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Kansas, the state that is always developing the unexpected, has been heard from again. Biscuits ready to eat made from wheat that was standing in the field just 30 minutes before, is the record made by a farmer living there. The header was driven into the wheat field at 3:15 o'clock One minute later the wheat in the straw was at the separator. A quantity was threshed, loaded into the farmer's automobile, and at 3:23 was at the mill. Six minutes saw the wheat come out as flour and a minute later the automobile was distributing flour to a downtown bakery. Fourteen minutes later at 3:44 o'clock the biscuits were removed from the oven, baked and ready to be eaten. All this in Kansas, where one day drouth is cooking man, beast and field; the next families being rescued from housetops by boatmen. Glorious Kansas.

With Canadian reciprocity assured, fruitgrowers of the Northwest will find further profit in their industry by virtue of the substantial reduction announced by the O.-W. R. & N. in freight rates. Reductions in the new apple tariff applying between Oregon and Washington points to destinations on the Canadian Pacific railway, as recently announced by the O.-W. R. & N. company vary from 25 to 40 per cent. From Hood River to Lethbridge the old rate was $1.12 1-2 per 100 pounds. The new rate is 80 cents. From Hood River to Regina and Winnipeg the old and new rates are $1.25 and 80 cents respectively. From Walla Walla, La Grande and North Yakima to Lethbridge the old rate was $1. The new rate is 75 cents. From Walla Walla, La Grande and North Yakima to Regina and Winnipeg the old rate was $1.12 1-2, while the new rate is 65 cents.

The accidental killing of Judge Prigmore of Seattle, by a friend on a hunting trip last week, may lead to the passage of a law making such a death manslaughter in Washington. During the past year there have been several sacrifices of this kind, so that many persons are coming to the conclusion that hunters do not use sufficient caution. They contend it is hard to understand how a man will take a chance and shoot at some moving object which he cannot make out, in the belief that it is a wild animal, only to find out too late that his mark was a human being. Manslaughter is the construction placed upon such an act in several states already. It may be applied here also.

Seattle's former chief of police, C. W. Wappenstein, has been sentenced to serve from three to ten years in the penitentiary, having been convicted of accepting a tribe of $1,000. His attorneys tried hard to stave off the pronouncing of judgment, but the court refused. In the meantime Wappenstein has a respite, pending an appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. There are seven other indictments against him, all of which will be brought to trial.

Silk making may become an important industry in the northwest if plans now being made are carried out. Italians from the north of Italy are making arrangements to establish a colony in Washington, where they will raise silk worms. They have made investigations and find everything favorable and they predict they will have a silk mill working within a very few years. It is expected to import the worms from Italy.

Beginning with today's issue, the subscription price of the Press is reduced to $1.50 per year, when paid in advance. If not paid in advance, the price is $2.00 per year. There is a large number of subscribers in arrears and in order to take advantage of the 50 cent cut in subscription price, they are expected to remit at once. The new subscription and advertising rate of the Press will be found at the head of the editorial page. Subscribers who are now paid in advance for the Press, will be entitled to the $1.50 rate, counting from this date.

The "man higher up," about whom so much was heard some time ago, and whose arrest and punishment for breaking interstate commerce and other laws was promised, is a most elusive being. Anyway, he has not yet been caught in the meshes of the law and the prospect grows dim.

## TRADITIONS.

**Their Absence Was a Serious Handicap to Adam and Eve.**

The great drawback to the garden of Eden was the lack of traditions. There was no history to serve as a guide to legal, moral or social rectitude. There was neither Baedeker nor Ridpath, neither Macaulay nor Gibbon, neither Homer nor Vergil. Adam and Eve could not go to the library, haul down a book and see how somebody once did something or other. There were no daughters of anything to set the standards of social eminence. There were no old families. There were no descendants of anybody to talk big, look wise and draw pensions. There were no forefathers who had laid down inviolable laws, contracted debts, given away franchises and established constitutions for posterity, aye, even unto the third and fourth generation. There were no historic statesmen who had handed down orations for Adam and Eve to learn and recite at high school commencements and church socials. There were no dates for them to learn and remember. There was absolutely no past for them to revere; nothing that had stood the test of time.

If they wanted history or tradition they had to go ahead and make it themselves.—Ellis O. Jones in Judge's Library.

## TABLE KNIVES.

**Incident That Changed Them From Pointed to Rounded Ends.**

Table knives are invariably made with rounded ends. Did it ever occur to you to wonder why they are of this shape instead of pointed, like any other knife blade?

Perhaps you may imagine that the ends were rounded as a protection to life and limb in those turbulent days when men drew their swords or any other available lethal weapon at the very slightest provocation.

But this is not the case. The story goes—and it is fairly well substantiated—that the great Cardinal Richelieu had a guest to dinner whose manners at the table were very far from being all that could be desired.

The climax was reached when the fellow, after finishing the meat course, began to pick his teeth with his table knife, at that date made with a sharp point. The guest being a man of birth and importance, the cardinal could not openly remonstrate, but next day he gave orders that the point of every knife in the establishment should be rounded off.

Before the end of the century his example was universally followed, and the pointed knife at table had disappeared.—London Answers.

