

PRISON SUPPORTED

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department were \$31,400, while the examination fees and other miscellaneous receipts of the department from August 1, 1914, to May 15, aggregated \$79,525.54.

Examiner's Department Prospers.
The appropriations for all purposes given to the public examiner's department for the year ending July 31, 1915, were \$45,600. Back taxes found to be due to the state as a result of the examinations of railroads, telephone companies, express companies and other transportation lines, and certified to by this department, amounts to \$83,691.76, of which \$27,560.57 was collected and paid into the state treasury during the year ending July 31, 1915.

The appropriations for all purposes to the oil inspection department for the year ending July 31, 1915, were \$50,000. The fees paid to the state for oil inspection aggregated \$62,689.20 from August 1, 1914, to May 15, 1915, and in this department there is also more than \$50,000 due to the state for oil inspection fees and are contesting the legality of making such payment.

Tax Pays Fire Marshal.

No appropriation is made toward the maintenance of the fire marshal's department and it is supported by the payment of a tax by all insurance companies doing business in the state. This is not a part of the regular taxes paid by the insurance companies. The "fire marshal" tax is paid into the state treasury as a separate item, and credited to the account of the state fire marshal and is disbursed by him for the operation of his department. The amount received each year as fire marshal tax is about \$25,000.

Grain Inspection Self-supporting.
The hay and grain inspection department has always been self-sustaining. The receipts of this department for last year amounted to \$24,320.27, while the surplus in the department on May 15, 1915 amounted to \$134,165.89.

PREPARATION OF ITALY FOR TO PLAY IMPORTANT PART
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the British character which has made the United Kingdom the cradle of European liberty. In the long history of England there has always been ready to risk their fortunes or their lives to combat any encroachment by the government upon popular liberties. This trait is as irradicable in English as it is in Americans. No crisis ever arisen in Anglo-Saxondom, endangering liberty, but that a leader arises to give battle. The criticisms directed against Lord Kitchener were inevitable from the day of his appointment as minister of war. His temper so autocratic, his methods have always been too dictatorial, his contempt of public opinion is too real for him to remain master of democracy.

It is a curious fact that protests against Kitchener's dictatorship did not originate among English radicals. Lord Northcliffe, the great newspaper proprietor, who first brought charges of dereliction against Kitchener. This circumstance is due to the extremely partisan character of the British press. Lord Kitchener was appointed to power by a radical government and the officials' radical newspapers must defend him, therefore, until his power is officially curtailed. The most important radical newspaper in England, however, is upholding Lord Northcliffe. This is the Manchester Guardian, which has a long and consistent record of fighting the reservation of British liberties, no matter what party is in power. The Guardian's help is of immense value to Lord Northcliffe at this time. It negates the charge of the London radical press that Northcliffe is seeking only journalistic sensation. The burning of a pile of Lord Northcliffe's newspapers by members of the London stock exchange is symptomatic of the financier's suspicion of democracy and their faith in the benefits of an autocratic government. When the European war broke out English thinkers seriously discussed the possibility of a military spirit akin to the Prussian arising in Great Britain. While the British people were proclaiming that they were fighting the battle of democracy, there was undoubted feeling among many observers that democracy might not be strong in England after the war as it was before. If Kitchener had been allowed to continue his management of the war office untruncated, the fear of democrat loving Englishmen might well have been realized. Lord Northcliffe has prevented this. By boldly revealing the facts of the British dictator, Northcliffe has recalled England to the paths of democracy and has won for himself a sure place in history.

Otto Schunk left this afternoon for Crookston where he will spend a few days on business.

Miss Edna Rock, who has been visiting friends and relatives at Laramore and Meeknock, North Dakota, has returned to Bemidji.

Mrs. Josephine D. Hill of Macon, Ga., was married at the age of 12 and became a grandmother at the age of 29.

