

WHEN did the rabbit break into Easter?

"HELL's afire," says a smart Republican paper in discussing Democratic rule in Missouri. That's news indeed; but how stale the information were the g. o. p. in charge of the affairs of State!

With Mexico shooting up the border and Germany sending down to the bottom of the ocean unoffending Americans, our Uncle Samuel is about to have his hands full; but he's equal to the emergency.

It is a mean fight the Post-Dispatch is making on Con. Roach. His official record is without blemish—efficient, commendable, intelligent. Against his personal character nothing can be said. Then why the P.-D.'s vindictive animus? No reason can be given, except that that paper is following its established custom of lambasting men the people delight to honor. Hardly a prominent Missouri Democrat during the thirty years of the P. D.'s existence has been the object of its spiteful animadversion. Mr. Roach is being made no exception to the rule; otherwise well informed people might grow suspicious and begin to ask seriously, "What is the matter with Con?"

The editor of the Holden Progress, which gave whole pages to publicity at a recent revival, admits he was worked for a sucker, but is permanently cured, and declines to boost the Billy Sunday meeting. He says: "Very likely, the evangelist will rake in the same proportion as the recent 'campaign' in Holden. In the evangelistic world, it seems the unit of measurement is \$25, and computations are made in multiples of that modest sum. Singers get from \$50 a week up; even lady assistants are paid on that scale sometimes. While the evangelist—well, it seems his 'unit' is \$100. Everything goes in \$25 and \$100—except the commodity the poor newspaper sucker makes."

"CONGRESS shall pass no law abridging the Freedom of the Press," says the Constitution of the United States, yet there has been, since the formation of the Union, hardly a session wherein some bigoted, half-ideed Congressman has not introduced a bill to limit the newspapers in their discussion of public matters, political or religious. The Fitzgerald bill now before Congress is of this class, and, once made a precedent, will stand for such succeeding unconstitutional legislation as will leave to us no more liberty of expression than the English press enjoyed under the censorship of Charles II. and preceding kings. The Congressman who votes for it ought to resign his citizenship and seek congenial surroundings with the Kaiser or in the steppes of Siberia.

TO THE making of anti-liquor laws there is no end. When your neighbor takes your personal "welfare" in hand his only thought is how to divest you of every vestige of liberty—for your good, always, of course, and what a miserable sinner you are if you "kick." For instance: In the State of Washington each resident may cause to be shipped from without the State two quarts of vinous or spirituous liquor, or twelve quarts of beer, every twenty days. You cannot order both. Prior to ordering any one kind of above you must first obtain from the County Auditor a permit (for which you must pay 25 cents,) which permit shall be sent together with the order, as it must be placed upon the outside of package to gain entrance into the State. A little further "progression," and one will be required to obtain a permit—at 25 cents per—to go the well for a bucket of water—bucket not to hold over two gallons, and contents warranted pure from sulphur and iron. Why not? Some eminent physicians—they're always "eminent"—tell us that the impurifying ingredients named are not wholesome to the normal human. And 25 cents is such a moderate charge for the permit, and so grateful to the Auditor!

I FIND these three brain-enservating paragraphs in Sunday's Post-Dispatch under the general caption, "Preparedness Vs. Unpreparedness":

What will happen to the man who lives unprepared for heaven in the hope there isn't any hell and finds there is one? What are his feelings?

A country which refuses to prepare for war because it loves peace and thinks war improbable is like a business man who refuses to prepare for competition because he doesn't like it and thinks he may not meet it. What happens to a business man of this kind?

The similarity between the ostrich which sticks its head in the sand in the presence of danger and the advocate of unpreparedness is peculiarly striking, because the ostrich doesn't use its head and exposes the side that the unprepared man always exposes to the enemy.

That's what I call knock-down logic—brutally forceful, but high-toned and convincing. What an exponent of soul essence is absorbed in the three propositions here laid in all their winsomeness before the too oft unthinking reader. May he read and profit, bearing in mind the ungraceful figure, as depicted in the third proposition, he must cut in the vision of all patriotic munition dealers and gun-makers.

