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**MUZLES AND MUZZLES**

Our war and navy departments while asking congress for millions of dollars of spending money have belittled the air service, which in all probability will decide future wars.

A spectacular show was given some time since when a hulk was bombarded from the air, care being taken not to harm it, and then it was destroyed by gunfire from a ship.

Brigadier General Mitchell exposed the farce, after having, at the direction of President Coolidge, obtained authority from his superior officer to do so. The powers that be have fumed and snorted over his lese majeste in criticising the navy and he is now demoted. But Navy Secre- is no attempt to muzzle anybody.

**Puzzle:** When is a muzzle not a muzzle?

In California an officer was railroaded into Napa insane asylum because, his friends assert, he knew facts damaging to his superior officers. Attempts to get him out through action of state courts failed. If he gets an investigation it is to be by the military authorities who put him in the asylum, and if they are forced to admit that he is sane they announce that they will court martial him for the things he has said.

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**PERNICIOUS DIGNITY**

The people of the United States pay more for luxuries than for articles of necessity. The tobacco and candy bills of the country would suffice, if saved, to feed every man, woman and child rationally and according to the natural laws of health.

But the most expensive burden of waste we carry is placed upon us by the national and state legislative bodies.

Governor Pierce, by the use of the veto, has cut off half a million dollars of the waste which the recent legislature wished upon us. Vice-president Dawes on inauguration day created a sensation and some mirth and some wrath by mentioning some of the costly fooleries which the dignified United States senate imposes upon us. The amendment of the senate's rules which he outlines as needed, the cutting out of the "filibuster" from among senatorial practices and a settling down to transaction of business instead of killing of time would cause a big cut in the cost of government and soften hard times, but is such a boon to the public probable? Not in any way yet apparent.

The response of the senate to the plain honesty of Mr. Dawes' statement was a drawing back farther into the shell of "dignity" with which that body protects itself from anything like common sense or common honesty. For it is quite as dishonest for a lawmaker as for a hod-carrier to shirk and loaf on his job at the expense of his employer. The people who carry the burden of taxation are the employers of congress and of the state legislatures, and when those bodies fritter away their time on non-essentials and when they make extra sessions necessary because their work was not done when it ought to have been, they dishonestly cause us millions of dollars of expense. But what do they care? They get their salaries, at figures fixed by themselves, and the world wags on.

The use of tobacco has become almost universal among the men of America, yet the department of agriculture reported in last week's Enterprise a reduced production of the plant in almost all sections. In this con-

nection it is interesting to note that there were in the late Oregon legislative session but three or four members of the joint ways and means committee of 14 members who use the weed. In the house membership of seven, but one smoked and he but sparingly. And they put a tax on cigarets and tobacco. Let luxury users pay the bills.

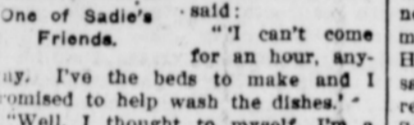
The head-editor, which is not the head-editor, of the Albany Democrat locates Nicaragua in Mexico in a story about the hunt for the DeAutremont brothers. Well, they are as likely to be in Mexico as in any of the other places where announcement of their discovery has been made and retracted.

The affections of a woman who can be alienated from a decent husband aren't worth going to law about. Any other kind of a husband deserves as bad as he gets and no damages.



