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Ye Smudge Pot

Admiral Sims seems to have the talkativeness of a democratic cabinet officer.

It is significant that the pal of Roy Gardner, master bandit, drank a cup of coffee in a Kefau, Wash., beanery, and was caught 10 minutes later.

The home life of the rich Kabers was well organized. The loving daughter played a minuett Op. 22, Valze 169, while a couple of foreigners were sticking a butcher knife into papa, as planned by mamma.

A mine is a horizontal hole rammed into the side of a mountain, at its most inaccessible point, and originally discovered by a human fly, trying to commit suicide.

The bearded barley and the whiskered wats are coming up fine all over the floor of the valley, but are not doing so well upstairs.

A million dollar fire at Salt Lake City last Saturday is blamed on "defective wiring," but somebody lit a cigarette too close to an auto mechanic.

The world's fair in Portland in 1925 is creating the same amount of soul-racking excitement throughout the state as the Portland ball team.

The arbitrary enforcement of the speed laws has slowed the milk wagons down until the cream ain't butter on delivery.

Next to reading about how Georges Carpentier combs his hair, the American public is most vitally interested in Mrs. Leeds and the Greek prince who didn't know she had \$30,000,000 until after he married her.

A FALSE ALARM

People should read The Democrat more closely; then when the next sunrise prayer meeting comes and the church bell is tapped they would not be running around thinking there is a fire in town.

WHAT O'BRIEN FAILED TO RELATE IN HIS BOOKS

The romance of South Sea Island beaches is overrated. You probably have formed your own ideas of a tropical beach, but let me disillusion you. The coast line of those empty looking islands in the southern seas is generally a lot more built over than the coast of Kent. The beach is one inextinguishable village street.

There are often lovely shells and fairy fans of coral along the water line, but also there are always dead cats and fowls and fishes and snakes and castaway vegetables and rotten fruit and squallid banana skins by the million, and greasy ashes and charred fuel and refuse from fishing nets, and sodden ancient rags and decaying coconuts.

The beach itself is unbearable. The glare of the brazen sun half blinds you, and to sit down is like sitting on an oven.

A porcupine will never play.

THE PANAMA CANAL PROBLEM.

THE PANAMA CANAL tolls questions come to the fore again. Yesterday the remission of tolls for U. S. ships in coastwise trade was approved by the senate committee. Reports from Washington indicate such a measure will pass.

Probably only one man in America could give a reason why this measure should not pass. That man is ex-President Wilson.

On August 24, 1912 the Panama Canal Act was passed exempting vessels engaged in coastwise trade from tolls,—the exemption effecting only United States ships, for only such ships may engage in coastwise trade.

On March 5, 1914, President Wilson delivered a special address to congress in which he requested the repeal of this act. President Wilson gave no explicit reasons. He dwelt in generalities. But they were strong generalities, as the following conclusion of the address shows:

"We ought to reverse our action without raising the question whether we are right or wrong. I ask this of you in support of the foreign policy of the administration. I shall not know how to deal with other matters of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence, if you do not grant it to me in ungrudging measure."

As far as we know, just what the matters of greater delicacy and nearer consequence were, has never been announced, but apparently congress now believes they no longer exist. In this belief congress returns to the situation in December, 1911, when in his annual message, President Taft said:

"I am confident the United States has the power to relieve from the payment of tolls any part of our shipping that Congress deems wise. We own the canal. It was our money that built it. We have the right to charge tolls for its use. These tolls must be the same to everyone; but when we are dealing with our own ships, the practice of many governments of subsidizing their own merchant vessels is so well established that a subsidy equal to tolls, an equivalent remission of tolls can not be held to be discrimination in the use of the canal. The practice in the Suez canal makes this clear."

In other words President Taft held that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, referred to equal treatment by the United States of all foreign vessels but did not refer to United States vessels.

A majority of international lawyers have agreed with President Taft, but the point raised by President Wilson still raises a doubt in the minds of many people, and this doubt will probably remain, until it is known whether or not President Wilson's objections were founded upon an impractical altruism or upon an enlightened statesmanship, involving questions of permanent importance.



LETHE

FORGET the symptoms of disease o'er which you're prone to ery lack, those signs of straght in your knees, and hints of cricks along your back; forgetting all such things as these, you'll be surprised how high you stack. For brooding over ailments dire may bring them to you, all in line; far better hear the woodland choir, or catch a fish where streamlets shine; far better buy a whalebone lyre, and turn out madrigals like mine. And talking of your divers ills is surely bound to make them worse; forget the doctor and his pills, the undertaker and his hearse, and walk along the sunlit hills, and chant a glad and grateful verse. He to the greatest age survives who doesn't let the briny pour, who romps and gambols with his wives, and shows his head is never sore; and if you talk of iteh and hives, you only make yourself a bore. No dismal talkers are required in this, our mortal caravan; no lamentations are desired, no programs on the graveyard plan; forget the themes that make men tired, and be a sunbeam if you can. Forget the grief of yesterday, forget the ache you had last night; when people would be blithe and gay, the lonesome beeper is a fright; be joyful, and when dusk is gray, the boys will cry, "Good scout! Sleep tight!"

