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Ye Smudge Pot

Reformers have started spasmodic campaigns against smoking, throughout the land. Spouting in an ancient trick among humans, and if the agitators got very far with the regulation of the heart and hand, a deputy sheriff will have to accompany every couple, everywhere.

A cook within the corporate limits has accomplished the feat of making soup without deflating it with carrots. As soon as the prop. discovers it, there will be a new cook in the kitchen.

Good flour \$1.50 a sack at Russ Mill, Phone 529.

Mrs. E. E. Gore's beginning class for young children will hold its first meeting Wednesday at 4 o'clock at the Andrews Studios. The interested mothers are invited to see a demonstration of the work.

The odds on the Dempsey-Carpenter fight are 25 to 10 in favor of the valiant shipyard worker, which is too much. It is more like an even contest, but a bunch of New York Jews must have a dead immortal chin.

So Europe wants another spell of war. This time, there will be no world to be made "safe for democracy," and no "causes of humanity" to battle for. Make it a finish fight, till only one of every European nationality is left, and bar the veterans from emigrating to the United States.

Chan Egan has lost his police dog, and asks the police to find him.

AT LEAST, TO THE FACT.

(Yreka Journal)

A banana peel on the sidewalk is a nuisance, and the man who steps on it usually tumbles to the conclusion.

The Methodists beat the printers 15 to 14, and the forces of evil are once more scattered from the ramparts of sin.

It is about time for some smart neck to hold up with data to prove that Henry Albers has always used nothing in his flour mill, but Oregon grown wheat.

The evidence in the Bergdoll case shows nothing, except that as soon as a flock of Noot Baker flunkies discovered \$105,000 gold in the deal, they began to move with dispatch, something they never did with regular business.

\$18 and a frying pan.

Yo-ho! For the open places. The women wear the khaki pants. And never wash their faces.

All summer long, upon the run, Raising the farmer's garden, And for their meat, they eat, Fresh trout, see Dolly Varden.

Back home again, from trips afar, The news they rally pass it, For in the West, without a vest, They were a touring asset.

All venomous animals are immune to their own venom.

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BRINGING EDUCATION UP TO DATE.

H. G. WELLS, in the last Saturday Evening Post, proposes a new world system of education. Instead of a multitude of school teachers, big, little, good and bad, he would have one central school faculty, composed of the best talent available.—and through a common system of text books, equipment, etc., would, by means of the phonograph and moving picture machine, simultaneously instruct the youth of the world.

Of all of Mr. Well's recent proposals this impresses us as being the most interesting and most practicable. Not only would education be standardized, thus eliminating incalculable waste and duplication, but where now the best school is the exception, under this system, the best school would be the rule.

Mr. Wells proposes a world system. This seems rather a large order, and difficult of application. But a national system, following perhaps the accepted principles of international educators, would undoubtedly mark a decided step toward that educational ideal, which has been the dream of progressive educators for so many years, and has seemed so impossible of attainment.

The introduction of the phonograph and moving picture machine is particularly suggestive, and one wonders why the idea has not been seriously advanced before. In language instruction, for example, the phonograph would bring to every frontier outpost the same accent and inflection, that the most advanced college enjoys, while in every branch of the arts and sciences the cinematograph would not only put Coyote Center on an equality with Boston or New York, but would inevitably provide the stimulus to the interest and magnetism of the young which the present system of education so conspicuously lacks.

As Mr. Wells says the great handicap to educational betterment today is the scarcity of good teachers. And he shows conclusively that under the present system, any marked increase in the number of good teachers is impossible. But this system would allow a comparatively small corps of specially trained and carefully selected teachers to provide the basis of national instruction, and with one standardized series of text books, it would take a very incompetent local instructor indeed, who would not be able to secure at least acceptable results.

