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The annual school meeting, at which a member of the board of directors and clerk of the district will be elected, takes place next Monday, June 19. L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of public instruction, is taking much interest in the annual school meetings of the state this year, with the object of increasing the attendance and infusing interest in school matters generally. In the past, attendance has been small and interest in the selection of qualified persons on the board has been lacking. To overcome this, the state superintendent suggests that you give a part of one day in each year to the consideration of the public school question. He is planning this year to make the annual school meeting day a great day by having the patrons of the schools attend the meeting and not only elect school officials, but learn conditions of the school plant. In many of the districts throughout the state people will congregate at the school house and hold a picnic, and it is proposed to make these picnics an annual affair.

Washington and its taxation system was severely scored in an article recently published in the American Magazine, but the state tax commission takes exception to the statement in that article that the prosperity of Washington is on the wane. The commission says that Washington in the past ten years has made the biggest gain of any state in the union so far population is considered, and that while its gain in population is great its commercial development is even greater, and that a state which in five years has practically doubled the amount of land under cultivation and has trebled its bank account, is not going backward.

It will be a good day when a compulsory sentence of imprisonment awaits every individual member of a trust found guilty of violating the law. At the present time most of such criminals escape, through the convenience of an immunity bath or by the payment of a fine, which though in itself may be large, means no more to them than the payment of a dollar would mean to a poor man. As for a sense of shame in being convicted of breaking the law, they have none. Nothing but the fact that prison sentences and stripes await them will make them obey the law and work the desired end.

Spokane now has 5 per cent money sent in from the east, which is supposed to be a harbinger of easier money and more prosperous times. Reports from all over the east during the past few weeks indicate that conditions are improving and that the stringency which has existed for some months, apparently without cause, is a thing of the past. Good times are assured in the west just as soon as the farmers begin to turn the 1911 crop into money and the coming fall promises to be one of the most prosperous ever experienced in the Inland Empire.

The Athena part of the new road was completed yesterday. With its completion to Weston, later in the season, this section will have the longest stretch of macadamized road in Eastern Oregon. This character of highway construction costs money, but it is money well spent. Permanent improvement in road work beats the old system of road construction so far that there is practically no comparison. The old system of earth fills to be washed out the following spring, correctly computed, would doubtless be found as expensive as the new system.

Both houses of the city councils in Pittsburg and Saranton, Pennsylvania, have been abolished, and in their place will be city commissions of nine members each. The change can scarcely fail to be for the better, notwithstanding that the appointment of the commissioners is vested in Pennsylvania's machine governor.

All roads lead to Athena, and from present indications, they are to be good ones.

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BASEBALL SIGNS.

Their Importance Is Much Greater Than Their Number.

Among the players we do not use the word "signal." With us it is a "sign." There are not as many "signs" used on a ball club as the public would believe. Of course the catcher must "sign" the pitcher for every ball that he throws. That is to prevent confusion or, as we say, to keep from "crossing each other." The catcher has a sign for a curve ball, a fast ball and a slow one. To ball players all curve balls, such as the drop and the outcurve, are called "a curve." The catcher gives the same sign for any one of them. We do not call a ball that jumps "in" a curve. Call players do not recognize the incurve. That is called a fast ball. Any ball thrown by a right handed pitcher with sufficient speed will jump inward to a slight degree. The outcurve and drop are unnatural curves, and the ball must be spun in an unnatural manner to get that peculiar "break."

The only other "sign" of importance is the one the batter gives to the runner when he intends to hit the ball. If he wants the runner to start as he swings (the hit and run play) he gives him a certain sign. There are any number of signs used for this play. Sometimes the batter gives it by rubbing his hand over the small end of the bat. Again, he may give it by knocking the dust from his shoes with the big end of the bat.—John J. McGraw in Metropolitan Magazine.

EAST INDIAN RUNNERS.

Kahars Who Can Regularly Make a Hundred Miles a Day.

Ordinary Marathon races seem rather insignificant compared with the regular performances of a certain east Indian caste. These Kahars, also known as Jhinwarb, live in the Punjab, where for centuries they have acted as runners, fisherman, and water fowl catchers.

The men are trained runners and are said to be able to go a hundred miles a day without resting. According to Bally's Magazine, there is a well authenticated instance that Tika Ram, the son of Lahu Ram, carried dispatches 300 miles in three days—from Meer-Mir to Meerut.

The point discussed, however, is whether the normal exertions of the Kahar post runners and the similar exertions of jirikisha men shortened their lives, and it appears that the Kahars, trained from childhood to be distance runners, live to be old men. They are not only able to withstand the strain of running great distances under a heavy load, but thrive under it.

The jirikisha man, too, notwithstanding his irregular diet, excessive use of liquor and exposure to the elements, lives to a reasonable age. In Tokyo when a census was taken of the jirikisha men a few years ago there were found to be more than 1,300 who were over fifty-five years of age.

Sailing Is So Interesting.

The lady was reading a nautical novel. She struggled along bravely for a few minutes, but finally had to appeal to her husband.

"Gerald," she said, "the author says that the boat was sailing 'wing and wing.' What does that mean? I've been on a yacht, but I never heard that before."

"That means," answered Gerald, rejoicing in the fact that he, too, had spent several hours on a sailing vessel—"that means that the schooner had her mains' out to port and her fores' out to starboard, or vice versa."

