door of the room "Will you come here at once, please."

Cynthia obeyed, meekly enough so far as appearance was concerned, but with resentment boiling within her. Why should she be addressed as if she were a servant who had done something wrong, she asked herself.

Madame Leland had scented herself; she turned to the girl a face so distraught that Cynthia's resentment was swept away by pity. She hurried forward, all sympathy. "Oh, has something happened?" she cried. Then, with a sinking heart: "Is it Jim, is it? Nothing's happened to him?"

"No—no, certainly not," Madame Leland exclaimed curtly. "But something is wrong, decidedly wouldn't you?"

"Well, as it happens, I didn't want any of the family to know of those investments, except James. He has always advised me in business matters, and—oh, I don't see how you could do it. You might have known that Stanley would go straight to Louella—she was here this morning, simply furious; said that I should have told her in the first place, that she could have told me that I'd lose my money if I bought those stocks—as if she knew anything about investing money! I'm so upset!"

Cynthia watched her ruefully, as she sat wringing her hands, and then suddenly rose, to pace up and down the room, still spluttering about Cynthia's stupidity.

"But I can't see—I didn't know—" the girl began, but Madame Leland cut her short with a wave of the hand.

"You certainly should have known enough to keep your mouth closed!" she remarked majestically.

"Even though I did not know that I do know enough to realize that it is impossible for us to remain under the same roof," announced Cynthia, sharply. "You have been unkind; I made a mistake and I'm sorry, but I just didn't know any better. You can't expect me to know all about how your family relationships stand when I've been in the family so short a time. I'm sorry about this, and I'll do what I can to make up for it, but I'm going home now." And she walked out of the house before Madame Leland could reply.

Tomorrow—The Atwaters' Dinner Party

Dempsey Returning

Paris, July 9.—(A. P.)—Jack Dempsey and his bride left this morning for Cherbourg, where they will sail for home on the liner Homeric. A crowd of sport followers and friends saw them off at the station.

Debate On Evolution Heated But Converts Are Apparently Few

Dr. William Branch Riley, fundamentalist, and Dr. Edward A. Cantrell, evolutionist, staged a heated and apparently unfruitful debate on evolution at the armory last night. Indications were that members of the audience went away with the same convictions with which they entered the hall, for the most part was fundamentalist, of the two collections taken it was said that Riley's was considerably the heavier. The hat was passed twice, the audience being asked to contribute to the first if in sympathy with the evolution speaker and to the second if in sympathy with his opponent. Many members of the audience were apparently neutral. "I've been in this business for 7 years," said Dr. Riley in announcing the collection method.

Both speakers declared in their introductory remarks that there was no collusion between them and that the debate was a genuine affair, with each speaker arguing purely for the sake of his cause. Seymour Jones of Salem presided. Nearly every seat on the main floor of the auditorium was taken, and a few occupied the gallery. It was estimated that over 400 people were present.

Dr. Cantrell, opening speaker, claimed to draw an analogy between the growth of heavenly bodies and animals on the earth. He cited the well known nebular hypothesis. "We can see the evolution of heavenly bodies," he stated. "As it is in the heavens, so it is on earth. We find an unbroken

series of life forms from the simplest to the most complex. We find that life begins with the simple cell. In the life of every individual we see evolution, you yourself started as a simple cell and gradually developed into a human being. Every person started where all life started."

Declaring that the Bible stated that the earth was made 6000 years ago, Cantrell proceeded to ridicule the idea. He had seen a redwood tree in California, he stated, estimated to be 7000 years old. "Isn't it remarkable," he asked, "when you stop to think that that tree was there 1900 years before the world was made?" He maintained that excavations at the site of the ancient city of Troy had brought to light 3 distinct civilizations, one above the other. The Troy of Homer's writings was the fifth he stated, showing that men had lived on that one spot considerably more than 6000 years ago.

Dr. Riley, taking the platform, declared that the Bible does not claim that the world was made only 6000 years ago. "That phrase 'In the beginning,' gives you just as much time as you want," he maintained.

