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Old King Coal Was a Merry Old Soul



FOR something like three years the federal government has been laboring with the portentous question, "What is whisky?" Long ago the bureaucratic mind rejected the popular conception of this article of commerce, which, it may be admitted, was somewhat vague and variable.

Whisky as An Article Of Faith

Indeed, before the day of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, whisky, like clothes and morals, had become very much a matter of geography. On the Barbary coast it meant one thing, on Nob hill another, in Kentucky something else, while in Peoria it was a mysterious fluid of uncertain ancestry. The chemists and the doctors have had their whack at this grave problem, and now the lawyers are invoked out of abundant caution, so that the very funny man may be able to know what is whisky when he sees it.

Humane Enterprise of Native Daughters

THE admirable organization of the Native Daughters will devote its energies to the care of homeless children. It is a humane undertaking and there is no organized body in California so well qualified and equipped for the purpose as this. Covering the whole state in detail with a competent organization there is the fullest assurance that the work will be done with the highest efficiency and humanity. In the past the work in this field has been scattering because it was largely left to individual effort.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

ANTS—E. W. C., Alameda, Cal. How can stores be rid of ants that have gathered in the shelves?
One way is to remove everything from the shelves, every one of them, and fill the crevices with insect powder blown in with a blower, or cover the shelves with leaves of the wormwood, or spray in powdered borax. These are methods suggested by parties who say they have tried them.
INSTRUCTING JURY—A. S., Mendota, Cal. Can the judge of a court instruct a jury to turn a verdict regardless of the jurors' opinion of the case?
The judge has the right to instruct a jury to return a verdict if it appears from the evidence and the law that such a course is necessary in the interest of justice, but at the time of such instruction the judge has no knowledge of the opinion formed by the jury or individual jurors.
AMERICANS—J. S., Oakland, Cal. Who are the real Americans, that is, the original Americans?
The original Americans were the aboriginal inhabitants, the Indians.
PROSPECTORS—T. O. T., Sacramento, Cal. While spending our vacation in the country we struck a ledge which showed good prospect of gold. Since then have discovered that the ledge is on patented land. To whom shall we apply to ascertain if we have any rights in the premises?
As to the United States land office in the district in which the ledge is located.
PROSPECTORS—Subscriber, City. What is the range of guns in the United States army and navy?
The 15 inch gun of the United States army, the largest and the only one of its kind in the army, has a muzzle velocity of 2,150 feet per second. It throws a 2,400 pound projectile a distance of about 21 miles. The 12 inch guns of the army have a velocity of 2,250 feet per second and throw a 1,046 pound projectile about 15,000 yards. The range of the guns in the navy is, for—
Three inch gun, 4,500 miles.
Four inch gun, 6 miles.
Five inch gun, 6.25 miles.
Six inch gun, 6.80 miles.
Seven inch gun, 7.70 miles.
Eight inch gun, 10 miles.
10 inch gun, 10.80 miles.
Twelve inch gun, 12 miles.
TO VISIT PRISON—Reader, City. What are the visiting days at the San Quentin penitentiary?
Any Thursday to see the prison and any Saturday to see prisoners.
ROSE JAR—M. R., Los Gatos, Cal. How is a rose jar prepared?
Sun dry a quantity of leaves of the black prince, Pauline or other fragrant roses. Place these in a fancy jar, add cloves and cinnamon and a little alcohol, just enough to moisten the leaves, then place the jar for a time in the sun, where it may become warm, but not hot. The cover must be kept on while the jar is in the sun. After that when the cover is removed a most delightful fragrance is emitted from the jar.
EUREKA PAPERS—Subscriber, City. What daily papers are published in Eureka, Humboldt county, Cal.?
The Herald, Standard and Times. The Standard also issues a weekly.
PETER PAN—A. S., City. When did Mando Adams appear for the first time in San Francisco in Peter Pan?
June 10, 1907.

