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**Faith with Works.** Everywhere over the dwellings of the natives of the great central plateau of Bolivia is the grass cross. Charles M. Pepper, the author of "Panama to Patagonia," states that he rarely found a hut without this symbolism.

The cross, he was told, was blessed by the priest, and then it kept out the rain, which at times is very heavy. One old man, whose undoubted orthodoxy was, at least, without a crust of superstition, was asked if the crosses really did keep out the rain.

"Yes, if the roof is a good one," he gravely replied.

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## SKIN DISEASES HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood drips, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### REFORM IN POSTAL SERVICE.

#### Commission to Suggest Improvements for Meyer to Execute.

Washington, March 6.—President Roosevelt today had a conference with Postmaster General Meyer, and members of the postal commission, including Senators Penrose and Carter and Representatives Overstreet and Gardner of New Jersey. The commission is to make a thorough investigation of the methods of the administration employed in the postal service, with the view to suggesting reforms and improvements that may be for the betterment of the service. There was a general exchange of ideas between the president and his callers regarding the work. Mr. Meyer believes that the most improved business methods should be adopted in all branches of the postal service, with a view to its being entirely self-supporting, and that reforms should be put into effect wherever there is any evidence of a want of system or laxity of methods.

### NO ACTION ON CHINESE LABOR

#### Government Releases Bidders From Obligations Under Bids.

Washington, March 8.—Frederick Morse, of the American-China company, and Julian Rubens, who have submitted proposals to the Isthmian Canal commission to supply Chinese laborers for the canal work, have addressed an inquiry to Secretary Taft as to the decision of the department upon their bids, which have been pending since last fall. Action has been deferred on these bids because the administration was not certain that the work would be done by contract or continue under government management. Meanwhile the bidders have become impatient and Mr. Morse called on Mr. Taft today, with the result that they went to the White House and discussed the matter with the president. Later the following statement was given out at the War department: "In view of the changes which have taken place in the management on the Isthmus, the persons making bids for Chinese labor, which have long been pending, have been notified that no action will be taken in respect to them; that they are released from all obligations under their bids, and that, if occasion should arise for a renewal of bids for Chinese labor, they would be notified."

### STUDY COAST DEFENSE.

#### Absence of Many Regulars Prevents Usual Encampments.

Washington, March 7.—Assistant Secretary Oliver has notified the governors of the various states and territories which have an organized militia force that it has been found necessary to omit for this year the contemplated annual brigade and division encampments for the instruction of the infantry, cavalry and field artillery of the regular army, as many posts will be depleted by reason of the absence of about 6,000 troops in Cuba, a considerable number at the Jamestown exposition and the movement of a large portion of the army to the Philippines.

### Gets Deserved Promotion.

Washington, March 12.—No government official ever earned promotion more than F. H. Newell, who was today made director of the reclamation service, succeeding O. D. Walcott. Mr. Newell entered the government service in 1888, first undertaking general irrigation surveys and later taking charge of the hydrographic bureau, when it was formed. For 18 years he has devoted his entire time to studying the resources and irrigation possibilities of the arid West, and he is now better informed on this subject than any other living man.

### Will Transfer Inspectors.

Washington, March 12.—Secretary Straus, of the department of Commerce and Labor, is greatly dissatisfied with the present methods of inspecting ship construction, and today announced that marked reform is to be immediately inaugurated with a view to increased efficiency of service and reducing the chances of disaster. He has directed a change in the station of all inspectors of hulls and boilers throughout the United States and will ask Congress next winter to authorize him to keep inspectors continually on the move.

### May Graduate to Consulate.

Washington, March 6.—At the joint request of Senator Fulton and John Barrett, the president has designated Isaac A. Manning, of Portland, for examination with a view to appointment to a consular position in South America. Under the new law only persons designated by the president may take the examination and those making a higher mark are appointed to existing vacancies. Mr. Manning makes a good showing, his appointment to some South American post is probable.

### Forest Rangers for Idaho.

Washington, March 9.—The following forest rangers have been appointed in Idaho: W. A. Wickersham, J. W. Hill, H. A. Beigh, C. T. Gray, J. L. Wooden, C. K. Hoyt, of Boise; G. W. Huddnutt, Badger; C. H. Huff, Priest River; H. O. Rose, Weston; J. D. McCall, Lardo; G. F. Johnson, Meacham; D. H. Kerby, C. E. Herrich, Alphi; W. M. Carrhell, Weiser.

