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GOD KEEPS ISRAEL— "And the Angel of God... removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them. And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel;... and the one came not near the other all the night." Ex. 14:19-20.

PRAYER— O thou, Who dost neither slumber nor sleep, continue thy mercy and enlighten and protect every faithful soul.

ON DANGEROUS GROUND

The republican party in Benton county and elsewhere is treading on dangerous ground in the attempted return to the old discredited convention system for the nomination and endorsement of party candidates.

Under the Oregon direct primary system every citizen is accorded the privilege of seeking political office if he or she so wills. It has been the theory as well as the practice of the political party to leave it to the will of the voters in the selection of party nominees.

Now comes the republican county committee of Benton county and undertakes to tell the republican voters of that county that they shall vote for the candidates whose qualifications have been passed upon by that committee. Senator I. L. Patterson of Elora, Polk county, has the endorsement of the Benton county republican committee for nomination as the republican candidate for governor. We have it on the authority of the veracious Oregonian that this endorsement was given chiefly because Senator Patterson at one time was a resident of Benton county.

To our mind this attempted dictation of party nominations will hinder rather than aid a candidate for office. At least, this appeared to be the sentiment of supporters of Frederick Steiwer, who blocked an attempted endorsement of Mr. Steiwer for United States senator.

Back-room politics was supposed to have been wiped out twenty years ago with the coming of the direct primary, and voters generally will not look with favor on this attempted usurpation of authority on the part of county committees.

We are told that a state convention of republican county delegates is being planned and that this convention will take upon itself the privilege of passing upon the qualifications of the various republican candidates. In our humble opinion the great mass of republican voters will not tolerate such paternalism, and will repudiate at the polls any attempt of the so-called political dictators to direct them in the exercise of the franchise.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

The subject of reducing the cost of house construction is one that is interesting builders and architects. The present costs are due in part to the waste of forests, which has made wood material much higher priced. But to some extent high building costs have been due to the housing shortage. The demand for houses has exceeded the supply, a condition that tends in anything toward higher prices.

Probably something will be accomplished to reduce the cost of materials, and where the cost of labor has been too high or its methods inefficient, those costs will have become more reasonable. If the cost of building could be somewhat reduced, it would be a wonderful encouragement to many families who desire to own their own homes.

RADIO AID FARMERS

A recent inquiry sent to farmers as to the commercial value of their radios brought replies from 500 farm radio listeners in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. One hundred and sixty-three reported that their radios saved them money each year, savings averaging \$148.64 per family.

Market reports were considered the greatest financial advantage of radio, though some farmers saved in movie tickets, gasoline and magazine purchases.

Farmers are using the more powerful sets. About 70 per cent of those reporting had loud speakers, 24 per cent had three-tube receivers, and 21 per cent five-tube receivers. Seventy-two per cent listens regularly to talks on agricultural subjects.

New radio divisions are becoming almost as numerous as the hills in the bootlegger.

Tomorrow will be St. Patrick's day in the mornin'.

The Blight Will Be On Soon



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — About the cheapest, easiest, surest way a senator or representative has of clinching a vote for himself is by getting a constituent into the White House to see the president.

He can do it without the least bother to himself, too. Arranging an interview of any considerable length with the chief executive calls for a good reason and quite a lot of fixing, unless the applicant's pretty important, but just getting into the room with him, shaking his hand—he doesn't do any of the shaking—and hearing him say "Howdy do?" isn't difficult.

But the average senator or representative makes a big thing of it.

He professes that he couldn't do it for everybody, but on account of his exceedingly high regard for Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so he'll strain a point. He'll write a note to Private Secretary Saunders, who'll manage it somehow.

The visitor—this duck is from out of town, remember—Washingtonians are more sophisticated—goes up to the White House about 11:30 to noon, with his precious letter.

He could get in just as well without one, but what he doesn't know can't hurt him. He's allowed to poke around for a while in that part of the establishment not specially reserved for the presidential family, and by the time it's about 12:30, and he's had an eyeful, on an average there are a couple of hundred of him on hand.

Then he's herded, in procession, through the presidential office.

The president stands up at his desk and shakes hands a couple of hundred times, on an average, in succession.

That's all there is to it. The battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, N. C., the 150th anniversary of which has just been observed, has been described by historians as "the first victory gained by the Americans in the War of the Revolution."

Francis Coppee, the famous French writer, was absurdly fond of cats, and for years he collected remarkable specimens, including several valuable natives of Persia.



There is no religion in a dollar bill.

When a stubborn man is backed by common sense, don't spit straws with him.

Parades are always late in starting and doctors are always late in arriving.

Drive a tight bargain in the love game, and you will get stung as sure as you're born.

The sweetest sound is the whistle at night and the sweetest words are "Inclosed find check."

The next generation will have to hustle some to find new thrills that this generation overlooked.

Hex Heck says: "Next to cheating a widow woman, the meanest man is the feller who runs down his home town."



Husbands are people who ask so silly before company.

Public opinion has it that public opinion hasn't it.

Camel's hair suits are popular in London. Perhaps you can wear one a week without wanting a drink.

Palmyra, Ind., teacher will be tried for promoting athletics so Tennessee will be jealous now.

In Florida, they jailed a New York swindler. Florida will have to outgrow her small town ideas.

Some men are so henpecked they call their bedroom slippers mules.

FORMER BILLIARD CHAMPION IS ILL

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, March 13—(U.P.)—Bob Cannefax former three-cushion billiards champion of the world, is fighting for his life against tuberculosis in Phoenix, Arizona, and in his characteristic spirit of optimism he has written his New York friends that he is going to lick it in a year.