**MRS. DUCK'S DELIGHT**

"Quack, quack, quack-quack," said Mrs. Duck. "I never knew how lucky I was until yesterday. I always thought I was a busy duck. But I find I'm not nearly so busy as little Sadie is. 'One of Sadie's friends came around to see her yesterday and she said: 'Come on, Sadie, come on out and play.' 'But Sadie called back and said: 'I can't come for an hour, any- way. I've the beds to make and I promised to help wash the dishes.' 'Well, I thought to myself, I'm a lucky duck. I don't have to make beds and I don't have to wash dishes. 'Of course I would have a nice place to wash them in, here in the brook, and I could use pleasant weeds as fish rags, but still I'm glad I don't bother with all such things.' 'I agree with you, quack, quack, quack-quack,' said Miss Duck. 'Ah, yes,' said Mrs. Duck. 'It is so much simpler to have no dishes at all, but just eat as one goes along. 'Now, when a cow is taken to some other place and has to go in a wagon and then on a train in a stupid small place, after having been in the lovely meadow, I say to myself: 'Poor cow. You've known better ways. 'I've seen the trains go by the station at the far end of my brook. 'And I've thought to myself how lucky I was, not to be a cow. Then it's much nicer to live in a brook than anywhere else—even than in a palace. 'Of course, Bessie, the farmer's old horse is very lucky. You know Bessie is quite old and doesn't have to work any more. 'Bessie is allowed to wander anywhere she likes. 'She is a wonderful horse, for she goes down the paths and the walks, but never steps on the lawn or the grass anywhere except in the meadow. 'The farmer adores her and all the members of the farmer's family adore her. 'But, just the same, I think I'm a very lucky duck. It gives me delight to think how lucky I am. 'Now I must go down to see Miss White Duck at the end of the pond. 'I said I'd have a drink of brook water and a bite of bug with her this afternoon. 'Were you invited?' 'Yes, yes, indeed,' said Miss Duck. 'I'd almost forgotten. I was so interested in what you were saying.' 'Ah, you flatter me, but it is most delightful, too. Well, I suppose we must be off.' So the two ducks started for the end of the pond and there Miss White Duck was waiting for them. 'Quack, quack, good-afternoon, Duck ladies,' she said. 'Good-afternoon, quack, quack,' said Mrs. Duck. 'Good-afternoon, quack, quack,' said Miss Duck. 'Horrid weather we've been having lately, quack, quack, is it not so?' said Miss White Duck. 'Terrible,' said Mrs. Duck. 'Quack, quack, terrible.' 'Horrible, quack, quack, horrible,' said Miss Duck. 'And yet, come to think of it, it hasn't been so very bad,' said Miss White Duck. 'No, come to think of it, it might have been much worse, quack, quack,'



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said Mrs. Duck. "True," said Miss Duck. "Quack, quack, it might have really been bad."

They had their brook water and several insects apiece, and after they had chatted some more about the water and the insects Mrs. Duck said she'd have to be getting home to her family.

"Such a lovely time as I've had; thank you so much, dear Miss White Duck."

"I, too, have had a beautiful time," said Miss Duck. And Miss White Duck said: "Quack, quack, it has been such a pleasure to see you both. Do call soon again. Just drop in any time. Any time at all."

"Ah, yes," said Mrs. Duck, as she reached her special home section, "it is my delight that I am a duck. I have such a ducky time, quack, quack."

**International S. S. Lesson**

**Lesson for March 15**

**OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION**

LESSON TEXT—John 20:1-29. GOLDEN TEXT—"The Lord is risen indeed."—Luke 24:34. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Rises From the Dead. JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Risen From the Dead. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christ's Victory Over Death. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Proofs of the Resurrection of Jesus.

The resurrection of Christ is one of the foundation truths of Christianity. Its entire superstructure stands or falls upon its reality. It is the grand proof that Christ was what He claimed to be, the Messiah, the Son of God (Matt. 12:39-40; John 2:19-21). His resurrection authenticated His claims. If Jesus did not rise from Joseph's tomb, He was not the Son of God, nor a true prophet (He said frequently while alive that He would arise). However, if He did arise, all that He said concerning Himself is true. His resurrection declared Him to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:4).

**I. The Empty Tomb (vv. 1-10).**

John does not enter into a description of the resurrection of Christ, but says the tomb was empty, and that Jesus had repeatedly manifested Himself after the tomb was found empty. To see the body of Christ with a spear thrust and nail prints, and then the empty tomb was all that faith needed.

**1. The Testimony of Mary Magdalene (vv. 1-2).**

This woman out of whom Jesus had cast seven demons (Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2), announced the fact of the empty tomb to Peter and John. Prompted by great love to Him for His kindness to her, she went early to the tomb even "when it was yet dark." "She was last at the cross, and first at the grave. She stayed longest there and was soonest here." This woman's love for the Master was genuine though her knowledge as to His resurrection was defective. She had realized great good at His hand, therefore she could not rest until she had done her utmost for Him.

**2. Personal Investigation by Peter and John (vv. 3, 10).**

The news of the empty tomb which Mary brought with breathless haste so moved John and Peter that both ran to investigate. When John came to the empty tomb he gazed into it, but Peter entered it. This investigation convinced them. The removal of the stone from the sepulcher and the arrangement of the grave clothes convinced them that the enemy could not have done this.

