

# NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON



## Do You Know Lemonade Is Made of Lemons Often?

WASHINGTON.—The somber-souled realist who composes press bulletins for the department of health earns his salary if painstaking effort counts for anything at all. Nothing daunts him; he even tackles circus lemonade.

Nor does he take a chance on the intelligence of the reading public. In his latest, known as "Special Pure Food Bulletin, No. 22," or, for short, "Pure Bull No. 22" ("an article put out by the department of health"), he does not call lemonade "lemonade" and let it go at that. He is not that careless. Far from it.

"Lemonade," he explains, "is one of the most familiar household drinks we have. It is made from the juice of lemons diluted with water and sweetened with cane sugar. A similar drink, prepared from oranges, is usually called orangeade. Usually slices of the rind are added to give an additional flavor."

Having propounded these comparatively simple lessons, the author cunningly lures the reader on to carbonated water, ginger ale, birch beer, root beer and sweet cider. The last, "one of the most agreeable of the non-alcoholic (mark that nice distinction) beverages, is the filtered juice of sound, ripe apples. If sterilized in bottles and kept tightly closed it may be kept for a long time."

With sweet cider he stops. Right on the threshold of a masterpiece, he hears the call of duty. The natural desire to expound and elucidate the mysteries of Bock, Pilsener, Muenchner, May wine, applejack, forty-rod and squirrel is throttled at birth.

Sternly keeping to words of one syllable, he points out that there is no coal tar in lemonade; nor is there coal tar in birch beer; nor in root beer; nor, in fact, in any of these favorite household beverages in their pure state.

And this methodically bibulous pessimist has done more. He has tested 84 samples of lemon soda, 31 of ginger ale, 40 of sarsaparilla, and so on down the line, and now passes on in simple language the knowledge thus imbibed. Out of the 84 lemon sodas 58 contained saccharine and some apple cider contained benzoate of soda. In nearly everything he found an ingredient that does not belong in "favorite household beverages." Not one dealer admitted the presence of saccharine; not one acknowledged benzoate of soda.

So, therefore, being soundly grounded in fact, he hastened to the typewriter and wrote his adventures that all might halt in time and beware of misrepresented drink.

## Dramatic. Exceptions to a Most Excellent Rule

A PREOCCUPIED woman strolled across the asphalt as if for the sole purpose of being run down. An automobile that looked capable of performing the job—a tremendously imposing machine, with a thrown back top of tan leather and body of anarchist red—gave a warning toot.

The woman ignored it. Came another toot. The woman kept up her slow strolling, as if the avenue were one of those things you call a flowery mead. After he had sounded a third warning, the chauffeur, who had already slackened speed, curved around the woman and whizzed on. And for that one time, anyhow, the situation was saved.

Two men on a curb toot. In the incident, and when it was over the one who was smoking a cigar said to the one with a cigarette:

"The majority of automobilists are as careful as that man, but it is the occasional reckless idiot who races down everything in his way, who gets into the papers and ruins the reputation of the other. You never see a careful chauffeur in print."

"Idiots have their uses"—the cigarette man said it with the cheerful philosophy of one who takes life easy. "They figure up as the dramatic exceptions to the monotonously excellent rule. Good people seldom make interesting copy. It is the exception you must look for headlines."

And as they talked, the preoccupied woman touched the bricks just as a blue-black machine had slowed up to save the general disagreeableness of mowing her down.

## Most Effective Shot in Her Ammunition Chest

REPRESENTATIVE W. C. HOUSTON of Tennessee is a typical southerner in appearance, and by birth a genuine son of the American revolution. His great-grandfather was an Irish lad, who landed on the shores of North Carolina a few years before the revolution with little except a stout heart and his rich brogue.

A great hand at jumping, a fine runner and a good fighter, he soon found a place in the ranks of the American army and fought with distinction. In a skirmish a bullet from a redcoat's rifle pierced his knee, and for this wound he received as a bounty from congress a large tract of land. On this land his descendants are still living, and on it the member first saw the light of day.

Mr. Houston tells a story on his predecessor, the Hon. George P. Jones, who was known in his day as "the watchdog" of the treasury.

Jones was a merchant, and one day an irate old lady dismounted in front of his store, gathered up her voluminous black calico riding skirt, took her eggs under her arm and sailed into the store—and into Jones, too. The names she called him would have made a Missouri mule blush. Backing out flushed with victory, she was about to mount when she remembered that she had not fired the most effective shot in her ammunition chest, so, opening the door, she shouted: "And I want to tell you, George P. Jones, that you have got the worst shape any man ever had."

Now Johnson didn't mind doing all this work for nothing, but he got tired of having the old chap work that bluff on him. One morning the old fellow reached into his pocket and asked how much he owed for legal services just as a charity worker entered the office.

"Oh, I guess \$25 will be about right," was the startling reply.

The client was game and paid it, whereupon Ben tossed it over to the charity worker, saying to his client:

"If you ever pull that bluff on me again I'll charge you more'n that."

## Got Tired of Having Old Bluff Worked on Him

REPRESENTATIVE BEN JOHNSON of Kentucky is a man of philanthropic impulses and when he used to practice law he was constantly being imposed upon by people who took up his time without giving him much reward.

The old chap used to come in about twice a week to have legal chores performed and Johnson never charged him anything. But the old man never failed to make a bluff of putting his hand in his pocket and inquiring: "Well, how much do I owe you, Ben?"—knowing well enough that Johnson would say: "Oh, that's all right."

