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Masculine Brutality.

Mrs. Jennet Lee Oniego had been compelled to abandon a contemplated trip up the Nile, in consequence of the financial stringency, and was weeping softly. "Crocodile tears," commented her unfeeling husband.

The French government has adopted a method of treating macadamized roads with hot coal tar thinned with about 10 per cent of oil. The cost is said to work out at about eight-tenths of a cent a square yard.

Korea is probably more responsive to missionary effort than any oriental country. A Methodist missionary writes: "It is my honest conviction that had we the proper missionary force Korea would be a Christian nation in five or ten years."

Red seems to be the most popular of national colors, if flags may be used as criterions. Of the twenty-five leading national flags nineteen have red in them. No other color is so much used.

Experiments made by German scientists show that butter keeps best when preserved with from 3 to 5 per cent of salt. If the proportion of salt is higher than that the results are less satisfactory.

What It Is For.

Wife—Must you go to the club tonight, dear? Husband—It isn't absolutely necessary, but I need the rest.—Life.

The Queen of Italy offered an international cup to be presented to the first aeronaut who succeeds in crossing the Alps by balloon.

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Reorganization of Postoffice Department Recommended.

HIRE CHIEF DIRECTOR OF POSTS

Commission Suggests Long Term for Head of Department at High Salary—Less Red Tape.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Congress today received a preliminary report of the joint commission appointed during the last congress to investigate the business methods of the postoffice department and postoffice service and submit recommendations for legislation to effect changes in their administration. The commission, consisting of Senators Penrose, Carter and Clay, and Representatives Overstreet, Gardner of New Jersey, and Moon, points out many objectionable methods of both departments. Among the recommendations is a plan to place the actual direction of the business of the postoffice department under the service of an officer, with necessary assistants to be appointed by the president, "by and with the advice and consent of the senate," for long terms, so as to insure the continuance of efficient service. Under the plan the postmaster-general, as a member of the cabinet, is chargeable with general supervisory control and the determination of question of policy.

The commission also recommends that the business of the department be decentralized so as to avoid the congestion at the national capital which impairs the efficiency and increases the cost of the service; that the bookkeeping, auditing and accounting be simplified, unified and centralized to secure greater accuracy, more prompt methods and elimination of duplication of work; and that the practice of requiring needless detailed reports from small post-offices be discontinued. The moderate application of the non-accounting system to small offices will eliminate about \$3,000, or nearly one-half, of all the postoffice accounts from the present complex report and book-keeping system, or would at least greatly simplify the same. The commission says:

"It appears too obvious to require argument that the most efficient service can never be expected as long as the direction of the business is, as at present entrusted to a postmaster-general and certain assistants selected without special reference to experience and qualifications and subject to frequent change. Under such a system a large railroad, commercial or industrial business would eventually go into bankruptcy, and the postoffice department has averted that fate only because the United States treasury has been available to meet deficiencies."

PUSH BACK GUARD.

Eager Portuguese Almost Create Panic at Royal Funeral.

Lisbon, Feb. 11.—The bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Philippe were yesterday laid away beside those of their royal ancestors in the sacred sepulchre in the Pantheon. A great crowd, numbering thousands, struggled outside the cathedral of San Vicente, seeking to enter the view the bodies before the doors were finally closed for the ceremony. Brushing back the police and the guard of Royal Archers, they poured into the church, sweeping everything before them.

When the doors eventually were closed to the public, the ceremony of entombment was begun. All the ministers of state were present. The patriarch of Lisbon, wearing pontifical vestments, and assisted by other high church officials, blessed the sacrament, the cathedral and palace choirs chanted the "Libera Me" and to the intoning of "De Profundis" the coffin of the Crown Prince was transported between double ranks of archers, preceded by a long procession. In a similar manner the body of the King was borne to the tomb.

Boiler Tubes Explode.

Vallajo, Cal., Feb. 11.—Boiler tubes on the cruiser St. Louis blew out at noon today while the St. Louis was off Sausalito. E. E. Scott, coal passer; F. Thompson, water tender; E. W. Baker, fireman of the first class, were horribly scalded with steam. The origin of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed to have been caused by cold water running into hot pipes. It is not believed any of the injured will die. A rigid investigation is under way.

Franco Travels Again.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 11.—Senor Franco, the ex-Premier of Portugal, with his wife and son, left this city by train at 7:43 this morning for Marseilles. The departure was sudden, the hotel authorities being notified of the step at the last moment. Senor Franco appeared rested from his stay here. He is less depressed and he walked over to the train at a quick step. He was accompanied by French detectives. There were no people at the railroad station.

Snow in South Carolina.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 11.—Spartanburg is buried under seven inches of snow. It is the heaviest fall in many years. It occurred last night and today. The weather is now the coldest of the winter—22 degrees above zero.

