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The Southern Pacific Company has practically completed one of the greatest crop movements in the history of any transportation company in this country. This movement was in the handling of the cantaloupe crop of the Imperial Valley, California, and the crop in Arizona and Nevada. Up to and including midnight, July 24, the Southern Pacific had shipped 2844 cars of cantaloupes out of the Imperial Valley during the season of approximately two months. About 100 more cars remain to be shipped from that point to the markets. This record exceeds all previous shipments by approximately 1000 cars. The cantaloupe crop of Arizona up to and including July 24, amount to 402 cars, with about 300 more cars of this fruit to be shipped. About 25 cars have already been shipped from the Moapa district in Nevada, and there is about 100 more remaining to be shipped.

Exhibitions, showing in graphic form the prevention of consumption, have been shown in every state in the United States, except Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming and in Mexico, Porto Rico and Cuba, according to a bulletin issued by the National Association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. The bulletin also shows that 25 states and 16 cities have permanent and traveling exhibits besides the two operated by the national association itself, the total number of such displays being over 200, including about 150 small school exhibits. As a result of the general educational campaign through the various exhibitions on tuberculosis, millions of pieces of literature have been distributed, millions of people shown how to prevent consumption; and several states and cities have been roused to take legislative action against this disease.

By a very narrow majority of an enormously large vote the prohibition amendment to the Texas Constitution was defeated at the referendum election held on July 22. All the larger newspapers, most of the leading politicians, and the money interests are reported to have fought the amendment. Governor Colquitt was on the stump against it and Senator Bailey's influence went against it. The vote was so close that at first the reports gave the prohibitionists a victory, but later reports have given the "wets" a majority of about 7,000 in a vote of 500,000. Opposition to the amendment was financed by the brewers' association, which admits an expenditure of \$1,000,000; but claims that it was expended legitimately for newspaper advertising, speakers, halls, music, barbecues, etc. The prohibitionists charge on the other hand that poll tax certificates were fraudulently bought and used.

An exchange puts it in this way: "The men who do a town more harm than good may be classed as follows: First, those who oppose improvement. Second those who run it down to strangers. Third, those who never advertise their business. Fourth, those who distrust public-spirited men. Fifth, those who show no hospitality to any one. Sixth, those who hate to see others make money. Seventh, those who oppose every movement that doesn't originate with themselves. Eighth, those who put on long faces when a stranger speaks of locating in their town. Ninth, those who oppose every public enterprise, which does not appear of personal benefit to themselves.

British Columbia is interested in opening the Columbia river to navigation as far as Revelstoke and thence on to Lake Windermere, not far from the course of that stream. Oregon and Washington are aiding in making the river navigable from its mouth to the Canadian border.

Wallace and Union counties have joined forces in a united fight against the rates exacted by the Home Independent telephone company, with a view of compelling that corporation to restore original rates.

The Hermiston Herald believes that on the project the broom corn industry would thrive. The Herald proposes a broom corn factory at Hermiston.

The base of the housewife's wardrobe days.

RESEMBLES A MERMAID.

If the Dugong Had Long Hair It Would Make a Real Sea Woman. The old stories about mermaids do not seem so improbable after all when one looks at a full sized dugong. The only thing it lacks to make it a real sea woman is long hair.

This enormous fish has flippers instead of fins and rudimentary arms. The flippers end in four distinct fingers and are startlingly like the human hand. The shoulders of this weird marine creature slope in to a short but perfectly defined neck, on which is set a round head. The eyes are like a human being's in shape and expression, but very much larger. They are set far apart on each side of the head and have a brown iris swimming in a white ball, but are lidless. The dugong has no nose, but the forehead is broad and well developed, and while the mouth is "fishy" in shape there is a distinct under lip.

The dugong is twice the height of a tall man when it is full grown, and a mother dugong moving about through the water holds her baby tenderly in her "arms" pressed to her breast. Just as a human mother does. Glimpses of this strange inhabitant of the sea no doubt gave rise to the old time belief in mermaids. The dugong is rapidly becoming extinct, but still can be found in fairly large numbers in the Indian ocean. —New York Press.

SICKROOM PLANTS.

Why They Should Be Put Out of Doors During the Night.

In his random suggestions to his students, printed in the Medical Record, Robert H. M. Dawbarn, M. D., tells why it is considered best not to keep flowers or growing plants in a sickroom at night. Flowers give off moisture taken up from the soil; hence air becomes somewhat humid if many—particularly growing plants—are kept in the room. Flowers having a method of breathing, they use up the oxygen as human beings do and in exchange give off carbonic dioxide as waste matter.

The action of sunlight upon the stems, leaves and all green parts of flowers is to store carbonic dioxide within the plants and release oxygen. Thus in daylight there is a fair balance between the carbonic dioxide and the oxygen given and taken, leaving neither good nor ill results. But during the entire night the plant continues to breathe, and until the return of daylight the oxygen is used just like an additional person breathing in the room, thus leaving less oxygen for the use of the invalid. Therefore the standing order to remove all plants and flowers at night is based upon the facts of plant physiology and is right.

Chateaubriand's Early Struggles.

