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AMMONS DEFENDS COLORADO MILITIA

DENVER, Colo., May 19.—"No reliable report from Ludlow and no investigation that actually has inquired into the events of April 20, have disclosed any incident wherein a father who went to the militia camp for his boy was snatched with the headless body of the youngster."

The governor added that the most thorough investigations have shown that no women were shot but that two women and eleven children who died in the Ludlow fire were suffocated in the underground trench where they had taken refuge during the battle.

"Instead of the atrocities ascribed to the militia," said the governor, "several soldiers rescued women and children from the burning tent colony while they were under fire from the strikers. Wm. Snyder, aged 12, killed by a bullet from the front while running toward the strikers' trenches, was the only child struck by a bullet."

SALTILLO BATTLE NOT YET BEGUN

MEXICO CITY, May 19.—General Blanquet, minister of war, said today that no great battle had yet begun in Saltillo. So far there have only been skirmishes between the vanguards.

The government is rushing war material and soldiers into Saltillo, having left San Luis Potosi two days before. The forces of General Zozaya which had been operating in the San Luis Potosi and Tampico line, have been concentrated in San Luis Potosi.

General Emilio Campa arrived last night from Saltillo and reported all well there. The resignation of Jose Maria Lorenzo, minister of communications and public works, has caused much speculation in political circles. However, it is said to have no great political significance.

FIRST STEAMER FROM ALASKAN WATERS

DAWSON, Y. T., May 19.—The steamboat Vidette, the first this year from Lower Lake LeBarge, arrived last night with 40 passengers and 50 tons of freight which had been freighted across LeBarge on the ice. The Vidette was followed into Dawson by the steamer Nasutlin, being the first mail of the season by water. It is believed that Lake LeBarge will be open to navigation within ten days when navigation will be established the full length of the Yukon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CONSUL-GENERAL

LONDON, May 19.—Memorial services for the late Consul General John Griffiths, who died Sunday, are to be held in St. Paul's church, Knightsbridge, May 25, when all the American and Anglo-American societies of which Mr. Griffiths was a member and the consular corps of which he was president, will be represented.

PARTY PRIMARY ABSURDITY

THE primary election again demonstrated that the majority of the people do not care who is nominated for office and have not interest enough in government to vote. Those who have a grievance, real or fancied, against those in office, or a personal interest in the candidacy of an office-seeker, go to the polls—the rest are indifferent.

Small as the primary vote is, however, it is much larger than that obtained under the old convention system. Probably ten times as many, proportionately, interest themselves in an Oregon primary as in one of the stand-pat eastern states—which is encouraging to believers in popular government, especially when it is remembered that most of the primary voters in the latter states are not actuated by citizenship, but because they are paid for their votes.

Primaries are a survival of a fast-vanishing condition, where national party distinctions are perpetuated in local and state elections. The division between the political parties is on policies that affect the nation—not the state or community. Hence the difference in the latter is wholly artificial.

As a matter of fact, the party designation applied to a candidate for state or local office is an absurdity. This is recognized in city affairs, where the party has been largely dropped. The myth, however, is still perpetuated in county and state matters.

In the state primaries each candidate stood upon a platform of his own ideas. There was no party difference expressed in any of the platforms—yet we are such creatures of custom and tradition that many vote simply because the candidate professes allegiance to national policies not in issue in local affairs.

Politics is in a transition age. The old parties, as our fathers knew them, are passing away. The civil war issues fettered chains of tradition which submerged reason in public affairs for half a century. The party name no longer conjures the voter. The party myth is outgrown and being discarded in the process of evolution.

The party is becoming a purely national affair—as it is in other lands. As such it can be made much more responsive to popular will than it has ever been in America. Woodrow Wilson has given the existing system a shove toward the continental system that seems in accordance with the spirit of the times. He is making the political party the agent for carrying out policies and centering upon it the full responsibility of government.

Our cities are drifting out of the legislative and into the commission form of government and gainers thereby in efficiency. City government is becoming, as in Europe, a science, not a game of politics. Our counties and state governments should follow. Politics has made government an expensive joke to the people, and mythical political distinctions that divide the people against themselves are doomed. Two-chambered legislatures and other useless luxuries must go as the machinery of government is perfected and simplified.