Gossip of Railwaymen

WHO is that extremely handsome young man?" asked a young lady as she gazed with open-eyed admiration in the direction of Leslie Creighton and John Ross.
"Which of the two handsome men do you mean?" was the inquiry.
"I refer to the man with the dreamy eyes," said the young lady.
"Oh, that's John Ross. You do not know that you are looking at one of the greatest inventors of the day?"
"Indeed? I thought he was too poetical, too dreamy, to be a mere vulgar inventor. Inventors are such prosaic people. One really can not get along with them. And, pray, what did that handsome man invent?" she added.
"It is this way," he answered. "John Ross joined the passenger department of the Southern Pacific when he was young. He was set to work tearing up old tickets. It was easy work, and John thought he would be able to do it. Six sacks were put before him filled with tickets to be torn up.
"\"We don't do this every day. Search as we would there was no trace of him. He was discovered finally fast asleep on the sacks of tickets. We could not find John Ross. It would have been cruel, so the company had to invent a machine to destroy tickets, and he called it 'Johnny Ross' because somebody has to be with it to keep it busy.
"\"If it had not been for Johnny Ross that machine would never have been invented. Why, of course, he deserves credit for its invention."
J. Q. Barlow, assistant chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, in speaking of the work of electrifying the roads in Berkeley and Oakland and Alameda, said yesterday:
"\"All the steel is in place in the new power house at Glasecock and Fruitvale avenues and the building should be completed in the course of the next six months. Machinery valued at \$500,000 is to be put in and its installation will take another six months. After the machinery is in place it will require fully three months before the Alameda line is electrified. You may say that will be running in August. I am not in a position to say when the rest of the system will be operated by electricity."
Since William Hood has been placed in charge of the construction of the Southern Pacific extension in Mexico there has been marked rapidity in the prosecution of the work, and the latest advice from Guadalajara states that the line will reach Acaponeta and Tepic by June 15, and the Santiago river near Santiago Ixcuintla by August. This is the present program of the Southern Pacific construction forces working on the extension south. It is certain that Acaponeta will be reached by the middle of the month, as construction is advancing now at the rate of a kilometer daily. Unless there are unusually heavy rains the line will be completed to the Santiago river early in August. As soon as the rains cease the construction of the extension through Tepic will be pushed and the balance work will be started. It is a decision for a 1.5 per cent line through the canyons of the Sierra Madre is reached by William Hood, who has been personally looking over the work, an outlay of \$8,000,000. Mexico is currently being hit by a depression which is making it necessary for that work done. C. E. Paul, government inspector of the road, is well satisfied with the work. He reports that the line had been completed to Excuinapa, 87 kilometers south of Mazatlan, and that the Mazatlan-Excuinapa line is 855 kilometers from Guaymas. When the subsidy installment for the Mazatlan-Excuinapa is paid by the Mexican government the Southern Pacific will have received a total of \$10,657,500 Mexican currency for the main line of the extension, Acaponeta is 913 kilometers from Guaymas and Santiago Ixcuintla 1,225 kilometers.
California Lines have instructed Agent R. H. Countiss of the transcontinental freight bureau to publish a rate of 75 cents per 100 pound carload, 3000 pounds minimum, on road coating, roofing cement, cement, roof n.o.s., asbestos roofing, asbestos cement, roofing paint or coating and roofing paper saturated with composition and gravel in packages. The current rate is 95 cents per 100 pounds. This reduction of 20 cents per 100 pounds is made to enable the eastern manufacturers to enter the market, from which the present rate excludes them.
C. M. Risor, the chief engineer of the new line that is to be built between Ely and Goldfield, is now at Ely superintending the work of construction from that end.
The Western Pacific on Tuesday let a contract for the construction of two freight sheds on its terminal property at Ninth and Bryant street, and on Wednesday the contractors started in to build. The contract calls for building and outfitting freight sheds. The first is to be 60 feet wide, with a length of 100 feet, and the second is to be 30 feet wide, with a length of 100 feet. As yet no contracts have been let for office or other buildings. The cost of the two sheds will be \$55,000.
F. L. Southack, chief clerk of the maintenance of way department of the Southern Pacific, at his own request, has been placed on the retired list. Southack took service with the Central Pacific company at its inception, and has been with the railroad company ever since. He is one of the best chief clerks the company ever had, and his retirement is the cause of many regrets on the part of his old associates.
The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, in conjunction with the Oceanic steamship company, will establish a joint agency in Sydney, Australia, and V. A. Sprull will be put in charge. It will be his business to induce travel to the city by the Union steamship line, and the Mariposa, which calls at Mexico City and Tahiti. The Southern Pacific has sent to his office, which will be opened July 1, several of 40x30 pictures of scenes in California, and also several tons of literature.
H. J. Snyder of the Mexican Central has left for a trip through the northwest.