**Swimming Ghosts.**

Lecturing before the Camera club, Dr. Francis Ward said that in an attempt to photograph fish in their natural surroundings he had constructed a pond with an observation chamber let in at the side below the surface of the water. Through the window of this chamber unseen by the fish he could watch and photograph their movements. He discovered by this means that the protection of fish when in their natural state is much more thorough than is generally supposed. All silvery fish were in reality merely mirrors in the water, reflecting the tone and color of their surroundings so as to appear to their fellow fish gray, unsubstantial, swimming ghosts hardly to be distinguished at all. It was only when the dace, for example, rose to the surface, causing its body to reflect light, that the pike at the bottom of the pond could see and go for its little victim.—London Graphic.

**England's Cream Ponies.**

The famous cream ponies which are used to draw the king's carriage on state occasions are the sole survivors of a breed of horses which has otherwise passed out of existence. They are the direct and only pure bred descendants of the famous horses of Hanover, which George I. brought with him to his new English kingdom two centuries ago. The once famous white horses and black horses of Hanover have died out, and now the creams alone survive, and only in England, for when Queen Victoria sent to Hanover about 1830 to procure fresh stock for the royal stud not one was to be found.—London Answers.

**Reputation.**

Reputation is one of the prizes for which men contend. It is, as Mr. Burke calls it, "the cheap defense and ornament of nations and the nurse of manly exertions." It produces more labor and more talent than twice the wealth of a country could ever rear up. It is the coin of genius, and it is the imperious duty of every man to bestow it with the most scrupulous justice and the wisest economy.—Sydney Smith.

**A New Interpretation.**

History Teacher—What conspicuous feature figured in Harrison's campaign? Pupil—In the long procession they had a log cabin with a colored man tied on top. History Teacher—A what? Pupil—Well, my history says there was a live coon fastened on the roof.—Lippincott's.

**Good Suggestion.**

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man kin build up a mo' valuable credit by keepin his promises dan he kin by holdin' on to his money."—Washington Star.

It is not our wrong actions which it requires courage to confess so much as those that are ridiculous and foolish.—Rousseau.

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.

There is a caution which may defeat itself; there are many crises in our life when safety lies in ccurage.

## TOMBS OF SAND.

**Cape Cod's Treacherous Shoals and the Prey They Grip.**

Secrets of the sands of Cape Cod are constantly being disclosed by the sea. In the many storm tides that flood the desolate beaches the hulks of stanch ships lost along the coast on the half hundred miles of beaches between Monomoy at Chatham and Wood End at Provincetown are frequently exhumed from tombs of sand.

Sometimes a wreck appears that has been buried a century or more, as in the case a few years ago of the bones of the British frigate Somerset, whose timbers of oak were disclosed to view back of Provincetown, near the life saving station in Dead Men's Hollow. The Somerset was lost on Peaked Hill bars Nov. 2 or 3, 1778.

Once a vessel is gripped by the sands the process of entombing her goes on with great rapidity, the craft appearing to sink steadily in the yielding beach. All around the doomed vessel the sand piles up in great drifts, like snow. Every crevice of the hull is quickly filled. The sand rises in a solid barrier outside it and flows about it as the tides flood the shelving beaches. Finally it sweeps over the wreck, and the process of entombing goes on until the entombed craft is covered many feet deep.—Boston Globe.

**Needed the Money Badly.**

A newspaper man of Washington was approached one morning by a friend who wanted to borrow $5. The newspaper man, assuming an expression of great sorrow, pulled 20 cents out of his pocket and remarked:

"I'm sorry, old man, but you've struck me just before pay day, and I'm broke."

Having made this crafty excuse, he, mentally speaking, pinned a gold medal on himself for having evaded the prospective borrower.

"When is your pay day?" asked the friend.

"Tomorrow afternoon," replied the newspaper man.

"All right," said the friend. "I'll come around then."

And he did.—Popular Magazine.

The burden of Prussia's military state, not spared even to the babes in their cradles, has proved too much for some of the younger members of the royal families. In "The House of Hohenzollern" Mr. Brayley Hodgetts mentions that the two sons whom the first crown princess of Prussia bore her husband (at the beginning of the eighteenth century) both died in their cradles, one from a nervous shock caused by the salute from heavy guns with which his arrival was heralded and the other from the burden of a golden crown which was placed on his head after baptism.

What I aspired to be and was not comforts me.—Browning.



**Dutiful For Once.**

Boy—My tooth aches, and mamma said I should come here and let you look at it. Dentist—I see. It must come out. Won't take but a minute. Now be a brave little man, and I'll—Boy (hastily backing off)—Mamma didn't say I should let you pull it. She only said I should let you look at it.

**Natural.**

Mrs. Hatterson—The ladies of the parish got up a baby show for the benefit of the hospital.

Mrs. Chatterson—Was it a success?

"Oh, a howling success!"

**Coin Profiles.**

Where a face is used on a piece of money it is always in profile, because the cameo is more readily struck with the die in that manner and if a full or three-quarter face were represented the nose of the gentleman or lady would get damaged in circulation and produce a ridiculous effect.

"You must quit spending so much time in rathskellers and get back to nature more."

"All right, doc. I'd just as soon sit in the palm room."—Pittsburg Post.

**Administratrix Notice.**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Umatilla.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles Wilson, Deceased:

Notice is herety given that Maggie Wilson of Athena, Oregon, was on the 1st day of June, 1911, appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles Wilson, deceased, by the above entitled court, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims with proper vouchers thereto, to said administratrix or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena Oregon.

Maggie Wilson,
Administratrix of the Estate of Charles Wilson, deceased.