Party primaries in state and local affairs, followed as they are by long-drawn-out campaigns and elections, are costly absurdities. The primaries should disregard party distinctions, preferential systems of voting be added, compulsory voting be enforced and a majority insure an election.

As God Measures Man

(From the Blackfoot, Idaho, Republican) The extent to which God has taken man into partnership with him in creation and dominion over the world, was exemplified in the Rogue river valley in Oregon, when they forecasted the weather and brought in something from another state to offset the frost and save the fruit crop from destruction.

For a thousand years the Rogue river valley afforded the right climate for raising red apples and the best of pears, but up to one hundred years ago no race of men inhabited the valley who gave any thought to controlling the elements and the energies of the soil to the end that delicious fruits might come forth. Then some of Astor's traders and trappers entered the valley, and later came other representatives of the race that invents and creates and nurtures and cultivates till they develop something pleasing to the tastes and senses of human kind.

Today there are great apple and pear orchards yielding incomes of forty to fifty thousand dollars a year to the owners, and they have means of communication with other valleys and states as much better than the travels of the red man, as the apple more delicious than the sego. While the aborigine would send a message by a swift runner afoot or on horseback, and transport goods on the back of a pony or on the half-dragged lodge pole, the present inhabitants flash their messages and transport their burdens by filling the iron horse with the breath of the kettle.

A few weeks ago when the pear orchards were at full bloom and presented the appearance of vast rectangular bouquets, there was a great disturbance of the elements in two oceans and a cold wave sweeping over land and seas was observed by the weather bureau and communicated to the orchardists at Medford, the chief town in the orchard district, and it was found that there was only enough crude oil in the valley to last the smudge pots one night, and the second night was likely to be

Green Fly or Rose Aphides and How to Fight Them

(By George Massee of National Rose Society.) The rose aphides, or green fly, are the bane of the rose grower's life, owing to their extraordinary rate of increase, and their persistent attack resulting in serious damage to the young shoots.

The aphides are insects which exist in species in different forms. There are winged and wingless races of the females, and the winged females may be of two kinds—those which produce their young viviparously and those which deposit eggs. Then there are males which may or may not be winged.

The simplest form of aphid is the apterous female. This female is in the form of a globular body, the head, thorax and abdomen more or less merging into one mass. All that we need notice is the presence of the cornicles or honey tubes, the curious glands in the skin, the piercing mouth and the two-jointed feet.

The cornicles are two tubular horns on the upper surface of the abdomen through which the insects pass out a sweet, gummy excretion called "honey dew." Honey dew is one of the causes of the dying of the rose leaves, for it falls from the green fly, coveys the leaves and prevents respiration. Later it becomes covered with excrement and a black fungus growth. The glands on the back are also important to remember, because it is through them that the skin becomes covered with a mealy, waxy or thread-like substance that repels water, and hence, if we wish to corrode the skin, we must use something that will hold the corrosive substance.

The structure of the foot at once separates the aphid or green fly from the scale insect, which has only one segment forming the foot. The respiration of an aphid is, as in all insects, by means of breathing pores at the sides of the body. To kill them, these pores must be closed by some sticky substance. One of the most remarkable things in the biologies of the aphides is the extraordinary rate of reproduction.

Normally the life cycle is as follows: In spring we start with what is called a mother queen or stem-mother, a wingless female. This parent produces living young called "lice," really the larval stage. These larvae soon mature and produce other wingless females, and so on until the plant becomes smothered, and then the wingless forms develop wing-buds—in fact, become pupae, which give rise to winged females which fly off to other plants and produce wingless creatures like their parents.

These winged forms may fly to the same kind of plant, for instance, from one rose to another, or they may fly off to quite a different sort of plant. This migration is very important to notice. At the end of the season there are produced males as well as females. These autumn females are called the oviparous or egg-laying generation, and they, after having been fertilized by the males, deposit eggs upon the plant.

