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Holy Days

ISN'T IT just great to have the home circle once more unbroken—to have the boys and girls back beside the fireside as they were when little children, years ago?

Pa's all spruced up and ma's in such a fuss you can hardly get a word in edgewise. Even old maid sister, who's inclined, most times, to be a bit bitter, is now touched with the prevailing spirit and in her tenderness toward the littler ones discloses what some fool man is missing.

But it's the far-traveled elder brother who is the star of this reunion. He's not a prodigal son, not by a long shot. Very little substance he has had to waste in riotous living; ma trained him too well for him to want to make a smudge that way. But he draws the fatted calf all right. And, say, maybe you think he can't get away with it!

Then there's a little sister, too—we mustn't overlook her. Sis has been down East to school. Getting polished or finished or something. Her little head is very full of wondrous wise lore and the language she talks is like it was lifted right out of the book. But it's good to have her home again, even though the candy boxes and flowers which come to her by express make us wonder if there's not a new home soon to be.

And so the merry days glide by, the truly holy days, when the best in all of us gets dusted off and treated to exercise. How they fly! It seems only yesterday that they began; and now they're almost over. But there's this to cheer us. Another year's coming. Life would become tiresome if all its days were holidays.

DR. J. LEON WILLIAMS, of London, hadn't been in New York more'n three days, with his 500,000-year-old skulls of prehistoric men, before he announced that the ape is an off-shoot of primitive man, thus reversing Darwin. But it doesn't matter. Looking New Yorkers over, you can see that there was an off-shoot one way or the other, pretty early and thorough.

A Grocer's Ad Talk

IN YOUNGSTOWN, O., lives a grocer with a personality. He is an advertising grocer, who writes his own advertisements; and some of them are unique. Here is a recent one:

Some of you people give me a pain about the high cost of living. You don't know any more about it than my kid, 9 months old. All she knows is to throw my watch on the floor, pull my hair, coax me for pennies to buy candy. I have the most up-to-date poultry farm in the country. I have the best-laying strain of hens in the country. I employ the best men that money can hire. It costs me nearly $2 a dozen to produce fresh eggs at the present time. I charge you about one-fourth of the amount, yet you say I am robbing you. I'm selling you strictly fancy Florida oranges at 15 and 10 cents a dozen. The poor farmer that raised them, after paying for the picking and packing, gets about 10 cents a box. The railroad company gets the balance. You rush over to the opera house, pay $2 for a seat, to see some chickens and old hens show their legs and shapes. That is all right. You rush down to the millinery store, pay about $20 for a hat, the first cost of which is about $3; that's all right; you get a swell hat. You pay $50 for a chiffon dress, nothing to it. I can put it in my overcoat pocket, but it's the style—it's all right. But when it comes to something to eat—you have a fit. Take my advice—take care of your stomach.

NOW IT'S planned to speed up the bees. Northwestern beekeepers' association proposes to send the honey-makers South during the winter, so they'll work the year 'round. All work and no play make a dull bee.

FEDERAL GEN. MERCADO says he will evacuate Ojinaga and take Chihuahua. Then the rebels will evacuate Chihuahua and take Ojinaga. War in Mexico is one blamed swap after another.

She Thought

HELEN KELLER, blind, deaf, and once dumb, told an audience in Philadelphia recently, how she had, through long years of patient endeavor, broken out of her bondage of silence and darkness.

One part of her address stands out prominently.

When the question as to her political views was transmitted to her by her instructor, through her hands, she replied that she was a suffraget and a socialist.

Asked why a socialist, she answered, simply: "I thought."

A BONUS of $100 has been given to an Orange county, California, woman, who presented her husband with triplets. Supervisors said they thought such enterprise deserved a premium.

