

What the Editors Say.

"If the kaiser didn't start it, who did?" asks the Philadelphia Ledger. Why, the allies that's who. They wouldn't let the kaiser do just as he pleased.—Telephone Register.

An Oakland streetcar company has installed a second man on the trolley cars whose duty it is to amuse the babies. My, oh my, how mother is gaining in popularity while dad continues to pay the taxes.—Sheridan Sun.

Of course we all recall all the many complimentary things said about Tait four years ago by the democratic press—these same papers that are now holding up their hands with horror because some criticism has been made of the Wilson administration. It all depends, don't you know.—Newberg Graphic.

See what we married men have lost by not having studied the bible more. Deuteronomy, chapter 24, verse 5, reads: "When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war neither shall he be charged with any business, but he shall be free at home one year and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."—Banks Herald.

It is really not highly important whether the O. & C. lands are kept on the tax roll this year or not, but the government's threats as to what it will do if Lane county is so presumptuous as to list them for taxation suggest a nigger in the woodpile. The land grant continues are beginning to be suspicious of every move that is made.—Oregon Register.

While the public, that vast majority of people of this land, is watching with grave concern the settlement of the railroad dispute, if it should appear that behind it all there is being played the great game of politics for a selfish purpose, it will not take long for it to manifest its sentiments and demand a settlement on a base of equality and sanity, no matter where this may strike.—Umpqua Valley News.

Recently in a neighboring town two churches were holding their evening services. One congregation suddenly poured out the melody of the inspiring hymn, "Will there be stars in my crown?" Without a hint of guile in his orotund voice, the pastor of the church across the way announced the hymn "No, not one." The incident was such as to make wordly passersby think that the singing had been pre-arranged.

Comparison of present penitentiary conditions with those of Governor West's administration are out of place, for West turned the convicts loose about as fast as the courts could send them to Salem. There being few convicts, naturally there were no convict problems, even if it was tough on the public which believed it was entitled to the protection gained when a bad man was put where he could do no more mischief.—Hillsboro Independent.

Dr. Hector McPherson, of Oregon Agricultural College, in a public address recently, said that the farmers of Oregon "are not making \$1 a day for the members of the family occupied at farm work." Wonder how he accounts for so many of them building new houses and barns and buying pianos and automobiles? The same paper in which we found the above remarks of Doctor McPherson contained the statement that a Bellevue farmer "will make \$15,000 this year on his crops."—Carlton Sentinel.

If there is one thing more than any other that helps to put a community in the "also ran" class, it is the town knocker. You know him—the fellow who is always complaining that the town is dead, that business is going from bad to worse, that the schools are not half as good as they are in some neighboring village, and so on. Not only does the knocker dole out this line of discouraging talk to his own town folks but he passes it along to the strangers within our gates. And isn't it wonderful how this class of information spreads, and isn't it equally wonderful how some people will more quickly believe a bad man than a good report?—News-Times.

Isn't it interesting to note that nearly all the newspapers that talk so much about being independent, are constantly knocking Candidate Hughes and lauding President Wilson? And year after year they go on supporting every Democratic candidate from constable to congressman, while proclaiming their independence of "party yokes." We have no criticism of the out-and-out Democratic brethren; we grant them the right of their convictions, but the section of the press that masquerades under the independent title, is about as honest in that as in most of the statements they make about Republican candidates.—News-Times.

Why note the name of Col. C. E. S. Wood on the brewer's campaign literature. Mr. Wood is a booster for the free and unlimited brewing of beer. The last time we noticed his name in print he was in the police court defending a lady who was "pinched" for advocating birth control. The colonel is quite a character. He used to wear his hair down to about a poet's length and was quite a hand for all kinds of freedom. He is a liberty loving gentleman who wants the good things of life to calculate without restraint, so quite naturally is a laconic exponent for the free and unlimited brewing of this liquid rations that are distinguished by a high, white collar of foam.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

"About the cheekiest thing ever occurring in this or any other section took place here Sunday morning. "Early in the morning an automobile

bearing an Oregon number and occupied by a man and woman speeded northward. Just above E. A. Davis' harness shop in Pacific Addition the machine stopped, the man got out, took a gun and deliberately shot two of Mr. Davis' prize chickens, which with others, were alongside the highway. "Mr. Davis saw the checky act and jumped for his gun, just as the man stooped to pick up the chickens Davis fired into the air. The fellow grabbed one chicken, raced for the machine, threw her wide open and fairly flew northward. Davis pumped lead at the tires as far as he could see them, without effect. He swears he will shoot for the body of the car next time—he is so mad over the killing of his prize poultry."—Monroe Leader-Monitor.

