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TROLLEYS STAGING COME-BACK

WHAT the street railway business of this country needs is a complete come-back. There is probably less hot news in this than in the statement that the come-back now seems imminent.

Of all the romances of industry, nothing can beat "the come-back." It provides as heroic and as romantic a tale as the come-back in boxing, or morals or knight-errantry. Take spinach. Five or ten years ago there was no lower or more despised business on earth than the spinach business. Spinach was a joke. Anybody seen eating spinach was undoubtedly a little queer.

But look at spinach now! Advertised, dusted off, improved and beautified, it is served at the finest tables and hailed as a prolonger of life. And the price is almost double.

Take liver. If a banker saw a man eating liver a few years ago, he immediately stopped his credit. He must be ready for the poor house. Today liver wears a crown of gold; and the poor have to eat chicken.

Take prunes. Five years ago they were the hallmark of life among the lowly. The failure, whether fruit or human, was "a poor prune." People had grown up to believe the prune simply illustrated a boarding house landlady's dreadful sense of humor. Today the prune is advertised on full pages in four colors, is packed in fancy dust-proof, air-tight cartons, is eaten proudly and with relish by dukes, debutantes and dunderheads, and costs real money.

The street car is going to repeat the story of the prune. It has to.

After having been in the dumps for many years, the electric railway industry has started in to modernize its plant and equipment. It is replacing heavy, slow vehicles, with light, fast vehicles. Street cars are being made more comfortable, and the service is being improved. Altogether, signs are beginning to appear in many directions that the industry, by some superhuman effort, is lifting itself by its own bootstraps, and staging a healthy come-back.—Raymond S. Tompkins in Nation's Business.

PRUNE GROWERS TO ADVERTISE

EARLY in June men who dry Oregon prunes and sell them will meet in Eugene. The session is called by the State Horticultural Society. The object is standardization.

Five recommendations have been made. That one grade be established and that fruit not meeting the grade be sold on sample.

That moisture content be not less than 18 per cent or more than 23 per cent.

That the Weigand flotation method be used to determine maturity.

That an advertising fund be created by a levy of \$2 a ton.

That a special advertising committee be composed of a representative from the co-operative prune associations, one from the packers and a third not connected with either group but preferably a banker, who could act as treasurer.

Oregon apples need no California brand to market them as Oregon prunes long have been marketed. The apples are standardized.

Oregon wheat is sold around the world on a federal system of grades and standards.

Oregon potatoes, graded, are bought with confidence as to quality for cooking and as to freedom from disease when planted.

Oregon butter is beginning to command a greater market because of the confidence that the next legislature will pass a cream grading law that will assure returns to producers in accordance with quality.

Oregon prune growers have had difficulty not with production but with organization and sales. Here is a proposal from an official source that they follow the experience of all successful industries—rigidly standardize their product and sell it by aid of modern merchandising.—Portland Journal.

The quickest way to destroy the hardy independence of a people is to have a government that functions as Santa Claus.

Peace hath her victories. It takes a thousand bullets to kill a man in war, and only one fool with an empty gun in peace.

Motor boats have one advantage. It's much pleasanter to swallow lake water than detour dust.

Sunshine saving seems popular only in sections where there is plenty of moonshine.

"Idleness and vice are inseparable." This seems especially true of Vice-Presidents.

The decent and honorable sum a senator can spend is the sum required to elect the one who is expressing his opinion about it.

Quill Points

Why not a red light at the railway crossing, the cash register and the speaker? That's one thing Americans will obey.

Why be a nobody, when you can get a reputation by the simple expedient of keeping your mouth shut?

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Man, as a man, really has no freedom. And any land is a free land to the man who gets a low bow from the receiving teller.

If the boy despises his own family because they aren't like the Smiths, don't worry. He will become a great critic.

Maybe things aren't as bad as they seem. You will remember that boys were headed for jail if they read dime novels a few years ago.

Americanism: A growing tendency to—well, to use an air mail stamp to conceal a flamed circular letter.

Why is there no statue of the plow horse? Our great men are those who did some job of plowing for us.

You can't expect much preparedness in a land where people think each new boom will last forever.

If there is no such thing as telepathy, why do comic strip artists happen to steal the same vaudeville joke on the same day?

