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CURIOUS—Want to know man who furnishes most subject for talk? Tly weather man.

Card of a Des Moines, Ia., man: Finis Idleman Editor, Christian Worker

Too Clever "That Mrs. Smarte is getting too clever," growled the butcher.

"What's the matter?" asked his wife. "When she came in just now she told me I ought to rename my scales the Ambuscade brand."

"Well, why?" "I've just looked up the word," went on the infuriated man, "and the dictionary says that ambuscade means 'to lie in wait.'"

Our Own Correspondence TOLO, Ore.—A porcupine attacked a dog here and filled him so full of quills that it took two hours to get them out with a pair of pliers.

"What is the difference between a fort and a fortress, John?" "A fortress, my dear, is feminine—so called because nobody knows just how to take it."

Jones—I see that there are hundreds of cases of typhoid in the European hospitals.

Mrs. Jones—Dearie me! And how many are there in each case? "I am thinking of studying law."

"Plain, martial, unwritten or lynch?" Today's Bellringer A prominent New York clergyman through his study window once spotted an unwelcome caller coming up the parish house steps.

After a while, hearing no sound, he tiptoed below and entered the parlor.

"Has that horrible old bore gone?" asked the pastor. "The bore was still in the room but the wife's quick wit saved the day."

"Yes, dear," she replied, "and Mrs. Parker is here now."

Stella's Bargain Counter It is often dangerous to be engaged—you are so apt to get in a tight squeeze.

Girls between peers and peers—the latter are the better to tie to.

Baldheads! Here is Fair Warning to You! (From London Times.) It was stated at an inquest at Hackney on the body of a shunter named Charles Hall, aged 21, who was run over on the railway and killed, that he was perfectly bald, and that the driver noticing him on the line took his back for his face, and thought he was coming towards the engine and could see it.

Speaking of baldheads, a correspondent of the Hong Kong Kolum describes "boneheads" as "people who are bald on the inside of their skulls."

TECHNICALITIES ON TOP

FEARFUL and wonderful to the layman are the intricacies of the legal mind.

The city council desired to submit to the people an alternative measure to the rebonding plan at the same time the Medynski plan was submitted. They were, to all intents and purposes, authorized to do this in ordinance 124, section 13, which reads as follows:

Sect. 13. In any ordinance, charter or amendment to the charter of said city shall be proposed by initiative petition, said petition shall be filed with the recorder, and he shall transmit it to the next session of the council, who shall then either ordain or reject the same, and if the council shall reject said proposed measure, or shall take no action thereon for a period of thirty days after such measure shall have been submitted, then the said recorder shall cause the same to be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next ensuing election held in said city. The council may ordain said ordinance or amendment and refer it to the people, or it may ordain said ordinance without referendum petition in like manner also the ordinance. If the council shall reject any such measure, or take no action thereon, it may ordain a competing ordinance or amendment, which shall be submitted to the vote of the people by the recorder at the same election at which said initiative proposal is submitted. Such competitive measure, if any, shall be prepared by the council and ordained within the 30 days allowed for its action on the measure proposed by the initiative petition.

Clearly the intent of the above is to permit the council to submit an alternative proposal to the people along with the initiative proposal.

The city attorney holds, however, that the council cannot submit such an alternative after having agreed to permit the initiative to be voted upon, and the city council, threatened on the one hand with the recall and on the other bound by the advice of their legal advisor, submitted the Medynski rebonding amendment alone.

Through the convolutions of the legal mind the people will therefore vote solely upon plunging the city hopelessly into debt with a bond issue equal to 25 per cent of the city's assessed valuation that cannot be sold at anything like par, give us the highest tax rate of any city in the country to permit well-to-do citizens and realty speculators to continue to buy gasoline with money they owe for property improvements.

PACIFIC MAIL LIES

WHENEVER a business fattened upon special legislation has an undeserved privilege cut off, loud and terrible is the resultant wail.

The passage of the La Follette seamen's act abolishing slavery at sea has been the occasion of no small amount of calamity howling on the part of ship owners whose greed has been many times shown in sacrifice of humanity.

Sirriest of the shriekers was that Jeremiah of Pacific coast shipping, the Pacific Mail, which has shown its patriotic love for the American workman by employing Chinese crews, and predicted disaster to the American merchant marine as the result of safety at sea.

It was not known what the department of commerce's interpretation of the law would be, when the Pacific Mail announced the forced abandonment of its business and the sale of its ships on account of the law. Regarding the interpretation, Secretary Redfield has announced:

The department understands the law to require the safeguarding of the vessel through the language test by such means as such times and in such a manner as shall be helpful and not hurtful to our maritime commerce and that it is in no sense intended to be used to create embarrassment or to cause unnecessary expense or delay.

The lie to the Pacific Mail's doleful prediction is the letting of contracts for the construction of many new vessels for Pacific coast commerce and the increased tonnage already listed.

Now Secretary Redfield has made a complete refutation of the statements made by R. P. Schwerin of the Pacific Mail. He shows how the seamen's law would not have injured the Pacific Mail's business, but helped it. He shows that the company has been heavily over-capitalized, and that for ten years the deficit in profit and loss account has been between \$10,000,000 and \$11,000,000, but that in the past few years this was changed to a surplus, and that the past few months have been the most profitable in the company's history, and that the company has quit with more business in sight than ever.

The fact is shown that the sale of the ships of the company were made at fancy figures, realizing a large profit, as depreciation on the ships had been charged off annually—in many cases totalling the value of the vessels.