BIG SALE OF COAL LANDS AT PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, May 27.—Coal land holdings of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company were to be offered on the block today to satisfy claims of the Union Trust company, of this city, as the conclusion of foreclosure proceedings instituted several months ago. The trust company claims to hold mortgages and notes for accrued interest totalling nearly \$400,000.

The largest of the five properties is the Marianna, in Washington county, comprising 5,328 acres of land with mines, miners' homes and office and other buildings of the company. This is valued at 80 per cent of the combined holdings of the company. The Hazel mine and the Francis mine, also in Washington county; the Johnets mine in Allegheny county and the Bertha, at Bruceton, are the other holdings.

LA SALLE AT NEW ORLEANS

LaSalle, Ill., May 22.—A fleet of steel barges left here today for New Orleans. The trip inaugurates the opening of the waterway between Illinois and San Francisco. The steamer Steel City will head the procession of barges and carry as passengers many prominent business men of Chicago. La Salle, other Illinois cities and cities of other states along the waterway and located in the contiguous territory.

The opening of the waterway, according to men who have been behind the project, will greatly increase trade between Chicago and Illinois and the South, and between the Middle Western states and Central and South America. Freight rates will be much lower via the waterway than by rail.

NEW CHICKEN BROODER

Minneapolis, Minn., May 24.—By placing eggs on a hot water bottle and covering them with a feather duster, Jerome Jackson claims to have raised three broods of chickens in his room at the Y. M. C. A. He says he will continue the business, the profit being 100 per cent. He asks that it be remembered that he is a member of the Young Men's Christian association and a teacher of a Sunday school, when his claim is considered.

A RECORD COUNCIL

Winnepago City, Minn., May 24.—This city is the first one in the world which comes forth with the claim of having a complete city council, on which not a member will smoke a pipe, cigar or cigarette, nor will they take a drink or chew tobacco. The council are all rated in the masculine gender.

BEAUTY AND UTILITY IN TOWN BACK YARD FARMS.

Cover the Ugly, Useless Surfaces With Crops of Vegetables and Flowers.

The problem of combining some semblance of design with the uses to which the average city back yard is put is a difficult one. Consider the acres of waste land and the countless wasted opportunities in those sad, hot, dusty back yards. Think of the tons of delicious vegetables they might have raised, the lovely flowers.

Here are suggestions for the planting of very small yards. A garden 25 by 60 feet of lawn, shrubs and flowers may be made, the whole completely hidden from the street by heavy planting in a corner. Another may be 37½ by 60 feet and have a small cold frame at one side. In the cold frame can be raised twenty-four tomato plants that later go against the north fence, the earliest crops of lettuce, radishes and onions and the first planting of sweet corn and cucumbers. Six dwarf fruit trees, a clump of shrubs at the end of the grass walk and a bench make an attractive outlook from the back porch.

A delightful flower and vegetable garden can be achieved in a planting space 30 by 60 feet by dividing them with a pergola. Suppose there is a long walk down the middle of the yard. It will seem less long because of the little rustic pergola dividing flower from vegetable garden. Grass surrounded by flowers and shrubs would be employed to make the little flower garden in front of the pergola restful and beautiful, an outdoor room of great charm. The pergola itself should have grapevines trained over it. Behind it would come the biggest outdoor workshop imaginable, the vegetable garden. At the right an asparagus bed, if the bed is properly cultivated and fertilized. Peppers, eggplant or cauliflower can be grown between the rows of asparagus. Against the fence would be two rows of tomatoes (even in a small garden one must grow many of them, they are so satisfactory), lettuce, radishes and onions, six hills of rhubarb and the cold frame. At the left, Swiss chard, beans, three hills of cucumbers and sweet corn—a quarter of the garden in sweet corn—the most delicious vegetable in the garden.—Chicago Herald.

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WORK AND THE EYES.

Importance of Having the Light Come From the Left Side.

The widely known fact that, when using the eyes for any near work, the illumination should come from the left side rather than the right is often disregarded. Let any one consider the matter of little importance once demonstrate to himself the difference, and he will never forget it.

