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**THE DESERT.**

I **CROSSED** the desert in a car that Mr. Pullman made; it rolled without a jolt or jar, in bright green plush arrayed. And when I wished to sleep at night, and rest my drowsy head, there came a porter, most polite, who tucked me into bed. And to the dining car I went three times a day, at least; beneath large trays the waiters bent, and brought a gorgeous feast. The train was full of dames and men who grumbled all the time; they'd never come out there again—the desert was a crime. It hurt their eyes to view the sand, and watch the hills of stone; and everything their anger fanned, and they put up a groan. And I recalled pioneers who blazed the path that way, and sternly whacked their mules and steers through burning sand all day. They only halted in their stride across that waste accurst, to plant some fellow who had died of heartbreak or of thirst. I wished those mighty men of old could board that gorgeous train, and there some moving discourse hold, of tragedy and pain; for that might shame the stall-fed men, and fat enameled dames, who sighed and swore and sighed again, and called the desert names.

**Ye Smudge Pot**  
 By Arthur Peery

No one gets "robbed" with such frequency as the farmer, probably because they will not let him use a sloopvine in the center of a sack, down which to pour the small potatoes. The modern farmer may have reformed, but 8 or 10 years ago, he was as full of sly tricks as a Chinaman. Nowadays nothing is right, all is "injustice," and will be until the going wage for labor is a dime a day, and wheat is \$10 per sack.

Uncle George Nichols and Wig Ashpole are having their front painted a battleship grey.

Jock Aitken invaded the sanctum Tues. p. m., and announced that he would skin any Elk not at the meeting Thursday eve. The cutting up of the herd on the river bank will be shown in the movies, and an opportunity given to determine what kind of a Doug Fairbanks Kort Hall makes.

**GUARANTEED, NO PEROXIDE**  
 (Salem Capital Journal)

**WANTED**—A cowboy from eastern Washington, a blond, 38, would like to exchange correspondence and photos with some maids or widows. Address Bill Drown, Albany, Ore. P. O. Box 322.

Now it develops that nothing is going down in price but silk in which there is no nourishment.

Hiram Johnson will enter Chicago tomorrow and all good Californians will throw a fit, as a result thereof.

Congress has ordered an investigation of the escape of Grover Berzdoll, the wealthy slacker, from a military prison. A private who gave him a match 6 months ago, can't sleep nights.

About all the showers, due for this month, will be for the June brides.

**Tribune's Daily Health Hint**

By Huriel Boewig.  
 Dental floss is a good investment for certain people.  
 If your teeth are so close that your tooth brush will not go "all the way down" into the places between the teeth, the thing to do is to run dental floss through each space before every brushing. It is a nuisance, but such teeth are a nuisance whatever way you look at them. We are just blessed with a permanent care.  
 Yet it pays better to do this than to have so much dental work done. Many of our cavities develop at the sides of the teeth for the simple reason that decay is caused chiefly by food that ferments. Fermentation means acidity and acids on the enamel are not good. But fermentation means also the presence of bacteria, and these flourish wherever they are allowed to live in peace. They are not big, and a very tiny place untouched for a week will suffice.  
 Have the teeth examined every six months by a good dentist. When there is an ache, it may be too late. At all events an ache means a much deeper injury than a dentist can detect without aches and nip in the bud.  
 Decaying teeth are a menace not only because they make a bad breath and give pain, but they may do neither and yet be doing a great deal bigger damage if the cavity is just right. All these tooth abscesses that we hear about are caused by bacteria that get in through incredibly little spaces, work through the spongy tissue of the tooth pulp and get to the tip of the root. Here they contaminate the bone just next to the tooth and flourish unmolested. But where there are bacteria there are waste poisons, and as the abscess has no place to drain out of the head, these wastes are poured into the blood stream which carries them to all the body.  
 Tooth abscesses are no myth. They are wicked things. Prevent them.

