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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1920.

There's nothing like being used to a thing.—Richard Sheridan.

BE SPORTSMANLIKE.

THERE will be a special meeting of the Executive committee of the Fairmont Industrial Baseball League this evening at the Y. M. C. A., at which time the question of eligibility rules will be the main topic of discussion. To date there have been three protests filed (all protests are filed in writing) and these will be considered at the meeting tonight. It is presumed that all these protests are based on alleged infractions of the eligibility rules of the league, as there has been no decisions by the umpire at the games which would warrant any protest.

At the important meeting tonight there should be calm, unbiased consideration of the rules in question, open and above board discussion, and most of all a spirit of good sportsmanship and unselfishness, keeping in mind the fact the Fairmont public is the backbone of the baseball league and must be given consideration, for without public support the league will wither and pass away.

So long as the present rules stand as the laws of the league they should be obeyed completely and all violators punished. If it should be conclusively shown that it is for the best interests of city league baseball to make alterations in the rules, well and good. The success or failure of baseball in this city depends on the spirit shown by those who control the various teams. Therefore when these men gather at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, let them take counsel together for the best interests of baseball in Fairmont, putting aside any purely selfish motives.

NARROWER COLUMNS.

PROFESSOR COLIN A. SCOTT, of Mount Holyoke college, who has been conducting some experiments to determine just what happens when the normal eye peruses a line of type, has demonstrated that the eyes of most persons "jump" three times in reading the ordinary newspaper line. That is to say, although the reader usually fondly imagines that his gaze is glued to the print, he really reads a short distance, takes a jump ahead, reads again and then jumps again, and so on. In this respect the eye reads very much like a rabbit runs. The rabbit hops along evenly for three or four hops and then takes a longer and higher hop, the purpose of which is to give him an opportunity to survey the country over which he is traveling. At least that is the guess that observant hunters have made about the peculiarity.

Prof. Scott, according to a bulletin which has just been sent out by Mount Holyoke, has invented a machine the purpose of which is to change the habit of the eye and remedy the defects of those who "jump" more frequently than they should. It is a simple device consisting of a plate with a narrow slit in the middle beneath which a piece of newsprint is placed and an arrangement of shutters, easily manipulated, prevents the reader from seeing more than a third of the line at one time.

This is interesting enough as an apparatus of scientific investigation, but there is not much prospect that it ever would come into general use. However, while this investigation has been going on in the study of a college professor, the newspapers of the country have been conducting some experiments of their own, and it is now pretty generally known in newspaper circles, but perhaps not so well known by the public, that before the end of the present year narrower newspaper columns will come into quite general use in this country. Indeed they would come with a rush if it were not for the fact that a number of troublesome mechanical changes have to be made in most newspaper plants before they can be adopted. Quite a number of newspapers have already got them, however, and they have been found to be quite an improvement over the present standard size of 13 ems to the line. The new standard will be but one em shorter than the one now in general use, although there are some advocates of an 11-em line.

MORE SUGAR.

COMING events often cast their shadows before them, and prices may fall while still the bumper crop is in the growing stage.

There'll be more sugar next fall. That should mean lower prices then. It may spell lower prices long before the crop is harvested.

Latest reports from European sugar beet fields indicate a 30 per cent increase for the winter of 1920-21. Last winter's crop totaled 2,819,000 tons. There is indication of a crop measuring up ot 3,800,000 the coming winter. Europe will not have to buy so much sugar from the new world. That will leave more sugar for America.

Judging by dispatches which are coming from all parts of the country, the price cutting movement which began about the first of this month is quite general and shows signs of being a permanent rather than a temporary policy. After four or five years of easy conditions retail merchants of this country are about to enter an era where brains will be the most important factor of their business equipment. It has been comparatively easy to run a store under conditions that have pertained for a long time. Real merchandising ability is going to be required during the period in which ordinary business gets its does of reconstruction.

Washington reports indicate that everybody wants freight cars and tehy are all moving heaven and earth to get them. But there is nothing new in that. The clamor for cars has been a continuous performance for months, but within the past ten days the car seekers have discovered that the Interstate Commerce commission is another place where the kick can be registered. It may have the effect of waking the whole American people up to the seriousness of the transportation problem.