The Smart Set

THE idle content of summer has not entirely bewitched the votaries of society, for one of the most important charities under the protection of society women is to have a conspicuous date this month, namely July 13, when every one or at least every one who can attend on that occasion will go to the Lagunitas country club for the song festival in costume, to be given by the children of the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood association for the benefit of the fill farm. The farm is known to be one of the most worthy of the charities, judged as a purely social benefit to the community, and one also, it must be said, which appeals strongly to public sympathy. The home is really a haven for convalescents, where many women and children are taken direct from the city hospitals to breathe the invigorating country air and receive proper medical attention.
The benefit for the farm is an annual affair and was given last year at the home of Henry Bothin, when society's attendance surpassed that of any affair of the sort during the entire season. The names of those who are interested in the success of the day are:
Mrs. Peter Ashe Mrs. H. M. A. Miller
Mrs. Henry Bothin Mrs. Edward McNear
Mrs. James Coffey Mrs. E. McNear
Mrs. M. Esler Mrs. George Plunkett
Mrs. Edwin L. Griffith Mrs. Samuel Worcester
Mrs. John Martin
Mrs. James W. Keeney entertained yesterday an informal hour at bridge given at her home in Clay street, with Mrs. Russell Wilson as the complimentary guest of the occasion. There were less than a dozen guests to meet these social affairs given in her honor since her return from abroad, and its receiving an enthusiastic welcome.
Miss Mary Keeney will entertain next Tuesday evening at a birthday luncheon and has had nearly a score of her intimate friends to share the birthday cake.
Miss Keeney has gone down to Burlingame for a few days and will be the guest of Miss Florence Hopkins, with whom she has passed the greater part of the early season.
Mrs. Abby Parrott celebrated her eightieth birthday with a memorable party given Tuesday, June 9, at her Burlingame home, and those who had the pleasure of congratulating the hostess upon this occasion were almost entirely relatives. This has been the custom of many years, for Mrs. Parrott has kept this anniversary a particularly happy day upon which to greet the members of her family and her oldest friends. It was a charming party and the beloved hostess received scores of kindly and sincere congratulations.
Miss Alyce Sullivan, who has been feted almost constantly since the announcement of her engagement to Frederick Lawrence Murray, will again be the complimented guest at a luncheon to be given next Thursday, when Miss Helen Bowie will preside as hostess. This occasion will be quite informal, however, since the guests are invited to meet the bride and her family and to be a bridesmaid at the marriage of Miss Sullivan and Frederick Murray, which will take place June 30 at St. Bridget's church.
By the way, there is to be quite a levy of attendants at this last wedding of June, and there will be five other bridemaids beside Miss Dunne, namely:
Miss Helen Bowie, Miss Marie Murray, Mrs. Florence Murray, Mrs. Annie Turner, Mrs. Grace Sweeney.
The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Sullivan, as maid of honor, and the bridesmaid will be attended by her brother, Theodore Murray, as best man. The others will be: Dora Bell, Mrs. Martin Emma, Mrs. M. Esler, Mrs. George Esler, Noel Sullivan, and Joseph Esler.
There will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sullivan, at 1015 Broadway, on the evening of the ceremony at the church, but only relatives are bidden to the home affair.
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bennett with their attractive daughter, Miss Victoria Bennett, will pass the summer traveling in the north and will visit the exposition at Seattle before returning to their home in the late season.
Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock of San Francisco are enjoying the early summer in the Yosemite and will remain in the valley for quite an extended visit, probably several weeks, before returning to their home across the bay.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Welch Jr., who have been at their country home at San Mateo for several weeks, left a few days ago for Lake Tahoe, where they will pass two or three weeks, accompanied by their children, but will return to their San Mateo home for the later season.
Mrs. Henry C. Campbell is sending out cards announcing the marriage of her daughter, Miss Frances Cecilia Reed, to Henry Edgar Johnson, which took place June 8 at Christ church, Sausalito. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are away on their honeymoon trip, but will return for a few days' visit here before going to Cambridge, where they will pass the summer, and probably return to this city afterward.
Mrs. W. Alston Hayne has returned after a delightful sojourn of two weeks at Santa Barbara, during which she was the recipient of a series of gifts from the city, given by her many friends in the southland.
Mrs. Ida May Dietz has sent out cards announcing the marriage of her daughter, Miss Edith May, to James T. Preston, which took place Wednesday, June 9, at Ben Leland. The couple are passing their honeymoon in Portland and upon their return will establish their home in North Berkeley and later will build a new residence on Berkeley heights.
Bowling parties are proving a popular amusement for society at Burlingame as the season advances and among the recent affairs of note was the party given by the W. G. Hitchcock in compliment to their guests, the E. W. Whitneys, at an elaborate dinner given at the Peninsula hotel and followed by a few hours' bowling.