Redmondville Items.

We have had plenty of rain recently.

Nearly every body has gone to town this week, so I will let them hear the happenings of the West End. Sunday School was better attended last Sunday. That is right, parents; it's better to go to Sunday School than to meet at the Company office and indulge in card games. For those who indulge therein were near the Dark River of Death they would be wanting the prayer of the good Sunday School people. So bring your children and co-operate with us and we will have a better Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Love were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Black Sunday. The Boys are forming a habit of playing ball on Sunday afternoon.

The friends and neighbors gave Aunt Lettie Goggins a surprise Birthday dinner last Wednesday. They had an enjoyable time. She received several nice presents, it was her eighty-third birthday. Also Mr. Chas. Anderson gave a Birthday dinner last Saturday. Several attended, and a day was spent with much pleasure.

Mrs. Shrum gave Miss Manilla Wilson, who is staying with her, a Birthday dinner Sunday. Several were with her, and I am sure enjoyed the day very much. Mr. Carry White, Miss Avis Pippin, Manilla Wilson and Ina Wilhite were buggy riding Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Larue were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Miller Sunday.

Mrs. R. Black and children visited Mrs. Shrum's Sunday; also Mrs. Love. Mr. Walter Adams of Monterey was seen in town Sunday—a little west of town, I should have said. Mrs. Anna Crocker has been very sick, but is on the road to recovery at this writing. Also her father, Mr. Keith, is sick at her home. The children seem to be enjoying their Easter eggs.

OMEGA.

TEXAS WONDER

THE Texas Wonder cured Sidney and his wife from a most distressing case of diabetes, which had been treated by all the best medical authorities and had become almost incurable. It is a most wonderful medicine and is sold by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is a normal treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 200 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Private Sale I have on hand, unsold, the following Machinery and Stock Bargains:

One-Horse Farm Wagon, Rubber Tire Storm Buggy, Rubber Tire Piano Box Buggy, Six-Passenger Mountain Wagon and Harness, 3 Mares, Brood and Buggy, 2 Mules, 16½ and 15½ hands high, 26 Shropshire Ewes Bred, 11 Sows and 72 Pigs, Sulky and Walking Plows, Corn Shredder, Husker with Blower, Silo Cutter with Blower, Platform Scale, Handy Loe Incubator, 150 Eggs, 76 Pure Bred White Orpingtons, 6 High Bred Collie Pops, 2 Boss Cream Separators, DeLaval Separator, 2-Horse Mogul Feed Grinder, Hercules Stump Puller, with ropes and tools, Humphrey Green Bone Cutter, Two-Horse Wheelers, Swiss Feed Cutter, Log Wagon and Small Tools of all kinds.

IDEAL FARM, (one mile east of Arcadia station.) T. A. CONRAD, Proprietor.

Wanted At Once. Fifty Tie Makers. Timber on Current river—4,000 acre tract. Pay 14 and 15 cents for White Oak, 6x8-8. Inspection every two weeks. Apply to A. F. WILLIAMS, Deslet, Mo.

Ladies new Spring Coats, Skirts and Dresses at Lopez's.

ICE! I am ready to supply your wants in ICE. No order too large or too small. ELIAS NICHOLS. Phone 67.

DELINQUENTS TAKE WARNING! All taxes now due the City of Ironton must be paid on or before April 29th. After that date all delinquents will be legally proceeded against, and costs and penalty exacted. This is done by order of the Board of Alderman, and I will do my duty in the premises "without fear, favor or affection." This is the final warning. CHAS. F. HANSON, City Collector.

If the mothers will buy Buster Brown or Billiken (foot shape last) Shoes for their children, they will not only show sound judgment, but will be able to note a change for the better in the disposition of the child. LOPEZ STORE CO.

