

## GIVE THE PENNIES A CHANCE TO GROW

Emory's father had bought him a new savings bank. It looked for all like a little school house and in the roof there was a narrow slit where pennies could be dropped through. Already one of those bright new coins lay snugly on the bottom. Emory's father had dropped it in when he brought the bank home.

Day after day went by and strange to say no pennies found their way into the bank. Emory was too fond of candy.

One night after the evening's meal was finished Emory's father picked up the bank and shook it. Only the single shining penny rattled.

"Why, I thought there would be a whole lot more of them by this time," he said in a disappointed voice.

Do you know Emory felt very much ashamed.

"Why don't you give the pennies a chance?" asked Mr. Clarke as he placed the bank back upon the mantel. "What do you mean?" asked Emory a bit perplexed.

Then his father told him something that he had not known before. "You see," he began, "pennies like to work. They get tired of being pennies all the time. They just yearn to grow and be something bigger and better. Of course you can see that in order to do this they must have the help of little boys and girls. There is no limit to how big they can grow if only they have this help. Don't you think it better to help these pennies grow, than to continually exchange them for candy just to please your own very sweet tooth? Don't you think you have been kind enough to that sweet tooth? Isn't it time you were giving the pennies a chance? You'd be surprised to see how fast they grow. If you help them one hundred times—a hundred isn't so many—they grow into a great round dollar. The best part of it all, though," continued Mr. Clarke, "is that if you help the pennies when you are a little boy they will help you when you get older. When you help the pennies you are really helping yourself."

Emory had listened to every word, and as his father ceased talking, he looked up at the bank and said, "I'm going to start helping them right off."

And he did.

It didn't seem anytime before he had saved ten dollars and he was a very proud boy indeed when he took his money down to the big savings bank down town.

## Plea for Parcels Post

By international agreement there is soon to be a reduction in British parcels post rates to this country. By the new arrangement, 30 cents in our money will carry a three-pound parcel from any point in Great Britain to any point in the United States. Continuing the schedule 54 cents will carry a parcel weighing seven pounds, and 78 cents will carry one weighing eleven pounds.

Just a bare consideration of the facts avoids the necessity of argument concerning the amazing lack of common sense manifest in a postal policy which permits such disparity as that shown between this arrangement and the regulations governing the mail shipment of parcels in the United States.

If a citizen of Portland wishes to send his friend or relative in Oregon City, in St. Johns or in Salem, a package that weighs eight pounds, he must either send it by express, or by messenger, or take it himself, says the Tele-

gram. Yet, an alien living abroad, who has never been in his country and who has no interest whatever in it, may send such a package through the mail across the British kingdom, across the Atlantic and across the American continent. Uncle Sam politely serving him where there is denial of similar service to American citizens.

The possible combinations based upon the scale of prices to be established by this international agreement could be made world without end, as illustrating the supreme ridiculousness of our postal arrangements for the handling of parcels. Every such combination would be an accumulative

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Governor West said: "The Western Governor's Special has proved the greatest advertising feature ever attempted in the interest of the West. News of its coming was abroad in the land and thousands awaited at the stopping points not only to receive with open arms, but to hear of the great resources and possibilities of the Western states.

"The tour of the Western Governors will result in the bringing about of a better understanding and close friendship between the East and the West. The eyes of the East were not only opened to the possibilities of the West but its people were brought to realize that our interest is their interest and whatever is done to develop the West is bound to redound to the benefit of the East. They know that a movement of the 'landless man' of the East to the 'manless land' of the West is one not only in the interest of business, but one which will make for good government.

"When told of the great resources of a state like Oregon—of its 29,000 square miles of virgin forest, of water power which measures twice that of New York, Massachusetts and Maine combined, of its great variety of grains, grasses and vegetables and fruits, of its delightful climate—they could hardly believe the statements true. As a result of the trip thousands are becoming interested, and I am sure the coming year will see a westward

movement such as never was seen before. Upon returning to his home in Pocatello, ex-Governor Brady of Idaho said of the recent train and trip of the western governors to the East: The train visited Chicago, New York, Buffalo, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati and other cities and returned to St. Paul with two more governors than we started with.

"At the finish the western governors had a conference at St. Paul, where the results of the trip were cast up. This tour means that governors of the western states have come to know each other and have come to realize the need of cooperation in the west to secure that attention in the east and from congress, which the west deserves.

"I predict that, in future, regardless of politics, the governors of the west will work together in harmony and that this will result in a greater advancement of all the west in all ways.

"Take it all in all, the western governor's special was a university on wheels, with eight governors as instructors, every one of whom had graduated from the field of worthy and useful life, and they taught the people of the east many things they did not know relative to the advantages of life in the west and the result is going to be felt for years to come."

plea for the speedy passage of an act which will place the postal policy of this country in the progressive column.

The necessity for such enactment is a matter of conviction with the majority of the people. There are indications that the express companies and the railroads are even inclined to make a virtue of an exigency that will not be denied. But that which is needed more than aught else is congressional action.

