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Its constant internal ferment impels the reflection that Pendleton would be a lovely place for a normal school were it essential for the students to learn how not to treat one another.

Personally we are willing to admit that we can learn a thing or two from Europe, as one of those jumping juggernauts is just what we want when we go into action against Kernel Boyd.

The pledged allies seem to regard Berlin as the most advantageous place in which to talk peace to the kaiser.

In doing their fade-away the Bulgars are putting more than the usual amount of stir into Monastir.

"Dimitracopolis Asks Time."—Oregonian headline.

"Sal right; give him time. Give him a century. It's all Greek to us, anyway."

Portland's death rate is only 8.4 per thousand, which is consoling to all but the 8.4 per thousand.

Weston had the best normal school plant in the state when the three schools were abandoned by the legislature, but a Pendleton booster glibly valued it a \$10,000 in a recent talk with a Salem paper. We suppose he would rate the other two a about thirty cents each.

For the first time in years, thanks to the reservoir lake, Weston is receiving an ample water supply at this season with out reliance upon the auxiliary pumping plant.

Should the Multnomah hotel continue to be a financial failure at Portland there would be no objection here to moving it to Weston. The LEADER will agree to publish its list of arrivals.

Whatever arguments Fred Lockley writes with regard to Pendleton normal apply with double force to the Weston Normal, which is already equipped with buildings and ground owned by the state.

Villa continues to be just about as salubrious as the bubonic plague, although not quite so easy to catch.

Booze shipments are increasingly heavy into Pendleton, but the statistics will probably not be incorporated into its normal school literature.

### EDISON FOR WILSON

There is no American in whose integrity of opinion, strong sense and good judgment the people of the United States have more confidence than Thomas A. Edison.

Mr. Edison publicly announces his support of President Wilson. Briefed, his reasons are:

Faced with a succession of tremendous problems, any one of which decided wrong would have been disastrous, Wilson has not got us into trouble nor is he likely to.

He has given us peace with honor. Talk about the United States being despised is nonsense. Back of our neutrality are international law, the rights of humanity and the future of civilization.

With reference to Mexico, the president has acted wisely, justly and courageously.

With reference to preparedness he changed and it was the proper thing to do.

His attitude on the tariff shows equal openness of mind. A tariff commission will take the tariff out of politics.

"They say that he has blundered. Perhaps he has. But I notice that he usually blunders forward."

In the railroad controversy, the President acted with his usual courage and sanity.

Hughes' hindsight, we learn from his speeches, is highly developed, but as to his foresight we are not equally well informed.

This is no time for Republicanism or Democracy. Real Americans must get down to fundamental principles.

It is not now logical or sensible to change to an inexperienced and untried name.

### Uniting the Family.

How many households have a family hour—a definite time in the week when all the members of the family gather in perfect serenity for an interval of genuine communion? Although civilization brings many advantages in its train, it has the great fault of tending to disrupt family intercourse. Each member has too many individual activities. Fathers have their business; sons, their business or education; mothers, their domestic duties or social occupations; daughters, their business, their education or their social life.

All these things are right and worthy in themselves, but they do not tend to weld the family. If members of a family will make it a rule to devote themselves for one hour in the week wholly to one another the spirit of family life will be quickened and strengthened. Often the members of a family pursue parallel courses that do not intersect. It is mere platitudes to point out that great events—travel, marriage, death and the like—must inevitably cause disintegration. But so long as the family is together under one roof the spirit of union and common interests should be fostered.—Youth's Companion.

### A Bird's Barbed Wire Fences.

There is in Central America a brown wren about the size of a canary which builds a curious nest. It selects a small tree with horizontal branches growing close together. Across two of the branches it lays sticks fastened to the trunk with tough fiber until a platform about six feet long by two feet wide has been constructed. On the end of this platform nearest the trunk it then builds a huge dome-shaped nest a foot or so high with thick sides of interwoven twigs. A covered passageway is then made from the nest to the end of the platform in an crooked manner as possible. Across the outer end as well as at short intervals along the inside of this tunnel are placed cunning little fences of twigs with just space enough for the owners to pass through. On going out this opening is closed by the owner by placing twigs across the gate way, and thus the safety of the egg or young is assured.

