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**Sept. 3, 4 and 5**

Ball Games, Foot Races, Boxing  
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**Pavilion Dancing**  
 Joy Giese's Orchestra is coming  
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Old Fashioned  
**Barbecue Dinner**  
 Monday, September 5

Wrestling Match  
 R. W. VOLLE, of Heppner  
 vs.  
 CHARLIE BENNETT, of Monument

Broncho Busting, Bulldogging  
**FREE CAMPING GROUNDS**

**T**HAT approximately \$700,000,000 is required by the public utility companies of the country to provide service for an additional million inhabitants, is one of the interesting facts brought forth in the recently published report of Senator Willard M. Calder's Committee on Reconstruction and Production.

After a searching inquiry into the various conditions bearing upon the housing situation and the country's industrial production, the Committee finds that the business of public utilities has outgrown their plant facilities owing to the inability of the companies to finance improvements and additions necessary to take care of the increased service demands.

"Prior to the war," states the Committee, "it is estimated that the normal annual requirements of electric railway, gas, and electric light and power companies for extensions, betterments, and improvements was about \$500,000,000, proportioned as follows: Electric railways, \$250,000,000; gas companies, \$125,000,000; electric light and power companies \$125,000,000.

The Committee has been informed that for four years not over 40 per cent of such betterments has been made, leaving an accumulation of about \$1,200,000,000. If this sum is added to \$700,000,000 required alone for new residential buildings held in abeyance, a total of approximately \$2,000,000,000 seems necessary for the public utility program in the immediate future.

"The question of placing these businesses on a sound financial basis in order that credit may flow to them is the same question which confronts steam railroads and housing, but in the case of public utilities the case is more difficult because there is no central body as now provided in the case of steam railroads which might adjust rates in proper relation to operating costs and capital investment. The utilities likewise suffer in their effort to secure new capital for necessary extensions of service by the almost insurmountable difficulty of having to compete for such capital with municipal, state and similar tax-exempt securities. Until these problems are solved the public should recognize this underlying reason for much of the faulty service and for the failure to provide the additional facilities urgently demanded to meet community needs.—Paid Advertisement.

**Making it Clear.**  
 Clarence was trying to explain to his playmate the distinction between the small dog and the larger one, and this is the way he expressed himself: "The little dog is the baby dog, and the big one is the mama dog, just like your mama."

**Sour Milk.**  
 Among the many uses for sour milk is that of silver polish. Put the silverware in the liquid and let it remain for 20 to 30 minutes. Then wash as usual. It will look as if it had been polished.

**HOLDS WILDERNESS IN SCORN**

**Japanese Adventurer Thrives on Such Perils as Might Well Daunt Even the Bravest.**

Jujiro Wada has always played a lone hand. Up and down the northern fringes of civilization he has pioneered for 30 years. He has been in the thick of every gold rush from the Klondike to Hanson Creek. He is an expert trapper, hunter, cook, prospector and dog-team driver. From Athabasca to the mouth of the Mackenzie, all old-timers know the little yellow wilderness adventurer.

Soon after the discovery of a gusher well at Fort Norman last fall, winter closed the trails to the new oil bonanza on the Mackenzie. But it did not shut out Jujiro Wada. Ice and snow and howling blizzards have no terrors for him. Employed by Vancouver capitalists to go to Fort Norman and stake claims for them, he struck out for Peace river with a team of dogs in the dead of winter. For 1,200 miles he mushed alone through the frozen, wolf-haunted solitudes, staked his claims and came back across the snow to Peace river.

Now he has been employed by a New York syndicate to go to the top of the world on a hunt for gold. A rumor has long been bruited about the arctic that Herschel Island conceals rich gold deposits. The little Jap will soon leave for the north prepared to spend at least a year on this thunder-riven, desolate rock in the arctic seas. If he uncovers treasure, there will be no delay in bringing out samples. No matter if it is 90 degrees below, Jujiro Wada will harness up his malamutes and break trail back toward civilization. That's his way.

**CANDIDATE GOT ONE VOTE**

**Humiliating Practical Joke Played on Italian Who Had Made Himself Politically Unpopular.**

Sollicitor Gandolfi of Cremona, Italy, besides being a poet, is also a bombastic meddler in political matters. Because of this it was arranged by a party of jokers to bring him forward as a candidate for the polls. The electoral committee was duly constituted and Gandolfi's name was entered on the government lists.

The unlucky sollicitor was forced during the fortnight to do his own canvassing and to drive about from village to village delivering speeches. When election day came, no voting papers having been distributed by the committee for him, it was found that the only vote he received was his own. His discomfiture may be imagined, but it is said that a radical cure for his political tendencies has been found.

A still more unfortunate candidate was a communist in the same town named Lodolini. After the communists had officially announced their intentions to carry him, the man disappeared. It was found that the Fascisti had seized him at night time and driven him to Casalmaggiore, where he was forced under the severest threats to remain during election time. Once Lodolini returned to Cremona to see his wife, but the same night the Fascisti again entered the house and forced him to dress and drove him again to seclusion and meditation over the rules for the Third Internationale. —New York Tribune.

**Signs of Age.**

"Uncle Dunk is getting along in years," regretfully said a resident of the Ozarks.

"Eh-yah," replied an acquaintance. "He's somers about eighty-one, ain't he?"

