

**The Office Cat**



BY JUNIOR

**A WAIL**

Life is losing all its charms  
My sight is getting poor;  
I cannot see as clear and sharp  
As in the days of yore.  
And now that things are going up—  
Balloons, airplanes and skirts—  
It's hard to see the street car steps,  
And I'll tell the world it hurts.

Attorney Grosbeck says when conceit takes possession of a person it usually crowds out the brains.

Says the cynical editor of the Clifton, Texas, Record, "Hiram Hobbs, once a good citizen of Clifton, but now a traveling salesman, was here for a week-end visit.

Out in Des Moines, the Toonerville trolley is beginning to look like a mighty good thing.

Ted White says some people confine their initial efforts to "I."

Some people still think newspapers are just run for fun. There isn't much fun in running a newspaper.

Be that as it may, Victor Apple-green is a farmer at Hartford, Wash.

"Help, the Blind" read the placard on a man's chest yesterday, when a frisky wind was tossing skirts. We couldn't help him, but we pitied him.

Jack Frost may make 'em quit rolling their own.

I. Rush of South Bend, Ind., was arrested yesterday for speeding.

It is said that some day man's hardest work will be to push a button. Some birds are too lazy now to ever do that.

Einstein says time does not really exist. Well, what is it that people have when they attend conventions. Do they have a time? Ask 'em.

**ARE BILLIONS UNSPEAKABLE?**

From St. Louis Globe Democrat  
President Harding said the shipping board losses were unspeakable. Also the names of those responsible seem to be unspoken.

**AD-WRITER'S SUPERLATIVES**

"What tires do you use on your car?"

"Those claimed in the manufacturer's advertisements to be the best ones made."

"Hm! I see, that means you have all the 57 varieties."

**HOME SWEET HOME**

"I have a fearful headache," complained the wife.

"I have heard of aching voids before," remarked her brutal husband.

**SWEET REVENGE**

I would I were the rouge upon your cheeks

Then life would be as one long, lithe-some frolic;

When touched by lips of bold, bad, rival geeks,

I'd give each Romeo the painters' colic!

The War Department will save \$40,000,000 this year. We would like to learn the system.

**Midland Making Heavy Shipments of Cattle**

Thirty carloads of cattle were shipped from here Tuesday.

D. L. McEmore sold 501 stock cattle to L. Gatzman & Son of Oakdale, California. He also sold 450 feeders to Mr. Wilms of the same place. They were shipped from Midland Tuesday.

Floyd Vettel, from Klamath Falls, is shipping 80 head of fine beef cattle to the Western Meat Co. of San Francisco. This will probably be the last shipment for several months.

J. W. Straw, county brand inspector, is here today inspecting the cattle.

I. C. McCa, from Gof  
I. C. McCall from Bly, is in Midland today helping with the shipment.

**LUMBERMEN DEMAND RATE REDUCTIONS**

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association has started its long deferred litigation for lower rail freight rates. The action promises to be one of the most important brought before the Interstate Commerce Commission since the general freight rate increase of 1920. It was authorized at a meeting of the governing Board of the Association in Portland on Friday.

In this suit the West Coast lumber industry will not only seek reasonable rates, but will also ask the Interstate Commerce Commission to authorize simplified tariffs in the place of the present complicated tariff structure involving 15,000 rates to all markets reached by rail.

The complaint cites that the continued existence of the lumber industry of the North Pacific largely depends on the ability of the industry to market its products freely; and alleges that a substantial reduction in present rates is necessary to permit a substantial movement of lumber by rail.

The complaint further alleges that many of the rates on lumber and other forest products from the North Pacific coast, in effect prior to August 25, 1920, were unjust and unreasonable, and that such rate discrimination was aggravated by the percentage increases of August 26, 1920.

Referring to the five voluminous tariffs involving more than fifteen thousand rates on which West Coast lumber and other forest products are now sold, the complaint alleges that this arrangement is unreasonably prolix and unnecessarily complex, imposing burdens alike upon the shippers and the consignees, in ascertaining the rates legally applicable to their shipments, and it further says that it is in public interest that such rates be consolidated and published in direct, plain, simple form.

Speaking of the suit, an officer of the association said:

"This action should not be construed as a hostile move on the part of the West Coast lumber industry against transcontinental roads. The industry has had a very keen appreciation of the recent difficult problems of railroad management, and the industry's policy has been and is one of co-operation rather than antagonism.

