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JOHN A. JOHNSON

The death of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota removes from our national political life a man unique in his rise from obscurity and rare in his conduct in the days of his glory.

Governor Johnson more closely approached the American ideal as typified by Abraham Lincoln, the simple, clean-hearted, big-minded man.

That "Johnny" Johnson, son of a village sot, would have been president of the United States, had not death intervened, is firmly set in the minds of many persons, not unskilled in presaging political events.

He was governor of the state of Minnesota, and, as he phrased it, "employed by the people of his state," so he did not feel justified in taking the people's time to help his political ambitions.

Johnson a democrat and Roosevelt a republican, making allowance for personal characteristics and modes of expression, were closely allied in thought and sentiment, and as such more nearly representative of the feeling of the broad unpolitical democracy of the land than any other political leaders.

But death takes no heed of the plans of man or men, and Governor Johnson, with life's highest honor almost within reach, has lain down and died—died as he lived, bravely and with good cheer.

Wall st. may not tremble, but the United States has suffered its greatest loss for many a day back.

Even when it is done under the most respectable auspices, they don't ever really give you "your money back" you know.

From now on Dr. Cook will more than make up for the rubber boot ragout of the Polar regions.

Mr. Pinchot is sitting confidently like a man who has cornered the visibly supply of axes.

Dismissing Mr. Glavis appears to have been the easiest part of the whole business.

"Freezum" would be all right if you didn't have to "eatum."

Some people steal pennies from children, others put "freezum" in their meat.

IN LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

BY NORMAN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Channing Pollock, whose latest play, "Such a Little Queen," promises to yield him a modest fortune in royalties, was for some years dramatic critic on a Washington paper, and he tells many stories of amusing experiences he had while holding down that job.

before revealing my identity, to ask her what she wanted of the dramatic editor. "She opened up a huge handbag she carried and pulled out a mule whip four feet long.

EVERETT TRUE'S HOME and FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE. Dear Mr. True: A certain young man, for whom I care not the snap of my finger, insists upon paying his attentions to me. How can I discourage him? He calls every Thursday evening.—Miss Belle.

EAT 'EM RAW NEXT THURSDAY.

Estemmed Mr. True: My wife raises an awful fuss because I smoke my pipe in the house. This is the only dissipation I indulge in. I hardly know how to meet the issue. Yours in trouble. J. B. L.

Dear Mr. True: My husband is a very handsome man and attracts the attention of other women. This makes him vain and conceited, and the way he flirts with them is something scandalous. Naturally I am consumed with jealousy, but don't know what to do. Can you help me reform him?—Mrs. Green.

ANSWER: CHUCK THE PIPE!

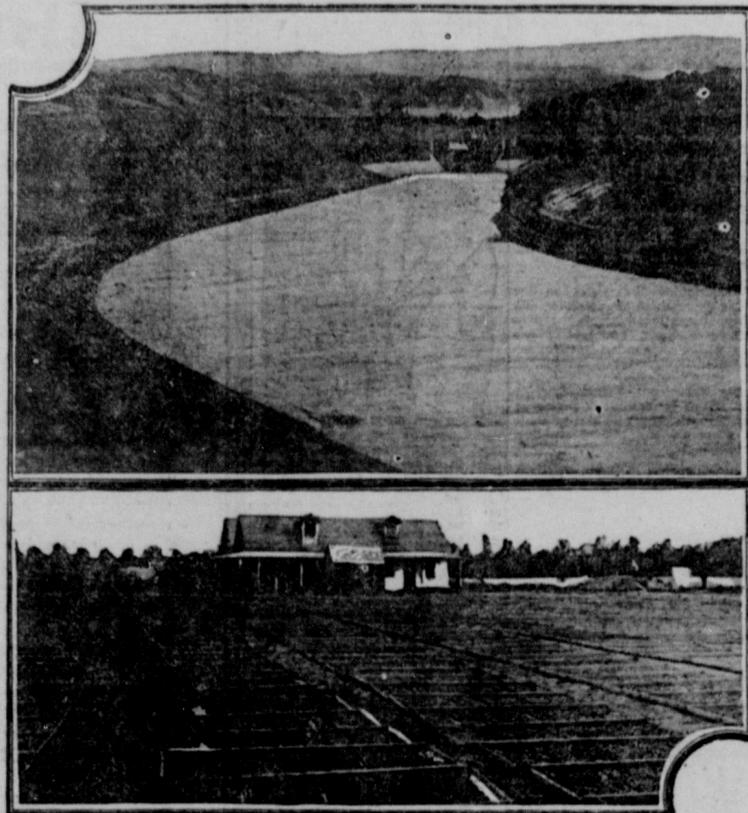
Dear Mr. True: Not a few persons with whom I am thrown into contact persist in the use of musk as a perfume. Where in the world does the stuff come from? Is it a by-product of the musk ox, muskrat, or what? As ever, A. C.

ANSWER: POLE CAT.

GIVE HIM A GOOD FACIAL MASSAGE!

ANSWER: POLE CAT.