The stock of the company before the passage of the seamen's bill at the close of its most prosperous year, was selling at 18, and has recently risen to 38. Mr. Redfield concludes:

It would appear to be possible that the company after doing business for 15 years without a dividend found that existing conditions gave them an opportunity of selling out a portion of their property at a price which would return them the full valuation of that property upon the company's books, plus at least a million dollars more, and that a very natural desire with such a record behind them to achieve this desirable result may in some measure at least have prompted the transaction. A company which by an adverse law is forced out of a valuable business finds that its stock is more than doubled in value as a result of that transaction.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS MAROONED AT NISH

PARIS, Oct. 21.—The diplomatic corps at Nish, Serbia, after preparing to quit that city, postponed their departure, communications having been cut with Saloniki, according to a special dispatch from Athens.

The message says that traffic between Saloniki and Monastir has been suspended as the result of floods and that occupation of Yanya has stopped communication between F-kih and Nish.

An Illinois sheriff took this step over his prison recently. "Welcome, Illinois Bankers."

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MOTHER AND BROTHER ACCUSED OF MURDER

PARIS, Oct. 21.—As a result of police investigations into the mysterious death last August of Marie Christophole, a young girl belonging to one of the wealthiest families of Clermont-Ferrand, Jean Christophole, her brother, and Madame Marguerite Christophole, the mother, were arrested last night. Because of the prominence of the family the latest development in the case has caused a sensation and the newspapers for the first time since the war began are devoting columns to a story of this kind.

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BY CAROLINE COE

From time almost immemorial it has been the custom to celebrate Halloween eve, and the date Oct. 31 in older times was the day the Druid priests set aside for a great religious feast or festival. It was called "All Hallow" because it preceded "All Saints Day."



Most of the old customs, especially, those of religious origin, when handed down to later generations, lose not only their real significance, but are often entirely misconstrued. The Hallow Eve of modern times is nearly devoid of religious ceremony—and is fast becoming only a day for fun and entertainment, and all ages and sizes look forward to the day of "fortunes and fakes."

The combining of light, fire and candles make the expense of the party very small, and the effect is often weird and wonderful.

If one is fortunate enough to live "on a farm" the Hallow Eve party has almost any possibility. Clear out the "crops" from the main floor of the big barn and give the party there. Use big, bright bonfires to light the way to the place where the "mystic and mighty" rites are to be performed, and where fun, fakes and fortunes will hold forth.

If the danger of the big fires seem too great set big pails or iron kettles up high on stump or log, fill these with ashes and pour kerosene over the ashes and light when the guests begin to arrive. Great care must be taken, and only once must the fires be started. DO NOT TURN MORE OIL OVER THE HOT ASHES.

Of course, pumpkins—Jack-o-lanterns—will be hung in every possible spot and corner, but a new "lantern" may be made by cutting a face in a piece of black cloth and pinning the cloth around the oil lantern; leave the top of lantern uncovered to allow a current of air.

Cozy corners may easily be made of branches of autumn leaves and cornstalks; in one of these corners must stand a dreaded witch, who reads your inmost heart and has power to tell your past as well as your future. The witch should be someone who knows all the guests and who is quick witted and has great imagination. She should be dressed in Mother Goose costume and so disguised that none may know her.

If the party is dancing have the "grand march" start to music made on combs covered with paper. The Scots use a piper, and the music on the combs is much the same.

Have the refreshments served at different places; on the first table place the plates and silver and the sandwiches; cut sandwiches the shape of broom or witch cap, or roll some, placing inside the bread a picture of some one's "future husband"; these may be cut from a magazine, and the guest must guess his occupation from the picture.

Scoop out the centers from large cabbage and fill the space with salad, and serve with the sandwiches. At the next table serve the coffee or punch; these two may be "sold," the price to be a good joke or story on any of the guests and these may be auctioned off at the end of the evening. Each guest has a chance to name whom she thinks the joke is on.

At the third table have individual pumpkin pies, and ginger cookies cut in the shape of a cat; dip cookies after baking in chocolate icing and fasten a skewer in the backs and the cats will sit up on the table.

Popcorn balls may be wrapper in colored paper. Write on a paper a quotation then cut the paper in two parts, wrap two popcorn balls and partners for next dance are found by finding the beginning or end to the quotation on the hall of corn.

Fill peanuts with rice or buttons, or a dollar sign, tiny clothespins; each having its significance; rice, wedding; button, single blessedness; dollar sign, riches; clothespins, work for a living.

These peanuts are easily made—remove the kernels and fill the space with anything desired and wet edges with a little glue and press the shells together, allow to "set" and they are ready for the fun.

On this one night fate gives an opportunity to "peer into the future and to divine the course of true love," and many ways of telling if any or all will come true will be resorted to.

Candles will be placed in "my lady's" window, each silently named before being lit, the one which burns the longest will remain faithful to the end. Tossels from corn ears are named and placed over doors by a maid, and the first man to pass under the one bearing his name will prove her life partner.

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BRITISH PAPERS OBJECT TO BRIBE OFFERED GREECE

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The reported proposal of the British government to purchase the co-operation of Greece in the war by ceding to her the island of Cyprus is regarded by the London press as authentic, but is by no means universally approved. The Evening Standard says: "We object to bribes, especially useless bribes, and unquestionably the offer of Cyprus is a bribe. The only thing which distinguishes it from German bribes is that Germany offers other people's territory and we offer our own."

"If the Greek government coolly refuses to carry out its bargain with Serbia, how can we be sure it will carry out another? What new engagements can bind statesmen who have just dishonored their written undertaking is perjury of this kind to be rewarded by gifts of British territory?"

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