Cannefax, who is one of the greatest of all players at the three-cushion game, has had his ups and downs and has survived trials that few men are asked to bear. He lost a leg in his youth as a result of an accident when he was playing baseball but he didn't lose heart and kept going.

The same pluck that carried him along to a world's championship is now stimulating him for the hardest fight of all and his thousands of friends all over the country believe him when he says he'll lick it.

Not only in New York, where he has lived for years, but in every one of the hundreds of towns he has visited on frequent tours, Cannefax made a legion of friends with the art of his game and the cheerfulness of his disposition.

It will be a hard fight, a long one and a dull one and he would like to have his friends write him (28 Columbus Ave.) and tell him "all the dirt."

MAKING AIR CHART OF MORMON TRAIL

LOS ANGELES, March 13—(U.P.)—The "Old Mormon Trail," known in recent years as the "Arrowhead Trail," connecting Los Angeles and southern California with the east via Salt Lake City, is being charted from the air.

The aerial survey is being made by Captain Armin F. Herold, army flyer, on instructions from Major General Mencher, commanding the Ninth Corps area, assisted by airmen of the Western Air Express, Inc.

Fred K. Kelly, pilot for the Western Air Express, is accompanying Captain Herold on the charting cruise. The flyers make stops every ten miles between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, establishing emergency landing fields.

Western Air Express, Inc., holder of the government air-mail contract between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, plans to commence operations early in April, giving southern California a direct transcontinental mail service and cutting mail time between this section and points east of Chicago by more than 48 hours.

JACK KEARNS HAS WOULD-BE 'CHAMP'

LOS ANGELES, March 13—(U.P.)—Jack Kearns, deposed manager of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is working on a new heavyweight, "Jake" Dorrell.

Dorrell is 23 years old and weighs 195 pounds. He is being trained daily by Teddy Hayes, former trainer of Dempsey, and secretary and assistant to Kearns.



Commented for Her Coolness



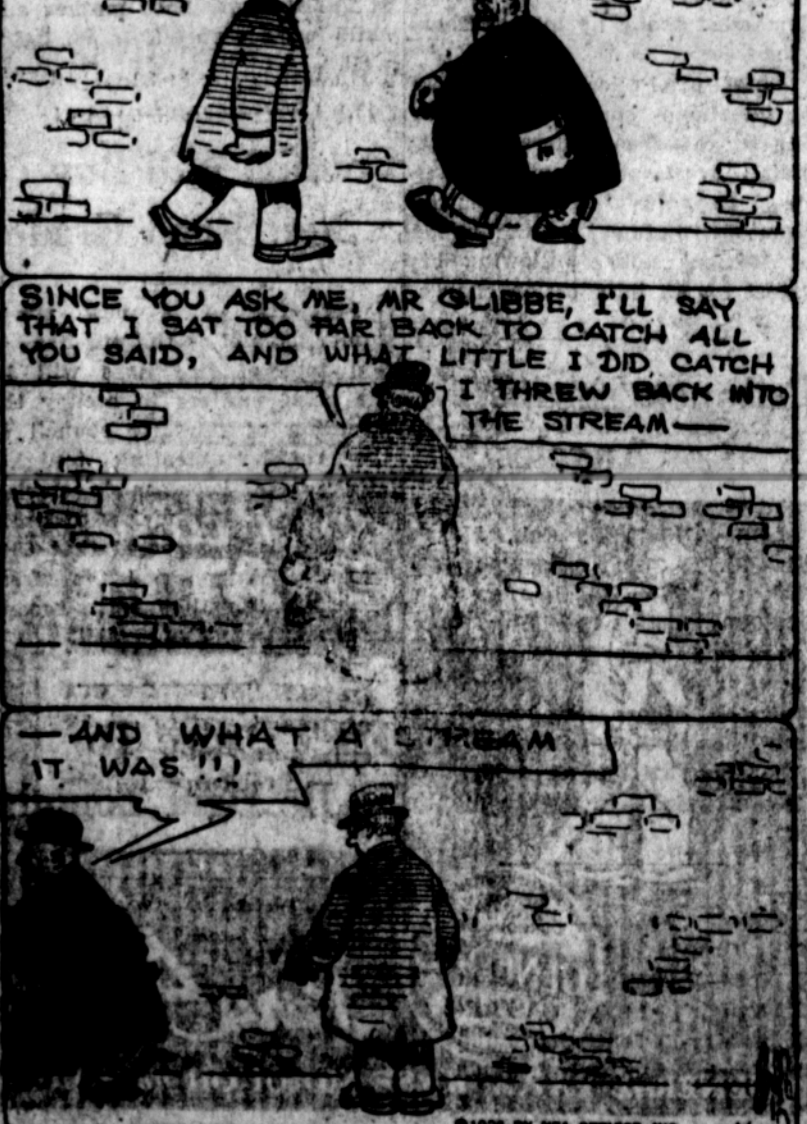
Miss Agnes Wright, a Kenosha, Wis., physician's assistant, was twice on railway cars that figured in accidents, and each time she administered first aid with a promptness and coolness that won her a citation from the railroad president. On one occasion she saved a man from bleeding to death.

All over the world are traditions concerning cats, perhaps the most common being that if any cat—but especially a black one—comes to the house it is a sign of good fortune, so long as the creature is kindly treated.

The Chinese alone dislike the advent of a black cat; to them it is a warning of sickness.

New Zealand's nearest neighbor is Australia, 1200 miles away.

Outbursts of Everett True



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