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HONG KONG KOLUM

Trusting The violin was made in 1626 by Fect Anno Domino. Proof of the date is to be seen on an age-worn paper inside of the case.—The Valparaiso (Ind.) Vidette.

What Congressmen Are For Congressman W. A. Ayers has our thanks for several favors extended to this office recently. Mr. Ayers seems to be alive to his duties in Washington.—The Conway Springs (Kan.) Star.

Kind for Man and Beast The health of this creek isn't good at present. Mr. Smith is on the sick list. Mr. Brown's favorite mule is sick.—Bartramville Cor. of the Iron-ton (O.) Register.

Charles's Chance "Austria-Hungary and Turkey were represented by Charles D'Affairs in the absence of ministers."—From the Charles City (Ia.) Press.

Safety Insured Three Travelers—Are you armed, captain? Captain of Belligerent Ship—Yes! Five American citizens.—Ohio State Journal.

I know a gink whose notion of the ideal condition is to be too sick to work, but well enough to go down town.

Building Note Our two leading public characters seem to be Col. House and Vernon Castle.—Judge.

They may be leading, but by only a nose (or a front porch, to adhere strictly to form.) There are other buildings of note. There's Villa, for instance, and Henry Cabot Lodge, not to mention the Grand Central Depot and Gilman Hall. And outside we encounter P. G. Wodehouse, with Henry Hutt. If you wish to pursue the subject to the last ditch, add Edward Cave, the appropriately named editor of Recreation.—Jim and Eddy.

Spending It On The musketry instructor had just been giving a lesson on the rifle to one particularly "green" set of recruits. At the end he asked, "Now, is there any question you want to ask?"

One dull looking Johnny Haw stepped forward, blushing awkwardly. "Yes, my name?" said the instructor, encouragingly.

"Plaze, sir," stammered the searcher after knowledge, "is it right that the harder it pull the trigger—the farder the bullet goes?"—The Bits.

The best reporter we ever heard of was the one who called at the home of the sick millionaire and when the latter informed him that the great man was not yet dead replied, "All right, I'll wait!"

No Green in His Eye Because we doubted a pair of dollars several years ago, to pay for a log cabin to be store customers' homes to—and the cabin was afterwards divided between two town men, nates to make water runs in South Park farms, the older we grow the less foul green we wear in our young old eyes.—The Salem (Ark.) Star.

In the Wild of Life A five month old rock rooster sat and at 11:30 dropped dead in his coop at the Fort Worth poultry show, immediately after having been awarded the first prize.—The Terry (Contd.) Herald, Brownfield, Terry County, Texas.

Little Patriots! "Goodness gracious me! What on earth are you doing, children—using up all my fine stationery?—using up all my fine stationery?" "Plazin' Count Berthoff and Secretary Lamm!"—New York World.

GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONS

THE would-be statesmen who are coming out of the underbrush at this time of the year to announce their candidacy for the legislature, and quite a few of the many thousand organizations we have these days to regulate everything from swatting flies to the European war, are preparing to make a campaign on the issue of abolishing some, if not all, of our state commissions. Before these candidates and organizations proceed far with their efforts they should try and understand what they are talking about. It may be that some of the commissions and boards should be abolished and the work placed in the hands of fewer commissions. But before the abolition has commenced it might be well to inquire into the reasons that gave rise to the commission and what results would follow their abolition. Most of our commissions are created to enforce law and redress wrongs. The first thought is that we have courts for that purpose. True, but the intelligent people of the country learned long ago that the courts are presided over by men, often inferior and corrupt, who are about as apt to be wrong as right, and who were often controlled by men whose interests were opposed to the principles of moral justice. Through the court decisions in this country there has been established a system of legal justice that is contrary to all canons of reason and virtue. The superstitious ignorance of the past has instilled into us a belief that the gentlemen we have for judges are of a different kind of clay from the rest of us. Whether he bought a place on the court of appeals of New York from Tammany Hall or procured a judgeship in a rural county by a life of trucking, we Americans are prone to look upon the judge as something superior. We can't help it. But there have been some who in the past observed that in litigation between the public and corporations the corporations were always given the best of it by the courts. The reason is not far to seek. In a country and a time when success is counted chiefly in wealth acquired, it is but natural that judges should be selected who conformed to public opinion, and those who have interested in the best of the public have largely aided in such selection. Again, there are many questions affecting the public and public service corporations that for their proper adjustment require expert knowledge, which cannot be found in hand-shaking lawyers or jurors selected by tax rolls or judges selected by the corporations. Commissions have been established for the reason that courts and judges failed in most important functions. The abolition of commissions is a question to be settled by people of judgment and not by coyote statesmen who are willing to howl in any key that will bring votes.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler says the women of California are good to be in the turmoil of politics. We would like to know if the learned educator, considering past history, thinks that men of California are good enough to control politics.

Governor Withycombe seems peeved because the government will not compromise with the railroad and give it several million dollars more than it is entitled to. Sure; what is a little matter of principle between political friends?

After we have got all the money of Europe and the war is ended, we must put the tariff so high that the hungry millions of that continent can't get any of it back. So say the apostles of the G. O. P.

The latest advice from the colonel to his boosters: For "what would Lincoln have done," substitute "what Roosevelt would have done."

Senator Cummins comes out against Brandeis at last. Wonder if he can get Wall Street's support for that.