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Enamelware Cement.

For mending enamelware pots and pans where a hole has been chipped off, the following is effective: Equal parts of soft putty, finely sifted coal ashes and sifted table salt. Mix all together and pack it into the hole. Place the mended article on the stove with a little water in it until the cement gets hard. It never fails, and it becomes as hard as the enamel itself.

Depths of His Love.

My little son went into the living room where my invalid mother was lying on a couch and in the following quaint way expressed his love for her: He knelt down, put his little arms about her, and said: "Gamma, I dese wish they would all die so I tould make pancakes for 'ee."—Exchange.

Knew of War's Horrors.

Take my word for it, if you had seen but one day of war, you would pray Almighty God that you might never see such a thing again.—Duke of Wellington.

Wise Fathers.

In these days it is a wise father who does not dread to know his own son's life.



CHARLES WEEGHMAN.  
Popular President of the Chicago Federal League Club.

Four old Uncle Sam is complaining that he is not getting enough returns from that income tax. We do not think that millionaires who are in or out of politics would intentionally keep away the real truth about their incomes from Uncle Sam. Believing this, we are not alone in wondering whether the income tax return of Sanitary Trustee Wallace G. Clark, said to be a candidate for re-election, or of his business partner, J. Milton Trainer, or of the firm of Clark & Trainer, differs materially from the personal property tax return of the same people, referred to elsewhere in this issue.

The number of juicy deals from which Clark & Trainer have culled

boulevard and Washington street, which Jarvis Hunt and Clark & Trainer have just completed, is attracting much attention, and people are much impressed with it because of the beauty of design and the interior finish. J. Milton Trainer states that a little over 70 per cent of the space is rented.

Patrons of the Northwestern L. complain of bad service. It is getting worse every day.

The Chicago Eagle has always been the friend of the railroad employes and the strong organizations they



ISAAC N. POWELL,  
Republican Candidate for Board of Review.

big fees would take up too much space to print just now.

We have room, however, for the following income tax promoter from a recent number of the Economist, the financial and real estate paper:

"The Corn Products Refining Company paid J. Milton Trainer a commission of \$77,000 for the sale of the old sugar refinery property on the river south of Taylor street to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as announced in The Economist some months ago.

"The Michigan Boulevard Building, at the southwest corner of Michigan

maintain are named on the seventh page of this paper.

William Hale Thompson is coming to the front rapidly in the majority fight.

Get ready to fight prohibition and local option. It will be the issue at the polls in Chicago in 1915.

Addison street, one of the widest and longest east and west streets on the north and west sides, should be made a boulevard.



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# MUNICIPAL NEWS

## Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occurrences of the Week.

Meeting hours for City Council committees are as follows:  
Monday—Streets and alleys, 9 o'clock; buildings, 3:30 o'clock.  
Tuesday—Schools and police, 1 o'clock; harbors, wharves and bridges, 2 o'clock; local industries, 2 o'clock.  
Wednesday—Special park commission, 10:30 o'clock; health, 2 o'clock; local transportation, 2 o'clock; track elevation, 3:30 o'clock.  
Thursday—Gas, oil and electricity, 2 o'clock; license, 3:30 o'clock; water, 3:30 o'clock.  
Friday—Compensation, 11 o'clock; judiciary, 2 o'clock; finance, 2 o'clock; bathing beaches, 3:30 o'clock.

5. Dangerous, fierce or vicious dogs found (off the premises of the owner) or any dog which bites a person or in any manner disturbs the quiet of any person or neighborhood is declared to be a nuisance and shall be taken up and impounded.

C. The owner, or keeper of any dog, when notified that such dog has bitten any person, is forbidden under heavy penalty to sell or give away such dog or to permit its removal beyond the city limits; he shall deliver such dog to a policeman who shall cause such dog to be impounded.

The Chicago Health Department has issued the following warning:  
Newspaper reports indicate an increasing number of attacks on children by vicious, unmuzzled dogs; our laboratory records partly substantiate these reports.

Last year we had eight extremely agonizing deaths from hydrophobia in this city, the highest record ever reached for a single year in Chicago. A repetition of the record of 1912 must not be permitted. The city ordinances relating to the control of dogs must be rigidly enforced at once if the threatened repetition is to be avoided.

The ordinances require:  
1. Every person owning or keeping a dog shall report the facts to the city clerk annually, within thirty days after the first day of May.  
2. Every dog must bear a license tag.  
3. Every dog running at large in any street, alley or other public place must AT ALL TIMES be securely muzzled so as to effectually prevent it from biting any person or animal.  
4. Any dog running at large contrary to law shall be impounded.

Civil Service Reform, hailed with joy by the public, has established an office holding aristocracy in the United States. In Chicago alone, Civil Service employes have forty associations of their own to pry additional coin from the taxpayers. The man who works out his life for his family in any private vocation can starve to death in his old age. But a fellow who enjoys a fat salary on a public payroll all of his life, rests assured of a pension paid by his fellow citizens when he gets through.

Without scandal and in a clean and businesslike manner, the trustees of the Sanitary District are carrying on a great work which will benefit all of the people.

President Thomas A. Smyth, of the Sanitary District, has increased the efficiency of the service one hundred per cent since he took office.

William A. Doyle deserves the high place he holds in the estimation of the people of Chicago. Both as a lawyer and a citizen his record is clean and honorable in every respect.

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