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Meanwhile there won't be enough Serbians left to bother about what happens.

Just when we are looking favorably on the preparedness idea, we are told that the price of wursthps has gone up.

The Rumanians naively allow they will let the Russian troops cross their territory if they are strong enough to whip the Bulgarians.

"Is Nick Longworth in the audience?" bawled out the Los Angeles Times, in announcing the birth of a third son to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Gen. Villa was shot again Thursday, but the account states that he was merely wounded. This is a remarkable escape. It is the first time in a year that Villa has been shot without being killed.

It pays a city as well as an individual to keep sober. Nine dry months of the present year as compared with the corresponding last wet months shows a decrease of over $00 arrests in Wheeling, W. Va., or 1,234, as compared to 2,014.—McAlester News-Capital.

Globe: The sign post in the Chicago Public Library reading: "Please do not sneeze in the books," is bound to get some paragraphic attention, but probably not so much as the sign, attributed to the Boston public library, which reads: "Only low talk permitted here."

"I have been 61 years in the service of my country and I leave my record in the hands of my countrymen. It is not fitting to make personal explanations affecting national interests when my country is in the midst of a great war," said Admiral Lord Fisher in answer to Churchill. Patriotism first is still considered a good rule.

A contributor to The Leader recently grew vociferous in urging the building of the interurban road from Edmond to Guthrie. While all industrial growth is to be commended, it is difficult to see wherein Guthrie will materially profit by the building of this road—that is, if the northern terminus is Guthrie. Should the line be pushed farther north much advantage would accrue to Guthrie's marketing conditions.

WHAT DOES IT PROVE.

Congressman Meeker of St. Louis angered a meeting there by asserting that women had sold their votes for $50 in Denver and that society women of the Colorado capital had traded their ballots for theater tickets. The Missouri women who allowed themselves to be irritated by this declaration were too hasty. One of their companions dismissed the congressional averment much more effectively with the remark that if women in Denver had sold their votes for $50 they showed more intelligence than men who sold their for a glass of beer.

The fact that men have been known to sell their votes for a drink or for cash is, of course, no excuse for women selling theirs for a theater ticket or for money. Nor is the assertion that women have done so an excuse for men doing so. This whose misconception arises from the fantastic idea that either sex is better ethically than the other. It is not a question of sexes but of individuals. The congressman's declaration was probably intended to be an answer to the claim that politics would cleaner in the millennium. The one is as extreme as the other. But what does either prove?

LUXURY AT LOW RATE.

According to Leslie's Weekly, [illegible] few instances [illegible] strange fact that the [illegible] roads charge 2 cents a mile for the transportation of a passenger while a ton of freight, equal in weight to six passengers, is carried for the extremely low average rate of 7 mills per mile. One can scarcely realize how little 7 mills is, for there is no American coin made of this small denomination.

There is no greater profit in carrying a ton of freight at this fraction of a mill than in carrying the equivalent in passengers, for a ton of weight made up from the [illegible]

IF YOU NEED A MEDICINE YOU SHOULD HAVE THE BEST

[illegible] Swamp-Root, [illegible] is not recommended for everything.

A sworn certificate of purity is with every bottle. You may receive a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents.

For sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes—50c and $1.00, also mention The Guthrie Daily Leader.

OVER THE STATE.

Shamrock will celebrate Christmas if not St. Patrick's Day, in better shape in view of the last touch of the railway to that place. Trains are expected to be running into the town about the middle of next month.

Mrs. Gladys Vance was given the custody of her child at Tulsa after a three day court trial. The contention was that she was not able to maintain it. Justice Lifa called attention to the fact that the child had an income of $10,000 per month and "guessed" that it would not starve.

Forty of the forty-five tracts of school land put up at auction here by the school land commission were sold the first day of the sale. The acreage offered was 7,040; that sold, 6,240. The total appraised valuation of the lands was $192,550. The land sold brought $188,800, an increase of $6,250.—Oklahoma City Times.

Representative Howard M. Drake, Republican, of Beaver County, in a letter to Governor Williams indicates that he is not in harmony with the alleged plan of the administration to pass a law which will make it a penitentiary offense to charge more than ten per cent interest. The striking feature of Mr. Drake's position is that he is a farmer and not a money lender.

Forty students are taking the journalistic course in the University at Norman. Poor fellows.

The bank at Adamson was robbed Thursday morning by two men who did not go to the trouble to mask themselves. They locked the cashier and a customer in the vault and took $1,600.

"We will all be Napoleons," said Governor Robert Williams at the Woodmen's Lodge meeting at Oklahoma City, "if we assume the duties which we find to perform, and conquer that field."

State Treasurer Alexander has a mighty fine idea. It is to use the prisoners of the state reformatory at Granite in the making of markers to be placed in all the historic spots in Oklahoma.