Too Late.

Candidate Hughes is proving to the people that the Democratic party lied and lied when it promised an economical administration of the nation's affairs. Naturally enough this exposition of Democratic double-dealing has made Wilson one and the Democratic politicians mad clean down to their shoes.

How dare a man just off the Supreme bench resort to such methods! It is absolutely shocking. We doubt if the Democratic party will ever become reconciled to the nomination of Hughes as the 1916 standard-bearer of the Republican party.

What they wanted was a pussy-footer at the head of the Republican hosts in this campaign.

We are sorry the Democrats are displeased with our candidate, but it is now too late to go back and undo the action of the Chicago convention.

Dairy Cows Need Extra Feed for Milk Production.

One of the most common mistakes in the feeding of dairy cows on the farm is that the good cows are not given a sufficient quantity of feed above that required for their physical maintenance to obtain the maximum quantity of milk they are capable of producing. Successful feeding of dairy cows involves the providing of an abundant supply of palatable nutritious feed as a minimum cost and feeding in such a way as to receive the largest milk production from the feed consumed. Feeding for profit is done as liberal feeding, or feeding to the full capacity of the cow, in the new farmers' bulletin of the department, No. 743, "The Feeding of Dairy Cows," which discusses many of the factors involved in economical feeding.

From the standpoint of economical milk production, a dairy cow generally should not be fed more than she will consume without gaining in weight. There are times, however, according to the bulletin, when it is desirable to make exceptions to this rule. Practically all heavy milk producers lose weight in the early part of their lactation period; that is, they produce milk at an expense of their body flesh. When such cows approach the end of their milking period they normally regain the flesh they have lost, and the farmer can well afford to feed them liberally, with the assurance that he will be repaid in the form of milk when the cows again freshen.

Labor Records of Hughes.

The public's reception of the recent grotesque criticism Samuel Gompers made on two Supreme Court decisions in which Mr. Hughes joined, must have been very disappointing to the Democratic party managers, who made it public. It fell of its own weight. But the attempt justified Mr. Hughes in showing what informed labor leaders thought of his labor record when he was governor of New York. Then he was advocating policies and not merely constraining law. When Gov. Hughes was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court, the official organ of organized labor in the State of New York said editorially:

Now that Gov. Hughes has retired from politics and ascended to a place on the highest judicial tribunal in the world, the fact can be acknowledged, without hurting anybody's political corns, that he was the greatest friend of labor that ever occupied the governor's chair at Albany. During his two terms he has signed fifty-six labor laws, including among them the best labor laws ever enacted in this or any other state. He also urged the enactment of labor laws in his message to the Legislature, even going so far as to place the demand for a labor law in one of his messages to an extra session of the Legislature.

Only 162 labor laws have been enacted in this state since its election in 1777—in 135 years. One third of these, exceeding in quality all others, have been enacted and signed during Gov. Hughes' term of three years and nine months.

This was not a political utterance. It was clearly a spontaneous expression of well-measured praise. He had not demagogued. He had not accepted every measure labor leaders had advocated. Those he considered impracticable or unjust he opposed. Those that could be made wholesome were amended to conform to his suggestions. He showed the same fairness he did when the Legislature, without a bit of evidence, fixed the maximum passenger fare at 2 cents a mile. He urged investigation before action instead of after. He showed the same type of mind in the insurance investigation. There was not a single question he pronounced which was not necessary to bring out the facts. Never once was there any galley playing.

That is why people believe in Hughes. He would never be guilty of forgery through unconsidered, defective legislation for temporary political effect. He would insist on laws that would work and would veto any other kind, as he often did in New York. That is the Hughes idea of constructive statesmanship.

INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE.

Members of Every Different Tribe Can Read These Signals.

A white man who visits a foreign nation finds it hard and sometimes impossible to make his most ordinary wants known. The red man has no such difficulty. The problem of a universal language was solved centuries ago by the savage inhabitants of this western world.

Should an Indian from northern Alaska go to Patagonia he could by means of this universal language converse with his southern brethren almost as easily as he could with his neighbors at home. That would also be the case if he visited Central America or met the tribesmen of our own western prairies and mountains.