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Nine Acres, 9 Rooms, Bungalow with Bath Room. Complete Water System; 200 feet bored well; 12x20 cistern; large barn, 3 chicken houses, creamery, implement barn. Most complete Country Home in the valley. T. A. CONRAD, 6374 Berlin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

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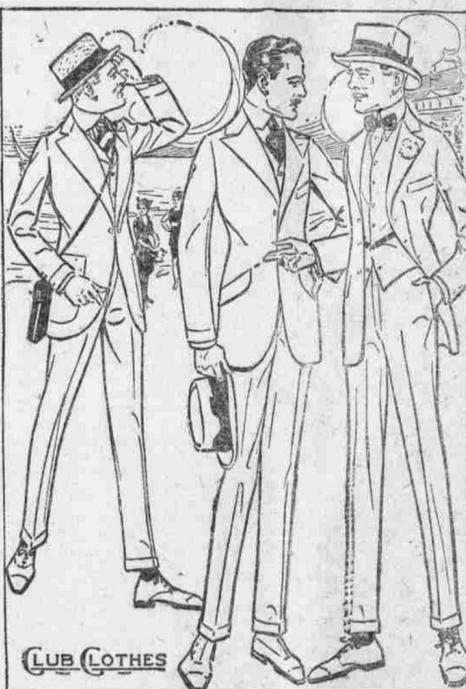


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The New Stock embraces all the Leading Styles. Smart Street Hats, Trimmed Hats, Pattern Hats, Auto Caps and Veils.

Strong Line Children's Hats, 25c to \$1.00.

OUR SLOGAN—More Style and Real Hat Value for Less Money.



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for Young Men embody those STYLE ESSENTIALS that appeal so strongly to the Smart Dresser.

We are showing for Spring some Exceptional Stylish Numbers for Men and Young Men at \$15 to \$18, that CANNOT BE EXCELLED.

We also have PURE WOOLEN WORSTEDS at \$10 and \$12 per Suit.

Full Line of BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER SUITS in Serges and Fancies. Priced from \$2.00 to 7.50.

THE Shoe Stock

is Complete in Every Detail. Newest and Best Styles in LADIES' PUMPS from \$1.50 to \$3.50. Come in Patent, Dull Kid, Gun Metal and the White. A Full Line of Buster Brown and Billiken, Foot-Shape last, Shoes for Children and Boys and Girls. Once Tried, Always Worn.



New Floor Coverings

New Rugs in the Dettox (Grass), Brussels and Axminster, in the large and small sizes.

NEW PATTERNS IN LINOLEUMS in the Two- and Four-Yard Wide Goods.

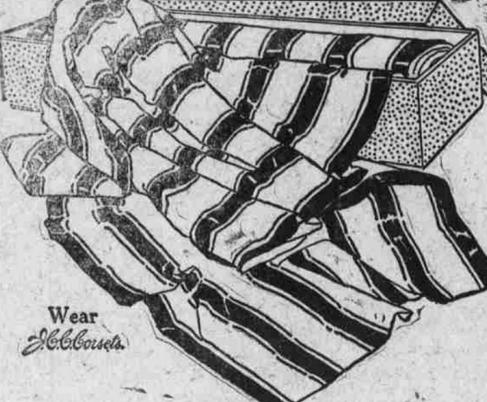
MATTINGS at from 15c to 35c a Yd. for Finest Grade.

New Furniture Stock

Consisting of Chairs, Rockers, Dressers, Chiffoniers, Kitchen Cabinets, Dining Tables, Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses. "The Best Quality for the Lowest Price" is our motto.

Call on Us For Anything You Want TO BUY OR SELL!

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We try to be not over-enthusiastic, but certainly think the New WASH FABRICS for Spring and Summer, in Voiles, Organdies, Tub Silks, Fancy Tissues, Etc., are THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WE HAVE EVER SHOWN. Prices, 10c to \$1 a yard, and Many Patterns to choose from.

New Sirtwaists. New Styles in the Jap. Wash Silk, at \$1.00 and 1.25. Crepe de Chines and Pussy Willow Taffetas, in White, Black, Flesh and Maize, at \$2.25, 2.50 and 3.00. Middy Blouses at 50c and \$1.00 each.

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The New Coats come in Large Checks, Stripes, Plaids and All-White. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$12.50.

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