It will require 2,500 parchment rolls to meet the requirements of the high schools of Oklahoma next year. The number will finish the full course is an increase of nearly 10 per cent over last year.

NOW LOOKOUT.

When a cold hangs on as often happens, or when you have hard cotton over one cold before you can treat another, lookout for [illegible] able to contract some very serious disease. This succession of colds weakens the system and lowers the vitality so that you are much more able to contract chronic catarrh, pneumonia or consumption. Cure your cold while you can. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation. It is relied upon by thousands of people and never disappoints them. Try it. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

NEW DESIGNS; WALL PAPER

New designs, bright colors, delicate colors, plain styles. The very latest in wall paper. Call and see the latest. John Scribbens [illegible]

CRITIC AND DEFENDER OF THE WILSON ENGAGEMENT

George Burkitt, assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill.

Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general.

George Burkitt, assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., said he thought President Wilson should have waited a year after his wife's death before remarrying. Very soon after that he received word from hte postmaster that his services were no longer needed. He had been "disloyal to he President." Then he wrote to Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general. Mr. Roper answered that his case had been "formally and finally" reviewed. After the President himself took up the matter the first assistant issued a statemetn that the case was yet open. Anyway, the President ordered that Mr. Burkitt be restored to his position.

THE TWO "BEST THINGS IN GUTHRIE"

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

streets.

Seventh—"Our Citizenship," Chas. W. Arnold.

Eighth—"Home," Mary E. Kellogg.

Ninth—"Kindness and Love," A. B. Wolfe.

Tenth—"Our Birthday," N. D. Bostick.

Under the rules of the contest, Mr. Burkitt and Mrs. Tibbetts will receive ten dollars each $10 from Mayor Shirley and $10 from The Daily Leader. For second place, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Goodrich will receive five dollars each, $5 from Mayor Shirley and $5 from the Daily Leader.

All the manuscripts submitted in the contest were forwarded to New York City for entry in the independent's contest, which closes December first. The independent offers one hundred dollars for the best article on the "best thing in our town." It is said that more than six thousand manuscripts have been entered in this contest. All the Guthrie entries will get a try at the one hundred dollar prize.

The Leader has reserved copies of some of the articles submitted and will print some from day today. Today are given the articles of Grover Ralston and Mrs. Richardson. On Saturday other papers will be published.

FIRST PRIZE WINNER

THE BEST THING IN GUTHRIE.

"ITS MINERAL WATERS."

(By Grover C. Ralston, Postal Clerk.)

In entering this article as a contestant for the prize offered for the best article on the subject, as to that which is the best thing in our city, I am mindful of the fact, that perhaps numerous things will be brought forward, as being properly entitled to the prize, which you have so liberally offered.

Some will regard the commercial organizations, railroads, schools, banks and various other institutions, as being that which is of most benefit to the city. While we will all agree upon the undisputed fact that those institutions are very useful and necessary in the building of a city, and the commercial and social transactions of the community would be at a loss without them.

However, throughout the length and breadth of this good land of ours, many of our citizens are awakening to the fact, that good health is the first prerequisite to prosperity and happiness, and that health is the foundation for all the commercial, social and political success that man expects to achieve. They are realizing the fact that to be healthy, happy and successful, they must understand the laws that give health, happiness and prosperity and obey them, and qualify as well to avoid those agencies, that are destructive to life and health. The laws that are being enacted by legislative bodies for the welfare of the public along health lines, are abundant proof of the above statements, and amply verify the same.

Nature endowed this city with some of the essential things, by which man is able to maintain his health and happiness, and that which has been so generously bestowed upon this community by the hand of Nature; the citizens of this beautiful city have improved, and made useful. And in designating that which I regard as the best thing in our city, I refer with pride to its abundant supply of pure health giving mineral water, and to its splendid municipal bath house, the only one of its kind in America and costing $100,000, where in the benefits of the various mineral waters, are applied in the most up to date scientific manner.

In the beautiful Mineral Wells Park of this city are located some of the well known artesian mineral wells, the water from which has been properly named as Hercules, Bromide and "Sooner." The water from these wells is furnished free of charge to those who visit the wells, which are accessible at all times, and hundreds of gallons of the same are being shipped to all parts of the United States by enterprising and reliable dealers. In addition to the wells mentioned in the above named park, other wells of excellent mineral water are to be found throughout the city and the different parks.

The waters are used both in drinking and bathing. The waters used for drinking purposes are the "Sooner," bromide and Hercules, while in bathing the Hercules is used almost exclusively. For drinking purposes the Hercules is used with good results in diseases of the stomach, liver, kidneys and rheumatism.

Bromide water is used in cases of nervousness and insomnia, and the water from the "Sooner" well is used with good effect in diseases of the stomach, and certain forms of nervous trouble. Many splendid cures have been effected through the use of these waters, and their splendid curative properties are becoming widely known.

