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justice for all.*

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TO BE INAUGURATED FRIDAY

Next President of the United States
Will Be Sworn In on a Day Con-
sidered Unlucky.

Whichever of the two presidential
candidates tacks his nameplate on the
door of the White House next year will
have to be inaugurated on a Friday.
One-third of the 27 presidents of the
United States were inaugurated on
Monday and only three on Friday, one
of whom, Lincoln, was assassinated,
and Pierce failed of re-election.

Friday has always seemed to be a
dark, drear and unlucky day for pres-
idents. Tyler, Polk and Pierce died
on Friday.

Leap year seems to have been mad.
Presidential offspring of leap years
have been Taylor, who died in office;
Pierce, who gained neither fame nor
a second term, and Johnson, the only
president impeached. As a season
for presidents to be born in, late
spring and early summer are impossi-
ble, and the later summer is scarcely
to be thought of.

No president ever was born in May
or June, the only chief executives
midsummer has provided the nation
being J. Q. Adams, born in July, and
Benjamin Harrison. With one excep-
tion, aside from the two already men-
tioned, presidential birthdays have
been restricted to the period between
October and April. Eight executives
were born in late autumn, eight in
winter and eight in early spring. The
exception is W. H. Taft, born in Sep-
tember. Theodore Roosevelt was an
October baby.—Detroit News.

WELL EQUIPPED FOR DEFENSE

British Adopt Defensive Measures for
Big Aircraft That Have Been
Considered Easy Prey.

The helplessness of dirigibles in the
face of airplane attacks may be con-
sidered a matter of the remote past.
It seems that dirigibles of the near
future will carry fast single seater
fighting airplanes along with them
for the purpose of defending them-
selves against airplane attacks.

The British, who appear to have
taken the lead in dirigible construc-
tion and operation away from the
Germans, have been carrying on ex-
tensive experiments with airplanes
carried by dirigibles. The giant air-
ship R-34—the dirigible which crossed
the Atlantic last summer carries an
airplane suspended below it. The air-
plane can be reached by passing
through a trapdoor and down a swing-
ing ladder. At the opportune moment
the airplane, with motor going at
proper speed, is released from the
dirigible, and after a very slight drop
goes forth on its own flight.

The disadvantage, of course, is that
once the plane is launched it is not
possible for it to return to the airship,
so that the latter will be as much at
the mercy of a second attack from
hostile planes as under old conditions.
—Scientific American.

Elephants One Man's Hobby.
The late "Uncle John" Brashear of
Pittsburgh urged that every man
should have a hobby; and Matthew C.
Brush, president of the International
Shipbuilding corporation, would sub-
scribe to that dictum.

The leader of the vast undertaking
at Hog Island has a hobby that is sin-
gularly picturesque.

He is a warm admirer of the ele-
phant. He holds that for the com-
bination of strength, sagacity, dignity
and fidelity it is the model beast. In
his pocket he carries tiny ivory and
ebony images of the mighty pachy-
derm. At his apartment there are lit-
tle elephants to be seen everywhere—

on the mantelpiece, on the piano, in
every place of vantage. It is said that
the recent census taken by their own-
er showed he possessed more than
200 of the tiny figures.—Philadelphia
Public Ledger.

Extensive Forest Planned.

New York state will lead the nation
in intensive application of forestry to
idle lands, under plans now being
formulated in Otsego county. This
county, whose hills and valleys, lakes
and streams formed the setting for
Cooper's Leatherstocking tales, is or-
ganizing a system of county and town-
ship forests, on the basis of a survey
by the New York State College of
Forestry at Syracuse. The plan is
for each township to plant a forest of
roughly 100 acres as a starting point.
The several forests will be part of the
county system and will be connected
with the highways to make them ac-
cessible from all parts of the county.

Bahamas to Protect the Flamingo.

The flamingo will be protected by
an order of council issued by the gov-
ernment of the Bahamas Islands, the
National Geographic society an-
nounces. The birds nest in the marshes
of the islands. The action of the is-
land government followed an expedi-
tion which trailed the flamingo into
the marshes and there took motion
pictures of its habitat. It was esti-
mated that since 1901 the number of
the birds on the island has been re-
duced from 20,000 to about 7,000 by
the depredations of sponge fishermen,
who killed them for food.

Wasted.

"Say, I think I should have some-
thing back on the price of that cough
syrup I got last week," the customer
suggested.

"What was the matter with it?" the
druggist asked in genuine surprise.

"Why, I'd taken only half of it
when my cough was absolutely cured,
and there's half the bottle of stuff left,
a total loss."

LESSON IN LIFE OF EMPRESS

"Vanity of Vanities; All Is Vanity,"
Never Better Exemplified Than
by Unhappy Eugenie.

In the middle '70s I had, for several
years, a suite of rooms in a hotel in
St. Gall, Switzerland. Returning from
one of my periodical trips to England,
the proprietor informed me that he
had taken the liberty of permitting a
lady and her attendant to occupy the
rooms for a night, as the hotels were
all full. She was a middle-aged wom-
an, of sorrowful aspect, dressed in
black, and walked with a cane, and
although traveling incognito, was re-
cognized by one of the hotel staff as
ex-Empress Eugenie, widow of Napol-
eon the Little, who owned a chateau
near Schaffhausen.

That was about 1874. And only a
few weeks ago this unhappy woman,
who had long been tired of life, died
at the age of ninety-four.

