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A WEST VIRGINIA HEROINE

WEST Virginia has seldom had an example of more heroic courage than that displayed by Mrs. Bertha Trent of Dry Branch who waded a swollen icy stream and faced the bullets of three assassins in going to the rescue of the state troopers who were ambushed with their prisoners near her home. Had it not been for the heroism of this woman, who plead with the assassins and who gave first aid to the best of her ability until help arrived, the officers would probably all have lost their lives. Unthinking of self, this woman unhesitatingly risked her life in behalf of those in dire need of assistance. No matter with which of the factions at present fighting each other on West Virginia soil the sympathies of the reader may be, yet all will render due tribute to the unflinching courage of Mrs. Trent.

ON THE WRONG TRACK

OVER-ENTHUSIASM about the development of higher education is likely to lead some of our wisest men astray. The present increased interest in national educational and training programs will find many of our greatest and brainiest men riding hobbies that would be destructive to the very things which they wish most to advance if such theories were widely accepted and followed.

There has always been a question in the educating of pupils about dealing with those who were mentally quick and alert, and those who were dull and slow in their studies. Much thought has been given to solving the problem by public school authorities, but it has never been approached with any idea in mind of eliminating the dull pupils altogether and giving the advantages of education alone to those of exceptional mental ability. Yet with college applicants for the advanced education of colleges and universities, this very thing is under consideration by one of the colleges, as stated the other day by its president to a crowd of the alumni. This educator states that next year his college would receive only students of exceptional ability, and that these would be admitted upon a ten per cent basis of the number of applicants. Thus 500 students out of a possible 5,000 desiring entrance, would be accepted after qualifying through rigid examination given by the college staff. Only the pick and the cream of the applicants would be admitted. The educator also stated that the same proposition was under consideration by other large colleges and that the wonderful advantages of these centers of higher education would, in time, be only available for the pick of the nation's most brilliant students.

If this idea should prevail, only ten per cent of students formerly receiving college training would be able to secure such education. The remaining

ninety per cent would have to be content with high school or normal advantages. Such restriction of course, is not possible. The world owes more to the "grind" than it ever will to the bright uncertain flower of student brilliancy, and there is more success and well being amongst the plodders than among those whose superior mental quickness brought them an education too easily acquired for appreciation. A discrimination that would exclude ninety per cent of the students, would not only rob the colleges of their strength and support, destroy their athletic interests, and alienate them from public sympathy, but it would react in a lowered educational standard among the masses of the people, who, after all, make the nation, and would thus defeat a higher education from the national viewpoint, which is the real standard by which judgment is secured.

HOW ABOUT CANDY

THERE is a query revolving in the minds of the public at this time deserving an answer. Why does the price of candy still hang on at war time prices when sugar and chocolate are both away down. Sugar in the eastern markets is selling for 4 1/2 cents the pound, while candy is still soaring around \$1.25 for the better kinds.

There is no excuse for this absolutely profligate price and wholesalers and retailers should recognize the fact that the time for gouging the public is past. When sugar was 2 1/2 to 30 cents the pound there was no expectation on the part of the people for cheap candies. Those who were able paid the price asked and the rest went without. Now, however, there should be a change. It is hardly likely that sugar will remain so cheap, probably 6 or 7 cents will be more nearly the established price, although the public can buy all the sugar it likes in eastern cities at 4 1/2 cents at present, but there is surely a wide gap in even 7 cent sugar, and \$1.25 candy.

It would be well for the public to go on a candy strike, emulating labors big stick for getting results, and refuse to buy sweets until there is a decided reduction from the high prices which prevail now.

Japan is willin' as can be for China to have an open door so long as the Japanese can carry the key.

If King Boris of Bulgaria will watch the proceedings of the Ladies Aid Society he will probably discover an announcement of a White Elephant sale. If his beasts are of this type, and it is to be presumed they are, he could enter them for public consideration, along with the mustache cups and bootjacks.

