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An Evening Echo.

It is amusing to detect character in the vocabulary of each person; the adjectives usually used like the inscriptions on a thermometer, indicate the temperament.—H. T. TUCKERMAN.

Bryan the Whole Show.

The time-honored "diplomatic room" of the state department, where distinguished secretaries of state and noted foreign diplomats have met for more than a century and where have taken place conferences of vital importance in the history of this nation, there was given recently a show such as that venerable apartment never saw before. It was a moving picture entertainment for certain friends of Secretary Bryan and in which Mr. Bryan was the whole show. The films depicted Mr. Wilson's secretary of state not in the performance of his official duties—it would be difficult for even a moving picture machine to secure such a picture—but views of him on the lecture platform.

Why the Tyrolean Yodlers were not also shown is not explained. Their act immediately preceded that of Mr. Bryan in the Chautauqua circuit.

Worst Enemy of the Race.

Any Clarksburger who reads the statements herewith given of Dr. Hornig, city entomologist of Philadelphia, will without doubt be at war on the pestiferous and dangerous house fly Wednesday when taking part in the general cleaning up of the city urged in a proclamation issued by Mayor G. H. Gordon.

"The fly is the worst enemy of the human race," declares Dr. Hornig. "Many persons have gone to their graves who in all probability would still be enjoying life but for the fly or the germs it carried about in its legs or the dirt on its body."

"The fly is deadly," says the doctor, "because dead animals—cats, dogs, rats—and decaying, disease-breeding vegetable matter are its food, its nesting place, before it flies into a home and among edibles. If you want to give the fly a picnic, just let an unclean condition exist in your home. Beyond any doubt it is known that germs of cholera, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and dysentery are carried about by flies."

Householders of the city should swat the fly Wednesday by swatting its breeding places.

Peace.

With Wall Street so far crediting rumors of peace as to establish new records of high prices, with President Wilson urging the necessity of this country so conducting itself as to fit itself still further to play the part of mediator when the war is over; with the president's close friend and adviser, Col. E. M. House, of Texas, returning from his peace mission in Europe; with the diplomatic corps animatedly discussing the real meaning of the president's speech to the Associated Press; peace has held the center of the stage in Washington during the last week, with only the rumblings of the now three-cornered conflict between the treasury department, the department of justice and the Riggs National Bank to ruffle the plumage of the gentle dove.

Cordially agreeing with the essentials of Mr. Wilson's peace speech, the diplomats with a craftiness begotten of long training in European capitals, are sedulously inquiring if perchance, Mr. Wilson hopes to play the role of mediator with a view of counting his political fortunes and those of his party. Disinterested mediation, these European statesmen would cordially welcome, but just now they are anxious to be assured that their difficulties and the terrible sacrifices their respective nations are making are in no way to be made a vehicle by which the fortunes of any political party are to be promoted.

Coincidentally with the president's address, Col. House concluded his peace mission in Europe, a mission undertaken against the advice of the ambassadors of the belligerent countries and which, as they foretold, has resulted in complete failure. "This is no time even to suggest peace talk," Col. House has been told, and that is precisely what the diplomats assured the president he would be told even before he started.

McCombs for the Discard.

Despite all denials it is a fact that the administration is seeking to rid itself of William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Because Mr. McCombs was primarily responsible for the nomination of Woodrow Wilson—and in a year when the split in the Republican party made inevitable the election of the Democratic candidate whoever he might be—Mr. Wilson is unwilling, obviously, to force McCombs out, but he is giving his cordial sanction to the efforts of Mr. McAdoo to make Mr. McCombs's place so uncomfortable that he will "voluntarily" retire. In the meantime, a determined effort is being made to install a secretary who is antagonistic to McCombs and who will attempt to run the committee in accordance with McAdoo's, not McCombs's, views.

Joseph E. Davies, who has been commissioner of corporations since the beginning of this administration until, recently, he became a member of the trade commission, has only now resigned his position as secretary of the Democratic National Committee. By some curious oversight, Democratic newspapers like the New York World, which howled itself hoarse when President Roosevelt made George B. Cortelyou secretary of the treasury after he had been chairman of the Republican National Committee, charging that Mr. Cortelyou could thus "hold up big business," have never discovered that Mr. Davies has long been in immediate supervision over the business while still secretary of the Democratic National Committee.

