

The Office Cat



BY JUNIUS

Weigh 'Em Yourself

In announcing a sale of books, the publisher of the Loachville (Ark.) Crosscut says: "They are worth their weight in gold. Send for them at the price and we will send them to you by return mail."

Bill Detsell says that lazy folks have more than 50 per cent of the hard work to do.

Watch Us Grow

Would-be poets this is your chance. Take your pen in hand and slash off a Pome. Mail it to the "Office Cat" care this paper. Please note, however, to repay all postage, since the boss has refused to make another Liberty Loan until pay day, we will be compelled to refuse all "Postage Due" contributions.

It's gonna be a great contest. The following well-known local celebrities have offered to contribute to our Great Pome Contest. Count 'em! Frank B. Robinson, Nelson Roundsville, Ernest Magee, Andy Soule.

Household Hint

Locating an incandescent bulb in the dark may be simplified considerably by attaching a sprig of garlic to the switch.

"According to our wife," says Wump Starr in the Versailles (Ind.) Republican, "there would be fewer of these modern Lady Godivas if there were fewer Peeping Toms. About one more like that and we'll let her run this col."

It's Just Like That

It's easy enough to write jingles in the winter—they're nearly self-made;

But the gink we admire can jangle his lyre when it's 90 or more in the shade.

Louis Portr asks if you don't often wonder if a precocious child is as good of its parents of a p.e.?

"It," says a telephone guy, "you stop and count ten before howling at the operator for not giving you your number promptly it will improve both your temper and the service." We tried it yesterday, and counted over 8000 while waiting, and then forgot the number we wanted. Will the authority tell us what to do next?

The Kwisical Kontribber

Dear Office Cat: We often wonder if Gen. Grant referred to the telephone service when he said, "I'm going to fight it out along this line if it takes all summer." Do you know? Virginia Dare.

Salt your food with humor, pepper it with wit, and sprinkle over it the charm of good fellowship. Never poison it with the cares of life.

It Must Have Been Around Times Square

The March winds may blow or they may not, just as they like. We don't care. We've seen enough. New York Americans.

An Irresistible Force

(From Seattle PostIntelligencer) The marcel wave has swept many a man off his feet.

Selah!

Beneath a mossy mound, in the cold and soggy ground, in sleeping poor Old Tolliver McGee;

He wet his thirsty throttle from a likely-looking bottle, but he found it wasn't what it seemed to be.

According to the Kansas City Star, several residents of Clay Center Nebraska got their tonsils sunburned recently while watching the airplane disappear.

What has become of the country boy who felt it was the last straw when he was asked to gather potato bags?

Beach Beauty Wins Sparkler



It was worth while competing in the annual beach beauty revue at Galveston, Tex. Diamond rings were the prize. Miss Katherine De Woon, above, got one of them.

BILL RELIEVES MINES IN WEST

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Senator Shortridge of California has put through the senate a bill, which, if it becomes a law, and it has good prospects of passing the house, will relieve thousands of miners in California, Oregon and Washington who developed tungsten, magnesite and other minerals needed during the war. Many of the miners who developed these metals at the urgent request of the government lost a good deal of money and some of them filed petitions in bankruptcy.

After the armistice there was no demand for the metals needed for the prosecution of the war and expensive machinery and equipment were utterly of no value.

Following the war, congress appropriated \$5,000,000 to reimburse the patriotic men for their losses. A commission was appointed to pass on these claims and a total of \$3,664,000 of claims were turned down by this commission because, under a narrow and technical ruling, the claims did not comply with the regulations laid down by the commission. In brief the commission refused all claims unless the claimant had been personally urged by an officer or bureau of the government to personally produce the metal on which the claims were made. Many of the patriotic miners got their information from the press, which was urged to get up the production of war needed

metals, but under the rule the commission barred all such cases. In some instances miners delegated one of their number to investigate and he reported the needs of the government and the group of miners who sent him went to work producing the kinds of ore wanted. The man sent to get the information got his claim allowed under this ruling, but all the others were disbarred. This is but one of a number of similar cases, and Senator Shortridge's bill cures the difficulty by compelling the payment of legitimate claims, no matter how they received the notice to produce the war materials and minerals. There still remains in the original fund of \$5,000,000, \$4,900,000 unexpended, and all the disallowed claims now on file can be paid and a large balance will then remain to be turned back to the treasury.

Chairman Sinnott of the house committee on public lands introduced the same bill in the house and expects early passage. Several hundred claimants in California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona will benefit by this measure.

The Utah law making it illegal to sell or give away cigarettes went into effect last week. Its greatest advantage is claimed to be that it will protect citizens from the fellow who is "just out of smokes."

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Will Arraign Mrs. Agee Tomorrow

PORTLAND, June 21.—The arraignment of Mrs. Louise Agee, indicted for the murder of her husband with a razor, was postponed from yesterday until today on the request of the woman's attorney. Mrs. Agee still refused to talk.

Many After Port Collector's Place

Herald Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, June 21.—Secretary Mellon of the treasury department has called on the Oregon senators to submit nominations for collector of internal revenues at once. It is said among members of the Oregon delegations that no nominations will be offered at once as it is the intention to allow the present occupant of the office, Milton A. Millers, to serve out his term which expires in September of this year.

Gossip among Oregonians in Washington mention Clyde G. Huntley for Oregon City; George V. Piper of Portland; John H. Peare of La Grande and others as candidates for this appointment. It is asserted by

some who profess to know that Senators McNary and Stanfield will probably recommend Clyde Huntley for this position. It is reported that Huntley has the indorsement of Republican national Committeemen Ralph E. Williams and the Republican state organization.

Out Early



The clock shows five after 10, when President Harding strolled along Pennsylvania avenue in Washington. He was returning from a talk with Chairman Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Lake Keechelus—in the heart of the Cascades, Washington

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