### How Chalk is Formed.

Deposits of chalk are found on some shores of the sea. A piece of chalk such as the teacher uses to illustrate something on the blackboard at school consists of the remains of thousands of tiny creatures that at one time lived in the sea. All of their bodies, excepting the chalk—called carbonate of lime in scientific language—has disappeared and the chalk that was left was piled in where it fell at the bottom of the ocean, each particle pressing over it until it became almost solid. It took thousands of years to make these chalk deposits of the thickness in which they are found. Later on, through changes in the earth's surface, the mountains of chalk was raised until it stood out of the water and thus became accessible to man and school teachers.

"Call a taxi," says McBride's in a ways at your disposal. Phone 92.

And the glory of the straw hat is passing.

One gathers that Senator Gallinger's favorite flower is the Penrose.

### Notice to Patrons

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## SHRAPNEL

It looks as if Macedonia would need someone to come over and help her.

Railroad owners nor railroad workers should never be allowed to take the business of this country by the throat.

Considerable paper might be saved in the present shortage if the number of copies of the Congressional Record printed were cut down to the number of those who read it.

Railroad strikes and every kind involving interstate commerce must be settled by arbitration of the most compulsory kind.

Why not buy an automobile? Then you won't care so much about railway strikes.

Mr. Hughes has found out at Denver how to bring his auditors to their feet with a roar of enthusiastic applause. He has only to mention Teddy.

At Lloyd's in London, peace in Europe is not looked for much before the end of next year, and the insurance gamblers there can't insure it then.

If the shoe fits, it's a sure sign a woman will ask for a smaller size.

And one good turn is surely followed by two bad ones—in a variety of ways.

None can dispute that Mr. Hughes is a well balanced man, whiskeriously and otherwise.

Oh, splash! The ultimate consumer is not even a goat—he is a sheep. A goat would never be so easy and neck.

One thing to be said for the female tenographer is that she seldom knows how to whistle.

Cleveland has a dancing master who made \$1,000,000 by barring the tango, at the risk of all the excitement he missed.

Louisiana's John M. Parker may claim to be the guiding spirit of the only acephalous party that this country ever had.

How needlessly explicit are the sign-boards in these dry states that carry the words "Soft drinks"—as if they could be anything else but that.

While it sounds threatening Italy's declaration of war upon Germany is not expected to alter the present relations between the two countries.

This nation must not sacrifice the arbitration principle.

It begins to appear that Greece's read was not buttered on either side.

Evidently the sun is also beginning a tire of getting up an hour before day.

About the time father's overcoat comes out of the moth balls mother's summer furs go in.

Any power that rules the waves would be careful what it does with their people's mails.

Despite the doings in Europe the trangers continue to visit the slaughter houses at the stockyards.

Admiral Dewey's reassuring words about the navy are all the more convincing in the light of the recently passed naval bill.

Germany is to have butter three days in the week. Some oleomargarine families do not have it once a year. Killing the arbitration principle would be a crime against justice.

This improvident human race has of yet not shark meat on the market. St. Louis has a milk strike but the umbilic kine continue to chew the "acid end."

The Russians have taken Mush, but you are thinking about writing a poem about it remember they do not renounce it the way we do.

"America is destined eventually to rule the seas," declares Admiral Dewey, but "eventually" is a long word.

Perhaps the new Danish Ripstias may ratify the treaty transferring the Danish West Indies to the United States. Denmark must realize that 25,000,000 is a good deal of money.

In Germany the fifth war loan just issued is being described as the "last war loan." Draw your own conclusions.

If either Charles Hughes or Charles Airban's should enlist now to fight or France he would have to shave 'em off.

Massachusetts spent much less than he appropriation at the Pan-American exposition. From the point of view of some of the other states, Massachusetts is always doing the unexpected.

The price of "soft" coal has been increased two-bits a ton, the dealers say because it is "hard" to get.

It appears that we might just as well give up the idea of Denmark ever offering trading stamps.