### Butte Valley News Items

The settlers of Butte Valley celebrated Christmas by having a dinner and a Christmas tree on Christmas evening, under the management of Mrs. Willmot. Every one turned out as it was the first event to take place in the new school house. There were 27 plates set for dinner. Those in attendance were: J. U. Carroll and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Willmot, C. F. Bartling and family, E. D. Smith and family, Mrs. E. J. Suray and family, J. E. Pope and family, Mrs. Lota McDowell and Mrs. Will Malone. Mr. Malone and R. D. McDowell were on a trip to the XL ranch and J. U. Carroll was out with his sheep near the XL ranch. They were the only ones who were not to the celebration.

The early part of the evening was taken up with the dinner, followed by songs and recitations by the children. Then Santa Clause came on and distributed the presents and he was very generous to all.

Everybody had a fine time. If some of our friends out in "Civilization" would have stepped into the room they would have known that they were out of "Civilization."

Keep your eye on the desert. Postal savings banks will be opened January 19 at Brownsville, and Jefferson.

The department of agriculture announced the discovery along the Pacific coast line of Oregon of potash sources whose potential production can be valued at \$40,000,000 annually. The potash source is in the giant kelp groves, from which the department estimates 1,000,000 tons of potassium chloride could be taken annually, from which sufficient potash can be obtained to render the United States independent of the German supply.

## PA BATTERS DOOR AS ELOPERS WED

Denver, Jan. 1.—Hamilton W. Clifford, said to be a wealthy stockbroker of New York City, yesterday lost by two and one half minutes, a race from New York to Denver to prevent the marriage of his daughter, Alice, aged 21 years, to Roland Birch also a New York stockbroker.

The race began last Friday when Birch, aged 25 years, who was in Los Angeles on a business trip telegraphed his fiancée, explaining that her father would not consent to their marriage and urging her to meet him in Denver. In her excitement Miss Clifford mislaid Birch's telegram and it was found by the young woman's mother. Mr. Clifford had just time to flip a coin to determine which route he should choose to Colorado. It sent him by way of the New York Central, while his daughter sped westward on the Pennsylvania. In Chicago Mr. Clifford caught a Burlington train and his daughter left via the Rock Island. Miss Clifford arrived in Denver one minute in the lead and hurried in a taxicab to keep her appointment with Birch at a local hotel. The bridegroom was there with a marriage license and a Justice of the Peace and the couple were married as the father pounded on the door of their apartments. He left Denver last night for New York. Birch says his father-in-law granted forgiveness.

### A Good Position

Can be had by ambitious young men and ladies in the field of "Wireless" or railroad telegraphy. Since the 8-hour law became effective, and since the wireless companies are establishing stations throughout the country there is a great shortage of telegraphers. Positions pay beginners from \$50 to \$90 per month, with good chance of advancement. The National Telegraph Institution of Portland, Ore., operates under supervision of R. R. and wireless officials and places all graduates into positions. It will pay you to write them for full details.

### A GEM OF POESY.

Maybe It Was the Heat That Made It Burst Into Being.

Stewart Edward White, William Kent and myself were hunting mountain sheep in the ranges of Mexican California. Perhaps because the savage heat of the desert which we were crossing had somewhat gone to our brains we fell to making poetry upon various aspects of desert life. White rhapsodized upon the tarantula; Kent dithyrambed over the pack mule; I sang the dispraises of the jack rabbit. Finally White, who was cook for the day, offered a special prize of duff with raisins (the last remnant of our stores) for the premier verse to be turned out before sunset. At noon we met up with a wandering prospector, who introduced himself as J. Noel Benson, native son of California, and observed upon learning of our literary efforts that he was some poet himself. On being invited to enter the list he retired to the top of a mesa, where the thermometer was something like 110 in the absence of shade, and after half an hour of self-communion returned with the following gem of poesy:

THE GNAT.  
The gnat he is a handsome mite,  
He loves to buzz, he loves to bite,  
He crawls upon you when you're hot,  
I love the naughty gnat—nit—not!

The duff was awarded to him without protest from the other contestants. —Success Magazine.

### Truly Answered.

Boats trading in the Medway in former years rejoiced in rather curious names, and the following was only one of the many amusing incidents resulting from this:

A boat named What's That to You? passing a lockyard at night-time was hailed as usual by the coast guardsmen.

"Boat ahoy! Your captain's name?"  
"Captain X."  
"And what are you laden with?"  
"Coals."  
"Where bound for?"  
"Chatham."  
"Ship's name?"  
"What's That to You?"  
"I asked you the name of the ship."  
"What's That to You?"  
"You shall be reported for your insolence!" roared the coast guardsmen. Again he put the question, and, receiving the same reply, the boat was commanded to remain where she was.

In the morning two boats were seen keeping guard. The officials, as they boarded the vessel with full authority to seize the offenders, observed for the first time the name painted in large letters. Amid the laughter and jeers of the crew of the What's That to You? they pulled moodily away. —London Telegraph.

### The Effects.

"I have come to you, my friend, for comfort. My best girl has treated me very badly. I was trying to explain something to her, but she gave me such sharp looks they cut me to the heart; she withered me with her scorn, crushed me with her coldness and stabbed me with her keen edged tongue."

"See here, man, you oughtn't to come to me for comfort. What you need is to go to a hospital for treatment." —Baltimore American.

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