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Photograph shows the president's wife visiting the disabled soldiers at the Walter Reed hospital in Washington. She is buying some trinkets made by Lieutenant H. E. Trammell.

Community Service

WEALTH WAITS IN COLORADO'S LANDS

Vast Areas Open to Homesteads and Mineral Resources are Unlimited.

Governor Calls Attention to Need of Water to Make Garden of Desert Acres.

By OLIVER H. SHOUP.
EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following by Governor Oliver H. Shoup of Colorado may give you a new viewpoint of the vast territory that lies along the towering mountains of the west. There are many possibilities touched upon in his article and as chief executive of the state he is in a position to have knowledge as well as enthusiasm.

Did you know you have part ownership of 120,000,000 acres of land? Did you know that there are 192,000,000 acres of land out in the "golden west" waiting for those who wish homesteads and who need only comply with the simple government rules to own a farm of their own? More important, did you know that millions of these acres are worthless now because you and your neighbors never took the trouble to find out about them and ask that their arid wastes be turned into producing gardens capable of feeding untold thousands? Millions of acres of land are waiting in the west for the coming of water and that water can be obtained

NEW ARCHBISHOP



Dr. Michael J. Curley who has just been installed, with impressive ceremonies, as the Archbishop of Baltimore, in succession to Cardinal Gibbons.

through the aid of the United States government, and aid that would not be withheld if you and your neighbors expressed a desire to see it go flowing through the deserts and transform them to a great aid to America.

Did you know that out in Colorado and all through the Rocky Mountain section there waits one of the richest fields of natural resources the world has ever known but that production is far, far behind that capital has opportunities for unlimited development, that the advice, "Go west, young man," is still a living message? It is true that in the past three years more than 30,000,000 acres of homestead and Indian lands have been entered in the Rocky Mountain states, mostly by farmers from the Mississippi valley, and millions of acres of raw land have been placed under cultivation.

Travel by Auto.
The main current of the swelling stream of tourist travel that flows into the West each year is made up of people who have not traveled extensively in the past. Most of them are people of moderate means. Visitors to the National Parks and National Forests come from every state in the Union and every year they include thousands who are making tours of the West for the first time. Most of them travel by automobile and many of them carry their camping outfits with them, living all the time in the open air and enjoying to the full the wonderful climate which is one of Nature's richest gifts to the West.

The tourist and homeseeker movement to the West is especially gratifying to those of us who are interested in development of this vast area, for we realize that development here depends to a very large extent upon the cooperation of the entire country, and the people of other sections of the United States can not be expected to cooperate freely in the development of the West until they are better informed about what such development means for all the nation.

It should be borne in mind that the area of the eight Rocky Mountain states is 549,840,000 acres, or approximately 29 per cent of the area of the entire country, while the combined areas of the eight Rocky Mountain states and the three Pacific Coast states is 753,420,800 acres or nearly 40 per cent of the area of the United States, exclusive of Alaska and our insular possessions.

A Public Trust.
But it is not generally understood that all the people of the United States own more than one-half of this vast area. In these eleven states there are more than 120,000,000 acres of National Forests, the property of the federal government, on which timber is being grown and preserved for the benefits of all the people. These forests are not the property of the states in which they are located nor of the people of these states, but of all the people. In other words, about 16 per cent of the

area of these eleven states is National Forests belonging to the government.

In these states there is approximately 192,000,000 acres of government land open to homestead entry. This is more than 25 per cent of their total area. Some of this land is suitable for dry farming, but much of it can never be farmed profitably without irrigation and most of it, so far as we know now, is valuable only for grazing purposes and for the mineral it contains. The reclamation of this public agricultural land and the development of its mineral resources depends upon the attitude of the federal government, and that attitude depends largely upon knowledge of the possibilities of the West.

While these eleven states include nearly 40 per cent of the area of the country they contain only a little more than eight per cent of the country's population. In 1910 they contained about seven per cent of the population and in 1900 only about five per cent. These states are increasing in population more rapidly than the country at large, but their greatest need still is more people.

Rich in Minerals.

Nearly 50 per cent of the available coal of the country is found in these eleven states. The great bulk of the nation's production of gold and silver has come from these states. They have produced immense quantities of copper, lead and zinc and still have vast supplies of these metals to be worked. America's supplies of tungsten and molybdenum are found almost exclusively in the West, and the same is true of vanadium and other metals of that group. The Rocky Mountain West gave radium to the world. The water resources of these western states are almost illimitable. They produce a very large percentage of the country's petroleum out-

Uncle John's Josh

EVERYBODY LOVES THE MAN WHO KIN BRIN WHEN HE'S SICK



put, and their oil shales are capable of producing, with proper development, more petroleum than has been produced in the entire world up to date and more than is contained in all the known oil fields of the world.

