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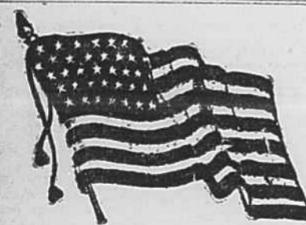
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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, 1917.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WITHIN two days more letters have come into The West Virginian office containing suggestions for naming Tom Duff's almost baldheaded young hopeful than were sent in during the entire course of last year's political campaign. And if any one wishes to go back through the files he will find that the number of letters that got by the censor and into print during that time was by no means small.

The Duff baby letters prove that babies interest a whole lot of people—and a most amazing variety. Some of the letters, it is apparent, are from children and others were dictated to regular stenographers and signed by men one would little suspect of taking an interest in a baby, and a comic strip baby at that.

But numerous though the letters are, there is evidence on every hand that many people other than the letter writers are devoting a lot of thought to the naming of this newspaper kid. All The West Virginian reporters have been impudently by people who want to know about it, and the telephone calls have also been numerous. All of which suggests the query, why are Marion county people so reluctant to write to the newspapers? It used to be said that no matter where in the world he was when it happened, every time an Englishman had what he thought was a brilliant idea or saw something he did not approve of he sat right down and wrote to The London Times about it. Judging by the correspondence columns of their newspapers, this habit has been transplanted in some American cities, but it never thrived very well in this immediate vicinity.

People ought to write more to newspapers. More important and even pressing public questions would be settled sooner if the people who are most vitally interested were to air their views in short, crisp letters to the editors of the newspapers. Every wide awake journal welcomes such letters and makes a place for them in the columns. Try a letter to The West Virginian the next time you have anything on your mind you think the public would be interested in. Make it short and sign your name to it and you'll be surprised to find out how many people think well enough of your effort to tell you they read it with interest.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD.

WHEN the Great Boom began most of the important coal producing corporations in West Virginia found themselves tied up to contracts made at almost panic prices. For a time there was a flickering hope that perhaps something might be done in the way of increasing production beyond the commitments and selling the surplus tonnage in the rich open market, clamoring for coal and willing to pay any price for it, but this soon faded.

The car shortage proved the first great disillusionizer and when that became a less pressing problem the operators found that the munition factories and the manufacturing plants in the great industrial centers had coxed their men away. The car shortage was followed by a labor scarcity. With all hope of making any considerable increase in pro-

Mrs. Ackerman Was Buried Yesterday

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Barbara Ackerman, mother of Mrs. Harry Shore and Miss Margaret Ackerman, of this city, were held yesterday from St. Peter and St. Paul cathedral in Cumberland, Md., in which city her death occurred on Monday. Mrs. Ackerman had been with her mother for several weeks and Mrs. Shore and children, Edward and Mary Margaret, went there on Sunday and were with her when she died. Mrs. Ackerman was aged 75 years, and was the widow of Joseph Ackerman. She was well known here where she for many years was a frequent visitor.

Absolutely Useless.

While opinion is not unanimous in support of the idea, probably the most useless thing is the inside pocket which every tailor sews into a waistcoat.—Topeka Capital.

duction blasted the producers suddenly were confronted with the necessity of increasing wages if they wanted to keep enough men in the mines to make good on their contracts. They boosted wages not once, but several times. All of these conditions did not apply with equal force upon all of the companies. Some of the smaller concerns come through the year tolerably well. But in the main it was a decidedly unsatisfactory year for coal operators when one takes into consideration the price conditions that prevailed at points where coal was consumed.

But apparently a better day is at hand. Yesterday The West Virginian printed an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago telling of new contracts calling for millions of tons of coal at greatly advanced prices which have already been signed. It is safe to assume that all of the new business for next year will be conducted on a similar basis. The coal mining year just ahead ought to be one of wonderful prosperity for the people of West Virginia, for we will all share in the good future of the mining corporations.

SIGN OF PROSPERITY.

ANY town that increases its consumption of electric current 125 per cent within a year is traveling onward and upward with Seven League Boots, beyond a doubt. That is what happened in Fairmont last year, and as was announced yesterday, it has compelled the Monongahela Valley Traction company not only to speed up all arrangements for taking care of normal increase in business, but to make new plans for quick expansion.

Electric consumption makes a most excellent barometer of business conditions. When it goes ahead steadily from month to month it is a sign that the town is growing normally; when it doubles inside of a year it means that some extraordinary industrial and business stir is taking place.