General Wood was right when he said here that taxation is the most intricate problem and that the experts disagree. For instance, while he and a large number of business men are advocating the spreading of the payment of the American war debt over a long term of years, the British government has increased taxation until it amounts almost to a capital levy with the object of getting rid of the war debt as soon as possible. The most interesting thing about this conflict of ideas lies in the circumstance that assuming that the United States adopts the idea advocated by General Wood, no one will be able to tell which is right until the expiration of 15 or 20 years, when one or the other of the two nations will be in position to run away with the leadership of world trade.

Democratic State Chairman Shaver has sent out an open letter to Democratic primary election officers in which he urges them to be strictly faithful and honest in the discharge of their duties next Tuesday. The sentiments expressed in this epistle are most excellent, and a copy of it should be placed in the hands of Marion county Democratic election officers by registered mail.

RAY CAHOW SAYS:

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Any one with a bearing will command the balance.

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Simplicity is modesty adorned.

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No one is sincere without a purpose.

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A by-word is on the high-way.

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A measure of good weighs heavily.

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Impossible to stand still; drifting carries you somewhere.

RUFF STUFF

Shouldn't be a bit surprised if they changed the name of the celebrated, not to say notorious, Baldwin-Felts detective agency.

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Tenyrate a glance through the death list of that Logan county flare up indicates that there are not so many Felts to name things after.

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The Felts must have been the fighting end of the organization.

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Certainly could not have been on the brains end.

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But they had no monopoly of bone it that.

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Coal operators down that way would make a strong bid for the booby prize.

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Anyhow it was another nice advertisement for West Virginia.

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Which makes every sane and sensible West Virginian itch for an opportunity to line up every one who had a hand in it and bat 'em over their long hairy ears.

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Senator Thomas made a stirring appeal yesterday, that something be done to check profiteering.

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Well, congress might decide to make the government get down to an economy basis.

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Mr. Eakles, the gunman, has went.

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That ought to make life a little less uncertain hereabouts.

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New schedule for the Monogahela road indicates that the passenger departments at least are getting back on their toes.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY
By E. E. Meredith

Edward Leonard Nuzum tells of how the cables were put up for the old suspension bridge built in Fairmont in the "fifties" which was quite as great an accomplishment then as a bridge four times as mammoth as the one now building over the Monongahela River could be now. Advertisements were sent out that farmers who could come in and help stretch the cables would have a year's toll free. The wires were arranged into cables on the Palatine side of the river and stretched by means of pontoon bridges which had been constructed. The manner in which this work was accomplished was related by Mr. Nuzum at one of the reunions of the Nuzum family held at Loop Park at Fairmont.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DEFENSE OF BRYAN.

WHEELING, May 19.—[Editor The West Virginian]—Those who think that they make public sentiment in this country may fool themselves when they set out to discredit one man or another by concluding that repeated ridicule actually sways the masses but such attempts, though persistently engaged in by the detractors of William J. Bryan, have had no effect with the masses.

William J. Bryan, the Great Commoner, and Harold Bell Wright, the great novelist, have more influence in this country today than any other men since Theodore Roosevelt passed to another sphere. Bryan and Wright may not appeal so strongly to the leaders, may not impress the so-called cultured people, but down in the hearts of the masses they hold a spot that is to be treasured as the reward of honest merit.

John L. Alexander, superintendent of the Young Peoples Division of the International Sunday School Association, spoke slightingly of "Bryan" in an address to the West Virginia State Sunday School Association last Tuesday night at Moundsville and the next morning General Leonard A. Wood referred to him as a "man who used to be quoted more than he is now," ridiculing his "bombast" about men "springing" to the support of their country, but both efforts at ridicule rebounded and both went far from the mark, if it was the intention to lessen the high regard in which Bryan is held by the people.

William J. Bryan has been the greatest friend of morality in public life and it is surprising to hear him ridiculed by Sunday school worker and to be regretted that he is ridiculed by a Republican candidate for president.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

MR. CUMMINS' CANDIDACY.

(From The Wheeling News.)