Through the push of our enterprising city officials and citizens, the city of Guthrie built at a large expense, a magnificent municipal bath house and sanitarium, where at a small fee the famous mineral waters are administered in the most up to date and scientific manner, and at this splendid institution the public can avail themselves of the efficient healing virtues of the Hercules, "Sooner" and Bromide waters.

The enterprising citizens of this city, in their desire to improve their home city and community, have not lost sight of the good of humanity in general and have so arranged this institution and the mineral waters in connection therewith, that not only the citizens of this city, but whosoever will may come to this health giving and health restoring fountain of waters, and reap the benefits of the same, on a par with the home citizens.

Basing my belief on the fact that health is the foundation for all the enterprises and achievements of man, and that the maintaining and the restoration of the same, is one of the most laudable works of humanity, and on account of the benevolent manner in which this city has provided along those lines, I believe that those agencies are properly entitled to be named as that which are best for our city.

And in conclusion, I therefore take pleasure in designating the healthful location, abundant supply of splendid mineral water of a high medicinal value and the magnificent municipal bath house in connection therewith, as being of proper importance to be designated as the best thing in our beautiful and splendid city.

Respectfully submitted,
GROVER C. RALSTON.

SECOND PRIZE WINNER

WHAT IS THE BEST THING IN GUTHRIE?

(By Mrs. Florence A. Richardson, 505 East Noble.)

I have not lived in Guthrie long but I have lived long enough to answer that question.

It is not her streets, although at first sight, a transient visitor might think so, because of their splendid paving—miles of it—their great old shade trees and well kept parking, neither is it her two beautiful natural parks. Guthrians are not slow to grasp opportunities to increase their civic beauties, as these natural places of beauty snow by the addition of finely graded and gravelled drives and walks, resting places, and fountains.

It is not her educational facilities, although no other city in the state has better.

It is not her people, whole souled, cultured and interesting as they are, treating the "stranger within their gates" with a hospitality unknown in many cities; but there is still something greater, Guthrians know what it is. Many Oklahomans know too, and very many outsiders of the state have learned to their lasting satisfaction. I should like to write it in capitals. The Best Thing In Guthrie Is Her Water!

Other cities have beautiful streets, natural parks and pleasant people, but no other city in America has the mineral water that Guthrie possesses. No other city owns its own bath house, which makes use of this wonderful water, and helps effect miraculous cures bringing health and happiness to the great numbers who come to her for healing. Possessing the medicinal qualities of the famous "bitter waters of Europe," it is slowly but surely becoming known to the public in general. Men, women and children, who are brought here on beds of suffering, go home walking, unaided, their hearts filled with gratitude and blessing the Guthrie water.

In the parks it is freely flowing from up to date fountains, to Guthrie's citizens. It is a pleasure that rich and poor alike, enjoy. Not alone is the water valued for its healing powers. It is also a source of entertainment. The spacious swimming pool in the bath house affords very nearly as much pleasure in the hot summer days, to Guthrians, as the seashore. Swimming parties are a favorite diversion and an hour spent in the cool waters of the pool, in the morning, braces one for the entire day. Do you not agree with me as to the best thing in Guthrie?

ODD BITS OF NEWS

New York, N. Y.—"Safety first," said Mrs. Arthur Maclean as she put two deamond earrings into her pillow case and went to sleep. The next day there were clean slips on the pillows. Mrs Maclean was frantic. She besieged the laundry, but the pillow slips had been washed and ironed. Finally one earring was found gleaming in the bottom of the washtub and the other about to enter the drain pipe. They are valued at $2,000.

Cleveland, O.—"Enclosed find 50c for a bed sheet which I took from your house when I roomed with you," read a note received by Mrs. M. Holzman. The signer of the note roomed at the Holzman home eight years ago.

Pewaukee, Wis.—Here's the latest fish story. Robert Nichols and E. F. Schnatzler went fishing. Arriving at the favorite spot they found to their horror they had brought a can of green paint instead of a can of bait. But listen! Nichols is an artist. He painted pictures of a worm on the hooks and they had a record catch.

Miss Minnie Beasler of Westville, Okla., who has been doing housework to secure funds to pay her way thru school, has fallen heir to $20,000.

Glasgow, Scotland, has appointed a woman, Miss Emily Miller, to its police force.

Cartoons Of The Day

EUROPEAN DIET

—Atlanta Journal

People's Legal Friend

BY E. R. BRANSON

She Resigned Her Claim

Q. A woman was injured in a street car accident. Later, while suffering great pain, she signed a release of damages, and it seems to be doubtful whether she knew what she was doing. Would the fact that she signed the release prevent her from recovering substantial damages from the company?

