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EM-TEES

DO YOU KNOW—

There's no friend like an old friend, because where will you find a friend who will stand by you as long as an old friend.

A Milwaukee wonder has submitted plans to the city street-car system showing them how to do away with the strap hanging evil. He suggests cars be made without straps.

The fellow with coin to burn may be looking for a job as janitor some day.

Breathes there a man with brain no dead,

Who never to himself hath said, "Gee, I wish I had a million?" —By H. Eck.

"Knock and you knock alone," is right. We knocked on the radiator the other day for three hours to get more steam and the janitor slept on.

NARROW ESCAPE OF FAMILY OF S. A. NYE

Fire, discovered at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, completely gutted the home of S. A. Nye, 825 East Main street, causing a damage to the interior and furniture of \$5000, covered by insurance. The Nye family, sleeping upstairs, were awakened by the crackling of the flames and escaped by use of ladders, in their night clothes. The interior of the home was a mass of fire when the fire department arrived.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but is believed to have been caused either by a defective door bell electric wire, or a faulty fireplace base. It is the opinion of City Electrician Heman that the fire was caused by the first named defect, as there was no indication of a fireplace flaw.

The family was asleep on the sleeping porch on the second floor when the blaze was discovered. Their exit by the stairs was impossible owing to smoke and flames. Firemen brought ladders, as a means of escape. Effects of the fire do not show from the street, but the damage was so heavy as to compel a complete rebuilding of the interior for occupancy. The piano and other furniture were scorched, and other household effects ruined.

BRYAN WOULD MAKE DEMOCRACY "DRY"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Reforms to which he hopes to commit the democratic party and to see accomplished within the next four years were outlined last night by William Jennings Bryan at a dinner given in his honor by admirers among democratic officials and members of congress. National prohibition he urged as the most important and other causes on his list included woman suffrage by federal amendment, election of the president by direct popular vote and changes to make the constitution more easily amendable.

Mr. Bryan gave a prominent place to two things he proposed to fight: the effort to give the federal government exclusive control over railroad regulation and "the menace of militarism" presented by proposals for universal military service.

Speeches lauding Mr. Bryan and his work during the campaign just won were made by many of the diners and a letter was read from President Wilson, with whom the former secretary and Mrs. Bryan had lunched during the day. The president wrote:

"Will you be kind enough to convey my very cordial greetings to Mr. Bryan and to those who are assembled to do him honor at the dinner on Wednesday evening? In the recent campaign no one rendered more unselfish service than Mr. Bryan and I am happy to know that this dinner expressed the genuine admiration of all democrats for him. May I not by this means convey to him my warm-

PROSPERITY OR DEPRESSION?

THE land owners of the Medford district have it in their power to create prosperity or to continue the era of depression.

This region has not been prosperous because it has not produced enough. It has not produced enough because it is not under irrigation.

Even in a wet season, the rain does not come at the right season of the year. Irrigation will increase the output, no matter what the season.

Medford will ship this season 1000 cars of apples and pears, bringing in approximately \$1,000,000. With no greater planted acreage, the irrigated orchard districts of Washington are shipping 5000 cars, realizing approximately \$5,000,000.

Nor is the increased yield the sole benefit from water. Average size, quality, color are all superior—hence the price higher for fruit in irrigated sections.

Quantity production can only be secured by use of water—no matter what the crop. The farmer raising alfalfa, the beet sugar grower, the berry culturist, the market gardener, all find water essential to quantity, quality and profit as well as crop insurance.

Most of the fruit shipped this year was from irrigated orchards. The watered alfalfa land yielded more than double that unirrigated land grew. The only sugar beets successfully harvested were from irrigated tracts. Every crop in this semi-arid region needs the magic touch of water.

Land is unsaleable in the valley because farming without water here is a gamble no wise man will undertake. Much of the land never will have a staple value without irrigation because it is worth less than the water.

Experience of the past few years ought to have convinced the most skeptical, the most unprogressive. Results of the past season, where the results of water were realized on a portion of the land, ought to demonstrate its necessity to all.

There are none so blind as those who will not see—and many of our large as well as small land owners shut their eyes to facts and seek to blunder along the old rut to failure.

Experience has demonstrated that the fairest, most equitable irrigation scheme is that provided by the district plan. Such a plan has been offered to land owners of this section. It provides for securing water at a cost of \$40 per acre upon the easiest terms possible, leaving the distribution under control of the owners themselves.