The candidacy of Hon. J. W. Cummins of Ohio county for the Republican nomination of attorney general is attracting favorable attention throughout the state. Comments from various newspapers in the eastern panhandle and the southern section indicate that Mr. Cummins is going to receive a very handsome vote quite generally. Mr. Cummins is one of the best known and most popular of the younger attorneys in this part of West Virginia. He comes of a family whose members have been active in Republican politics for many years, and who have contributed very generously of their means and strength to the support of the party. Mr. Cummins himself is an experienced attorney, a referee in bankruptcy for many years, and is well qualified to perform the duties of the attorney general's office.

Although over draft age, married and a federal office-holder, Mr. Cummins, early in the war, waived all these claims for exemption and volunteered his services to the United States government, making a personal sacrifice of considerable importance in order to contribute his bit to the patriotic purposes of the whole country. Mr. Cummins will undoubtedly receive a very large vote throughout this section, and his friends who have worked earnestly in his behalf believe that his chances of nomination are very bright.

DEATH OF CHARLES LEWIS.

Charles Lewis, colored, aged 17 years, died yesterday at Fairmont hospital. He was brought to the hospital from the West Virginia Industrial school for boys at Pruntytown. His body was taken to Montgomery for burial.

TALK ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

M. C. Lough will give an address at the Walnut Grove church in Union district next Sunday evening. His theme will be Sunday school work. The public is invited to hear him.

It would be impossible to duplicate many of these items at the specially low "three days only" prices they bear.

Courtneys' Store
Honest Values 108-110 Main St.

One Will find ample opportunity during this "three days only" sale to enhance the Summer wardrobe at distinct savings.

A Full Week-End Of Spectacular Value-Giving

SALE IS NOW IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Suits at 25% Off

Every Suit in our big stock enters this Value-Giving Event at the flat reduction of 25%.

Suits formerly $28.75 to $119.50.

Today, Friday and Saturday

$20.59 to $89.63

Coats Reduced 20 to 40%

Without exception every one of our smart Spring Coats (and they are the same ones you would wear all Summer and Fall) will be offered during this event at the radical saving of 20 per cent to 40 per cent. Materials are duvetyn, camel's hair, polo cloth, velours, etc.

Dresses Reduced 25% An Important Offering

This offering includes our smartest Dresses in gabardine, serge, taffeta, satin and combinations. Summer Dresses are NOT included but there's hardly a model in our large assortment you would not be glad to wear right through the Summer.

More of Those Wonderful

Georgette Blouses $4.95

This is a new lot of the same kind of Blouses which proved so popular during our special selling a week ago. They are worth upwards to $7.50 or even more. In flesh, copen, maise, turquoise, white, etc. A remarkable Blouse offering.

Wash Waists Special at . . . $1.89

They were specially purchased for this occasion and would ordinarily sell at $2.50 or more. The models are very desirable and at this low price it is advisable to purchase several for your Summer needs.

SMOCKS AT 10% Off

This reduction on the very garment you will want for Summer vacationing, picnics, etc., is most unusual. But you will have to make your selection during these three days only. Made of gay colored voiles, crepe, linene and embroidered.

All of Our

SPRING HATS Reduced 25%

Including our Spring pattern Hats from Rawak, Bluebird, Dahlia, Reed and others, but NOT INCLUDING our transparent Hats and Summer models.

"FUTURIST" UNDERWEAR At 25% Off

Very Special Offering

This is cool, sensible and comfortable underwear—especially desirable for Summer outing and sports wearing. In either flesh or white. Every woman knows about its fine quality It will be reduced during this sale only.

New "Wolthead" Undermuslins at 10% Reduction

This is simply an introductory feature. We want every woman who does not already know about the excellent qualities of the famous "Wolthead" Undermuslins to become acquainted with them at once. Our stocks are entirely new.

One Lot of HOSE at 59c

Made of silk fibre in only two colors, gray and champagne. But it is easily worth $1.00 and accordingly we expect the entire lot will be sold quickly. If you need some general-utility hose this is unquestionably the chance to buy it.

A Special Offering of

Overall Aprons $1.00 and $1.59

Here we are right in the heart of the "house-cleaning" season so what could be more desirable than this saving in garments every woman needs? Made of good percales and ginghams—regularly worth over two dollars.

In This Sale Only Sweaters Reduced 20%

Just during this sale you may select any Sweater in our large displays. And we have plenty of models in all the desired colors. You will require a Sweater this Summer to be correctly in style.

Store Will Close At Noon Tomorrow, American Legion Day—Shop In the A. M.

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