Whether Mr. McCombs will be made so uncomfortable that he cannot retain the chairmanship, or whether he will remain as a cipher while Tom Pence or some other good McAdoo Democrat actually runs the committee, remains to be seen. At all events, McCombs has served his purpose and is now declined for the discard.

Democratic Blunders.

The Democratic tariff bill, first in the articles of Democratic faith, and the one achievement on which naturally members of that party would be expected to expend their most exhaustive study and care, was so clumsily executed that it failed to accomplish the results intended. The failure was due to crude, hasty, unscientific, secret legislative methods.

Destined to furnish sufficient revenue to finance the United States treasury, it has proved absolutely inadequate for that purpose.

In writing the tariff bill the Democrats dimly foregave a possible reduction in customs receipts, although they did not know how much and did not ascertain the facts. So the income tax provision was incorporated, in the hope that it would make up for any miscalculations in the tariff bill, although the Democrats did not know and did not ascertain the facts.

But what happened when these provisions went into effect? Customs receipts were millions of dollars below the amount needed from that source, and at the same time collections from the income tax fell far below the amount needed from that source. The inevitable result was to leave the treasury without sufficient money for its needs. The failure was caused by carelessness. Had there been conscientious, open consideration of the revenue bill, sufficient to enable members of Congress to study and understand it, the resulting revenue could have been properly safeguarded. But instead of getting accurate information and adequate estimates, the Democrats guessed at it. And they guessed wrong.

The results of this first mistake should have been a warning. But the same error remains in the Democratic committee the same kind of an error again. Forced by their heedlessness to provide more revenue, they passed a "war tax" in time of peace. Based on a guess instead of an estimate, the war tax did not produce money enough. For months the receipts of the treasury have been daily falling short of expenditures at a rate reaching at times more than a million dollars a day. According to official estimates the deficit will probably amount to one hundred million dollars by July 1, the end of the fiscal year.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. The fatal weakness that has characterized the work of this administration from its inception, two years ago has been its eagerness to propose laws, carelessness in drafting them, haste in committee action, and stubborn refusal to permit intelligent amendment in either House or Senate after the party brand had been affixed by the all-powerful caucus.

Every American citizen has had to help pay for these costly experiments. There will be still more to pay until the errors have been corrected by thoughtful, intelligent legislation.

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

REVERSE ENGLISH.

The only thing for Blinksopp to do if he wanted his shirt back the next day to be married in, was to take it to the Chinese laundryman. But Blinksopp was such a particular young man about his shirts—he wanted it done in such a special way! How could he tell a Chinaman, all that still, Blinksopp was very clever—he was willing to try anything once. He took the shirt around to Sing Lee. "Listen, Chinee-mans," he began. "Shirtee to bllee done up—see? Bosom soft—no starchee in front, see? Cuffs stiff—plentee starchee. See Chinee-

mans, front soft, cuffs hard, allee same! Just like I'm a-telling you, Savvy? No starchee" (See footnote.) "If my honorable customer," mildly interrupted Sing Lee, B. A. (Harvard) "will condescend to outline his wants in less abstruse English, I shall endeavor to launder his garment with scrupulous attention to his specifications." (Footnote—Editor's glossary.) "Shirtee—shirt. "Done"—done "Blee"—be. "Starchee"—starch. "Front"—front. "Plentee"—plenty. "Allee"—all. "Savvy"—understand.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Latest News from the Fields of Science, Education and Invention.

WHERE MATZOS IS MADE.

The United States now supplies a large part of the matzos bread used by the Jews of the world during their Passover week, which they have kept for 4000 years in celebration of their delivery from the hands of the Egyptians. This celebration comes in March, and for months before that time a matzoh factory has been working almost day and night to supply the demand for this special unleavened bread.

A single factory in Cincinnati manufactures the bulk of this food, making an average production of ten pounds of baked matzohs per minute and consuming 500 barrels of flour per week. All of the work of baking this bread is in the hands of skilled Jewish bakers. The ancient formula is used, although the bread is baked by steam and electricity instead of being dried in the sun as in the early days.

The matzoh is a sort of cracker, about six inches square, made from a stiff dough, baked for four minutes in an oven of moderate heat. The factory in Cincinnati ships it to all parts of the world. Although the eating of matzohs is a custom peculiar to the orthodox Jews, it is rapidly spreading among other people, who has found it a toothsome cracker for many uses. It is similar to a bread made by the Norwegians, except that it is crispier and not so flaky. The manufacturers make no effort to popularize it with the public because its use has a religious significance to the Jewish race. They will not place it upon the market at any time during the year except for the feast of the Passover.

