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Good family tee in Melles all-
somes produce many good city hall
plains.

APPROPRIATE?—SURE!
(From the St. James, Minn., Journal-
Gazette.)

The gent's prize was a pair of
trousers and the lady's a box of
candy.

BUSINESS FIRST!
"My heart is your the saleslady cried,
While on his sturdy arm she lent,
"But tell me, looking in my eyes,
The exact address where you want it
sent!"

ARTHUR GRAVES,
CUSTODIAN, EVERGREEN
CEMETERY,
Bloomington, Ill.

THE VICTOR.
Old Lady—Little man, how did
your brother ever get so wet and
mussed up?

Boy—We was seein' who could
lean furthest over the breakwater—
and he won!

WONDERFUL!
Jones (reading)—My dear, the
paper says that 5000 elephants a year
go to make up piano keys.

Mrs. Jones—Heavens! What will
they be training dumb animals to do
next!

PROFITABLE.
Poet—I lived three weeks on
that last poem of mine.

Friend—The editor accepted it
then?

Poet—No. He threw me down
three flights of stairs and I spent
three weeks in the hospital.

AN EASY SOLUTION.
"I am puzzled," said a bachelor in
a New York club, recently. "I can
either marry a rich widow or a poor
girl. The girl is beautiful and young
and I love her; but the widow is rich,
Shall I listen to the calling of the
heart or think only of material gain?"

"I'll tell you what you do," replied
his best friend, "marry the poor girl
and give me the widow's address!"

STELLA'S BARGAIN COUNTER.
Best way to break the eloquence
news to the home folks is to let a
friend tell 'em your dead an' then
gradually work up to the climax!

All pigeon-toed girls aren't doves.

RECOGNIZED.
Binks—Shafer, do you know that
woman across the street?

Shafer—She certainly looks familiar.
Let me see: It's my wife's new
dress, my daughter's hat and my
mother-in-law's parasol—sure! It's
our cook!"

SOLD AGAIN.
She—I am going to give you back
our engagement ring. I have another.

He—Will you give me his name
and address?

She—What? Will you kill him?

He—No, I want to sell him the
ring!

HOW ABOUT HIMSELF.
Man on bridge—I have been watch-
ing that fisherman for two hours and
he hasn't caught a thing. It's funny
how some people spend their time!

EMBARGO ON ARMS UNPatriotic AND FOOL-HARDY.

THE United States government has not in cold storage
a half million machine guns—and never will have!

The United States government has not a hundred
thousand large caliber cannon in cold, calculating storage
and never will have!

The United States government hasn't vast warehouses
jammed full of shrapnel shell—and never will have!

The United States is not prepared for war lasting years
and never will be!

That's the way we are built. It isn't in us to think,
live and eat war during a quarter of a century of profound
peace.

Therefore, what a fine, patriotic thing it would be—
what rare foresight it would be on our part—to put an
embargo on war munitions at this time, prohibiting export
to other nations that also were not prepared for war!

When our hour of need comes—when we are attacked
by a military nation picking a quarrel with us—and we
rush out in frantic haste to buy the munitions with which
to defend ourselves against our enemy having a thousand
warehouses full of cannon, shot and powder, what will
the cold world bitterly say to us?

"Do the best you can. You set the example for the
first time in history of a neutral nation refusing to sell
munitions to belligerents. Begone! We have nothing to
sell you!"

We will never give in to an invader, not at any cost.
But an embargo now, to help one of the belligerents to
victory, will mean the useless sacrifice of the lives of a
million American boys later on, sure as fate!