There may be a serious bread shortage in Austria but the populace can always fall back on those Vienna rolls.

Some of Mr. Hughes' opponents are harging that he is behind the times. He certainly is behind his whiskers.

The report that a highwayman took \$1000 from a Boston & Maine railway station the other day makes the receivership appear perilously near.

### Geography.

Geography is the sum total of all the places in the map that we don't know about. Geography is made up of boundary lines, river lines, dots and dashes like a telegraph system and shaded places which represent the high spots. It is also colored to suit the taste and in such a manner that it takes a bacteriologist to make you know the difference between the sea and the dry land. Historical geography is ordinary geography with what ever you don't know about history added to it. Historical geography consists of migrations, codings and other flora and fauna to suit. To make a historical geography get a few races and distribute them according to your fancy over a pluk area in various shades to show how they spread out. As a matter of fact, they did nothing of the sort. But that makes the historical geography all the more interesting. In the hands of schoolteachers geographies are frequently believed in for years by counting pupils.—Life.

### Ballads as Newspapers.

The ballad, or that form of it which is associated with the broadside, was one predecessor of the newspaper as a commentator on events. It was written for the people and sold to the people. Printed on poor paper and passed from hand to hand, copies of early ballads were seldom preserved. Fortunately several men of the seventeenth century began to make collections of ballads, and the copies of broadsides printed before 1700 that are now in existence are supposed to number about 10,000. Soon after 1700 the printed form of the ballad was changed, the "black letter" disappearing, but the ballad continued as a chronicler of happenings and a commentator on political, military and other public events until the middle of the nineteenth century and in the United States as well as England. The "topical" song of today perpetuates the satirical function of the ballad.—Springfield Republican.

### Belgian Congo.

Belgian Congo, founded thirty years ago, is still in the early stage of development. So far practically no manufacturing industries have yet been established, and, aside from the important copper mines in the Katanga district, the only large industrial enterprises are the railways and river transportation services. It may be said that all business activities in the colony are devoted to the collection of tropical products—rubber, ivory, gum copal, palm oil and kernels, cacao, etc.—and the railway and river services are in reality only accessories to these activities, having been established primarily to all in the transportation of these products to the seaports. The marketing of rubber in Congo has never recovered its former activity, and in all probability will never again be so rich a source of income to the colony as it was previous to 1912.

### Ship Money.

Charles I. was badly in need of money, and his attorney general in the course of his antiquarian researches discovered that in the dim ages of the past the crown had issued writs to the cities and towns on the coast requiring them to provide vessels for the royal needs, and he suggested that this ancient right might be brought into use again. Instead of the actual vessels a money contribution might be exacted instead. Thus the king would be able to tax a larger part of the realm while theoretically observing the laws. Writs for ship money were accordingly issued, but the patriot John Hampden declared that they were illegal and raised such a protest against them that they were practically nullified.

### Weed Pests.

Of the 200 species of ferns native to this country a few have become more or less serious weed pests. The most troublesome are the bay scented fern and the brake. According to a bulletin of the department of agriculture, cutting off the tops close to the soil surface twice a year for two years will kill out nearly all ferns. The best times to do the cutting are just previous to spring, or about the middle of June, and the middle of August.

### Life in Bermuda.

A feature of life in Bermuda which always impresses the stranger is the apparent prosperity of the natives, white and colored alike. Distressing poverty is unknown, and even the poorest families can boast of a stone house and a garden.—Argonaut.

### The Twins.

We have heard of several cases wherein twins have borne a remarkable likeness to each other. But the most curious was the case of twin sisters who had to be told everything together because it was impossible to tell them apart.

### Corrected.

"My husband tells me that he was out late last night with your husband." "That isn't so. I want you to understand that my husband was out with your husband."—Detroit Free Press.

### Put Out.

"Why do writers always talk of angry flames?" "Because, if you notice, flames are usually put out."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Calendar Time.

Mr. Bacon—What are you doing with that old, faded calendar? Mrs. Bacon—Oh, I just like to look into the dim and distant past!—Yonkers Statesman.

A trick is at the best but a mean thing.—Le Sage.

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