The plan has been approved and indorsed by the United States reclamation service engineers as the most feasible, most practical of any of the schemes suggested. It is up to the land-owners themselves to decide whether they want to advance or continue to retrograde.

Even the most pessimistic reactionary sorrowfully admits that it is only a question of time until the valley will be under water. Why not make it now, instead of waiting until half of the people have been forced to leave through inability to make a living?

We cannot expect industries, we cannot expect new population, we cannot expect progress until we have irrigation, increase our production and turn the balance of trade.

Every one having the best interests of the valley at heart should work earnestly and energetically for the success of the district plan at the coming election, December 27. Defeat means at least another year of stagnation, loss of morale, as well as bankruptcy and despair for many.

If you vote against irrigation, don't blame the president for hard times. It's you who are wearing the rut of reaction so deep it is becoming a grave.

ent congratulations and best wishes for his continued health and happiness."

RUMANIA PAYS FOR ENGLISH BLUNDERS WITH PROUD CITY

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Comment of the anti-government press on the capture of Bucharest is extremely bitter. It is declared that the fall of the Rumanian capital will cause a keen sense of grief and shame to every Englishman and that it is due to the colossal blunders of Lord Grey's diplomacy.

It is generally conceded that the event will be a blow to the prestige of the allies. The view is expressed that it will probably cause a prolongation of the war.

The Mail assumes that the wheat the Germans claim to have captured is that which Great Britain bought for ten million pounds and wants to know what became of the money. A Petrograd dispatch to the Post says that the capture will not affect the strategy of the war and involves no loss to the cause of the allies, provided the Germans fail to establish themselves on the Black sea coast.

ENTIRE FRENCH COLONY DEPARTS FROM ATHENS

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says that the entire French colony left Athens yesterday. The foreign colonies fill all the hotels of Piraeus and many have embarked on the vessels in the harbor.

"Athens is apparently calm," continues the dispatch, "but the population is much impressed by the exodus of the foreigners and is in a state of great anxiety. Arrests of supporters of former Premier Venizelos and

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CHILDREN ASK PRESIDENT FOR PEACE



These youngsters, from the East Side tenement district of New York, and members of New York's juvenile police force, are working on a country-wide peace movement among the school children of America. They have gone to Washington to present to President Wilson, on behalf of the school children of New York, a plan to start negotiations to end the European war.

FALL OF PLOETCHI GIVES GERMANS RULE OIL WELLS

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The fall of

Bucharest and Ploechi, announced in the German official communication tonight, has not been confirmed but the position revealed by the previous

SPAIN PROTESTS BELGIAN HORRORS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7.—According to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, the Spanish embassy in that city has handed the German government a protest from the Belgian government against the deportation of Belgians. Commenting on this, the paper says that the action of the Germans was in conformity with article 43 of The Hague convention.

After denying that there were any scenes or horrors during the deportations or that any Belgians had been forced to do work forbidden by international law, the newspaper says that coercion was necessary in the case of workmen who refused to work. In regard to the requisition of raw materials it is asserted that this was in accordance with the needs of the army and in agreement with article 52 of The Hague convention.

German and Russian communiques left little hope that the Rumanian capital could be saved.

The rapidity of the advance of the central powers seems to show that no attempt was made to defend the capital and the actions fought have probably been only of a delaying nature.

The fall of Ploechi, perhaps, is of even greater importance than that of Bucharest. Ploechi is a railway junction and the center of the great oil district of the Prahova valley. Unless the Rumanians have been able to destroy or disable the oil wells, machinery and stores of oil the Germans will get a much needed prize. Moreover in the Prahova valley, they are on the line of retreat of a portion of the Rumanian second army.

It is believed that the Rumanians will be compelled to retire until they can secure a shorter line between the Carpathians and the lower Danube, which will be within easier reach of Russian reinforcements.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN FOR INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

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Large advertisement for Cottolene shortening, featuring a cake and a can of the product. Text includes 'The Natural Shortening' and 'Cake that melts in your mouth!'.

Advertisement for 'AMERICA'S ELECTRICAL WEEK' at Paul's Electric Store, featuring Christmas opening music and electrical goods on display.

Advertisement for 'BELL-ANS' medicine, claiming to remove indigestion and cure all druggists.