"Yes, and I skurceely ever seed a man so old for his years as he 'pears to be of late. He rid into the county seat with me tuther day. We got these about nine o'clock in the morning and before 5:30 he came around whir I was talking swap with some fellers, and 'lowed that as he didn't know nobody in town skurceely and hadn't any business there, no-way, and nuthin' had happened of any interest so far and didn't 'pear likely to, he was just about ready to go home. Uncle Dunk is feeding his age powerful!"—Kansas City Star.

**Milk From Peanuts.**

The common peanut is the source of a new substitute for milk which so closely resembles its prototype that it turns sour and curdles, produces buttermilk when churned and may be made into cheese, says the Scientific American. The flavor, in which the nut characteristically persists, is declared to be practically its only point of variance with cow's milk. The new lactical product originated in the laboratory of an American university where the peanut kernels are converted into four times their volume of milk, varying from 4 to 8 per cent in fat content and from 2.4 to 3.3 per cent in protein. The cost of production is said to be considerably less than the market price of dairy milk.

**Boy Scouts Aid Birds.**

The birds in the neighborhood of St. Louis have had their housing problems reduced to lowest terms by the act of the boy scouts of St. Louis, who, as a result of a contest, provided 2,308 well-built bird houses, which have been placed in the public parks and other reserves. The winning troop turned out 651 bird houses. The scout executive writes that much interest was roused locally, not only in the house building which it is proposed to make an annual good turn event, but also in the scouts themselves.

**HERMIT'S LIFE HIS CHOICE**

**Man Who Has "Flocked by Himself" for Twenty-Five Years Will Have No Other.**

A hermit leads a fascinating life. So W. D. Clark says, and he ought to know, for he has been a hermit in the arctic wilderness nearly a quarter of a century.

"Once a hermit, always a hermit," says Mr. Clark. "A hermit wants nobody's pity. He enjoys his solitude and wouldn't trade it for the pleasures and excitement of cities. I have been in civilization a year now and I am going back home to the wilderness as quickly as I can. There are no fakirs, swindlers and thieves there."

Mr. Clark's home cabin is on the headwaters of Peel river, 180 miles from Herschel Island and 110 miles from Fort McPherson. His nearest neighbor is 50 miles away. They see each other once a year. With the exception of this man, Abe Schaefer, Mr. Clark is the only human being in a thousand square miles of country. The Indians do not go that far north and the Eskimos do not come that far south.

"I have seen 10,000 caribou in a herd," Mr. Clark said. "They go to the arctic coast in the spring to have their young and in September they return south to the edge of the timber, where they can find shelter and moss on which they live."

The mercury goes 75 degrees below in winter, Mr. Clark says, but it is the most healthful climate in the world. Old-timers up there, he declares, do not know what sickness means.

**WORD HAS MANY MEANINGS**

**When One Mentions "Fish," the Syllable is Susceptible of More Than One Construction.**

"All is not fish that swims" reflected the sapient philosopher as he beheld a summer girl taking to the ocean. The sapient philosopher was formulating a great truth when he came to that conclusion.

The whale, for instance, although it unquestionably swims, is more closely related to the cow than to the minnow. The seal is closer kin to the dog than to the fluke.

To a great many fishermen the word "fish"—see Latin "piscis" and Dutch "visch" (the same word)—possesses only the verb form, "to fish." Catching fish is not a necessary part of the process of fishing. The thing is "to fish," and is not primarily to catch fish. (See fishermen on the banks of the Seine in Paris, "fishing" all day without even getting a bite from a minnow.)

A famous Englishman by the name of Izaak Walton was one of the most persistent patrons of the verb "to fish." The word "fish" was also extensively used during the war in an effort to save meat for the fighters.—Exchange.

**Bigamy for a Lodging.**

A Le Mans signalman has just been condemned to two years' imprisonment for bigamy which, he avers, he committed in order to find in the present "crise de Logement" somewhere to lay his head.

He is a man of fifty-five and he recently married a widow of seventy-five who offered him a room in her cottage on the firm condition that he should marry her. This he did, declaring that his wife was dead. One of his wives was dead, but the police tracked down another, who deserted him some time ago. The unfortunate man has now had "crise de Logement" solved for some time, at least.—Paris Figaro.

**Blackbird Fed Thrush.**

A lady of Penzance who is a great lover of birds, says Mr. W. H. Hudson in his recently published book, "Adventures Among Birds," noticed that a blackbird and a thrush always came together to her lawn where she was in the habit of placing food for the birds. Then she noticed that the blackbird fed the thrush, picking up the crumbs of bread and putting them into its mouth. Looking more closely, she discovered that the thrush's beak had been cut off close to the head, probably by a steel trap or a snail-death spring trap, such as the children in Cornwall customarily use to catch or kill small birds. The thrush was incapable of feeding itself.

**Osmiridium in Tasmania.**

Recent exploration and development have revealed enormous deposits of osmiridium and gold-bearing gravels in the valleys of the large rivers of the western division of Tasmania, which is the sole producer on a large scale of point metal osmiridium. For the first half of 1920 the production was 1,003 ounces, valued at £41,842. In March, 1920, the local price reached £42 10s. per ounce, states the London Times Trade Supplement.

**A Super-Hero.**

"Anything unusual in the court of domestic relations this morning?" "A young woman who married a bogus war hero wants a divorce." "That has happened before." "But this fellow has large ideas. He claims to have won the battle of the Marne."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Reward of Merit.**

"What's the most attractive feature of farm life?" asked the city dweller. "Knocking off work on Saturday and going to town in the flivver," said the truthful agriculturist.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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