ROYAL

Baking Powder

Absolutely Pure

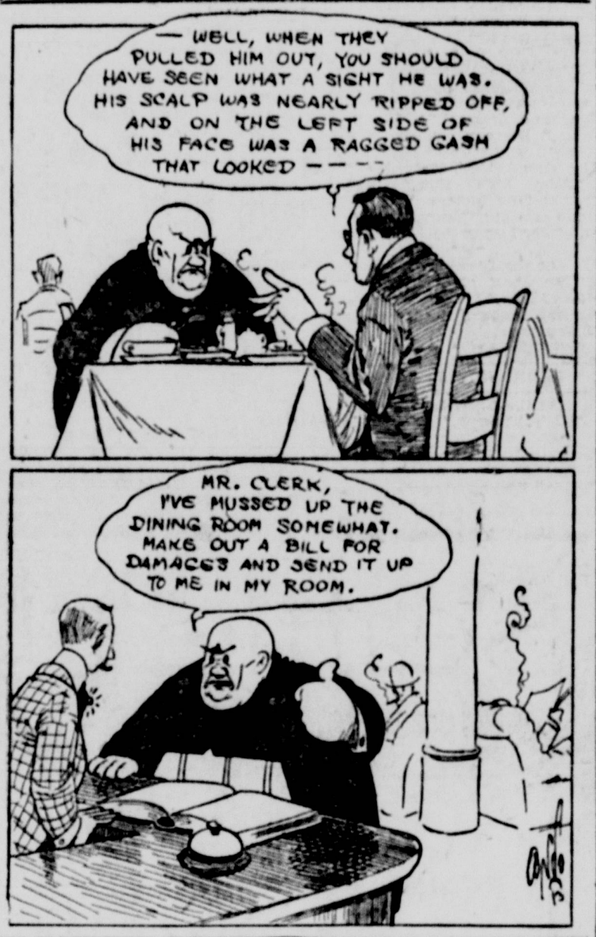
Recognized everywhere and by experts as the very highest grade of baking powder—superior to other brands in purity, leavening strength and keeping quality.

Made from pure cream of tartar, the product of grapes, and the most healthful and useful of leavening agents.

Its use insures the bread, biscuit and cake against contamination from the cheap, improper or injurious ingredients from which lower priced baking powders may be made.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM NOAH'S ARK

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



SUDDEN WEALTH

NEW YORK.—When the will of Richard Siegener was read, it was found that he had bequeathed one Lincoln penny to his wife and each of his five children.

Our Daily Animal Story
ABOUT THE ELEPHANT

The elephant has three sets of teeth, four in each jaw, but only eight of the teeth are in action at one time. The other two sets are reserved, only coming into use when the first ones are worn out.

The elephant's trunk, it is asserted by some scientists, is the most wonderful organ in all nature. Cuvier estimated that it contained 40,000 muscles; and so great is its mechanism that it can pick up almost anything from a toothpick to a good-sized log.

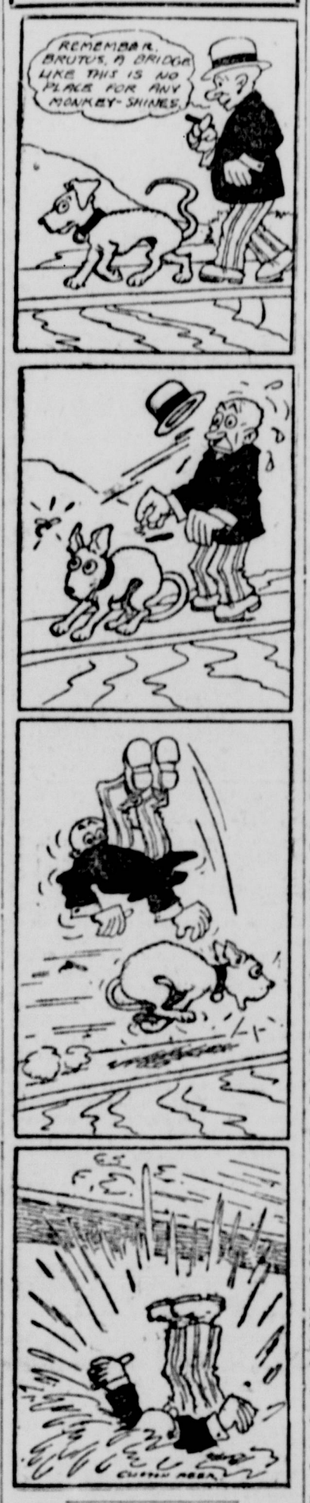
The elephant is the largest of all extant land animals, and is said to be second only to the dog in intelligence; but the dog comes from a thousand generations of domesticated stock. So the elephant deserves a great deal of credit for quickness in surpassing almost any other animal. The ivory of the elephant's tusks is the most resilient substance known. An ivory ball will rebound higher than a solid rubber one; that is why the best billiard balls are made of this substance, and to obtain it the elephant is ruthlessly hunted and slain.