These eggs remain all the winter in the axils of buds, on the stems, etc. They are visible to the naked eye if searched for carefully on the roses. The rate of reproduction in plant lice is enormous, under certain conditions, hence the reason we find the tips of the rose shoots suddenly covered with green and red fly. A single winged female has settled there, and in a day or so has produced many living young, which in their turn are seen to be doing likewise.

Fortunately the aphides have many natural enemies, which to some extent keep their numbers down. The most important are the lady-bird beetles, the hover flies and aphid lion or lace wing flies.

In spite of these "natural checks" the roses become covered and spoiled by plant lice, and man has to help himself, and cannot rely on nature to do everything. Ants are usually found amongst a colony of aphides; they go to them to extract the honey dew. Undoubtedly ants carry aphid about and so may set up attack on roses. Ants therefore should be killed. If their nests are found vespertine applied thrice at intervals of two weeks will do this.

Prevention and Treatment Aphids may easily be kept in check on roses by spraying, but this must be done with care. The writer has seen roses as badly damaged by washes used as by the green fly.

The reason is the rose will not stand any strong corrosive spray. A particular rose may do so at one time, but at another it will have its foliage ruined. Moreover, a strong corrosive wash is not necessary to kill aphides. All that we have to do is to block up the breathing pores, and so asphyxiate them. This may be done with simple soft soap and water. For the spraying of roses you must get the best soap and not use more than one pound of soap to twenty-five gallons of water. To this may be added two and one-half pounds of quassia chips. The effect of the latter is undoubtedly the most beneficial, for it acts as a stimulant and cleanser to the leaves, and by many growers is said to have a direct effect on the aphides. The soft soap, of course, has some corrosive power, for it contains caustic soda (about 4 per cent).

This soft soap and quassia wash is made as follows: Dissolve the soap in boiling soft water; boil the quassia chips or let them simmer for about twelve hours, adding water enough to keep them covered, every now and then strain off the liquid extract and pour into the dissolved soft soap and well stir, and lastly add the full quantity of water of dilution. This is all that is required to kill aphids. But we must remember two things: First, that the living young inside the females are not hit by the wash, and that the wash does not kill the females at once. So many young will escape before the parents die, and even have been seen protruding forth after their death.

To clear the roses, then, we must spray twice in succession on two consecutive days. Nicotine is an excellent insecticide and may be safely used with soft soap.

Paraffin emulsions of various strengths and forms have been recommended. They are usually harmful to the bushes, and the corrosive paraffin is not necessary for the purpose. Growers should be cautioned against its use. It is frequently found advisable to wash the bushes with plain soft water two days after spraying, partly with the object of removing any soft soap and partly to knock off the dead aphids. This applies to any of the aphicides used.

Reform the Reformers

(By H. H. Windsor, in the June number of Popular Mechanics.) With the public mind so engrossed with the Mexican matter, we may get a brief respite from the deluge of reforms which, like the avalanche, seems to gather volume in its descent. That there are evils and injustices galore is not to be denied; but we really are not half as bad as heart, or even in performance, as we have allowed ourselves to be painted to our own eyes. We have had our shortcomings dinned in our ears so long and constantly that we have come to think of ourselves as much worse than we really are.

The reform era found its opportunity when muck-raking no longer offered either fame or money to frenzied writers. Persons who lacked the ordinary abilities to command public attention in any other way found their opportunity, and often a job, in so-called reform movements, and were able to gratify personal vanity by getting their names in newspaper headlines. With no broad knowledge of the subject, and without a careful study of the problem which serves them, they rose as ex-

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ROCKEFELLER DOUBLES GUARDS AT ESTATE

NEW YORK, May 19.—In addition to doubling his guards from four to eight, John D. Rockefeller has had installed about the grounds of his Pocantico Hills estate a system of electric lights which he can flash by pressing a button at the head of his bed. Before the demonstrations by the Industrial Workers of the World at the downtown offices of the Standard Oil company and the threats they would visit his estate, Mr. Rockefeller was content with four guards. A similar system is being installed at the home of John D. Rockefeller, Junior.