Commonplace things arouse interest when they are hidden, and that may explain nature's invention of whiskers.

A country has about reached bottom when its most discerning man is: "More and better jalks."

An onion smells that way only when it is near. That's why the intellectual thinks America to Europe.

No wonder the sweaty workman is cynical when he sees some guy whose shady past won him a shady present.

Correct this sentence: "Our fans aren't yellow," said the club manager, "and the crowds are just as big when we're in a slump."

NEBRASKAN HEAVES BEST HORSE SHOES

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Coming from behind Representative Fred G. Johnson of Nebraska won the horseshoe tossing championship of the house of representatives yesterday from Representative Albert Vestal of Indiana, 21 to 20.

At one time Johnson was more than 10 points behind, but a succession of ringers brought him victory.

JOSEPH REPRESENTS GOVERNOR AT MEET

SALEM, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—George W. Joseph of Portland, Republican nominee for governor, will, at the request of Governor Norblad, represent the governor at a safety meeting called in Portland for June 7.

The meeting will be a preliminary one to plans for a statewide safety council to be held in Portland or Salem during the 1931 legislative session.

Springfield.—Safety lanes for pedestrians pointed on pavement at intersections on Main street between Third and Sixth streets.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease, diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

THE SONG OF THE PEEWEE IS HEARD HERE AND THERE

In the discussion of tonsillectomy here recently we touched on some of the more glaring abuses in that field of surgery and some of the hazards involved. In that particular article nothing was said about the surgical removal of tonsils by a competent physician or surgeon.

I have commented diathermy extirpation here as a happy alternative for those adults who cannot or will not undergo tonsillectomy, because I know that diathermy in competent hands is as effective as surgery in competent hands, and diathermy is minus the hazards of hemorrhage, general anesthesia and post-operative infection of the lung.

These hazards of surgical tonsillectomy are unpleasant to mention, but it is my duty to mention them in order to present the matter fairly to readers for their own best interest.

Surgical tonsillectomy, nevertheless, is the best method of treatment in the majority of cases of enlarged or infected tonsils in young children, at least where X-ray treatment is not available or not desired.

Here I remind lay and medical readers of the findings of Welch, who studied 1,000 tonsils that had been removed in a clinic or dispensary that 719 of them (71.9%) had never been seriously affected.

In view of the poor showing of radical surgery the cry of "no good" raised by the every-ready operator when a prospective patient speaks of diathermy extirpation, comes with bad grace. No intelligent physician who knows what he is talking about can afford to belittle diathermy treatment.

Instead of singing that song the pee-wee in the nose and throat field would better study the new method and try to serve patients who should have it.

Several years ago, when I wrote to you about my health you assured me there was no such thing as rheumatism. I suppose you have told many others the same thing, for I have noticed comments by some readers and have heard people speak of your neat way of evading such inquiries. It was therefore a delight to me to pick up the paper today and glance over your alleged health column (a thing I seldom bother with any more) to learn that you yourself have recently had a little rheumatism in your knee and shoulder. I am curious to see how you will dodge such questions now.—I. D. P.

Answer.—We shall see. I never dodge a question till I come to it. I don't mind telling you how I dodged the rheumatism though. I assimilated more vitamins (in the Protective Corrective Re-Builder) which I am glad to send any of the older boys or girls and a bit more sunshine. So here I am as cheerful as ever, assuring you there is no such disease, ailment or condition as rheumatism. Perhaps I should add that I have never neglected my iodine ration these many years—that may have something to do with both recoveries.

What to Do for Nosebleed. Please tell me how to deal with nosebleed, especially where it is a repeated occurrence and considerable blood is lost.—R. J.

Answer.—In ordinary nosebleed the person should sit leaning forward slightly, head bent forward moderately, and hold both nostrils closed between his thumb and finger until the bleeding stops. Then he should avoid blowing the nose until an hour has passed. Anything cold on the back of the neck tends to stop nosebleed. Where the bleeding is frequent, the physician should be visited, and the bleeding point, usually on the septum within the nose, found and cauterized.

Iodism and Coryza. I have been using iodine of potassium lately—I was told it was good for coryza. But I notice I do a lot of sneezing and my nose runs like I was taking cold.—Mrs. S. L. T.