THE DIARY OF FATHER TIME

A new island has recently been reported in the Atlantic ocean by an American captain, I see. This is a much rarer event in the Atlantic than in the Pacific, but has occurred previously. In 1811 a cone 300 feet high, with a crater at the top, came up through the waves near St. Michael's, in the Azores, and remained long enough to be named Sabrina, after the British man-o'-war commanded by the captain who discovered it. In the Mediterranean Graham's shoal, between Sicily and Africa, is the remains of Graham's island, which appeared in June, 1831, and existed for a few months. In its youth it was 200 feet high and three miles around.

A university has conferred a degree on Actor Sothern. It was, of course, a Southern university.

Si Small and His Dog



In Chicago there is to be built the world's largest and most curious garage. It will be built entirely underground, will fill the space under 13 city clocks, and will accommodate 2,000 cars daily. It will cost $1,250,000.

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A German has invented a device for lighting gas buoys by wireless. The receiving apparatus is sensitive only to the proper impulses.

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At a wedding in Lynn, Mass., the bride wore a gown made 75 years ago for a wedding which never took place.

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The St. Louis park department took a census of the trees in the city, and found that there were 18,180 of them. The municipal nurseries have grown in the last two years more than 66,000 trees and shrubs, valued at more than $12,721.

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A boy went into a shop to buy a cent's worth of nuts. The man at the corner, a cheery, good-natured soul, said to him:

"You can have them mixed if you like."

"All right," said the boy, "you may put one or two cocoanuts in, if you please."

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James Murphy, an employe of a Chicago packing company, was roped and branded by his fellow employes just before his marriage. Two hundred cowboys escorted the wedding party to the church, dressed in their chaps and spurs, and riding their ponies.

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A turtle caught recently at Cuttyhunk island, Mass., tipped the scales at 65 pounds.

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Certain of the Chicago theatres will have posted in the lobbies certificates stating that the circulation of air in the auditorium is good, and that the atmosphere is up to the standard.

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A boarding house in Roslyn, N. Y., is called Cupid Hall, for the reason that the boarders usually get married after a short stay there.

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A vaudeville contract has been signed for the year 1926 whereby the third generation of a line of famous comedians will appear in a sketch with the second generation of another vaudeville family. At present the boy is 4 years old and the girl is 4½.

The Star Circle

HOW 'MAD' ANTHONY WAYNE LED BRAVE AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO VICTORY OVER BRITISH REDCOATS

"Mad" Anthony Wayne!

This was the great American soldier who won the strange nickname by his reckless bravery in the war of the revolution.

He commanded famous retreats when death seemed certain!

He occupied besieged cities when the enemy swarmed about him on every side!

He stormed strategic forts, overcoming seemingly impossible difficulties.

He was born at Waynesborough, Pa., on the first day of the year, 1745. He seemed to have been born to fight, for he jumped into his battle togs at the first sign of hostilities with England and never left the service of his country until his death at Erie, Pa., in 1796.

His greatest military achievement was the storming of Stony Point!

"Mad" Anthony Wayne Storming Stony Point

When the word was passed among the American forces that the fort must be taken, General Wayne announced that he would take it by storm!

He husbanded his forces. He studied the lay of the land. He figured out his plan of attack.

Undaunted, trusting to his power to lead men into the thick of the firing and win, in spite of all odds, he started through the mountains, with the Massachusetts light infantry. He marched all that day till eight in the evening.

He decided to wait until midnight. Every soldier was in his place and anxious to act.

The hour of midnight struck. "Ready," said "Mad" Anthony. And they were off.

A part of the troops crossed the causeway and formed two columns. With unloaded guns and fixed bayonets, simultaneously, they moved to the attack from two different points, followed by the two main divisions, the left led by General Wayne.

Not until within pistol shot were the Americans discovered!

The pickets fired, but the advance guard pressed forward with fixed bayonets!

The garrison was aroused with the cry of "To arms, to arms!" But it was too late.

Soon there was the deafening rattle of musketry and the roar of cannon!

General Wayne, always in the lead, had been hit on the head and stunned, but he soon recovered.

The determined onslaught of the Americans was too terrible to withstand. The garrison hauled down its flag.

The capture of Stony Point was considered one of the most important and one of the greatest achievements of the war.

Despite the prevailing Yuletide spirit, the Circle club members did not neglect to contribute to the regular weekly contest. The contestants numbered over 60.