But this is only one of a number of unmistakable indications that Fairmont is on the edge of a boom, if indeed the boom stage has not already arrived. The West Virginian pointed out another one late last year when it called attention to the big jump in deposits during the year which the bank statements showed. We said at that time and we have repeated it many times since with the utmost seriousness that Fairmont has entered upon a new era, and that the people who were not making preparations to go along with the current are going to be sorry for it.

Some, of course, will not believe this even now. They will not believe it next summer when everything will be in full swing. These are the knockers. They are a clamorous bunch but small in numbers. The wise citizens will pay no attention to them.

The net result of the unfortunate filibuster during the closing hours of the last session of Congress is a rule which strengthens the influence upon the law making branch of the government of the executive. There is food for thought in that for Senator LaFollette, who was to have spoken tonight in Wheeling on "Undermining Democracy."

It took two years of the most serious effort for the people of England to put the House of Lords in leading strings. A few days was all that the people of this country needed when they finally made up their minds the time for a change in the Senate had arrived.

The West Virginian extends heartiest congratulations to the members of the First Methodist Episcopal congregation upon the announcement that the debt on their beautiful and impressive church property has been entirely wiped out. The healthy financial condition which the announcement of this fact reveals is only one of many indications that this church is very much alive to its opportunities, duties and responsibilities.

A special Parliamentary investigating commission has fixed the blame for the Gallipoli blunder upon Lord Kitchener. Which proves that some men can be useful even after they are dead. It is our guess, however, that Kitchener will not long occupy the post of goat. One of the best things about party government is that it has a tendency to speed up the washing of the soiled linen of administrations.

The death of George W. Guthrie, American ambassador to Japan, will give President Wilson an opportunity to send a statesman of parts to a post where this country should be represented by a diplomatist of the first grade. For a few years the Tokio embassy will be more important to the people of this country than any of those in Europe.

Real musical comedy at popular prices is packing the house at the Hippodrome. A lot of money could have been made in this town this winter if this policy had been adopted earlier at either of the houses fitted to put on such shows.

Now that the Senate is again master of itself it is the duty of President Wilson to call a special session and clear up the international situation. The policy of drifting which he has pursued lately is almost as confusing to people right here at home as it must be to the people of Europe who are doing their best to understand where America stands.

It is conceivable that a Governor clothed with the pardoning power may err in the application of it, but it does not follow that because of this the Governor is either a fool or an enemy of society. Some allowance should be made for good intentions; for genuine desire to do the right thing by unfortunate fellow men. Society's safety is the first consideration, of course, but in any light you may look at it, it is a complex problem which the pardoning power thrusts upon every governor. In the long run society is the gainer by an administration of justice that is tempered with mercy. Respect for law is largely a matter of public opinion. Moreover respect for law was never appreciably increased among the foreign element by indiscriminate criticism of those entrusted with large public responsibility.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

The old girl is beginning to turn the home stretch and we can hear the business men so long persecuted, persecuted and robbed by the railroads yell. "Come on you Valley Gem, get away from the field and—wow she WINS!"

Pardon—we thought we were at the race track when we heard the Valley Gem was coming this way.

Editor R. S.—Can you imagine a guy living in an apartment stealing his neighbors morning Times? I think such a neighbor ought to be rated as the meanest man in the world.—Flat Dweller.

No we can't imagine anybody stealing the Times—ha! ha! no we can't imagine that.

Unless of course he has a coal fire and wants to get the stove going.

Get out the baseball bat and swat the files.

If it did come in like a lamb its going out like a polar bear.

And the unanimous consent rule has evaporated.

Six days is the time limit given in which the German subs will be at our coast to destroy shipping here and in the Gulf of Mexico.

Where are the gents who yell "Preparedness for war means death to the country?" It must have been Germans who spread that dope.

The orchestra played the Star Spangled Banner at the Hip last night and many remained in their seats. Is this China?

When Baltimore got overrun with foreigners it became necessary to pass a law making it an offense to sit while the national air is being played.

Three and a tiger or Baltimore.

Fresh eggs selling at 35 cents a dozen, same as last summer—where's the kick?

At least the eggs were fresh when they were laid.

COLONISTS RATES DROPPED.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Colonists rates to the west a custom of railroads for 20 years have been abandoned by agreement of the managers of railroad lines, it was announced today. According to managers rates were intended to promote immigration to the west and the reason for them has long since passed.

May Hang Man on Top of Building

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Department officials today referred to the Attorney General for a decision a request from the custodian of public buildings at Spokane for authorization to use the roof of the federal building there as a location for the erection of a scaffold to put to death a Federal prisoner sentenced to die on March 20.