TRAVELETTE

GUATEMALA CITY.

The bull fight is seen at its best—or at its worst, if you choose—in Spain, and some very spectacular bullfights are staged in Mexico; but when you get as far south as Central America the sport has greatly degenerated.

A bullfight in Guatemala City, for example, borders closely upon farce; but to the northern observer this element of fun, and the absence of cruelty, make the sport more pleasant, if less sensational, than the bloody shows of Mexico.

When Guatemala gets ready to hold a bullfight, a portion of one of the principal streets is fenced off with a small corral in one corner where the bull is confined. About this corral arena the populace crowds twenty deep, while the Guatemalan small boy finds a safe vantage point in the trees within the enclosure. The matadors are numerous, so numerous, in fact, that the bull seems unable to decide which one of the maddening red shawls to pursue. He frequently downs or tosses one of his tormentors, whereupon the unfortunate lies perfectly still, and the bull immediately loses all interest in him. No one is hurt, not even the bull, for he is not assailed with anything more formidable than sharp sticks.

Often when the bull is thoroughly tired some enterprising matador proceeds to lass him up with a ceremony by riding him out of the ring. On one occasion the bull threw his would-be rider, chased him to the fence, and not to be balked, went straight through it after him. Thereupon literally the whole population leaped triumphantly down the deserted street.

If Guatemala bullfighting is rather a tame sport, however, the cock-fights make up for any lack of cruelty. The best of fighting chickens are bred by the natives, and they are pitted against each other, not with their natural spurs, but with tiny blades, keen as razors, strapped to their legs. In a very short time one bird is literally cut to pieces.

Not all the sports of Guatemala are barbaric, however. There is a beautiful theater from which many an American city might take a hint, for it is built in impressive classical style, with a magnificent pillared portico, in contrast to the featureless structures that house the American stage. Band concerts are the popular amusement in all Central America, and in Guatemala the music is especially good. The Central American is endowed with a natural ear for music, and the humblest laborer enjoys classical selections that would be incomprehensible to the average American crowd. Perhaps the true spirit of Guatemala City is best caught at these evening concerts in the great shadowy park where he people of all ranks gather to mingle their laughter and love-making with the strains of the music.

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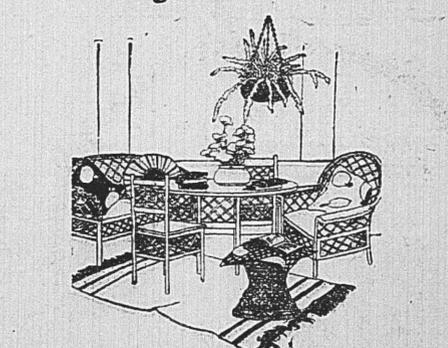
COMING EVENTS IN CLARKSBURG

Week beginning Monday, April 19—Almadora Comedy Company, afternoons and evenings, Palace theater. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26, 27 and 28—Ward and Black's Musical Comedy Company, afternoons and evenings, Odeon theater. Monday, April 26—"Twin Beds," Robinson Grand theater, night. Saturday, April 24—"High Jinks," matinee and night, Robinson Grand theater. Tuesday, April 27—Margaret Wycherly in "The Fight," motion picture in five parts, Orpheum theater. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, and May 1—"Toky Toky," musical comedy, presented by Sol and Nat Fields, afternoons and evenings, Odeon theater. Monday, May 3—Ceremonial session, Tau temple No. 169, Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, Pythian hall. Tuesday, May 4—Barbara Tennant in "M'Liss," motion picture in five parts, Orpheum theater. Tuesday, May 11—Fred Mace in "What Happened to Jones," motion picture in five parts, Orpheum theater. Tuesday, May 18—Law Fields in "Old Dutch," motion picture in five parts, Orpheum theater. Sunday, May 30—Postal clerks convention. Week beginning Monday, May 31—Running races, fair grounds track, commencement, Washington Irving high school in its auditorium, night. Saturday, June 5—Baseball, West Virginia University vs. Wesleyan College, Union Park. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15, 16 and 17—Annual convention West Virginia State Pharmaceutical Association. Week beginning Monday, June 21—Tri-state convention, Loyal Order of Moose, Norwood Park. Welch & Fullerton, druggists, deliver to all parts of the city.

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