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LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

Charles Kingsley flung this sentence into the balance on the side of marriage: "People talk of love ending at the altar. Fools!"

The Colonel is back. Hurrah! Now it is up to him to get things started in the East.

Then Roosevelt, Jr., is married. He and his bride were the most prominent people to take the pledge of matrimony during the month of June.

A new job has been created. It is known as getting names. The referendum is given the honor as maker. One more advantage of the measure.

Indications are that Tex Rickard will not be allowed to pull off the big fight at San Francisco. It will probably take place at Reno.

What has become of the Baseball Boys? They were just starting to clean up the surrounding country and we would like to see them finish it—but not with Sunday ball.

Editor Flood, of the Boise Chicken, asks for some one to tell him about the trust that Col. Roosevelt smashed. We expect to see some of our brothers who are followers of the Colonel's standard tell him about it.

The people of Nyssa will in the future have a better paper than they have had in the past. We have learned many things in the way of newspaper making at the recent meeting of the editors at Meadows. We met with them for the first time last Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and found it a great benefit. Nyssa will profit by our experience.

The Fourth of July is coming and we would suggest that some of the obnoxious weeds be cut down, that are growing in the streets. We should try and have the cleanest town in the country and with little effort we could. A great many people will come to Nyssa to celebrate and we want to meet them with the best appearance and open arms of welcome.

Word was received this week that Geo. A. Hurley had lost the position as register of the new land office at Vale. Bruce R. Keiter of Pennsylvania, is the man appointed as register instead of Hurley and Henry G. Guild, of Newport, Ore., in the place of McKnight. This was done by Senator Bourne. This action is certainly an insult to all the inhabitants of the district. It is saying that there is no competent man in the entire district. Mr. Keiter may and may not be competent, we don't know, but we do know that he is a man that Oregon does not owe a political plum to as this is what the office will now be termed. The receivership was given to a man in Oregon at least but not one in the district. Perhaps if Bourne had listened to his constituents in this matter he would not have to fear Eastern Oregon in his next election, but now he will have good reason to feel nervous.

industry.
It is not enough to be industrious. So are the ants. What are you industrious about?—Thoreau.
Quick Change.
A.—When I was in the east I met with many begging dervishes.
B.—I thought they called them howling dervishes?
A.—That's what they become when you don't give them anything.—Megendorfer Blatter.
Still Cheaper.
"Isn't it cheaper to move than to pay rent?" I inquired of the young married man.
"I suppose it is," he replied, with a settled air, "but my plan is cheaper than either. I live with my father-in-law."—Chicago News.
The Business of Life.
Our business is now to make the most of this great and beautiful experiment of living, to leave behind us flowers for beauty and fruit for use, to make our life a harmony, our ending a serenity and our awaking an eternal joy.—John Page Hobbs.
Muscle and Music.
A story used to be told of Paderewski that he could crack a pane of French plate glass half an inch thick merely by placing one hand upon it as if upon a piano keyboard and striking it sharply with his middle finger. Chopin's last study in C minor has a passage which takes two minutes and five seconds to play. The total pressure brought to bear on this, it is estimated, is equal to three full tons. The average "tonnage" of an hour's piano playing of Chopin's music varies from twelve to eighty-four tons.

Made Him Start.
Doctor (to patient)—Your heart is rather irregular. Have you anything that is worrying you?
Patient—Oh, not particularly, only that just now, when you put your hand in your pocket, I thought you were going to give me your bill.

Questioning Grandma.
"Grandma," inquired her little grandson the day of her arrival, "did you sleep on your face last night?"
"Of course not, dear. Why do you ask that?"
"Cause it's all wrinkled."—Exchange.

His Unkind Fling.
"I saw him holding your hand," said her small brother, whereat all the other members of the family looked up.
"Yes," she replied calmly; "he has been studying palmistry."
"Oh!" said the small brother.
"He was reading the story of my life," she persisted defiantly.

For a moment it looked as if she had subdued the small brother. Then he remarked, "You must be pretty old, sis."
"What do you mean?" she demanded.
"It was a long story."
"Don't be absurd, Tommy."
"And a continued story."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Kindred Minds.
At one time when Napoleon was carrying out an operation which could only be accomplished with absolute secrecy he rode one day to the head of a column, where he heard a soldier say:
"Faith, if I were general in chief I know what I should do."
"Well," called Napoleon, "what would you do?"
The soldier unfolded his plan. It was the very one which Napoleon himself had evolved.

"Rascal!" cried the general. "Will you hold your tongue?"
After the battle which had proved the wisdom of the project he sought about for the soldier whose mind had mirrored his. The man was dead.

China's National Tree.
The tung or wood oil tree is worthily named the national tree of China. It is stately in appearance, with smooth green bark and widespread branches, affording a fine shade. It bears a fruit resembling a shellbark hickory nut, but as large as a small orange. Each nut contains three triangular seeds similar to small Brazil nuts. The oil is pressed from these seeds, and the refuse is used as a fertilizer. The oil is used principally for polishing woodwork and dressing leather. Considerable quantities are exported. The wood of the tung tree is used for making musical instruments, fine boxes and the framework of small houses. It is free from ravages of insects.—New York Tribune.

Odd Way of Smoking.
During the South African war a Boer soldier named Frank Brown was shot in the forehead with a rifle bullet. Strangely enough, it did not kill him, and after the war he secured employment on one of the transatlantic steamers. When fully a year had passed he complained of trouble in his head, and after a thorough examination the surgeon of the ship decided that the bullet, which had never been removed, must be extracted. This was done, and afterward, for the amusement of his friends, the wounded soldier placed a lighted cigarette in the hole from which the bullet was extracted and drew the smoke through his nose.—Strand Magazine.

A Short Lived Island.
In 1867 a new shoal was discovered in the group of the Tonga or Friendly Islands. In 1877 smoke was seen over the shoal. In 1885 the shoal had become a volcanic island more than two miles long and 240 feet high, and a fierce eruption was taking place within it. In 1886 the island had begun to shrink in dimensions, although the next year its highest point was 325 feet above sea level. In 1889 its height had diminished one-half, and the ocean close around it was more than a mile deep. In 1892 the island rose only about twenty-six feet above sea level, and finally, in 1898, under the action of the waves, its complete disappearance was reported.—New York Press.

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