

Shiloh Relief Corps, No. 28
Meetings held 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2:30 p. m., in L. O. F. hall, corner of First and Meridian streets.
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Newberg Lodge No. 104 A. F. & A. M. Regular meeting Second and Fourth Thursday evening of each month.
Visiting brothers always welcome.
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WHY HE "POKED HIM ONE"

Baseball Fiend Gave Good Reason for Assault, but Judge Was Strangely Unsympathetic.

"You see, y'r honor, this here guy he comes into my cigar store along in the afternoon of the last day of the serious and taps on the showcase kinder soft and patient, like he wants a cigar but can wait, and we lets him wait, becuz me an' my partner is havin' a hot argument about the game, my partner bein' once an inmate of Cincinnati.

"We ain't noticin' the lapse of time nor customers nor nothin'—when a man's patriotism's involved he oughtn't to pay any attention to his personal business, I think—and when we'd argued till we was black in the face without gettin' anywhere we got sensible, and my partner he says, 'Well, you big stiff, I betcha five dollars the Reds takes today's game!'

"You're on!" I says, an' I digs up a five spot and he covers it an' we asks this here strange bird to hold stakes and tells him the bet.

"Sure!" he says, "anything to accommodate while I'm waitin'." And he takes the ten dollars and hands it over to my partner, sayin' "The money's yours—the Reds win. I got it just before I come in here. You can telephone for verification if you like," he says as I begin to splutter.

"Which just then the phone rings and Harry Nick calls me up and tells me the score. And I turn to this here guy and says, 'For the love o' Pete, you poor fish—did you stand there and listen to me make that bet and let me lose my good money and never say a word?' 'Well, it wasn't nothin' to me,' he says. 'I come in here to buy a cigar.' So I pokes him one, y'r honor, an' I think it was comin' to 'em!'

"Maybe your partner will pay your fine," said the court. "It will be just ten dollars."—Chicago News.

RESULT OF CROSS BREEDING

Qualities of Domestic Animals Improved by the Addition of Blood of Other Species.

The Indian of Alaska crosses his sledge dogs with the wild wolf, and so has produced a dog which is enormously strong, can live on very little, can stand any degree of cold, and which can pull a sledge better than any other animal of its size.

The dog and the fox have been crossed, also the dog and the jackal. Even the lion and the tiger have been mated. In a group of trained animals seen in New York a few years ago was a lion-tiger. It had a tiger's body faintly striped, but the head of a lion with a mane.

The European pheasant, which, from in-breeding, was becoming liable to disease, has been enormously improved and strengthened by crossing with the wild Asiatic pheasant brought from Central Asia. In the same way new varieties of deer have been obtained by crossing the small Persian deer with the European fallow.

The ordinary white ferret is an amiable creature, but, rather slow. Crossed with the savage little wild stoat, the result is the fitchet, smaller than the ferret, but much more active and fierce, and the finest creature in existence for working either rats or rabbits.

Nature's Wonderful Work.

The Great Barrier reef of Australia varies in width from ten to ninety miles, and is 1,255 miles long—a monumental result of the labors of myriads of tiny animals! Atolls, or coral rings inclosing a lagoon (with no central island), have been responsible for a deal of animated discussion; the generally accepted theory now being that the existing ring began as usual around and near to an island which has subsequently sunk and passed from knowledge, the coral keeping pace in upward growth—varying with circumstances from roughly one to three inches per year—with the sinking foundation. Barbados is built up almost entirely of coral, lumps of it taking the place of stones in the naturally shallow soil of the island, and the now high and dry dolomites of Austria are largely old coral reefs.

Philippine Climate Healthy.

The climate of the Philippines is one of the best in the tropics. The islands extend from 5 degrees to 21 degrees north latitude, and Manila is in 14 degrees 35 minutes. The thermometer during July and August rarely goes below 79 or above 85. The extreme ranges in a year are said to be 61 and 97, and the annual mean temperature 81. There are three well marked seasons—temperate and dry from November to February, hot and dry from March to May, and temperate and wet from June to October. The rainy season reaches its maximum in July and August, when the rains are constant and very heavy. The total rainfall has been as high as 114 inches in one year.

New Floor Machine.

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The Kind.

"I see where music has been recommended as medical treatment to the doctors."

"But suppose one were called to cure a brainstorm?"

"He might try a jazz band."

Very Acceptable Just Now.

"Pa, what is elastic currency?"

"The kind that would come in very handy just now to stretch over the holiday season."

CHURCHES PLAN TO AID RURAL LIFE

Interchurch World Movement Surveyors Find Lethargy in Oregon.

The church used to have to compete with the saloon as the center of recreation. Now it has to compete with the movie, the dance-hall and the motor car.

This is the view of the problem facing rural churches Oregon, of surveyors for the Interchurch World Movement who have spent months making investigations of conditions in the state.

"We cannot complain because these other attractions are drawing the people away from the church," said one,

"so long as we do not provide any alternative social attractions. The church has to meet the demands of the community in which it exists, physical and recreational as well as spiritual, and so long as it does not meet them it cannot protest against the fact that the dance-hall and movies occupy the leisure time of the younger people, while the whole family is lured by the prospect of a motor trip rather than by what the church at present has to offer.

"The church has to offer something better. It will not accomplish much by denouncing the dance-hall and other amusements of which it disapproves so long as its criticism is merely negative. It has to take a positive course and provide entertainment and recreation of genuine attraction and so oust the bad with the good. I know of one Sunday school that faced this problem in a vigorous way. It found that the local pool hall was attracting large numbers of young men, so it bought the pool tables, thus closing the pool hall. But it did not stop there. It offered entertainment which effectively reached these young men who had previously spent their time at the pool hall. We can have movies in the church too, especially those educational films which can easily be got from the Government departments."

Some surveyors found that there was a general lack of interest in the church and religious things in the rural districts which they visited. "Pastors are becoming discouraged," one said, "and spend part of their time working on farms instead of putting all their effort into church work."

The results of these surveys will form an important part of the program at the conference to be held in this county early in April.



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