A. A release may be avoided if it can be shown that it was procured by means of fraud or duress or if the person executing the release was in such a condition of mind as to be unable to have a reasonable understanding of its contents and meaning.

Partnership Names

Q. In forming a partnership, could the name of one man alone be used? For instance, could the firm be styled "The Jones Company," or should it be "Jones & Brown," if Mr. Brown is the other member? Or could it be known as "Jones & Company"?

A. Any of the names mentioned could be used. There is no reason why the name of one partner alone should not be employed, if so desired.

His Conscience Is Getting Busy

Q. If one should make a mis-statement in insuring his property against loss by fire, could he recover from the company if the property burns?

A. If the mis-statement is innocently made or is immaterial, it will not affect the validity of the policy. If it is a willful misrepresentation, and of a material character, the company could make proof thereof in defense of a suit.

An Unutterable Longing

Q. A man has promised to make a promissory note in my favor, as he owes me some money. I have been wondering whether it would be well to have him add the word "Seal" after signing his name. Would this fact give the note any increased legal effect?

A. The seal should be omitted. It does not help in any way and, in some states, will destroy the negotiability of the note.

Respectable Advertising

Q. A lease is drawn up which provides that certain rooms are to be used for professional or business offices and for no other purposes. The tenant agrees not to exhibit or display any business signs except his name and occupation upon the doors and at the entrance on the ground floor of the building. He further agrees to abide by the decision of the owner of the building as to the style of the lettering to be used in putting his name and occupation on the door. Would this be legal?

A. Yes, perfectly so.

Installment Contract Is Legal

Q. Is a contract legal which provides for the purchase of goods or articles by means of installments of rent?

A. A contract of this sort is legal. It is, in effect, a conditional sale, notwithstanding that the term "rent" is frequently used to denote the installment payments.

Do Vice-Presidents Vote?

Q. (1) Isn't the vice-president of the United States the presiding officer of the senate? (2) If so, does he have a vote?

A. (1) Yes. (2) He has no vote unless the members of the senate are equally divided.

Mr. Branson will be glad to answer all questions. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not, it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Address all letters to E. R. Branson, care of this newspaper.

The Life Line

BY LAURA KIRKMAN

The "Hard Luck" Person

What a misnomer! He ought to be called the "good luck" person. Every one that's ever got anywhere in life will tell you that he owes his success to some sort of hardship—disappointment—ill health—penury—remorse. Adversity takes us and shakes us and makes us know ourselves; pleasures woo us from our meditations on life's meaning. Yet this lucky "hard luck" person envies the gayer, shallower man—the man doomed to mediocrity! He's getting his initiation into the big, worth-while fraternity of Sympathy and Understanding, yet he envies the hopeless outsider! *He's as crazy as an electric fan.*

The Selfish Wife

No doubt, in little things she's the most unselfish woman in the world. She wants George to occupy the easiest chair. She insists upon his going out now and then with "the boys." As long as no big changes come along their index is perfect. But let him lose money. Let him say to her: "It's a choice between a smaller apartment or a smaller office," and who comes first, then, with her? Does she say, "By all means, keep the office; a good front means so much in business"? No, sir. She covers her face with her hands. "Oh, I couldn't let my friends find me in a dingy little flat after this!" she wails. "And it's the office that goes. This is the wife that can't be a partner. She's the woman who can never have the depths in the word "together." *Her heart's are petty.*

Current Poetry

A Song of Thanksgiving

I'm thankful that the years are long—
However long they be,
They still are laborers glad and strong,
They ever work for me.
This rose I cut with careless shears,
And wear and cast away,
The cosmos wrought a million years
To make it mine a day;
This lily of the pasture bars
Beneath the walnut tree,
Long ere the fire-mist formed its stars,
Was on its way to me.

The laws of property are lax—
My neighbor's farm is fine;
I'm thankful, though he pays the tax,
The best of it is mine.
No sheriff's clutch can loose my grip
On fields I have not sown,
Or shake my sense of ownership
In things I do not own.
I'm thankful for my neighbor's wood,
His orchard, lake and lea;
For, while my eyes continue good,
I own all I can see.

I'm thankful for this mighty age,
These days beyond compare,
When home is even a heritage
And life a large affair.
We thank the gods for low and high
(High, wrong too well we may),
For all the throng of days gone by
Works goodness for to-day.
Here on Time's table-land we pause
To thank on bended knee,
To thank the gods for all that was,
And is, and is to be.

I'm thankful for the glow and grace
And winsome beauty of the Near,
The greatness of the Commonplace,
The glory of the Here.
I'm thankful for man's high emprise,
His stalwart sturdiness of soul,
The long look of his skyward eyes
That sights a far-off goal.
And so I feel to thank and bless
Both things unknown and understood—
And thank the stubborn thankfulness
That makes all things good.

—Sam Walter Foss.