The Jar of Coughing. Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops the coughing, and heals the torn membranes.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Also Manufacturers of SASSAPARILLA PILLS, BACR VIGOR.

Its Lasting Effect. "Rippling, did you ever convert anybody to your way of thinking by your street corner oratory?" "I know of one, anyhow, and it made a changed man of him."

Rocky. Tenderfoot—I hear you have started up a new quartz mill. How are you doing with it? Mine Owner—Gneissly, thank you.

Opinion of a Connoisseur. "Mr. Spoonman, don't you think a kiss 295 seconds in duration is a great deal too long to be agreeable?" "Well, that depends entirely on the desirability of the kissee."

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Have Your New ten-dollar gold piece has arrived. And we got one in our clutches by a squeeze: Have you noticed that the breeches on the turkey on the coin Are considerably baggy at the knees?—Houston Post.

Probable Outcome. Chronic Kicker—What do you suppose would happen to your boasted fleet if it should get into a real battle? Phlegmatic Citizen—O, I suppose we'd get licked—same as we've always been.

Sprains. Any sudden turn or twist which may throw a member out of its normal position is likely to cause a sprain, which is really a sudden and more or less serious wrench or twist of a ligament or of the muscles controlling the ligaments. Use hot water for bathing the sprain; dry the surface and apply St. Jacobs Oil as for soreness and stiffness.

Reduction. The old nag was jogging up the hill with the elopers. "Yes," said the old nag, "it is rather tough pulling them up to the parsonage, but it will be easier coming back."

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by H.A.'s Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

His Personal View of It. Admiring Constituent—Senator, you have your own opinion of this currency question, haven't you? Senator Lottman—Yes, sir, and I suppose I have answered it hundreds of times. It's nobody's business how a man gets his currency.

Austrian mines are provided with rescue chambers at convenient locations underground. They are equipped with food and conveniences for miners in case of accident.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna acts gently yet promptly on the bowels, cleanses the system effectually, assists one in overcoming habitual constipation permanently. To get its beneficial effects buy the genuine. Manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY LEADING DRUGGISTS—50¢ per BOTTLE.

POULTRY RAISING IN OREGON.

Extracts From Oregon Experiment Station Bulletin.

The climate of Oregon from a poultryman's standpoint is discussed by James Dryden in Bulletin No. 96 of the Oregon Experiment station which has recently been published. Among other things the writer says:

It is of course worth considering by the man looking for a location whether Western Oregon with its open winters and freedom from snow and zero temperatures does not offer opportunities for the production of eggs and poultry that are not found in Eastern and Middle West states. That poultry thrive in cold sections where snow and zero weather prevail is not to be denied, but the labor and expense of caring for them is undoubtedly greater there. To secure an egg yield in winter where the climate is severe entails more expense for housing and more care in the feeding. It is probably true that the smallest profits are made during the winter months though the prices are very much higher than in spring and summer, because the egg yield is so small from the average flock as to leave little or no margin of profit. It is also true that the egg yield is quickly affected by changes in the weather, especially in the temperature. A sudden change from mild to cold weather means a certain check in the egg production, and although the weather soon moderates it will often take several weeks before the egg yield gets back to where it was. The only way to prevent this is to provide housing that will protect the fowls from too sudden changes in temperature. This entails more expense in housing and consequently diminished profits, but what is of more importance is the highly artificial conditions that it necessitates.

It would appear therefore that there are certain advantages that this state possesses over sections of the country where zero weather and snow prevail. First, a milder climate and less severe changes in temperature than is characteristic of Eastern states. Second, in sections of the state with no snowfall the poultry can range over the fields and find animal food and green food which are often hard to get where the snow covers the ground.

The heavy rainfall of Western Oregon, and small percentage of sunshine may be set down as a disadvantage, but when the nature of the rainfall is understood it is doubtful whether it is very much of a detriment. Owing to the moderating influence of the Pacific ocean these rains are warm and have not the chilling effect of the rains in Eastern states. The temperature of Western Oregon in the winter months is usually higher when it rains than when the sky is cloudless, and the fowls will usually be found out in the rain except when it is very heavy, which is not the case. One poultryman in Marion county said to the writer in November, before the rainy season set in, that he wished it would rain, because, he said, his hens laid better when it rained. The explanation of this, if it is true, may not be in the rain itself, but in the fact that it brings to the surface many angle-worms, which supply the lack of animal food in the ration.

Turkeys are successfully raised in Oregon, and turkeys are known to be easily affected by rain, but the fact that the rains are warm no doubt largely accounts for the success in turkey raising in this state. Douglas county in Oregon produces several times more turkeys than the state of Rhode Island, noted for turkeys. Another thing in favor of the mild climate and freedom from snow is that the fowls are able to secure practically the year round all the green food necessary in the fields. And finally, the fowls in their search for food in the fields get the exercise which is necessary for it is worthy of mention in this connection that the largest special poultry district in the United States is found in Northern California, that has no snowfall. That district is somewhat similar to that of Western Oregon, with its open winters, mild and humid climate and nearness to the ocean.