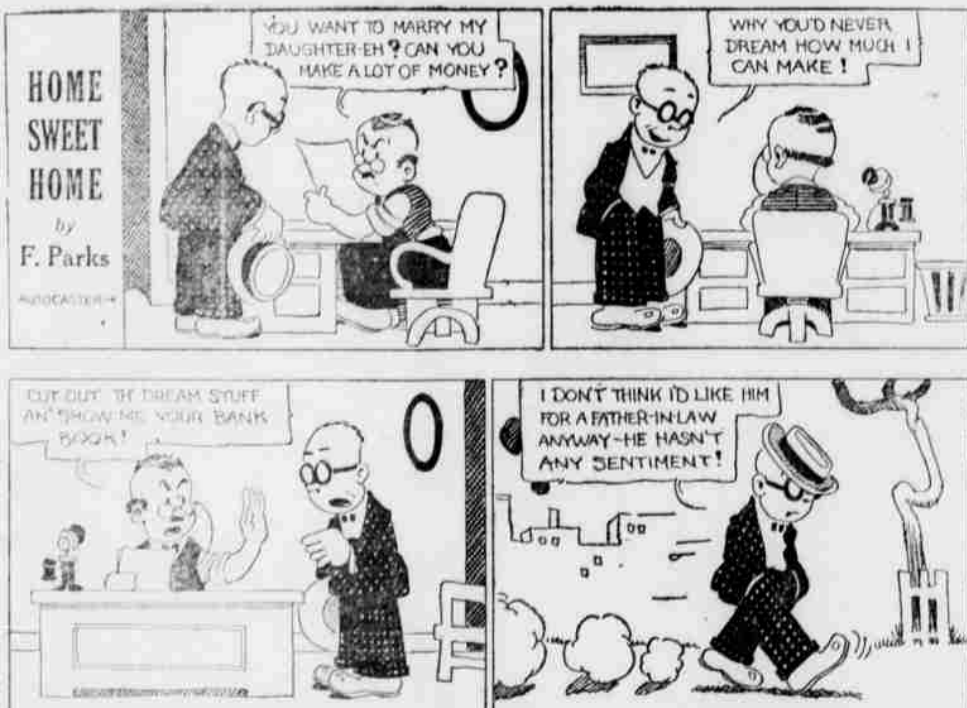
SMILE AWHILE

Who's Who.

The child, the pride of the neighborhood because of his keen intelligence, was left to play at the home of a neighbor. There was something different about this home that seemed to attract the child more than any other. Here he was amused by an elderly man, who read, played the piano, slept and did nothing to mark him as the head of a household. His wife on the other hand carried on a successful department store where she spent 12 of the 24 hours.

This condition seemed quite contrary to the child's conception of domestic life. To him the duty of the head of the house was to leave after breakfast for business and return at night for dinner, while the wife was to stay at home and attend to the household duties. The child's mother returned and noticed that the child looked puzzled, but could not put his query into words. Finally he asked: "Mother, is she a he?"—New York Sun.

LOST—One black 2-year-old filly, brand horseshoe J on left hip. Notify P. J. HOLBOKE, Heppner, Oregon. Advertisement. 121-21.



Poem by Uncle John

TOO BAD—OLD MAN

When you find yourself entangled in the meshes of despair, till you wouldn't know a blessing if you had it by the hair,—it probably was justice that connived to land you there, Too bad, old man, too bad!

If you chance to be affected with the appetite fer bliss, till there ain't no dissipation that you feel inclined to miss—remember, Mister Rounder, there's a hotter world than this, Too bad, old man, too bad!

If you harbor the opinion that you are double-extry smart, but can't

afford the camouflage to make you look the part—you ain't beyond redemption, but you better watch yer heart.

Too bad, young man, too bad! And when you feel religiouser than others you could name, and talk about yer neighbors, in an effort to defame—remember the humanity is purty much the same.— Too bad, too bad, too bad!

From Uncle John.

BUILDING A NEWSPAPER LIKE BUILDING CHARACTER.—A newspaper cannot be built up in a year. Like a man's life it is a matter of slow growth and development. Look over your exchanges and you will find all the successful ones—the leading

papers in each town—have long been run under one management. It is so the world over. Money alone can no more create a newspaper than it can suddenly get for a man a new character.—HON. GUY U. HARDY, Past President National Editorial Association.

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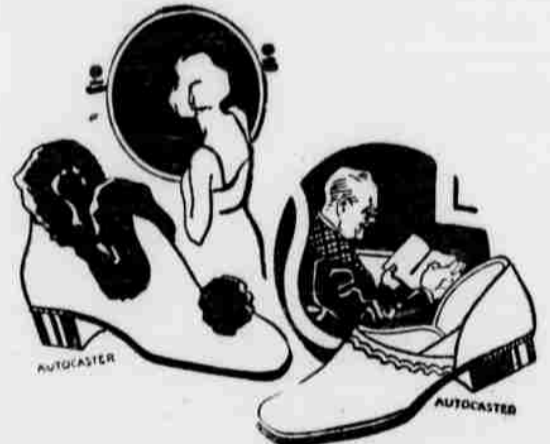
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