Take a pencil and paper and try to write while in such a position that the light will fall from the right side. The shadow of the hand or pencil or both is thrown on the paper in such a way as partly to cover the characters one is making. This necessitates a closer viewpoint and a conscious strain on the eyes.

Now let the position of the writer be reversed so that the light falls on the work from the left side. He will notice that the shadows fall away from the work he is doing and leaves the field unobscured. In making the change he cannot help but notice the feeling of ease that immediately is experienced by the eyes.

This applies to any other kind of near work in which the fingers work under the guidance of the eyes. This fact should be remembered in planning schoolrooms, workrooms, offices and any places where steady close work is to be performed.—Journal of the American Medical Association.

STARVED INTO GOODNESS.

Why Crime is Rare Among the Caribs of South America.

In the whole wide world there is not a class of people to be found who inflict severer punishment upon themselves than the Caribs of Central America.

Their religion, which is one of the most peculiar kinds of self punishment for sins intentionally or unintentionally committed. The punishment takes the form of starvation and close confinement.

If the sin be in the form of a lie, no matter whether it is calculated to injure another or not, the sinner goes without either food or drink for three days, at the end of which it is believed that the offender has paid the penalty for his or her sin. Blaspheming and using bad language are punishable by absolute starvation for two days. Assault, drunkenness and other serious sins call for four days' starvation for one week, three days' starvation for the second week, two days' starvation for the third week and one day's starvation in the fourth week.

All sins are punished with starvation. For that reason crime is very low among the Caribs, who are among the best behaved and most truthful people in the world.—London Telegraph.

Fear of Premature Burial.

The fear of premature burial, which prompted the late Lord Burton to direct by his will that his heart should be removed from his body, has caused many well known men and women to order a surgical operation to be performed upon their bodies. Harriet Martineau left her doctor £10 to amputate her head, and Lady Burton directed that her heart should be pierced with a needle. The late Edmund Yates left instructions that his jugular vein should be severed, with a provision that a fee of 20 guineas should be paid for the purpose. Literary persons appear to have been particularly afraid of premature burial. Bishop Berkeley, Lord Lytton, Hans Andersen and Wilkie Collins all took measures to protect themselves from it.—Westminster Gazette.

Magazines on Warships.

If there is one danger that sailors dread more than any other it is an explosion in the powder magazine. To prevent such an occurrence a device for flooding that compartment in the least possible time is fitted to most big battleships. A pipe below the surface connects the magazine with the sea. This pipe is closed by two taps, which are connected with the deck. In case of danger it is only the work of a minute to open the taps, let the sea rush in through the pipes and flood the magazine. The water is afterward drained off by means of a gutter.—London Mail.

Life Doesn't Wait For You.

It is one of the provoking, but interesting things about life that it will never stop a moment for admiration. No sooner do you pause to enjoy it, or philosophize over it, or poetize about it, than it is up and away, and the next time you glance around it is vanishing over the hill—with the wind in its garments and the sun in its hair. If you do not go on with life it will go on without you.—American Magazine.

Already Taken.

"I wouldn't marry the best man on earth," said Helle scornfully to her dearest friend.
"I guess you wouldn't," said Claire happily. "He has promised me that he'll never marry again, even if I should die."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Close Observer.

Mrs. Jones—Mrs. Jimms has a new pink chiffon over cream satin with ecru trimmings and basque effect, with a toque hat with beaver wings and—Mrs. Hakon—Where is she? Mrs. Jones—I saw her on the elevator shot past this floor.—New York Globe.

Hardened.

Willie—Paw, what is a business woman? Paw—One who can receive and open a telegram without getting cold feet, my son.—Washington Star.

Quite a number of the fight fans from "the States" have made the trip to Toronto to see the Jess Willard-Jack Johnson fight pictures. The film shows that Willard put up a great battle, especially after the tenth round.

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