What a sad and checkered career!
Born in Spain, of an unassuming aris-
tocratic family, raised to the glitter-
ing throne of the second empire, leader
of Europe's fashion and frivolity,
losing, within a few years, her throne,
her husband and her son, then, an ex-
ile, visiting from time to time, like a
black ghost, the scenes of her former
triumphs.

"Vanity of vanities; all is vanity,
saith the preacher."—Los Angeles
Times.

CANNOT SIGNAL TO MARS

Scientist Shows Impossibility of Earth
Having Communication With Our
Neighboring Planets.

In attempting to communicate with
Mars, there are several factors that
must be taken into consideration.
Henry Meier of Center college
summed these up at a recent meeting
of the Kentucky Academy of Science.
He said that in the first place the
probably low temperature, rarefied
atmosphere and absence of water on
Mars are against the existence there
of beings similar to ourselves. In the
next place signaling by light must be
given up, for the reason that the
earth's atmosphere would absorb 40
per cent of the light sent out, and
the distance was so great that an
area of light ten miles square on the
earth would, if seen from Mars
through a telescope magnifying 500
times, appear like an area one inch
square viewed at a distance of 500
feet. In considering signals by radio,
it has been computed that it would
require a current of a million am-
peres at the sending station to ob-
tain one of one ampere at a receiv-
ing station on Mars. And Mr. Meier
remarked that the powerful electric
current sent out by the sun would
probably overwhelm the weak waves
sent from the earth.

Canadian Oil Production.

Over 90 per cent of the production
of crude petroleum in Canada is still
obtained from the oil fields in south-
ern Ontario, according to the prelimi-
nary report of the mineral production

of Canada during the calendar year
1919, prepared by John McLeish, B. A.,
chief division of mineral resources and
statistics, Canadian department of
mines. These fields have been produc-
ing for 58 years, but production has
been supplemented during recent
years by a small annual production
from New Brunswick and Alberta. The
total production of crude oil from
these fields in 1919 was 240,979 bar-
rels of 35 imperial gallons, having a
value of \$744,997, as compared with a
total production in 1918 of 204,741 bar-
rel, valued at \$585,143.

Builder of Soils.

Most of the fame that has come to
the humble cowpea has arisen from
its extremely practical value as a
builder of soils and as a feed crop.
It is a legume and, plowed under, its
vines give the needed humus to soils
lacking this necessary quality.

Its name isn't poetical, either, but
it is entitled to a place among the
most beautiful flowering plants in this
country. Its cousin is our vari-
colored sweet pea. In blossom a field
of cowpeas, with their dark, glossy
leaves, looks exactly as if a myriad
host of purple butterflies, each with
two yellow spots on its wings, had
settled upon it for a momentary rest,
and when the wind blows the ressem-
blance is even more marked.

Shortening the Twilight.

Although no son of romantic Erin
would be expected to deprive the
world of twilight, J. G. Sullivan has
contributed to the Canadian En-
gineer strong mathematical arguments
that lengthen night at the expense of
the lover's hour.

As the result of personal observa-
tions Mr. Sullivan would correct the
standard statement of encyclopedias
that twilight continues until the sun
has fallen at least 18 degrees below
the horizon. It will be near the
truth, he thinks, to say that twilight
ends when the sun's decline is about
15 degrees.

Not So Wrong.

"Don't you think, dear, that it
would be a good plan to let me select
the stocks for you to buy and sell?"
his wife suggested.

He withdrew his attention from a
vast complication of calculations long
enough to snort disdainfully.

"Why, you don't know anything
about the stock market," he said.

"No," she responded sweetly; "but
it's a poor rule that won't work both
ways—and I've observed that it is
those who know all about it that gen-
erally lose."

Fair Bathers in Hard Luck.

While ten exclusive society matrons
were bathing at Marinette, Wis., in
the cool waters of a little lake, on the
bank within a dressing tent lay ten
piles of clothing—crepe de chine, char-
muse, flit lace, silk Teddy bears,
dainty corset covers, envelope che-
mises and ruffled bloomers. A small
boy playing Indian came along, was
tempted by the filmy heap of lace,
scratched a match on the seat of his
ragged trousers, and before the ladies
could say "Annette Kellerman!" the
dressing tent and all its contents had
gone up in flame and smoke.—Boston
Globe.

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retired farmer.

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Pd. Adv.

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Oregon Must Have a Port Equal to Any Port on the Pacific Coast.

Initiative measure No. 310 on the ballot gives to the Port of Portland means to create such
a port. The primary object of this bill is to furnish the means to insure the opening and maintain-
ing of a 30-foot channel from Portland to the sea, and of building and establishing port facilities
at the City of Portland sufficient to handle the foreign and coastwise shipping of that port.

The cost of this improvement will be met by the people living within the boundaries of the
Port of Portland. When you go to the polls November second, vote 310 YES and give to the Port
of Portland the power to maintain its 30-foot channel to the sea and to build adequate port facilities
to handle all of the great products of the interior of the state.

The passage of this bill means lower freight rates for the products of Oregon in reaching
the markets of the world and a consequent greater profit to the producers.

This is the most important and the most valuable measure that has ever been put up to the
voters of the interior portions of the state.

Vote 310 YES

Oregon Port Development League.

G. S. O'NEAL, Secretary.

Paid Adv.