It will probably be many years before Mr. Wells' program is adopted. The inherent dread of change, the dead hand of inertia, are as potent in the teaching profession as anywhere else. But some program very similar to what Mr. Wells suggests is bound to come. For it means in the last analysis, merely applying accepted principles of business efficiency to education.

WASHINGTON, FAREWELL.

WITH Colonel Harvey, American plenipotentiary, before the supreme council, at least one pestiferous bugaboo can be buried and a proper epitaph engraved for the edification of the coming ages. This is George Washington's opposition to European entanglements.

It was Colonel Harvey who resurrected the Father of His Country as the political leader of Twentieth Century politics and harped on the antiquated string of American isolation. Now the colonel himself is approaching St. James as the evangel of tangling within the web of European statesmanship and if possible, effecting a solution which will be agreeable to Uncle Sam in his new role as dictator of European destinies.

Of course, the entire performance is informal. There is no recognition of the League of Nations, per se, there is no dalliance with a super-government but all this after all is beside the point. Call it formal or informal, the fact remains, that the United States, six months after the solemn referendum is demonstrating in a most emphatic and dramatic manner, that America is not and can not be isolated, that what concerns Europe, does concern America, and that all this talk about George Washington was the silliest sort of fol-de-rol. America is a world power, and must take her part in world affairs. America is in Europe, and Europe is in America, whether either like it or not. The school of Washingtonian isolation, so eloquent in the late campaign, is as dead as the Heidelberg Homo, and Colonel Harvey is recent champion, is himself delivering the funeral oration.

Wilson's League may live or die, the final settlement in Europe may be this or that, but this much is certain, the World is One, the final action will be joint action. Nothing will be done against the wishes of the United States, nothing will be finally accomplished, without the participation of the United States. The day when America as a struggling colonial federation, could say let Europe go her way and we go ours, has passed never to return. At least one of the stage properties of the recent campaign can now be laid on the shelf and forgotten.

A New York hotel has provided a check room for babies, which only gives added proof, that half of the New York hotels would go out of business if they had to depend upon the patronage of New Yorkers.

For the Question and Answers column, "Who ran for president on the Democratic ticket in November, 1920?"

The Irish problem might be solved by moving Ireland to Reno, Nevada, for six months.



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How Much Do You Know?

- 1—Where did "Derby Day" originate? 2—How did the common word "dun" meaning to ask payment for an account originate? 3—Why was Eiffel tower built and who built it? 4—What does "Erin Go Bragh" mean? 5—What was the "Field of the Cloth of Gold"? 6—Who were the "Flagellants"? 7—Where is the Grand Canal? 8—How long did it take to build the Great Pyramid? 9—Where is the "Blue Grass Region"? 10—Of what was Christ's crown of thorns made?

Answers to Monday's Questions

- 1—What was a carpet knight? Ans. One who received his honors at home instead of on the field of battle was known as a carpet knight. The term was used in derision. 2—How did the custom of casting a shoe after a bride originate? Ans. It was an old custom in England and Scotland and symbolized the fact that the parents gave up all control of their daughter after marriage. 3—Who commanded the American soldiers at the battle of Bunker Hill? Ans. General Prescott and General Putnam. 4—How long did the Carpet Buggers trouble the southern States? Ans. For ten years. President Hayes refused federal protection for Carpet Buggers in 1877 and their system fell to pieces. 5—What is Cimicium Darkness? Ans. It is an expression often used to denote profound darkness. 6—What does Colleen Hawn mean? Ans. Colleen Hawn means a blonde girl. 7—How much was a Confederate dollar worth five days before the close of the Civil War? Ans. It was worth about one and one-half cents. 8—What place in the United States is known as the "Cradle of Liberty"? Ans. Faneuil hall in Boston. 9—What are curbstone brokers? Ans. They are brokers who are not members of any exchange but transact their business on the street. 10—What is a "Dutch" auction? Ans. It is an auction where the auctioneer fixes a price upon the article to be sold—above its value—and then gradually reduces it until someone closes with an offer.

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