Answer.—Too much iodine in any form will produce coryza symptoms in some persons. You had better ask your doctor's advice about it.

Drops for Red Lips. Please tell me something I can use to improve red lips and weak eyes.—A. G.

Answer.—I assume "weak eyes" means red or congested eyes. Drop 1 pinch eye each morning a drop of this solution: Boric acid.....10 grains Zinc sulphate.....1 grain Distilled water.....1 ounce (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

CLOUDINESS, SHOWERS CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(AP)—Following is the weather outlook for the week beginning June 1: Far Western States: The outlook is for fair weather in California and Nevada, and considerable cloudiness and occasional showers elsewhere. Normal temperatures are indicated.

MARKETS CLOSED FOR THREE-DAY VACATION

NEW YORK, May 31.—(AP)—All of the securities markets and most of the commodity markets were closed today, making a triple holiday of the Memorial Day weekend. The banks were open for business for a half day, as usual, however, and the Chicago board of trade and the New York Produce Exchange save for its securities department, were open.

Play Bank Claims SALEM, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, will today mail checks covering the seventh dividend on all claims filed against the Bank of Jordan Valley, insolvent. The dividend is 7.3 per cent.

Monday—"Indian Parade."

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) May 31, 1920. Washington.—Senate favors armed intervention in Mexico unless order restored.

City pays tribute to soldier dead, with parade and exercises.

Fletcher Stout back on job at West Side Pharmacy after six weeks' rest.

Health prizes awarded rural schools.

Bliss Heine writes poem urging people to eat rabbits, and thwait the H. C. of L.

Sportsmen demand Rogue river be closed "until the crack of doom, no matter who is governor."

Twenty Years Ago Today (From files of the Mail Tribune.) May 31, 1910. Washington.—Speakers before Brewers association predict "prohibition needed to show its fallacy."

Dr. Oliver, the evangelist, has gone. Now we can have community peace.—(Editorial.)

John R. Allen buys a beautiful Victrola from the Whetsel Music company.

Local cherries and apricots on sale in stores.

City pays tribute to soldier dead with address in city park by Hon. P. H. D'Arcy of Salem.

Good progress made in city sewer and paving work during month of May.

SUNDOWN STORIES

MOON TALKS ON By Mary Graham Bonner

"Diana," the Moon told John and Peggy, "was called the goddess of the moon—she was the twin sister of Apollo, god of the sun.

Every evening it was said, right after the sun had finished his course, Diana would mount her moon car and drive her milk-white steeds across the heavens, while the stars would cheer her on her way."

"Oh, oh, oh," in almost all nations I have been loved and even worshipped.

"Oh, the people who have wished on a new moon as they call it! "People have made up so much poetry about me—but not being able to hear any sound they could never come and recite it to me."

John and Peggy nodded. "The Eskimo people," he went on, "believed that I had a hallway in my home in which all the cold was kept out. In Ure, a very, very old city in Chaldea, they used to worship me."

"At a certain hour each month they arranged with mirrors to throw a reflection of me into a chair which was called the moon god's chair. When people saw this reflection they believed I had come right down to the earth to sit in the chair!"

"Years and centuries ago people knew about my eclipses and they used to mark important events on their calendars by my actions."

"In fact the number of days in the week in the older, older times, paid great respect to sky characters. They called Sunday the Sun's day, Monday the Moon's day, Tuesday was Mars' day, Wednesday was Mercury's day, Thursday—Jupiter's day, Friday—Venus' day, Saturday—Saturn's day."

"Then, of course, later, the Teutons had different gods, chief of whom was Woden, god of war and also of the sky. He was like the Greeks' Jupiter and Mars together. Woden had Wednesday named after him. Thor, god of thunder, was once Thursday and then it was changed to Thursday. A god named Tiu is the name from which you now have Tuesday, and from Freya you have Friday. Freya was supposed to be the goddess of love. She cared for music and flowers."

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By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—One Speaker at a Time Is Too Much

DECORATION DAY IS OVER AND THE FOURTH OF JULY IS APPROACHING—A WAVE OF PATRIOTISM SWEEPS OVER ME AND I AM GLAD I AM AN AMERICAN—



WHERE WERE YOU DURING THE TERRIBLE DAYS OF 1917? WERE YOU IN THE ARMY?



WERE YOU?



DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!!

