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PUBLIC WANTS ITS PLAY.

Just what Newport News needs to "live" it up a bit is a proposition that is occupying the attention of many people, particularly merchants and business men, just at this time.

One thing is certain, and that is that the public wants its play. A few days ago a circus came to town and in two performances entertained about eight thousand people, a large majority of whom were grown-ups, and apparently the only reason the crowds were no larger was that the tent would hold no more.

It was nearly five-years ago that the city council came to the conclusion that a circus took too much money out of the community and was a good thing to keep away. Since that time shows have visited Hampton and Norfolk and local people have gone away from home to spend more money than they would have spent had the amusement been permitted to come to their own doors.

The present city license upon a circus is \$250 per day, the last council having amended the ordinance so as to greatly reduce the tax. Even this is high, for in addition to the amount paid the city, the showman must put up \$100 for each performance and \$10 for each side show, under the State law.

If the circuses are willing to pay the license prescribed by the city in addition to that of the State, the present ordinance is all right, but if the tax keeps the shows away, then it seems to be up to the council to take such action as will give the people what they want.

Innocent amusements hurt no one and the proverb, "All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy" applies to a city as well as to Johnny.

We will not venture here to suggest what Newport News needs, but it is a matter deserving serious consideration at the hands of the municipal authorities and everyone desiring to see the city "live" and progressive.

A ROOSEVELT DOCUMENT.

"The Republican Text Book for 1906," just issued by Representative Sherman, of New York, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, is a Rooseveltian document of the first water. It starts off with a quotation from the President's 1904 speech of acceptance, and closes with the cute little postscript: "Uncle Joe Cannon's new platform—Put none but home-made cake in the pantry."

Those who have taken the trouble to make the calculation assert that the chief executive's name is mentioned on an average of every other page in the volume, which is going pretty strong even if the Roosevelt dollar was cheerfully chipped into the contribution hat.

Fairbanks, Foraker and many other favorite sons are entirely overlooked in the volume leading one to believe that Mr. Sherman is playing the blunder on Teddy and Joe is trying to assist in bringing to pass the prediction of Roosevelt who is quoted as saying: "You, Mr. Speaker, will be the next President of the United States." This belief is strengthened by the fact that the book contains an essay entitled: "Roosevelt on Cannon" and an equally absorbing chapter of "Cannon on Roosevelt."

The chapter on the tariff is a straddle, designed to please both revisionists and stand-patters. It declares that the tariff is just about right now, but when the time comes to alter it in certain particulars it might be well to do it.

The book pays its respects to Samuel Gompers, of the A. F. of L., and tries to show how Congress has done all that it could conscientiously for the interests of the workmen of the country.

If Roosevelt and Cannon were eliminated, little would remain of the pretentious 200,000 word volume.

HOW THE MONEY GOES.

One frequently sees interesting statements concerning the vast sums of money annually carried to foreign countries by American tourists. There is another phase of the international drain which receives less attention, but which is none the less important. For instance, official figures show that the Bank of Italy has more than 138,000 accounts opened by Italian emigrants in the United States, and during the year more than \$500,000 was deposited by men who had come to the United States simply to earn a little money for home purposes, fully expecting to return at some time in the future and enjoy their savings. Of course, these figures represent but one bank out of many that carry on the same sort of business. Altogether the drain from this country in that direction is a matter of some importance. In the last year 750,000 individuals left Italy for foreign shores. About one-half came to the United States.

Industrious, thrifty law-abiding people from all nations of the earth should be received with open arms in America, but an effort should be made to have them identify themselves with American ideals and to patronize the institutions of the land of their adoption. Those who come simply to carry back to the old country every cent in excess of the bare cost of dry bread should be discouraged from landing. They are neither desirable as workmen nor as citizens of the United States.

Those patriotic Americans who dropped good money on the Harvard Cambridge race may find some consolation in the fact that they might have done the same trick in Wall Street just as easily.

The Republican situation in Ohio is rapidly resolving itself into a "pull Dick, pull devil" status, with Congressman Burton as Mephisto.

Mr. Shaw says the Democratic party has no platform and stands for nothing. Not even the Republican party seems willing to stand for Shaw.

If those Cuban veterans are not more careful President Palma will cut off their pensions.

Unless the unloaded gun looks to its laurels the upsetting rowboat soon will be in the lead as a fool killer medium.



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Peysen Says

What a Lot of Smiths There Are.

Young Smiths and old Smiths—rich Smiths and poor Smiths—decent Smiths and shady Smiths—Smiths who come over in the Mayflower and Smiths who don't know the difference between Mayflower and corn flour. When you come to think of it, what a tremendous difference there is in Smiths. You'd surely not accord the same social reception to the auto Smith and the trolley Smith—to the giver of libraries and library builder. Of course not—hosh—fiddlesticks! and such like!

2715 WASHINGTON AVENUE.

SUBTERRANEAN RIVERS.

Yucatan's Only Streams Flow Beneath Coral Rock.