If the chemists could get busy and make fair Lynn Producer gas smell like Houligants Quelques Fleurs, they could raise the rate quite considerably and never get a kick excepting from the druggists.

The United States will probably attend the economic parley, but will only take along a little small change. A good old American pocketbook would not be safe in that crowd in Genoa.

If the foreign delegates at the Washington Conference had realized what experienced investigators we have in the U. S. senate they would not have hesitated to approve an inquiry into Chinese concessions, provided some of these gentlemen could have conducted it. There are investigations committees that have been investigating so long that it would take thorough investigation to find out what they began to investigate in the first place.

In the death of Clarence B. Miller, secretary of the Republican National Committee, the party lost an indefatigable worker, and the country a fine patriot who, as Representative in Congress for 10 years exhibited a brand of statesmanship of which his state, Minnesota, and the nation were proud. Miller was one of the best posted men on the Philippines to be found in this country. He was a graduate of his state university and made the honor fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa. "His work during the campaign of 1920 was prodigious," declares Chairman Adams, "and was of such a character as to give him a high standing among all members of the National committee and party leaders." Miller was 50 and looked 40. His geniality and industry will be greatly missed by the National Committee.

BERTON BRALEY'S POEM

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AN INTERRUPTED LYRIC
I sing—(oh gosh!)—in praise of her I love
Her beauty is (confound that shooting pain)—
Let's see, what was it I was singing of?
Oh, yes, "her beauty" (I will go insane).
Hey, wait! That's not exactly what I mean
(Ouch! darn the thing! Excuse me if I curse),
I meant to say, "Her beauty, once it's seen,
Will never"—(Now the ache is getting worse!)
"Her beauty," as I started in to say,
"Is something which" (Wow! Where's the iodine!)—
"Is something which"—(I can't go on this way!
Please bring me that hot-water bag of mine)
That's better. Now, where was I? Oh, I know;
"Her beauty is aglow with" (Holee Smoke!
I wouldn't wish this on my dearest foe)—
"Her beauty"—(This is getting past a joke!)
(I'll make another start) "My love is fair,
My love is sweet as"—(Where's the Oil of Cloves?
Doggonal Doggone and damn! Well, you would swear
If you possessed a pain that jumps and roves
About your face as this does)—"She is sweet"—
I can't go on, and that's the honest truth;
This song of mine will never be complete
Until the dentist fixes up my tooth!)

By The Way:

A daily column given to current events and frank comment.

KILLED

One person was killed every 35 minutes in auto accidents during 1921. The total for the year "probably was as high as 15,000." This is the estimate by the national safety council.
Considerable toll for carelessness, which is just another word for recklessness!
For practically every auto accident is preventable.
Paste that on your windshield, if inclined to take chances.

Burbank produces oats without hulls when we needed gas without war.

Will changing the name of Rum river to Volstead river make it dry?

This would be a great U. S. if Ford would try making useful things.

The man who marks phone numbers on the wall is a renter.

Organist at Princess Mary's wedding will get \$2,500. Mary must have sold her lamb to our butcher.

"Dress suits cheaper," says an advertisement. One rent lowered.

Borrowing trouble never lessens the supply where you get it.

Barring gas will put the Congressional Record out of business.

Would you say the purse in a bowling match is pin money?

"Irish Free State" in Gaelic is Rialtas Sealbeach Na Heireann. No wonder it took 700 years to get it.

Most useless thing on earth is an airplane.

Crafts isn't battling much in Reform League.

Opera singer says no woman is worth loving until she is 80. Now we know one opera singer's age.

We pay too much attention to those who went away from war and too little to those who went to war.

The latest thing is a wireless typewriter. Some day we may have wireless political jobs.

Drys are putting stars in their windows; but three stars in a row don't mean what they once meant.

Where you fall depends upon where you stand.