**II. The Manifestation of the Risen Lord (vv. 11-29).**

**1. To Mary Magdalene (vv. 11-18).**

(1) Mary Weeping at the Empty Tomb (v. 11). Peter and John went home, but Mary could not. She stood weeping. Home was nothing to her while her Lord was missing. Earnest love need not weep long for Jesus is found of those who love Him. She should have been rejoicing that the grave was empty, for the empty tomb was eloquent proof of His messiahship and deity. Had His body been there she would have had real cause for weeping.

**(2) Mary Questioned by the Angels (vv. 12-18).**

She viewed through her tears angels at the tomb who inquired as to the cause of her sorrow. She replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him."

**(3) Jesus Reveals Himself to Mary (vv. 14-16).**

She first saw the angels and then her eyes lighted upon the Lord. As soon as He called her by name she recognized Him and fell at His feet weeping.

**(4) Jesus Forbade Her to Touch Him (v. 17).**

This showed that she was coming into a new relationship to Him; besides there was not time for such familiarity while the disciples

were in darkness. "Go tell my brethren," was the message she must carry. (5) Mary's Testimony (v. 18). She told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

**2. To the Disciples (vv. 19-29).**

**(1) When Thomas Was Absent (vv. 19-23).**

a. His message of peace (v. 19). b. He showed His hands and His side (v. 20). c. He commissioned them (v. 21). d. He defended the power that was bestowed upon them (v. 23).

**(2) When Thomas Was Present (vv. 24-29).**

a. Victory of sight and touch (vv. 24-28). b. Greater blessings for those who believe, not having seen (v. 29).

**D. M. Drumheller is Victim of Death.** Spokane, Wash.—Daniel M. Drumheller, a pioneer of the west and one of the figures of the early history of the Pacific northwest, died at Los Angeles following an attack of pneumonia, information reaching relatives here stated.

Snow keeps bees warm, but don't let ice form over the hives.

**BORAH LOSES PAY FIGHT**

All Other Pacific Northwest Senators Favor Pay Rise. Washington, D. C.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, lost his fight to have the senate rescind its former action in voting an increase of salaries of senators and representatives from \$7500 to \$10,000 a year.

By a vote of 64 to 18, the senate refused to suspend the rules so as to act upon an amendment to the second deficiency appropriation bill which would have repealed the pay increase rider attached to the legislative bill by the senate and house without a record vote.

Senators from the Pacific northwest are overwhelmingly in favor of an increase in congressional salaries, it was disclosed by the vote. The only vote from the Pacific northwest for the amendment was cast by Senator Borah, its sponsor. McNary and Stanford, Oregon; Jones and Dill, Washington, and Gooding, Idaho, went on record unhesitatingly for the increase.

**Men Under Arrest Not D'Autremonts.**

Esperanza, Mex.—Two men arrested here several days ago, suspected of having held up a Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou mountains near the Oregon-California line, October 11, 1923, are not the D'Autremont brothers, accused of the holdup, according to Dan O'Connell, chief special agent of the Southern Pacific.

**Made It All Right**

"But isn't your son rather young to join the army?" "Well, he is very young, but then, you see, he is only going to join the infantry."

**Pierce Approves Tax on Tobacco.**

Salem, Or.—Governor Pierce signed a bill providing for a 10 per cent tax on cigarettes, smoking tobacco and snuff. The tax is based on the retail prices.

**Timothy Hay Is Losing Caste Among Dairymen**

It is too bad. This old friend of farmers, timothy hay, is moving to the rear benches. Competition is becoming too strong for him. Even now, he is back almost in line with good oat straw. Most discouraging, indeed.

At the Michigan Agricultural college, tests were carried on to determine the relative value of roughages in the cows' ration. On the basis of a cow weighing 1,200 pounds it took just one pound more of the concentrated feed to make up the difference between the feeding values of timothy hay and oat straw.

The cows receiving an allowance of 12 pounds of timothy hay also had 38 pounds of silage and 11 pounds of a grain mixture containing 4 pounds of cornmeal, 4 pounds of ground oats

2 pounds of cottonseed meal and 1 pound of oil meal.

The other group of cows had a quantity of oat straw equal to the timothy hay fed the first group, and one more pound of the same mixture of grain, plus the quantity of silage.

If clover hay is substituted for the timothy, then only 9 pounds of the grain mixture is needed. With mixed hay the grain requirement is 10 pounds; while with alfalfa hay the quantity of grain is cut to 8 pounds.

**Riddles**

What holds its hands in front of its face all the time? A clock.  
Why are bookkeepers like chickens? They have to scratch for a living.  
What is the riddle of riddles? Life, because we must all give it up.

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