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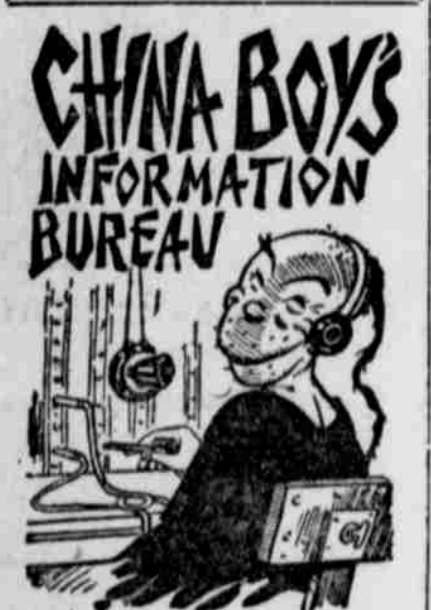
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HONG KONG KOLUM



My grandfather is 80 years old and an ardent fisherman. What shall I give him? (GIVE HIM A DEMI-JOIN.)

Speaking of words which can be properly spelled backwards, here's a whole sentence: "Snag and raw was I ere I saw war and guns."

They All Do It, They All Do It.

"Barber, why did you drop that hot towel on my face?" "Because it was too hot to hold in my hands, sir."—Boston Globe.

Today's Bellringer

"Diamond Jim" Brady tells of a mountaineer feudist, who, during a battle for a cabin in the mountains swore he'd get ammunition to the occupants of the besieged cabin, or die.

"If I can't do any other way," he said, "I'll give it to the enemy and let him shoot it at them."

Stella's Bargain Counter

Broth can be spoiled without the aid of too many cooks.

Bargain goldfish are apt to be plated.

Some men marry poor girls to settle down—others rich girls to settle up.

One Case Must be Worse Than The Other

(From Rolette, N. D. Record.) F. K. Cook is a victim of lagrip. Mr. J. F. Grable is a victim of a bad case of lagrippe.

Cautions

"I want a careful chauffeur—one who takes no chances." "That's me, sir. I require references and salary in advance."—Judge.

Amazing are the Wonders of Modern Surgery

(From Friend, Neb. Sentinel.) Sunday Mrs. D. R. Moon performed an operation on a spring chicken and discovered a double appendix—twins as it were. The operation was a success, but the chicken died.

Always

Teacher—Harry, can you tell me what animal attaches itself most to war? Harry—The bull dog.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Boxes. Take one or two pills three or four times a day. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

THE SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

AN initiative petition is being circulated by the Retail Grocers' state association for the repeal of the Sunday closing law. The movement had its origin in the arrest of some Portland grocers for selling goods on Sunday.

The movement is naturally being actively pushed by the Seventh-Day Adventists, whose religion calls the observance of Saturday instead of Sunday. Their advocacy is therefore due to conscientious motives and not from a desire for gain, as is the case with the merchants, whose motive is the desire to chase pennies every day in the year.

The Sunday closing law has been on the Oregon statute books for half a century, and has been more honored in the breach than in the observance. Many of the provisions are absurd and impossible of enforcement because of public sentiment. It certainly needs revision, but to abolish Sunday closing altogether, as the initiative bill provides, is too drastic a remedy. It is a subject for legislative action rather than initiative.

The Sunday closing law is about all that is left of the old blue laws originated in the days of the Puritans, in the religious revival that followed the translation and printing of the bible. The name "blue" was applied after the restoration of the Stuarts, to those who looked with disapprobation upon the licentiousness of the times. It was applied not only to persons, but to customs, institutions and laws of the Puritans by those wishing to bring them into ridicule.

The Puritan idea of the Sabbath as a compulsory day of religious worship, has been largely succeeded in the broadening of religious creeds, by the continental idea of a day of rest and recreation as well as worship. Without considering the religious feature, the law of health requires that the human machine be given one day's rest from the treadmill of labor. Without it, nature becomes out of seven from the treadmill of labor. Without it, nature becomes exhausted and efficiency impaired. This has been recognized and provided for in all civilizations.

Most of the world's work can be done in six days, and hygiene requires that it be so done. There is no reason why all ordinary merchandizing should not be done in six days. There are, of course, certain exceptions, but because necessity dictates that drug stores be open at least a few hours is no reason why grocery stores should also. Nor does such a law work to the loss of the grocer, who sells in six days what he would otherwise in seven. Public amusements form another exception—as they exist to entertain the public, but for nine-tenths of the occupations and industries the Sunday closing law is a good thing and beneficial to humanity.

While the present law needs amendment, its obsolete sections eliminated, it should not be repealed.

CUE SHARK PLAYS BILLIARDS LEFT HAND

One winter evening twelve years ago, August Kleckhefer strolled over to a cue rack in a billiard hall and stood contemplating the polished sticks with their fascinating leather and ivory tips.

He had never handled a cue but when asked to play he decided it would be a good time to start. He was only 14 and wore short trousers. Just what he was doing in a billiard hall at that age history does not tell, but he has been in a lot of them since. He holds three titles.

Goodness only knows why Kleckhefer picked out a cue with his left hand that night 12 years ago, but he did and he played the entire game with his left hand. He has played with the southpaw ever since.

Chance must have made him a left-hand cueist for in everything else, from writing and eating to "mitting" a friend, he is right-handed.

Kleckhefer's first game was pool, called pocket billiards now. That was in 1903. Six years later he was state champion of Wisconsin.

Then he turned to three-cushion billiards and won the championship of Milwaukee in 1910. During the next three years he didn't do much except practice, then in 1914 won the interstate title.

Kleckhefer kept practicing and this year, at the age of 26, played for the world's title against Alfred De Ooro, the Cuban, who is past 50 and held the pool championship 18 consecutive years before he became three-cushion king.