A new discovery has been made that Chateaubriand—nothing less than that he once sold stockings on commission. It was in 1790, when he was still an officer in the royal service. He had a debt of honor, amounting to \$200. He wrote to a distant relative, one La Morandais, who manufactured stockings in Switzerland, appealing for help on the ground that he must either pay that debt or blow his brains out. La Morandais, instead of sending him money, sent him 150 dozen pairs of stockings, offering him a liberal commission if he would sell them among his distinguished friends. He gratefully accepted the offer and succeeded in disposing of the merchandise. There is reason to believe that he managed to plant a good deal of it on the stores department of his own regiment.—Westminster Gazette.

The Clever Brahman.

Speaking of the great power the Brahmins in India possess in localizing thought, a prominent Brahman once said: "We would consider a game of chess as played in this country mere child's play. An ordinary Brahman chess player could carry on three or four games at a time without inconvenience. The usual game played by the Brahmins consists in checkmating with one pawn designated when the play begins. I have seen a man perform a long problem in multiplication and division, at the same time noting the various sounds and discussions going on about him in the room. I have seen a man compose a triple acoustic in Sanskrit in a given meter, at the same time having three well versed men trying to overthrow him in his argument on religion."

Somewhat Unfortunate.

"There are some times in my life when I have felt that fate is indeed ironical," said the man who was seldom troubled by his debts. "Do you refer to any special occasions?" Inquired one of his oldest creditors.

"One of them came last week when I was in Chicago," said the cheerful debtor. "I had a money order for \$25, and the only person who could identify me was a man to whom I owed thirty."—Youth's Companion.

Contradicting a Proverb.

"People can't expect to get something for nothing," said the ready made philosopher. "My landlord manages it," replied Mr. Growcher. "He makes me sign a contract to pay a full year's rent whether I live in his flat or not."—Washington Star.

Respect For the Aged.

"What's the matter, Miss Dillington?" asked the village wag. "You never laugh at any of my jokes." "I have been taught never to laugh at the old and decrepit."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Quit Voluntarily.

"My good man, how did you happen to be thrown out of work?" "I got out," replied Weary Wombat, with dignity. "I didn't have to be thrown out."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Brutal Advice.

Miss Passer—Can you tell me of a good way to keep my hair from falling out? Miss Port—Yes; put it on tighter.—Baltimore American.

A RISING FINANCIER.

He Has the Right Idea and the Nerve If He Can Only Work Them.

The old man was perched upon a high stool, figuring up the day's sales of dry goods, groceries and hardware, when his son came in with a rush. "Say, pop," exclaimed the young man, "if I can buy a \$300 horse for \$150, will you take a chattel mortgage on him and help me out with the cash?"

"What kind of a horse, my son?" inquired the father cautiously.

"Bay, four years old, sixteen hands high, weighs a thousand pounds and is sound in wind, limb and bottom."

"That sounds good to me, my son, and I want to do all I can to help you along in the world." And he reached down into the safe for his roll. "How much do you want?"

"A hundred and forty-nine fifty."

The old man gasped and caught hold of the desk.

"What?" he exclaimed.

"A hundred and forty-nine fifty. I've got half a dollar."

Slowly the old man shoved the roll back into the safe.

"My son," he said softly, "you are wasting time trading horses. What you ought to do is to go into the loan and trust business."—W. J. Lampton in Lippincott's.

TAXES AND TORTURE.

The Duke of Alva's "Tenth Penny" That Caused Riots in Spain.

One of the most absurd and tyrannical measures of taxation that were ever imposed upon a people was that ordered by the despotic Duke of Alva, prominent in the history of Spain up to 1582, when he died.

For six years he was governor general of the Netherlands and levied a tax called the "tenth penny," or 10 per cent, upon every article of merchandise, to be paid as often as it should be sold. He assessed real and personal property 1 per cent, to be paid instantly and collected once, and on every transfer of realty he exacted 5 per cent.

Every one in the land, excepting Alva himself, perceived how utterly ridiculous a scheme it would prove, but he persisted in enforcing the rule. The towns rebelled, and examples by dozens were made of refractory subjects, who were tortured to death, but to no purpose.

Finally Philip II, the Spanish king, was petitioned, and a temporary compromise was effected by which the towns were to pay \$2,000,000 annually for the two succeeding years, until August, 1571.

"You want to go back to your husband, do you? How did you tell him?"

"I bought myself a new hat and sent him the bill."—Fliegende Blätter.

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The Joy of Pockets.

The pocket has to be lacked before it is properly appreciated, the London Chronicle says. This writer had taken his pockets as a matter of course until one evening he attended a fancy dress ball in a costume which, he discovered when too late to remedy the defect, was absolutely pocketless. The question at once arose what to do with pocket handkerchief, money, cloak-room ticket and so on. The handkerchief, of course, went up his sleeve, but it took some minutes to devise receptacles for coins and other necessities in the lining of the cap, the heels of the shoes and the cuff of the coat. All night long, however, he felt lost through having no place to thrust his hands into. Since then he finds himself frequently putting his hands into his pockets to experience the sheer joy of knowing that they are there.

Mamma—What in the world is making the baby cry so, I wonder? "Little Eva—I guess he's mad 'cause I tried to make him smile with your glove stretcher.—Chicago News.

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 hereby 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 therefor, to said administratrix or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon.

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