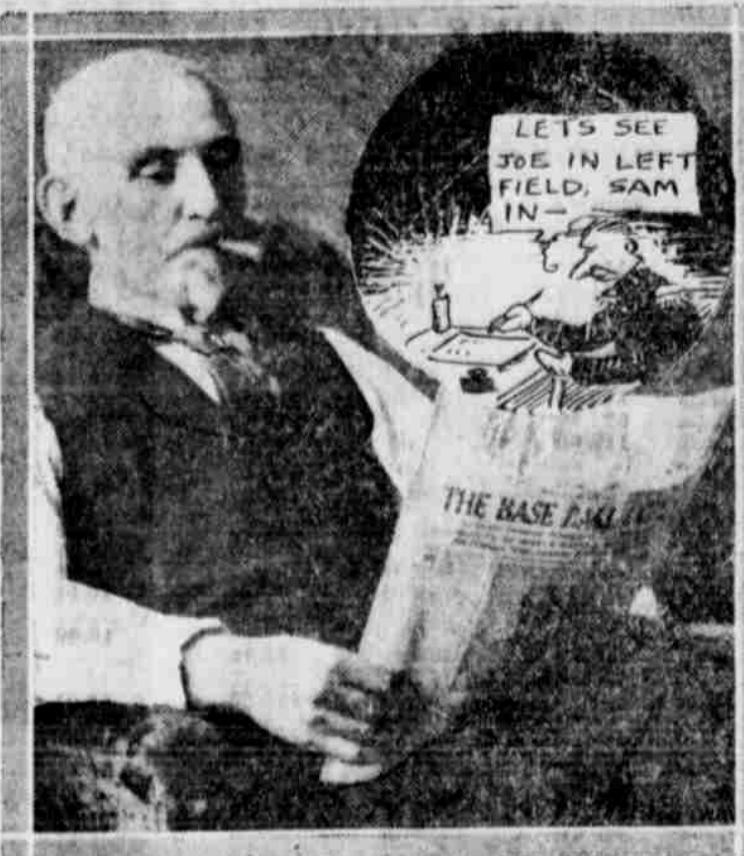
LOCALIZE MEXICO
TO BRING PEACECLOSED WINDOWS
MENANCE SCHOOLS

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 17.—One
suggestion quite widely supported
here for a program to be worked out
if a peace conference is called, is to
arrange for the selection of village,
town, city, district and state officials,
thereby putting into effect local gov-
ernments pledged to the ideals of the
peace conference. It was pointed
out that this would reestablish local gov-
ernments wiped out by the revolution
and form a foundation for a national
government with some promise of per-
manency and a better assurance of
support for any provisional president
selected. It was argued that such
a plan would furnish a more sub-
stantial basis for financing the new
national government than by at-
tempting to select a provisional pres-
ident and subsequently organize city
and state governments.

Defeated Champ Appears.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—Maurice E. McLaughlin, of San
Francisco, today appeared on the
grandstand court at the Casino for
the first time since his defeat on the
same court by R. Norris Williams,
last year. T. R. Poll, of New York,
was McLaughlin's opponent in the
third round of the invitation singles
tennis tournament.

GIRLS LOVE "BILLY" TOO MUCH: SPOIL HIM FOR GRANDMA.

MAN WHO PLAYED BALL BETWEEN VOLLEYS
OF CIVIL WAR SHOTS, HOT FAN NOW.

Col. W. A. Jamieson, Denver, Colo., entry in Championship fan contest.

During the siege of Yorktown, in
1862, there was one brave boy in
blue who sat through the long nights
immersed in Confederate bullets
that whizzed past his tent. He was
choosing the line-up for the Philadelphia
Volunteers for a game with the
New York Regiment team.

He was "Col." W. A. Jamieson, now 72, and the entry of Denver,
Col., into the contest to find the
champion baseball fan of the country,
to whom a ticket to any ball park
in the United States or Canada will
be awarded.

Jamieson is Denver's encyclopedic
baseballician. He has not
missed a game played by the Denver
Bears on their home lot in eight
years. When not at ball games he
works as bailiff in the federal court.
Incidentally, if the court docket

ever clashes with baseball, said court
is pretty apt to go bailiffs, for the
colonel says he'd rather lose his job
than miss a game.

Jamieson was one of the leaders
in giving baseball a whirl between
rounds of shot during the Civil war.
After the war he was documentary
killed off and a tombstone bearing
his name was erected in the national
cemetery at Andersonville, Ga.

In 1867 Jamieson organized the
Reading, Pa., Actives and laid out the
first diamond in Pennsylvania outside
of Philadelphia.

The colonel clips pictures of the
star players from papers and maga-
zines and has them bound into books.
He keeps a lot of dope on hand and
is always sought out by Denver folk
seeking to settle a baseball argu-
ment.

POUNDS STERLING
DROPS TO 4.64

Fix Blame For Graft.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The inter-
state commerce commission's re-
port on the Rock Island financial af-
fairs made public here late today,
says the commission's investigation
has demonstrated the need of legal
limitation of railroad security issues
and has emphasized the need of a
law to fix responsibility for dissipa-
tion of corporate funds.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

In looking over Medford's million
dollar bond proposition in which the
city would take upon itself the en-
tire paving indebtedness, and pay for
all paving expense heretofore made;
also pay back all money paid in as
paving assessments by property owners,
thereby creating an additional
city debt amounting to nearly half
a million dollars.

If any change in present system of
paying for the pavement is to be
made, it appears to me that a fairer
and less difficult plan would be for
the city to pay half instead of all
the paving expenses as proposed, and
the owners of property abutting on
paved streets pay the other half.
Those who have already paid more
than half of the paving assessments
in front of their properties should
be reimbursed to that amount with
warrants redeemable in city taxes.

If any more paving be done here-
after, the city should pay half of the
paving expenses, and the property
owners abutting such pavement pay
the other half. The above plan seems
to me would place the city in a bet-
ter financial condition for future im-
provements, and under this plan any
change in present system of assessing
or equalizing would not be necessary.

Furthermore, property owners that
are delinquent on their paving as-
sessments would naturally be more
willing and prompt to pay up for
half of the paving expenses, than if
they had to pay for all of it, and
which would also have a tendency to
lessen collection litigation.

To my opinion under present cir-
cumstances it would not be good pol-
icy to bind the city to the limit of
its lex valentum, and thereby re-
strict its future progress and devel-
opments and impair its credit.

P. H. MUNSON.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—State
department dispatches from Vera

Cruz today say:

"Highly inflammatory placards
have been circulated throughout the
town by the I. W. W. The placards
called for a mass meeting on August
15 directed principally against pro-
spective intervention or interference
in Mexico by the A. B. C. countries.
Authorities profess ignorance of the
document. Carranza forbade the
mass meeting but the posters re-
main on the walls."

No active anti-foreign demon-
stration has been reported but officials
here are uneasy. The battleships
New Hampshire and Louisiana with
Rear Admiral McLean are due in
Vera Cruz tomorrow.

The report adds that General Villa
has ordered many executions for
pillaging.

No Danger.

Doctor—I am sorry to say, Mrs.
O'Flanagan, that your son is suf-
fering from gastritis!

Mrs. O'Flanagan—Shure, doctor,
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