State laws prohibit capital punishment. The Treasury department officials are in doubt whether the roof of public building could be used for that purpose.

FROM 1858 TO 1914

This brief history of a pioneer doctor in Washington county, Ohio, tells of a service to humanity that continued without interruption for fifty-six long years.

The doctor in the early years of his practice, learned that even in the days before the Civil War the people needed a good tonic medicine, just as they do today. As was the practice in those early years, he went to the doctor he had studied under and was given a formula for making a tonic from herbs, roots, barks, iron and other medical ingredients. From the very first, this tonic gave wonderful results. People that were weakened by disease, old and overworked were quickly made vigorous and strong after taking a few bottles of the tonic. Sufferers from stomach, liver and kidney ailments, as well as loss of appetite, soon found relief from their ailments when they took the tonic and in many cases complete cures resulted. As the years rolled by, the old doctor tried the various new tonics as they came out, but never found anything that would give the same good results as his own preparation. So up to the very time of his death in 1914 at the ripe old age of 55 years, he gave this good old tried and true medicine to his patients.

His two sons became doctors and they also used this tonic in their regular practice with the same good results as their father had.

This great tonic medicine is now placed on the market for the good of the people and is known as OLD HICKORY TONIC. It can be had at any first class drug store.

If you are run down, lack vigor, suffer from stomach trouble, loss of appetite or have kidney or liver ailments by all means get a bottle of Old Hickory Tonic at once. If your blood is poor and you feel weak or nervous Old Hickory Tonic will prove a big help to you. To be weak and sickly is the most expensive thing in the world.

Announcement

I beg to announce on March fifteenth the removal of the Anderson restaurant from the present location to the rooms formerly occupied by the Hub Clothing company.

The new dining rooms will be larger than the present quarters, seating 125 people nicely. The kitchen will be so located as to permit us to care for our trade easier and better, and at the same time the dining room will be cool and comfortable, no matter how warm the summer day.

Much new furniture has already arrived ready for the opening and the new Anderson restaurant when ready for the public will present the most convenient, best, most popular eating place in Fairmont.

I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Fairmont who have been so liberal in their patronage, and assure them that we will exert every effort to continue to merit the same.

Boyd Anderson Proprietor



"AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL" By Gene Ahern

The pipe is a cage for smoking matches. The Indians were the first ones to smoke a pipe, and after seeing a movie of an Indian camp we can understand why they can smoke pipes.

The squaws put up the wigwags, carted in kindling wood, cooked, and all the time took care of the kids by navigating around with the youngish chiefs and squawesses harnessed on their ma's back while the old bucks, chiefs, ex-chiefs, assistant chiefs, etc., lay around busily pushing the wind backwards through their pipes to manufacture smoke.

From what we know about pipes at that those the Indians in a way were working just as hard as the she Indians.

Now here's what we're trying to drive at about pipes: I these modern times we can't figure out how fellas with work to do can find time to smoke a pipe (of course, sporting editors and politicians aren't counted in on this). As we said before, go back in history a bit. Those Indians were either one-stepping the war path or smoking pipes and both jobs kept them busy while they were awake.

In smoking a pipe an hour a fella wastes 3 hours' time and a couple of gross of matches and uses up enough

pipe cleaners, the material of which would make a nice winter overcoat.

We suppose you'll say, "Well, what kind of a pipe are you smoking?"

Now, Clarence, we've smoked pipes from the clay molar grinders to turkish hookahs and they're all the same. It's all right to smoke a pipe, if you've got a lot of time and money and can lay around at Palm Beach.

But us guys who are clock watchers can't afford a vacation every time we really want to smoke a pipe.

COLFAX MAN SAID ILLS OF FLESH WERE GOING FAST

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ODD, ISN'T IT?



Peace discourages him, man said in Williamsburg court as excuse for vagrancy. He was shot in chest in Boxer war, through arm in Russo-Jap mix-up, and lost a leg in France in 1914.

Must Learn Self-Denial.

No man ever succeeds who does not learn to do without. The very basis of religion, of good conduct, or good character, lies in the virtue of self-control. It is the highest evidence of self-mastery and the foundation of all social and business success.

Dancing Has Deteriorated. Dancing in its earliest form among primitive races, was a mode of expression for strong emotions, such as joy or sorrow, love and passion, and even for the most solemn religious sentiment, but in later ages it has become an amusement and has lost its high significance.

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Yes, honey, here's your change but you'll give it back after the show.

—Virgie.