My investigations of the poultry industry of Oregon have been confined to the western part of the state, the region west of the Cascade mountains. This section at the present time produces more poultry products than the larger area of the state east of the Cascades. As the agriculture of Central and Eastern Oregon becomes developed we may expect greater development of poultry-keeping, and probably in time that great agricultural area may produce more poultry products than the older section of the state in Western Oregon. The climatic conditions are different east of the mountains, the heavy rainfall is absent and snow covers the ground during part of the winter. The climate there is more characteristic of the Rocky mountain region, though no such severe weather prevails as in the Middle and Northwestern states. It should prove that a dry climate with plenty of sunshine but lacking the severe winter changes of temperature of the East is the ideal one for poultry, we may expect a great growth of the poultry industry east of the Cascades in Oregon. Undoubtedly on the grain ranches of Central and Eastern Oregon where food is cheap there is opportunity for great profit in poultry raising.

Danish Macaroni Salad. Break one-fourth pound of macaroni into 2-inch pieces, cover with a quart of cold water, salted, and boil briskly until tender. Whip a half-pint of whipping cream, mix with one-half as much boiled salad dressing, season and add vinegar or lemon juice to taste. Mix the macaroni with this heap in center of round dish and garnish with a border of hot boiled fish, or of overlapping slices of cold meat.

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 dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, 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.

I suffered with Eczema for forty years and could find nothing to cure me until I tried S. S. S. I suffered intensely with the itching and burning; pustules would form from which there flowed a sticky fluid; crusts would come on the skin and when scratched off the skin was left as raw as a piece of beef. I suffered agony in the long years I was afflicted, but when I used S. S. S. I found a perfect cure. There has never been any return of the trouble. C. H. EVANS, Stockman, Neb.

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An Oversight. "I want to pay this bill," he said at the hotel bar, "but I think you have made a slight error here in my favor. I've been reading over the extras, and I cannot find that you have charged anything for telling me you thought it might rain."

He Dodged. "So Borrowings owes you money. Well, I think he'll pay you back some day, but you can't make him hurry." "Don't you believe it. The mere sight of me walking along the street has made him hurry several times lately."—Philadelphia Press.

Most Direct Route. "How did your husband get out of the building after he had located the gas leak?" asked the reporter. "As nearly as he could remember it afterward," said the woman, "he went out through the roof."

Recognized His Failing. Woman of the House—A big, strong fellow like you ought to be willing to work and earn his own living. Languid Launcelet—That's wot ails me, ma'am. Me muscles is all right, but me will power is all gone.

Name Had Escaped Her. "Professor," said Mrs. Gaswell to the distinguished musician who had been engaged at a high price to entertain her guests, "what was that lovely selection you played just now?" "That, madam," he answered, glancing at her, "was an improvisation." "Ah, yes, I remember now. I knew it was an old favorite, but I couldn't think of the name of it, to save me."

Short-Sighted. "Why don't you farmers do something to improve your roads?" "What for?" asked the old settler. "It would improve the value of your farms." "Yes; and the more value we get up, the more taxes we might have to pay."—Washington Star.

Bullheaded. "Cyrus," hastily exclaimed Mrs. Jymes, "you ought to be careful how you let Fido eat out of your hand?" "Why, there isn't a bit of danger," said Mr. Jymes. "He wouldn't harm a fly." "O, I know there's no danger to you," impatiently rejoined his wife. "I was thinking of Fido."

Wayside Communion. Warehouse Long—Wot started the hard times, anyway? Tufoold Knutt—We did, ye ole fool. We was sufferin' with 'em long 'fore anybody else caught 'em.

Only One "BROMO QUININE." That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Neighborly Cordiality. Mrs. Gadder (rising to depart)—Well, you must come and call on me some day. It's your own row now.

Mrs. Chillico-Kearney—Yes; I think it has been my turn for the last five or six times, hasn't it?—Chicago Tribune.

Berlin authorities have passed a law putting a tax on cats, and now when one of them is found without the metal tag which shows that the tax has been paid it is chloroformed.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Easily Understood. "I love a dim, religious light," she murmured. "I was brought up in Pittsburg, too," he said.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher.

Couldn't Take the Job. An inland graduate came to New York to seek employment. Through a friend he received an offer of a place as shipping clerk to a certain firm. In reply he wrote as follows: "I regret that I cannot accept your kind offer of a position as shipping clerk, but the fact is that I am always sick when on the water."—Success Magazine.

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