TAFT WILL PUSH BUTTON AND IRRIGATION IS READY



UPPER PICTURE SHOWS EAST PORTAL TO THE GUNNISON TUNNEL. THE LOWER PART SHOWS UNCOMPAGHRE VALLEY PRUNES DRYING IN THE SUN, PROPHECIC OF THOUSANDS OF ORCHARDS TO SPRING UP THERE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Sept. 21.—When President Taft, on his western trip, presses the button that loses the water of the Gunnison river, Thursday, it will mark the consummation of one of the greatest irrigation projects ever undertaken.

It is more than four years now since the reclamation service commenced this, the longest underground waterway in the world. Its task was to reclaim the unwatered lands of the Uncompahgre valley, on the western slope of the Rockies in Colorado.

This project just now completed is considered third among the 27 projects started by the reclamation service in point of cost. The estimated expense of completing the tunnels and canals is between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000.

The Gunnison Tunnel. The opening of the Gunnison tunnel will mean the opening of a great section of land aggregating about 20,000 acres. And though the cost is tremendous to the government, the cost to settlers in this new section will be very small, for there will be room for so many of them.

The government will deduct the expense of the project from the land reclaimed, but in very small payments. In this way the total payment of cost, amounting to \$25 an acre, will be collected in 10 installments, increasing from year to year, so that the homeseeker may meet the payments out of the produce of his farm. This same collection of \$25 per acre will bestow upon the land holder permanent water rights under the government canals.

Probably no irrigation project ever started under such adverse circumstances and with so little help from nature herself as did the Gunnison. The waters of the river, in almost every instance, have been flowing down narrow valleys, little fit for agriculture, or through deep, dark canyons, difficult of access and entirely useless from the producing standpoint.

Just to the west of this ill-favored Gunnison is the valley of the Uncompahgre, 20 miles wide and 40 miles long, with an average elevation of 5,500 feet above sea level. If the useless waters of the Gunnison could be used in the barren Uncompahgre. It was a daring project. Yet, when the reclamation act was passed this project was the first to challenge the ability of government engineers.

Immense Undertaking. To Supt. I. W. McConnell and his engineering skill belongs much of the credit of the successful completion of this immense undertaking. The first corps of his assistants had to lower themselves into the black canyon of the Gunnison to make the first survey. Then active work was commenced and a small town of workmen took up their abode on the banks of the Gunnison.

Great difficulties were encountered in driving the tunnel, which is an arch 10 1/2 feet wide by 12 1/2 feet high. Several times during the drilling heavy flows of water have been encountered. At other times hot water flowed into the excavations, and at one time a heavy flow of carbon dioxide, or choke damp, nearly asphyxiated several of the workmen. More than 500 feet of the tunnel was driven through a bed of fossils consisting of the shells of sea creatures.

In order to complete this stupendous piece of engineering, hundreds of men have been employed, working from both ends of the tunnel in three shifts of eight hours each. Everything has moved with the precision of clock work.

As fast as the tunnel was driven through the shale and solid rock it was timbered. Over the heavy timbers goes a high grade concrete covering. This makes a tunnel of solid concrete which is intended to last through the ages, for through it a body of water nine feet high, with a flow of 1,500 cubic feet per second, will rush. When the water leaves the tunnel at the western end it will be conveyed to the Uncompahgre through 12 miles of canals.

The main body of water will flow through one main tunnel. In addition the government has secured the rights to the supplementary canals in the valley, and will build others. By this means it expects to reclaim every foot of agricultural land in the Uncompahgre valley.

STAR DUST

Josh Wise Says



"The man who paddles his own canoe will alius be on hand when his ship comes in."

"Was your meeting with your wife romantic?" "Extremely so. It occurred at a picnic. I was eating a very ripe tomato and some of it squirted into her eye."—Kansas City Journal.

"Johnny, do you smoke cigars?" "I do—do a 1-1-little, sir," stammered Johnny, peering beneath the fan of the baseball field.

The boss fixed him with his eagle eye. "Then gimme one," he said. "I left mine on the bureau."—St. Paul Dispatch.

The timid never erect a trophy.—Latin.

"Pa, have you been up much in alrships?" "No, never! Why do you ask?" "I heard ma tell auntie you were once quite a high flyer."—New York Herald.

"In the Far East a girl never sees her intended husband until she is married."

"How strange! In this part of the world she seldom sees him afterward."—New York Evening Telegram.

Who does not tire achieves.—Spanish.

"Look here, Jane, it seems to me that you're asking me for money all the time."

MR. SKYGACK, FROM MARS

He Visits the Earth as a Special Correspondent and Makes Wire-les Observations in His Notebook.

TOOK LONG TRIP TO TOP OF EARTH FOUND MUCH SOLITUDE AND EXTREMELY TIGHT WEATHER. IN CENTER OF DESOLATE REGION SAW PORTION OF UPRIGHT TIMBER BEARING AT TOP LIVELY PATRIOTISM FABRIC WHAT PURPOSE SAME CAN SERVE HERE AM UNABLE TO DIVINE



REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Money would last a good deal longer if it was an agonizing pain. A woman's reason for doing her duty is that she wants to; a man's, that he has to.

The easiest way for a man not to discover his weakness is for his wife to do it for him.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When a woman is hungry she "feels faint."

A tombstone epitaph isn't necessarily a hard fact.

Women who shine in society seldom shine in the kitchen.

You can't judge a man's courage by the size of his bluff.

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