### Henri Post for Governor.

Washington, March 6.—Mr. Henri Post, of Bayport, L. I., and a former assemblyman for that district, has been selected as governor of Porto Rico by the president to succeed Governor Winthrop, who is to become assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. Post is now secretary of the insular government, and is about 43 years of age.

### Ballinger Takes Office.

Washington, March 6.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger, of Washington, yesterday succeeded Governor William A. Richards of Wyoming as commissioner of the general land office. After being sworn in, Mr. Ballinger had an informal conference with the bureau and division chiefs. Judge Ballinger enters upon his duties as commissioner coincidentally with the entrance of James R. Garfield as secretary of the interior. Secretary Garfield and Judge Ballinger were classmates at college. J. H. Ballinger, of Seattle, is his secretary.

### Canal Employees in Bad Humor.

Panama, March 5.—An order issued by the canal authorities has caused much comment and dissatisfaction among the employees. The order abolishes cumulative leaves of absence and obliges all those entitled to three months' leave to take it on April 1, or lose the right to any leave at all. Many of the employees intend to ask for their leave at once, and their action may disorganize the situation, besides handicapping the work of the several departments. Indignation meetings are being held along the line.

### Square Deal in Weighing Mail.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—It was announced today at the Postoffice department that the following order was issued by Postmaster General Cortelyou on March 1: "That whenever the weight of mail is taken on railroad routes performing service certain days per week, the whole number of days the mails are weighed shall be used as a divisor for obtaining the average weight per day." It is believed this will be a fairer deal.

### Stevens Making Good Record.

Washington, March 6.—Chief Engineer Stevens is trying to make a record before he turns the Panama work over to his successor, Colonel Goethals, as is evidenced by a cablegram from him received by Secretary Taft, which says: "In 23 working days in February excavation in the Colaba cut was 638, 644 yards. On the same basis a full month would have been 722,000 yards. March should go considerably over 800,000 yards."

## THE VALUE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

Personal knowledge is the winning factor in the culminating contests of this competitive age and when of ample character it places its fortunate possessor in the front ranks of the well informed of the world. A vast fund of personal knowledge is really essential to the achievement of the highest excellence in any field of human effort. A Knowledge of Forms, Knowledge of Functions and Knowledge of Products are all of the utmost value and in questions of life and health when a true and wholesome remedy is desired it should be remembered that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., is an ethical product which has met with the approval of the most eminent physicians and gives universal satisfaction, because it is a remedy of Known Quality, Known Excellence and Known Component Parts and has won the valuable patronage of millions of the Well Informed of the world, who know of their own personal knowledge and from actual use that it is the first and best of family laxatives, for which no extravagant or unreasonable claims are made. This valuable remedy has been long and favorably known under the name of—Syrup of Figs—and has attained to world-wide acceptance as the most excellent family laxative. As its pure laxative principles, obtained from Senna, are well known to physicians and the Well Informed of the world to be the best we have adopted the more elaborate name of—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—as more fully descriptive of the remedy, but doubtless it will always be called for by the shorter name of—Syrup of Figs—and get its beneficial effects, always note, when purchasing, the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package, whether you call for—Syrup of Figs— or by the full name—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna.



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**Open House.** Father had just sunk the carving knife in the turkey when there came the usual ring at the bell. "Look here, Maud," he said, sternly, "if that young man of yours is going to call four nights a week regularly, tell him to come after dinner."

**"It isn't necessary, father," replied the young girl. "That's what he comes after."—New York Press.**

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**Stock Answer.** "Mr. Diggs," said the hostess, who was giving an "at home," "that Mr. McMunnery, whom you introduced to me, does not look the least bit like a literary man, yet you say he has made a fortune by his pen."

**"So he has, Mrs. Griggs," answered the privileged friend. "Cattle pen."—Chicago Tribune.**

**Bobby's Joke.** "Pa," said Bobby, as he leaned over the deck rail, "what kind of a boat is that out on the lake?" "That," replied Pa, as he raised his glass, "is a sister ship to the one we are on."

Bobby watched the big funnels for a while, and then said: "Pa, I think that must be a brother ship."

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