J'VILLE PIONEERS IN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SALEM, Ore., April 3.—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. C. Wimer, former residents of Jackson county, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, March 31, at their home, 154 State street. They came across the plains from Iowa to California in 1863, behind a mule team, and in 1864 came to Oregon, settling in Yamhill county. Mr. Wimer has been a millwright most of his life. He is 82 years old and Mrs. Wimer is 80. Mr. Wimer has a brother, E. R. Wimer, residing in Siletz, and another older brother, Volney W. Wimer, in Troutdale, Ken. Mr. and Mrs. Wimer had seven children. Those living are: Mrs. Bama Stewart of Warrenton, Calif.; R. L. Wimer, Medford, Ore.; and Mrs. M. H. Bigham, at Oregon City. Thirteen grandchildren are listed.

EX-TABLE ROCKERS IN GENERAL ROW

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 3.—K. H. Jennings of Yamhill today swung out a scimitar for B. R. Porter and his son, of Yamhill, charging them with threatening to kill him. Porter is Mr. Jennings' father-in-law, and trouble between Jennings and his wife is said to be the cause of the present difficulty. One-table Howard Church of Roseburg left for Yamhill last evening to bring Porter and his son to Roseburg for hearing. The parties formerly lived at Table Rock.

CAPLAN LAWYERS GIVE UP JOBS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 3.—The withdrawal of Kaplan's children, chief of schools for the district, and MORAN V. M. JOHNSON, vice assistant, both in San Francisco, was announced last night. David Kaplan was a 1908 graduate of the faculty of the school of commerce in the Los Angeles Times building. No other details of the withdrawal were given in this office by the Los Angeles Times.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER

FIRST TRIAL OF PRIMARY IS HELD IN MICHIGAN

DETROIT, Mich., April 3.—Michigan's presidential primary law, enacted in 1912, was given its initial trial today. Members of the various political parties went to the polls to register their preference for candidates who are expected to figure in the national conventions this summer. The progressive party was without a candidate. Woodrow Wilson was the only democratic candidate. Three names were on the republican ballot, William Alden Smith, United States senator of Grand Rapids; Henry Ford of Detroit and William G. Simpson of Detroit were the three. After Mr. Ford's name was placed on the ballot he announced that he could not be seriously considered as a candidate.

BLAME PLACED ON DEAD ENGINEER MILFORD CRASH

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The interstate commerce commission report on the New Haven wreck near Milford, Conn., February 22, when 10 were killed and many injured in a rear-end collision of passenger trains, places the blame on the killed engineer of the local train which struck a stalled express. Because, the report says, he failed to regard block signals. The report emphasizes the need for automatic train stops.

FRENCH SCLUPTOR PRESENTS WORKS

PARIS, April 3.—Auguste Rodin, the sculptor, has executed a deed of gift to the government of the entire collection of his own works, other art objects he has acquired, and the Hotel Brion, in which they are now housed. The building hereafter is to be open to the public as the Musee Rodin. M. Rodin retains the studio, but the remainder of the extensive building and the fine ground which surround it became public property, under the supervision of the government.

Chiyo Maru Grounded

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Efforts to float the Japanese steamer Chiyo Maru, grounded south of Hong Kong since last Friday, have been temporarily abandoned because of heavy seas, according to a cablegram received today from Yokohama by San Francisco officials of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha company.

Medford Boosters Smoke

The Medford and Mt. Pitt Claret.



The "Chorus Lady" at the Star today, taken from the stage play of the same name. Produced by Jesse L. Lasky on the Paramount program, featuring Miss Cleo Ridgely and an all-star cast. There is not a dull moment in the entire production. It is full of action from beginning to end.

LIQUOR FIGHT IN MICHIGAN HOT ONE

DETROIT, Mich., April 3.—A bitter struggle waged in Michigan for weeks between "wet" and "dry" forces reached its climax today when voters in thirteen counties cast their ballots at local option elections. Many of these counties were storm centers over the prohibition issue at previous elections.

YANKEE EFFORT FOR RICH TRADE PAN AMERICA

NEW YORK, April 3.—Atlantic credits may be obtained and increased steamship service with the United States inaugurated are important factors to be considered by this country in order to take advantage of profitable foreign trade that is now offered by Central America, according to members of the financial committee appointed by Secretary McAdoo to visit that country who returned here today on the steamship Salsola. In all the countries they were officially received and offered every opportunity to gather information which will be given in a detailed report to secretary McAdoo and business and commercial organizations of this country.

According to Mr. Clauson, manager of the foreign department of the Crozier National bank, San Francisco, the several countries visited had at the beginning of the European war approximately two years supply of foreign goods and products on hand but these are now almost exhausted. With European shipping uncertain, they are now looking to the United States to supply necessary purchases.

"Steamship facilities are badly needed," said Mr. Clauson. "Had it not been for the fact that the United States placed at the disposal of the committee the cruiser Cleveland, it would have been impossible for us to visit all the countries in the time granted. It would have taken us six to eight months to make the trip."

IS IT YOUR KIDNEYS?

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back, the truth is that it is only a momentary weakness; when serious trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where the danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Residents of this vicinity are constantly testifying.



Advertisement for 'The Chorus Lady' at the Star Theatre. Today Cleo Ridgely in 'The Chorus Lady'. It's a Paramount. It's good. 5 and 10c. NUFF SED.

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