There are no streams in Yucatan which flow above the ground, but the whole peninsula is one vast table of coral rock and beneath it are immense sheets of fresh water, with regular though ill defined tides and currents. Along the coasts these subterranean waters are quite near the surface, but in the interior, where the calcareous layer is of great thickness, the waters are low down. At intervals they break into caverns formed by earthquakes by pressure of their own force or by the infiltration of surface water into the natural grottoes of the coral rock and wherever the water can be reached, whether through artificial pits or by the operations of nature, the place is called a cenote. There are a great many of them scattered all over Yucatan, and those near Merida are utilized as public bathhouses, affording most refreshing resorts.

Centuries ago the Indians marked the courses of the subterranean rivers by heaps of stones and always built their cities close by the water caves, as their ruins show, and it is interesting to note to this day all the civilized centers of Yucatan have arisen around these natural reservoirs. There are many forms of cenotes. When the water flows at a slight depth and the calcareous layer has been only partially eaten away there follows an irregular sinking, which forms a cave, opening from side to side, but when the crust is thicker and the underground stream has a regular course the soil is generally coroded in a circular space and the vault thus formed, lacking support, falls in, making an immense open well. Often the crust is so deep that the soft parts only crumble down, leaving a small aperture toward the top, fashioning a real grotto, with stalactites and stalagmites galore. Again, it happens that the crust is exceedingly thick, when a colossal subterranean passage, like a tunnel, is formed. In short, all the variations which an undisturbed stream may produce in a friable soil by the silent work of ages may be here witnessed. The cenote of which I write is a natural cavern nearly fifty feet deep, broken down at one side, thus forming a gigantic arch. Within it appears every form of stalagmite and stalactite, and its roof is perforated with holes, in which are thousands of birds' and hornets' nests. At the bottom of it, reached by a flight of stone steps from the charming garden above, is an extensive sheet of clear, fresh water, containing a multitude of tiny fish (Pescado cenote) similar to those found in the Mammoth cave of Kentucky, only these are not eyeless. The overhanging roots of trees fringe its broken arch, affording shelter to innumerable lizards and iguanas, which dart along the ledges like embodied sunbeams, while above them countless swallows circle in masses so dense that the whirring of their wings produces a deafening noise, echoed from below to hollow reverberations.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. The French philosopher M. Le Bon, commenting on the motto of the revolution, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," declared that the real difference between the French and the British lay in the fact that the French were enamored of equality and cared little for liberty, while the British insisted on liberty and never gave a thought to equality. And when some one quoted this to Rudyard Kipling he instantly added his own comment to the effect that what the American really preferred was fraternity. "He is a good fellow himself, and he expects you to be one."

Convinced. Mr. Spongely (slightly related)—Splendid! Magnificent! Do you know, Uncle Eli, I believe I shall never get tired of seeing the sun set behind that hill! Uncle Eli—That's what me an' mother's beginnin' to think.—Puck.

\$27,000,000 WITHHELD

Stockholders of the Pullman Company After Large Dividends.

SURPLUS ENRICHES BANKERS

It is Charged That Cash Belonging to Holders of the Securities is Used Improperly—Chicago Has a High Finance Scandal.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Hoping to compel the directors of the Pullman Company to distribute millions of dollars of its earnings, which they say is being withheld from them, stockholders of the company are banding together to force the issue with the present management in Chicago.

The Pullman Company's surplus is \$27,000,000, and Edward W. Henck, who is leading the movement to make the company disgorge its millions, demands to know why the company is accumulating a surplus which is now about forty per cent. of the capital stock.

Angry stockholders say the funds of the company have been banked in the Pullman Savings Bank, and there the big surplus of the Pullman Company is used to make money for the stockholders of the bank.

The interest at four per cent. on the Pullman surplus would amount to over a million dollars annually. That sum the stockholders claim rightfully belongs to them.

TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Let the child choose his ideals from the many that are presented to him.

Boys and girls saturated with low literature form low ideals, which cling to them through life.

To teach concentration should be the end and aim of all school instruction.—New York World.

Study the child, find out what his capabilities are and show him that you take an interest in him.

Let the children see how ugly low ideals are and then encourage them to study the lives of great men.

The whole life and future usefulness of a child depend largely on the way his mind is trained at school.

Many a child's life is ruined by having parents or teachers who do not take the trouble to understand his capability.

It is more important for the mother to superintend her son's reading than to see that he wears the latest thing in collars.

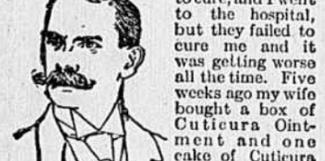
The character depends upon the ideals, and the ideals are the standard which the parent or teacher sets before the child.

DISFIGURING SKIN HUMOR

Impossible to Get Employment, as Face and Body Were Covered With Itching Sores—Scraped Till Flesh Was Raw—Spent Hundreds of Dollars on Doctors and Hospitals and Grew Worse

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