THE Pacific Mail bluff about a contemplated withdrawal of service on the Panama route was too good to be true, and Mr. Schwerin's appeal to the colossal losses made by that line only serves to provoke a smile. These losses are part of the capital of the corporation and constitute the very reason of its being. There is no cause in the world why any such losses should be made except that by conducting a lame service a strategic route is occupied to the exclusion of effective competition by sea.

Sea Routes and The Spokane Decision

The losses of the Pacific Mail are made up by the increased profits of the overland railroads. That is the purpose and prime cause of the Panama route its place would be very quickly filled by some effectively competitive agency. This is the reason why Mr. Schwerin's bluff only inspires ridicule.

This matter of sea routes lies at the base of the pending controversy concerning the Spokane rate decision of the interstate commerce commission. San Francisco and the other coast cities are accorded by the railroads a substantial differential as compared with rates to the cities of the intermountain country. The coast cities do not get this discrimination in their favor as a measure of justice, but of necessity. There is no moral question involved, but the facts of geography, not made by man or railroads or government commissions, compel the recognition in a business way of the superior facilities for trade enjoyed by commercial centers in touch with tidewater and armed with the club of competition by sea. The railroads have hitherto always recognized this fact in making rates, but at the same time they have sought to minimize the advantage of the coast cities by taking control wherever possible of the water routes. From this condition sprang the Spokane decision. A vital issue in the argument before the commission turned on the question whether there was in fact any real and effective competition by sea. Neither Portland nor Seattle could show anything of the sort so far as trade with the Atlantic coast was concerned. San Francisco was apparently "somewhat better circumstanced, because it could point to the American-Hawaiian line and the Panama service of the Pacific Mail. But, in fact, the competition of the Pacific Mail was merely spurious, and a grave doubt exists as to whether the American-Hawaiian people are not bound by some sort of "gentleman's agreement" with the railroads. We do not know that any such agreement is in existence, and should rejoice to learn that current rumor does the company an injustice.

The interstate commission, taking cognizance of these facts, intimated in the Spokane case that real competition by sea must exist and be proved if differentials against interior cities are to be justified.

In making railroad rates to coast cities the sea rate of transportation is the compelling factor, and if the shippers are able to show that in practice they are getting low rates by water the commission and the railroads must by the force of circumstances meet that condition, in making railroad tariffs. But it is not enough to show that low rates by sea are possible in theory because the way happens to be open.

It is for these reasons that The Call regards the Pacific Mail Panama service as a positive injury to San Francisco commerce. It is maintained solely for the purpose of depriving this city of its natural geographical advantage in trade and transportation. Moreover, the jobbers of the coast cities may understand that if they can not keep the waterways open to effective competition they are quite likely to get the worst of the pending controversy. Appeals to sympathy will avail but little. What they want is a club—the club that nature has made ready to their hands if only they will use it.

Malice of Stone and Porter

IN their small way the Santa Cruz supervisors have contrived to make a pitiful exhibition of their subserviency, by permitting themselves to be used as means to vent the petty spite of "Lydia Pinkham" Stone and Warren Porter. The dismissal of a useful public servant, who had incurred the personal and political enmity of these small minded people, invested with temporary power, supplies an instance of rare servility. Contrary to the expressed desire of the great body of their constituents, they humbly obey orders issued by Stone and Porter.
The local press of Santa Cruz, with the exception of the grotesque "Dunc" MacPherson, who is a pensioner on supervisory bounty, united in condemning the dismissal of Game Warden Welch, and a monster petition for his reinstatement was filed with the board, but Porter's handy programmers obeyed orders and took their medicine, however nauseous. They are the stuff of which martyrs are made, but it is no glorious martyrdom to play the chimney sweep for the satisfaction of a petty and spiteful boss.
The management and control of the state fish and game commission call for investigation. The commissioners know nothing about fish or game and are a laughing stock among the sportsmen of the state. They know nothing, in fact, but politics, and they handle a large revenue for the purpose of building up a political machine. The hunting license fund amounts to more than \$100,000 yearly, and it is spent where it will do the most good; not for the sporting interests of the state, but to advance the political interests of "Lydia Pinkham" Stone and the machine.