When this language was invented no one knows, but every Indian learns it in addition to his own. Recently two chiefs of different tribes met in the Geographical society rooms in Washington and held a conversation that lasted nearly three hours, and yet neither one knew a word of the other's language.

This universal language is, of course, made up of signs. For example, if an Indian is passing through a strange country and sees other Indians at a distance he makes the "peace sign"—that is, he holds up his blanket by two corners so that it covers his whole figure. The same thought is expressed by extending the hands, palms outward, slightly inclined from the face. Any Indian would understand either one of these signs.

Then there are the abstract signs by which these "savages" can express their thoughts with regard to the Great Spirit, heaven, good, evil, life and death, sickness, health, riches and poverty. Life is expressed by drawing an imaginary thread from the mouth and death by chopping this thread off. Another sign for death is to hold the tips of the fingers of one hand against the palm of the other and let them gradually slip downward and at last drop beneath the palm.

Most white people think that the Indian word of greeting, "How," is merely the abbreviation of the question, "How are you?" But that is not so. The word is really "aon," which means "brother" or "friend." So when he comes up and greets his seemingly inquisitive "How" he is not asking after your health, but telling you that he is a friend.—Youth's Companion.

Jutland and the Sea.

Jutland is one of the few countries where political change has been avoided. Denmark has looked after the Jutes for over 1,000 years without challenge. But the sea has refused to let Jutland alone. Like Holland, it needs the protection of dikes, and but for these there would be considerably less Jutland. Even on the east coast, with its higher elevation, the sea runs into many inlets. One of the longest of these, the Lyngford, was in 1825 broken into from the west by the waters of the North sea, and the north corner of Jutland has ever since remained an island.—London Chronicle.

Had His Title All Ready.

Dismell's first novel affords a curious instance of intelligent anticipation. Among the host of characters in "Vivian Grey," most of them slightly veiled portraits of celebrities of the day. Lord Beaconsfield is one of the most important in the secondary rank. The novel was written in 1826, exactly fifty years before the title assumed the title he had invented. It is usual for novelists to portray themselves in their first book, but no other instance can be found of an author christening a character with a name subsequently to become his own.—London Spectator.

Sheepskin.

Sheepskin was used as parchment before the invention of paper. Even then it was a substitute for vellum, which is made from calfskin and of a far finer quality than parchment, and was employed for fine illuminated works. Tanned sheepskins are in the trade called basils. For these there are many legitimate uses, but it is for imitation purposes that the sheepskin is most largely used.

Already Knew Some of It.

"Johnny," said the small boy's mother, "I want you to stay home all afternoon and learn the Declaration of Independence by heart."

"I'll have to if you insist. But the idea doesn't line up with my ideas of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."—Washington Star.

In a Safe Place.

First Undergraduate—Have you telegraphed to the old man for money?
Second Undergraduate—Yes.
"Got an answer?"

"Yes. I telegraphed the governor. 'Where is that money I wrote for?' and his answer reads, 'In my pocket.'"—Baltimore Sun.

Early Morning Talks.

"He is always doing something that causes a lot of talk."

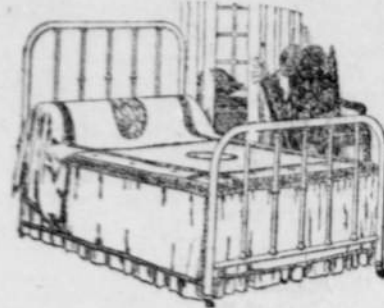
"Why, I never heard any of it."

"He is the only one who hears it. He is always staying out at night later than his wife wishes him to."—Houston Post.

Wonderful Tree Roots.
The Jand, a tree which grows profusely in the Indian Punjab, a very dry region, is chiefly remarkable for its very long tap root, which was eighty-four feet in one remarkable specimen and which descended vertically sixty-four feet into the earth.

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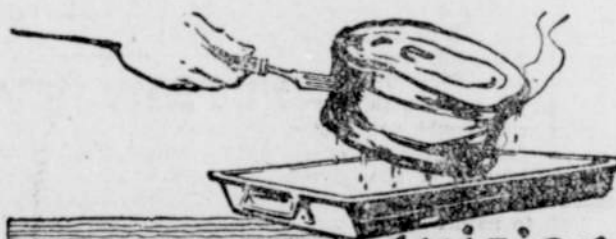
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