"Billiard players are born," says Kleckhefer. "It's the stroke that counts and that's born in you, not acquired."

When preparing for a tournament or big match he trains a good deal like a fighter. He walks two hours every morning. He is careful about his food, claiming even a slight attack of indigestion might throw him away off form.

The Singing of Carols The custom of singing carols is still maintained in Italy—indeed, on the continent carolling at Christmas is almost universal—and particularly in Rome, where, during the season of Advent, Pifferari may be seen and heard performing their novenas.

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FIRST PICTURE SOF "THE UNBORN," WHICH DEFIES NEW YORK CENSORS; SCENE FROM PLAY



Emily Ann Wellman, leading woman in "The Unborn," is shown above, with a scene from the play below, in which Miss Wellman, (right) takes the part of the mother of an epileptic boy. The boy (center) is played by Everett Butterfield and that of the boy's father by John Sainpolis. Inset above is Beulah Poynter, author of "The Unborn." She also wrote "Lena Rivers."

"The Unborn," a plea for birth control, done into melo-drama, is the work of Beulah Poynter, an actress, who was famous on the 10-20-30 circuits before the movies superseded that brand of public amusement. It was put on under the auspices of the Medical Review of Reviews, with Emily Ann Wellman, formerly leading woman with Louis Mann, in the star part. Miss Wellman essayed the role

of Mrs. Hartmann, mother of an epileptic boy, played by young Everett Butterfield. The part of the defective's father was taken by John Sainpolis.

"I do not see," said Miss Poynter, "why any one would say my play is immoral. I am working only for one thing—better babies—and I am doing my work honestly and cleanly. There isn't any vice in 'The Unborn,' and

it isn't a play for anything that is bad.

"I defy anyone to point out anything wicked or vulgar in my play, and those are the only two points on which the public has a right to condemn any source of information of such a subject as this."

Injunction proceedings have given the play great advertising and a tremendous run.

SONS OF LORD CALLED A TRAITOR DIE IN WAR

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lord Ribblesdale, whose attack on the British army staff in the house of lords caused him to be called the next thing to a traitor by Lord Derby, has given two sons and a son-in-law to his country, besides being a brother-in-law of the premier and head of one of the old county families of Yorkshire.

French Socialists Loyal

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In the sixteen months since France went to war it is declared that there has been only one case of an attempt made by violence to interfere with the concentration of the army and the prosecution of the war. This fact is being pointed out in justification of the action which Minister of the Interior Malvy took in relating suggestions that all revolutionary leaders, anarchists and persons suspected of disloyalty to the

Good Fellows' Christmas Tree

The Good Fellows, an organization of men who help to make poor children happy every Christmas, are behind the municipal Christmas tree idea in Columbus, Ind. They will erect a big tree in Commercial park, which is just across Franklin street from the city hall. Christmas carols will be sung around the tree on Christmas eve by the combined church choirs of the city. The other exercises will be held in the city hall, where the poor children of the city will receive presents. Baskets of provisions for the needy adults of Columbus will be distributed also.

CANARY BUSINESS KILLED BY THE GREAT WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The business of the canary-breeders of the Harz mountains has been almost utterly destroyed by the war. Tens of thousands of canaries were exported yearly to America, France, England and Russia. The war has stopped this, and the domestic trade is almost completely at a standstill. Practically all the breeders have already abandoned the business.

With Medford trade is Medford made.

Christmas Suggestions Announcement While the Christmas trade has been fully up to expectations, we still have a large stock remaining, and in order to reduce same quickly many lines we will discontinue entirely. We have decided to throw open our store of bargains to the public when the demand for such articles is the greatest. Every one knows the Diamond stock of Jewelry. But we will enumerate a few of our many bargains. We have the largest stock of Cut Glass in southern Oregon, of such well-known manufacture as Libby, etc. 8-inch Bowls marked down from \$10 to \$5.00. Water Sets, \$18.50 to \$10.00. Sugar and Creamers, \$10.00 to \$6.50 and as low as \$2.25. Mayonnaise Sets reduced to \$3.25. Nappies, were \$1.50, now 75c. Sterling Silver Thimbles, 15c up. Big Ben Clocks, \$2.00. Sterling Novelties, half price. Sterling Silver and Plate Toilet Sets, 40 per cent off. Many Sterling and Glass articles, ideal for presents, one-third off. Rings from one-third to one-half off. Lose no time in making your selections next door to postoffice. FRED L. HEATH J. W. DIAMOND, Mgr.

STAR THEATRE SUNDAY Charlie Chaplin will positively appear at this theater as usual on the same program with a five part Gold Rooster play in Comrade John We also show a Pathe News picture making a seven reel show. See this exceedingly good show Sunday. COMING—Tuesday, "The Challenge of Courage," a 6-part Vitagraph. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

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The Page MEDFORD'S LEADING Motion Picture Theater NOW A Night in the Show Genuine Essanay Chaplin Comedy CHARLIE CHAPLIN It's uproarious because it's a burlesque of something we all abhor and duly do. The Print of the Nail Modern politics is the subject of this three-act Selig drama. Animated Nooz Pictorial Live news of the day shown in an Essanay picture.

The Page Tuesday December 21 Medford's Leading Theater SELWYN & COMPANY Present MARGARET ILLINGTON "A Great Actress in a great play."—N. Y. Herald. THE LIE "Inspiring, reverberating triumph."—Amy Leslie in Chicago News. B' HENRY ARTHUR JONES One year at the Harris Theater, New York City. NEW YORK CAST AND PRODUCTION. Prices, 1st 14 rows lower floor \$2.00; last 4 \$1.50; balcony, 1st 4 rows \$1.50; next 4, \$1.00; next 3, 75c; balance 50c.