"Oh, I see!" cried the lady. It's just like a chicken—a wing on each side. And now I understand why they call those little sails in the middle 'jibs.' It's short for 'jiblets,' of course. Isn't sailing interesting?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ancient Architecture.

Herr Knauth, the architect in charge of the Cathedral of Strassburg, has shown that the principles of construction followed by the great cathedral builders of former times are identical with those used by the builders of the Egyptian pyramids and are based on triangulation. The same simple geometrical figure underlies all these constructions. More than this, Herr Knauth traces the architectural principle in the formation of crystals and lays down this formula: "The laws of proportion in mediaeval architecture are the geometrical laws of crystallization."

Cause of the Delay.

"Why is your friend staying so long in New York?"

"I don't know—haven't heard him."

"Which of the two?"

"Yes, whether he is having too good a time to come away or has spent all his money and can't get away."—Buffalo Express.

Chronic.

"One thing about Jinx, he never comes into one's office without knocking."

"Another thing about Jinx is that he never goes anywhere without knocking."—Houston Post.

Self.

A perfect understanding of self is a perfect understanding of all things, for man is the condensed whole. From such a man no power is withheld. All things are obedient to him.—Freedom.

Life, upon the whole, is far more pleasurable than painful; otherwise we would not feel pain so impatiently when it comes.—Leiga Hunt.

THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

An Incident That Marked His Spirit and Independence.

In his "Glimpses of the Confederate Army" in the American Review of Reviews Randolph H. McKim writes:

"It seems to me as I look back that one of the things which stood out strongly in the Confederate army was the independence and the initiative of the individual soldier. It would have been a better army in the field if it had been welded together by a stricter discipline, but this defect was largely atoned for by the strong individuality of the units in the column. It was not easy to demoralize a body composed of men who thought and acted in a spirit of independence in battle.

"As an illustration of the spirit of the private soldier I recall an incident to this effect. Major General Gordon had organized a strong column to make a night attack on Grant's lines at Petersburg. When he was ready to move and the order to advance was given a Big Texan stepped out of the ranks and said:

"General Gordon, this column can't move before 1 a. m. The men have a truce with the Yanks, and it ain't up till 1 o'clock."

"The column did not move till that hour. The private in the ranks had taken command, and the major general recognized his authority."

PONGEES HARD TO MATCH.

Because Each Piece Is Made From One Lot of Raw Silk.

Pongee silk is the undyed silk of silkworms fed on the leaves of scrub oak chiefly, though other trees are used in some portions of the pongee district. The silk is produced almost exclusively in Shantung province and portions of north China immediately adjacent.

The real pongee cloth, made of this uncolored specially produced silk, is distinct from the pongees of commerce made in all colors from other silk. Each piece of cloth is made from a particular lot of silk, and therefore each piece varies from all other pieces in exact quality, weight and fineness and in a slight degree in color and other qualities.

There are certain general grades of cloth, certain varieties of weave, certain popular weights, etc., but women shopping in Chinese pongees find it very difficult to match pieces, and on the face of things it is practically impossible to furnish any great number of pieces of a certain weight, grade and quality such as a modern clothing manufacturing establishment would require to standardize a certain line of garments from that particular cloth.—New York Sun.

Located His Station.

There was an absentminded bishop in western Ontario, who was constantly finding himself in awkward situations, on account of his extreme abstraction. On a certain occasion he was traveling from London in a northerly direction and found when the conductor approached him that he had forgotten where he was to go. The conductor suggested that he telegraph from the next station and find out his destination. It was before the days of long distance telephones, and the bishop telegraphed to his wife from the first station. "Where was I going?" to be answered at the following station. The answer came, "Exeter; be sure to get off there." The bishop then beamed at the anxious conductor and remarked placidly: "These little difficulties always turn out satisfactorily."—Argonaut.

German Pedigree Book.

There is in Germany what is known as the "German Pedigree Book," or "Deutsches Geschlechtsbuch." The purpose of the pedigree book, according to a Berlin correspondent, is to record the ancestry not of nobles, but of bourgeois persons who can prove that they are of genuine middle class or working class ancestry and have no noble blood in their veins. The editor explains in his preface that, while many German nobles "out of court and material considerations have not kept their blood pure, there are many good business class families which have managed to do so." By thus encouraging the proper pride of such families the pedigree book is doing much to eradicate the traditional envy of the nobles.

It Depends on the Dog.

Two Broadway business men met before a bar. They were good friends.

"I'm worried a little," said one.

"My chauffeur ran over a dog today and killed it."

"Oh, I wouldn't worry about a little thing like that," said the other.

"The dog probably got in the way. These dogs are a pest."

"But it was your dog."

"What?" came from the second.

"My dog? I'm sorry, but that will cost you \$100. That chauffeur of yours is too careless. I insist on the hundred, understand."—New York Telegraph.

Cross Purposes.

"Can you tell me something about the game laws around here?" asked the stranger in Crimson Gait.

"Well," replied Three Fingers Sam.

"I could, but my advice to you would be if you don't know the rules of a game don't try to play it."—Washington Star.

Character.

Should one tell you that a mountain had changed its place you are at liberty to doubt it, but if any one tells you that a man has changed his character do not believe it.—Mebanmed.

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