The movies have insured Will

heroby jointly and severally release you from all damages, claims and liability by reason of the adoption of such mining and operating conditions and rate for mining and labor in and about the mines as you may, from time to time fix, and they agree that such revised mining and operating conditions and rate for mining and labor in and about the mines, as you may from time to time fix, shall be in full of all their claims and demands, however arising without prejudice to your right to terminate the mining of coal and the operation of your mines whenever you may see fit. Hereby expressly for themselves, and each of them order and direct that you shall make no deductions of whatsoever character or nature from their, or each of their, earnings for or on account of the United Mine Workers of America."

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RUFF STUFF

Were off that Asher Bible class for life.
We thought they were nice girls and women.
But hang them now, one and all, each and separately, together and by themselves.
Last night chocolate pie was on the menu at the "Y call" on Monroe street, and—
We love chocolate pie, and just as we got near to the pie counter an Asherite took the last slice of chocolate pie.
We say to the pretty waitress is that all the chocolate pie?
"The last," says she.
"Very last?" says we.
"Very last," says she.
Hellsays wonder our breath.
Any how we hope the women who took our pie had indigestion all night long without intermission.
The crime wave is not decreasing any when society ladies and church workers will steal the last piece of pie from a hard working and hungry newspaper man.
So long, folks, we'll have something to rave about tomorrow.

LEWIS SADLER DEAD.

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 20.—Lewis S. Sadler, aged 45, Pennsylvania state highway commissioner, died at his home here today from pneumonia. Mr. Sadler contracted a slight cold week before last and yesterday pneumonia developed. He sank rapidly.

29 Converted At Edgemont Revival

Twenty-nine people were converted last night at the revival services at the Fleming Memorial chapel, Edgemont. Rev. E. M. Moser, pastor of the church, is conducting the meetings, which have been going on four days. Since the meetings 33 people have been converted.
Special music is a feature of the meetings, and it is conducted by Mr. Shirah, assisted by Mrs. Ida M. Moser, soloist.
The attendance is large at all of the meetings, and it will be well worth the while of the people of Fairmont to attend these meetings and hear an unusual and old preacher of the gospel.

New Record For Crop Estimates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—There is no parallel in the record of the bureau of markets and crop estimates to the fall of \$21.22, or 59 percent in the average value per acre of the ten crops constituting nine tenths of all crop production which occurred in the two years from 1919 to 1921. It was announced today by the department of agriculture. The decline was found by the department to have been from \$35.74 in 1919 to \$14.5 in 1921.
The general trend of the average was downward, the department's figures show, from about \$14 per acre in the years immediately following the civil war to hardly \$3 in 1906 the lowest point in the industrial depression of that time. It was said the average value advanced to \$16.49 in 1913 and reached the peak in 1919.
The fall after 1919 "was more rapid than the ascent at the beginning of the war."

MONONGAH

Class Party Delayed.
Misses Virgie Brewster and Elsie Anderson, who were to have entertained the Excelsior class of the M. P. Sunday school at the Monongah public school building this evening, have postponed the entertainment until a later date.
Afternoon Services.
At 2:30 each afternoon a revival service will be held at the M. P. church while the protracted meeting continues.
Expect Rev. Whitener.
Rev. D. L. Whitener, of Wilsonburg, is expected here Sunday, to assist Rev. Dye in a series of evangelistic meetings which start Sunday night at the Baptist church.
Personals.
Mrs. Sue Satterfield, who has been ill at the home of her son, Clyde, is improving rapidly.
Mrs. W. I. Shaver was shopping in Fairmont yesterday.
S. L. Shaver was a business caller in town this morning.
The little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Smith is ill at the home of her parents with an attack of mumps.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Yoder at their home in Walnut street, Monday, a baby boy.
Morris Silverman, the merchant tailor, has returned from a business trip to Elkins.
The freshman class of the West Monongah high school will entertain at the high school building this evening.
The Senior Chapter of the W. W. Guild of the Baptist church will meet this evening with Miss Loreta Leeson at her home in Main street.

WOOD'S MESSAGE
MANILA, P. I., Jan. 20.—Legislation to restore the credit of the Philippine government, both at home and abroad, was urged by Governor General Wood, in a message to the legislature today.

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