"Shippers of West Coast forest products have tried out the increased rates now for more than a year, with the result that the industry finds itself losing markets and the railroads losing revenue. After carefully analyzing the situation the governing board of the West Coast Lumbermen's association was convinced that lower rates would have a tendency toward earning more revenue for the railroads, at the same time giving the East access to an abundant supply of lumber with which to meet its housing situation, and above all other considerations, it is hoped that lower freight rates will permit the steady employment of the 100,000 Pacific Northwest lumber industry workers. Unemployment in the industry at the present time is about 38 per cent and seems to be increasing.

"Under the present rates the freight on a carload of 2x4's, or a carload of boards, shipped beyond Butte, Pocatello, or Salt Lake City, costs more than the lumber sells for at the mill. The farther East the shipment goes the greater the excess of the freight bill over commodity value, until at New York the freight bill is two and one-half times the value of the lumber f. o. b. mill.

"A study of the readjustment process indicates that the price of practically every commodity has been reduced heavily. Freight rates which are such a large factor in our industrial fabric, have not been readjusted, but remain at the highest level in history. Manifestly, there can be no return to normal business conditions until the price of transportation bears a proper relation to commodity values. The business of this country has been developed and a wide distribution of commodities encouraged under freight rates that bore a proper relation to the price of the commodities, and until rates are adjusted so as to approximate such a level, it is obvious that business cannot

**Twenty-Five Years Ago in Linkville**



THE ANNUAL HORSE SHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT BROKE UP IN A FIGHT OVER WHETHER ZEB STOWES LAST PITCH WAS A "LEANER" OR A "RINGER."

function normally.  
"We do not believe the railroads themselves expect to escape the inexorable economic laws which have forced other commodities to deflation. If commodity values generally are to be reinstated on a lower plane in recognition of the readjustment from the conditions of war to the conditions of peace, the railroad charges for transportation cannot properly continue indefinitely on a war basis."

**Decrease in Mortality in Philippine Islands**

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 6.—(By Mail)—The lowest infant mortality in Manila since the establishment of the Philippine health service is recorded by the director of health in his report for 1920, which has just been completed. The general mortality rate for the islands for 1920 was the lowest in five years and the general health conditions were on the whole the most satisfactory since American occupation, the report says. The infant mortality in the city of Manila was 165 per thousand births as compared with 326 in the period from 1915 to 1919. In the provinces the infant mortality rate showed a decrease of 70 per thousand births, being 157 or the lowest since 1916.

In Manila the general mortality was thirty per thousand population, a decrease of 1.25 per thousand as compared with 1919. In the provinces the greatest decrease in the mortality rate being 20.67 per thousand and which is less than one-half the rate of 1918 and 5.57 lower than the rate for 1919.

**NEW TRADE ROUTE INTO HEART OF NORTH AMERICA**

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Plans for bringing a new trade route into the heart of the North American continent were taken up yesterday when American and Canadian engineers, educators, economists and public officials met in a public forum to discuss the proposed St. Lawrence-Great Lakes ship channel project.

The meeting was presided over by Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States Grain Corporation, and

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This is America's bravest telephone girl, winner of the Theodore N. Vail gold medal and a cash reward of \$1000. She is Mrs. Mildred Lothrop, of Homer, Neb., and she saved the lives of more than 100 people of her village when she warned them of a flood May 31, 1920. Nine other operators got silver medals and 68 got bronze medals.

will be addressed by many well-known advocates of the plan including Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas.

The forum is being conducted jointly by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers and American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. Governors of 18 states allied to the ship channel and power project either by legislative or executive action, are honorary chairmen.

**ONE-THIRD OF UNION MEN**

LACK WORK IN MANILA  
MANILA, P. I., Nov. 8.—(By Mail)—There are at present 15,397 union laborers out of employment in the city of Manila, according to statistics submitted today to the secretary of commerce by the director of labor. The total number of union laborers in the city is 46,043, according to the director of labor, showing

**One Kiss Foch Didn't Get!**



Christy Luella Kinsling, five, refused a kiss from Marshal Foch—the world's most noted general, after she had presented him with flowers at Chicago. Here she is flashing away as Foch stoops to kiss her!

that approximately one-third of those affiliated with unions are out of work. It was stated that no correct statistics had been assembled of the number of unemployed who are not members of a labor organization. The population of the city is approximately 300,000.

O. A. C. Will Furnish Seed  
Hard federation wheat again proved its superiority to other sorts by winning sweepstakes and second place at the Land Products show in Portland. Those interested in obtaining seed of this variety should communicate with the farm crops department of the O. A. C. at once to get the names of growers having seed for sale.



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