Inspirational Sunday School Meeting on Banks of River

The group gathering held on last Sunday by five of the Sunday schools of the American Sunday School Union was quite well attended. The gathering was held in a beautiful oak grove near the Bybee bridge.

The folks who attended were from the several different Sunday school communities and were mostly officers, teachers and scholars of the Sunday schools.

In the morning the crowd was formed into one large Sunday school, the classes were taught by some of the rural workers and the time very profitably spent in the discussion of the lesson. Following the lesson H. G. King, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, read a letter from Rev. W. H. Smith of southern Mississippi, telling of the splendid work he is doing among his own (Negro) people in the south. Rev. Smith is a missionary of the American Sunday School Union and is supported by the American Union Sunday Schools of the Upper Coast District (Oregon, Washington and Idaho). A very nice offering was taken for this southern missionary work.

At the noon hour the white linen was spread on the green grass beneath the great oak tree and was soon loaded with good things to eat. All enjoyed this part of the day's program as they not only partook of the good things but became better acquainted with those who are doing a like work in other neighborhoods.

In the afternoon the people enjoyed some congregational singing, led by Mrs. G. E. Zimmerman of Sams Valley, after which Rev. Phelps, pastor of the Methodist church of Talent, spoke on the importance of the Sunday school, especially emphasizing the importance of the rural Sunday school, as the large percent of the leadership of America comes from the rural district, and if we would have the future leadership Christian, the rural communities must not be neglected.

Rev. Lawrence, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Medford, then gave an impressive sermon on "The

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—Must contracts be written in ink? 2—With what does the literature of nearly every nation begin? 3—What is the most important part of a composition? 4—What are fibre plants? 5—How long have sheep been known to the civilized world? 6—What states lead in hog production? 7—What is a word of one syllable called? 8—What bills may originate in the United States senate? 9—What is piracy? 10—What was the western boundary of the Thirteen Original States?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1—What are the master tissues of the body? Ans. Nervous and muscular tissues are known as the master tissues of the body. The others are called supporting tissues. 2—How many parts of speech are usually used in expressing ideas? Ans. We usually use nine parts of speech in expressing ideas. 3—What three educational institutions were founded in this country during colonial time? Ans. William and Mary college, Yale university and Harvard university. 4—What is meant by units? Ans. They are the standards by which we measure. They may be large or small. 5—Where and what is Mauna Loa? Ans. It is one of the most active volcanoes in Hawaii. It is found near the central part. 6—What is a compound word? Ans. It is a word formed by combining two or more simple words. 7—Has a horse a good memory? Ans. Yes. It is said he never forgets an exciting incident in his life and should be trained with care. 8—How many sheep are raised in Australia each year? Ans. More than one hundred million head. 9—What determines the amount of water a soil will hold? Ans. The size of the soil particles. The smaller the particles the greater the amount of water they will be capable of retaining.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nursery Home Opened To the editor: You will be glad to know that we opened the doors of the fine new nursery for the homeless babies of our state, on Saturday, June 11th. In the reception hall on the honor roll, for those who showed unusual interest in our drives for this work, was found the name "Citizens of Medford." The Medford Mail Tribune played no small part in putting Medford's drive for the babies, over the top. Indeed, we could not have done it at all without your cooperation. If you could see the fine, big playroom, the lovely sun porch, the big, airy sleeping rooms you would surely know that the "game had been worth the candle."

JANET M. PENDEGAST, Albertina Kerr Nursery Home, Portland.

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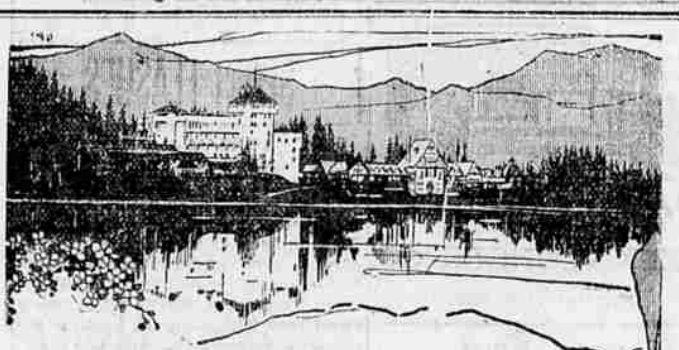


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