He proceeded to outline his stand insisting that "science and scripture speak together as to the great age of the world," and that the controversy between evolutionist and fundamentalist is not a controversy between science and the church, there being church men and scientists on both sides. "There is only one man holding for scripturalism and against science, and that is the man ignorant of both," he said.

Teachers Not Thinkers
He assailed the teaching profession in general declaring that as a rule teachers are "not logical thinkers." Their mind absorb like a sponge, and gives out exactly what it absorbs.

Riley attacked the nebular hypothesis, cited by Cantrell, stating that it was not accepted by the best astronomers. His statement was later contradicted by Cantrell, neither speaker offered definite proof either way, or showing that it bore on the question at hand except by way of an indirect analogy.

Riley stressed the idea of reproduction in kind in nature. "There are over 600,000 species, and of all 600,000 there isn't a one that has ever missed the law of Genesis and produced after its kind," he stated. Declaring that there is nothing more than assumption to support the theory of evolution, he asked, "When did science and stipulation become synonymous?"

Darwin Scorned
He attacked Darwin as a poor student who compiled much of his theory from old Greek folk lore. "If evolution is an established fact then why is it still in doubt after 66 years?" he demanded to know. He declared that the state of Tennessee will some day be regarded as a pioneer in true science and an opponent of false science. More states will follow her lead, he indicated.

The debate grew warmer as it progressed. The actual question of evolution, whether or not one species can evolve from another, was touched several times before it closed. Riley declared that different varieties can be produced within the species, but that the species will always remain the same. He cited Burbank's work as an example, mentioning his development of Indian corn from prairie grass. Cantrell declared that one species will evolve into another, stating that Burbank had succeeded in making them do so, but not

mentioning any example. Riley stressed the point that the Bible has been taken out of public schools, and declared that since the students were not allowed to study the Bible, an opponent of evolution, they should not be allowed to study evolution either, particularly when their minds were unformed and unable to grasp ideas in their true significance, as often the case with children of high school age.

BANK FAILURE LEAD TO INDICTMENT OF 4

Jackson, Tenn., July 8.—(A. P.)—The Madison county grand jury, investigating the failure of the People's Saving bank of Jackson, today returned indictments against Judge J. W. Ross of the federal district court for western Tennessee; Thomas B. Carroll, former cashier of the bank, his son, John Carroll and W. L. Catton.

John Carroll, who acted as 41st assistant to his father as cashier of the bank, and Judge Ross were named in a joint indictment containing 22 counts.

Judge Ross also was named in an indictment charging forgery and another, alleging fraudulent breach of trust.

ENDEAVORERS SELECT CLEVELAND FOR MEET

Portland, July 9.—With Cleveland, Ohio, selected as the meeting place of the biennial convention in 1927 and a successor chosen for the retiring president, Dr. Francis B. Clark, the work of the International Christian Endeavor society was largely over today. The remainder of the convention, which closes tomorrow, will consist in group religious meetings, selection of minor officers and appointment of committees.

Suggestions for inspirational and devotional work in the local organizations also will be discussed.

Agreement Signed
Madrid, July 9.—(A. P.)—France and Spain today signed an agreement for cooperation in Morocco against Abd-el-Krim's Rifian tribesman who refuse to accept their authority.



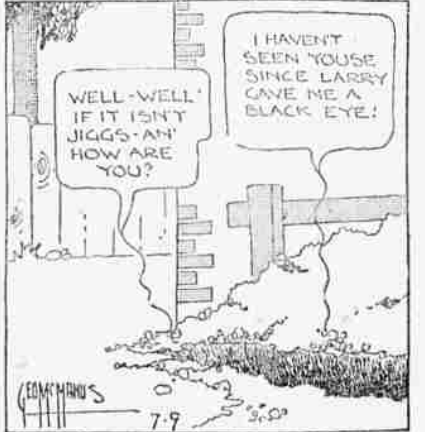
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MUTT AND JEFF

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By Bud Fisher



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