HOLY FETE DAY AT SANTA CLARA

Feast of Corpus Christi Is Observed With Solemn Ceremonies

SANTA CLARA COLLEGE, June 10.—The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated at the Santa Clara mission today with uncommon fervor and profound reverence. This great festival day admits of all the inspiring beauty and religious splendor which mark the ceremonies attending the festivals of the Catholic church, but the local Jesuits who directed the celebration made today's event a picture that will never fade in the minds of the throngs of worshippers who were present at the services.
Early in the day the old settlement of the padres took on its festive robes and welcomed the steady influx of the faithful who had come to pay homage to their Maker.
The grounds and buildings of Santa Clara college were beautifully decorated for the occasion, as were Sodality square and the Church of St. Claire. The papal colors predominated throughout, enlivened here and there with the stars and stripes, and the famous mission town never looked more picturesque.
At 9:30 o'clock a. m. a solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Claire's church by Rev. A. V. Raggio, S. J., assisted by Rev. J. Malone, S. J., as deacon and Rev. J. de Costa, S. J., as subdeacon, while William Loneygan, S. J., acted as master of ceremonies.
More than 30 members of the St. John Berchman's sanctuary society occupied the space within the altar rail, which was handsomely decorated with ferns and carnations.
The interior of the church presented a pretty scene, banked as it was with flowers and plants, and centered with the gala dress of the large congregation. At the conclusion of the holy sacrifice the grand procession was formed and, headed by a cross bearer and two acolytes, slowly proceeded through the main aisle to the Alving street entrance and into the open.
Directly behind the acolytes marched a hundred flower girls from Notre Dame convent, dressed in white, and strewing roses along the path of the solemn marchers. Next in order came the Ladies' Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, wearing the emblems of their society. Then followed the gentlemen's sodality in full regalia and immediately after came the members of the St. Elizabeth benevolent and the St. Anthony societies.
The boys of St. Joseph's parochial school were next in line, closely followed by the students of Santa Clara college and the sodality band. Then came St. John Berchman's sanctuary society, after which the supplied choir of the Jesuit community and the clergy in vestments followed.
The sacred procession wended its way to Sodality square, where the 2,000 worshipping participants were led through the park.
Emperor Takes Part
VIENNA, June 10.—Emperor Francis Joseph took part today in the customary Corpus Christi procession. He appeared to be in excellent health.
WENT AROUND WORLD WITH \$1,000
Major George W. Abern, U. S. A., recently accomplished a journey around the world at a cost of less than \$1,000. The major chose the route across Siberia from the Philippines, where he was stationed. His actual time was 87 days and 15 hours. He was not trying to break a record, nor was his choice of route, in most cases, the easiest one possible.

Winning Answers to Impertinent Question No. 136, "What's 'Puzzling You'?"
\$5 prize to L. M. Scott, 711 Sansome street, city.
Two teasing eyes, two luring lips,
Sweet gown and scuttie hat—
That's what's keeping yours truly
A-puzzling where he's at.
\$1 prize to George Bennett, 431 River street, Santa Cruz.
Which to believe when her eyes say "yes" and her lips say "no."
\$1 prize to A. B. Christensen, 75 Collingwood street, city.
How to take a vacation without the boss finding out how easily he can get along without me.
\$1 prize to Stanley Cook, 238 Fulton street, city.
Why she refused me to accept him.
\$1 prize to Louis Miller, 1155 Castro street, city.
Why they don't call it "Sportola."
\$1 prize to M. G. Green, 390 Broadway street, city.
With "puffs" and "blows" curls, rats,
And the "hide me's,"
Will there be room for husbands
In these modern flats?