**Kiev, War Buffeted, Historic City**

Kiev, which has changed hands ten times in three years with the recent entry of Polish troops, described in news dispatches, is the subject of the following bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society:  
 "Kiev, mother of Russian cities, also the Jerusalem of Russia, did not live in the past, even before its recent kaleidoscopic adventures, though it was sufficiently significant a thousand years ago to give its name to a three-century period of Russian history.  
 "Both the Wall Street and the Plymouth Rock of Russia, each February found thousands of merchants crowding its fair to contract for merchandise and produce, especially beet sugar, and other seasons found hundreds of thousands of pilgrims thronging its unique shrine, the Convent of the Caves.  
 "Few cities offer such an agglomeration of the old and the new. Kiev lies upon the muddy Dnieper, the Ohio river of Russia, formerly carrier of some 500,000,000 worth of freight annually for the 14,000,000 people within its basin. Near its site Prince Vladimir herded his people for wholesale baptism, after he had forsaken his pagan gods and a thousand wives and consubines for Christianity.  
 "Vladimir was a strange conversion. He sent emissaries to study religions of the civilized world of his day (the tenth century). The Greek ceremonials at Byzantium captured his imagination. Some historians say he desired to marry the daughter of the Roman Emperor influenced his choice.  
 "Russians embraced the new religion with all the fervor with which they had offered human sacrifices to the abandoned idol, Perun. While Vladimir held political sway at Kiev there came a lowly monk, Anthony, who took up his abode in a cave. Other devout men followed his example. Archaeologists, since have recognized in these caves the homes of cave dwellers of the stone age.  
 "These holy hermits walled up the exits of their self-appointed cells and many never again came forth to daylight. They fasted, prayed, and ate the food placed in niches every second day. When the food was not removed their fellow monks knew the reclus too be dead, and walled up his shrine to be his tomb. It is the tombs of these ascetic troglodytes that armed the major attraction for the mighty human stream of pilgrims that flowed through Kiev until the war storm broke. One hermit-monk, John, is said to have spent the last thirty years of his life with his body buried in earth up to his arm pits.  
 "The caves constitute but one feature of the famous monastery which, with its streets of churches, cellars, nunns and schools, is a small city in itself. Among the mummies that formerly lay in open coffins, enveloped in costly robes, was that of Nestor, the Russian Herodotus, whose chronicles are re-sponsible for the tradition that Kiev was founded by three brothers in the ninth century.  
 "From the 'Cave Town' quarter of the city one emerges suddenly into the Podoil, or trading quarter, suggesting a New England factory city, with its mills and shims, for paper, machinery, tobacco, chemicals, and hardware. Kiev not only was the chief seat of the Russian beet sugar trade, but also dealt heavily in timber, livestock and grain. Its recent growth has been rapid. In 1889 it had less than 200,000 people, and in 1911 more than 500,000.  
 "Oldest of the better known Russian cities, Kiev gave Russia her first Christian church, first library, first Christian school, and today it boasts the chief cathedral of the former empire, that of St. Sophia. Therein is the so-called 'Virgin of the Unbreakable Wall,' because the figure resisted the vandal frenzy of the Tatars when they smashed other priceless treasures of the church.  
 "Kiev is the seat of government of the new republic of Ukraine. It is 624 miles southwest of Moscow, and 270 miles north of Odessa."  
 ed States international position from a debtor nation to a creditor nation, the committee's report stated that the ultimate outcome of this shift will mean an excess of imports over exports.

**FARM WAGE IN COMPETITION WITH CITY PAY**

NEW YORK, May 31. The need of making agricultural wages competitive with city wages and the necessity of the government to find a means of importing fertilizer at a price that American farmers will pay for it, were emphasized today in reports made public by subcommittees of the republican national committee's advisory committee on policies and platform.  
 It is planned to submit the suggestions in the platform committee of the republican national convention at Chicago.  
 The sub-committee reporting on agriculture, of which United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas was chairman, urged that a national commission be appointed to coordinate all rail, water and motor transport with adequate facilities for receiving, handling and transporting food between cities. This commission, it was said, would render a great national good at this time. The international trade and credits committee headed by F. A. Vanderlip as chairman, urged the inauguration of an effective co-operation at home and abroad between government officials who exercise authority in America's foreign trade relations. This co-operation, it was stated, was needed to replace what was described as a loose and overlapping foreign trade service, rife with inconsistencies and inter-departmental controversies.  
 In describing the shift of the Uni-

**Census Returns**

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Worcester, Mass., 179,741, increase 33,755 or 23.1 per cent.  
 Pawtucket, R. I., 64,218, increase 12,626 or 24.5 per cent.  
 Woonsocket, R. I., 43,496, increase 5371 or 14.1 per cent.  
 Central Falls, R. I., 24,174, increase 1420 or 6.2 per cent.  
 Cranston, R. I., 29,407, increase \$300 or 39.3 per cent.  
 East Providence, R. I., 21,793, increase 5982 or 27.9 per cent.  
 Bayonne, N. J., 76,754, increase 21,209 or 28.2 per cent.  
 Winchester, Mass., 19,391, increase 1082 or 11.6 per cent.

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 This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and just August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 214 South Front street, Medford), I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.  
 (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON.  
 Witnesses:  
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