The subject of competition was, "Why Are Newspapers a Great Institution?" The boys and girls were instructed to give their views in a 150-word essay. The winner was Ruby McDonald, aged 13, who lives in Issaquah. Ruby is the little miss who was mentioned in the Circle Column last week. A letter from her was printed in which she told of her ambitions to become a successful song writer.

As stated in the Circle last week, an open invitation will be extended Ruby, as winner of the contest, to pay a visit to The Star office and thoroughly inspect its various departments.

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NEXT WEEK'S CONTEST

The Star Circle's artists will preside next week. The weekly prize offering, a handsome box of candy, will be given to the boy or girl who sends in the best drawing of any kind.

There are many talented boys and girls on the Circle club's membership roll. The various drawing contests which the Circle has held have always been very popular.

All drawings must be done in black ink and the work should be executed on regulation drawing paper. This is not absolutely necessary, though, if none can be procured.

Write your name and address plainly and neatly on the back of the drawing. Address it to The Seattle Star Circle club, or to Uncle Jack in care of The Star office.

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THANKS FROM UNCLE JACK

Uncle Jack is delighted with the various little remembrances received from a number of Circleites.

One little girl—or maybe it was a boy—sent Uncle Jack a handsome penwiper, composed of two small pages of blotting paper. Upon opening it Uncle Jack found the penwiper cut in the shape of a heart.

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THE WINNING ESSAY

By Ruby McDonald.

THE NEWSPAPER

We really couldn't do without
The newspapers o'er the land.
Where would we get the news,
Were it not for the newspaper man?

You ask why newspapers are a great institution.

Newspapers are a great institution because it is beyond a possibility to do without them. We would be totally ignorant to practically all occurrences, local and in all other parts of the world, were it not for the press.

Newspapers, both good and bad, are a benefit to the community. A good newspaper will support an honest man for office. A bad newspaper will oppose him. Therefore the voter is able to distinguish the good candidates from the bad candidates.

The press is indirectly responsible for suppressing crime. A person about to commit a crime is more fearful of the publicity in case of apprehension than the consequential punishment.

Settled the Widdy

"Why is it," queried the fair widow, "that they always say a man 'pines' for a woman?"

"I suppose," growled the fussy bachelor, "it's because pine is about the softest wood there is."

FALLS INTO BAY

Dock workers saved the life of William Jones, 33, an engineer, yesterday, when he was seized by a spell of dizziness while fishing at pier 9. He fell into the bay, but was dragged out.

ALMOST LIKE DAD

WASHINGTON. — William Jennings Bryan, jr., just admitted to the bar, announced that "he may enter politics, but will never hold office."

THE TACTICS OF SOCIALISM SYNDICALISM SABOTAGE DIRECT ACTION AND ANARCHY

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In my last article I made mention of the I. W. W. and Haywood, and in justice to organized labor I must call attention to the fact that the original I. W. W. organization has no connection whatever with Haywood and what is known as the direct actionists. The original Detroit I. W. W. organization will hold a mass meeting at Odd Fellows' hall, at Tenth and Pine streets, Sunday, December 28, at 8 p. m. Even the Haywood I. W. W. organization at its last convention recognized the wisdom of confining their efforts to industrial unionism and economics.

Socialism Political.

Socialism is fundamentally of economic intention and democratic of necessity. Its adoption must be by political means, because society as a whole has no other way of acting than through its political institution.

He who would rob Socialism of its democracy has little understanding of Socialism and the class struggle.

He who would restrain others in the enjoyment of their political right has little conception of democracy.

Saviors of the Party or Disrupters, Which?

At the last national convention of the Socialist party two propositions were presented, one of which put the convention in an uproar of laughter; this one was introduced by Delegate Franz Bostrom, of Washington, who is now, and for four years has been, secretary of the Socialist party of this state. It provided as follows:

Resolution.

That Section 2, Article 2, of the National Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Any person occupying a position, honorary or remunerative, by gift of any party, other than the Socialist party (civil service positions excepted), and any person whose principal source of income is derived from rent, interest or profit shall not be eligible to membership in the Socialist party." Signed, Franz Bostrom, Kate Sadler, A. H. Barth, Sam Sadler, Delegates from Washington.

It will be noticed that the above resolution was signed by four delegates who were all state officers of the party in this state, and are now designated as the red faction of the Socialist party. It is only fair to ask, how could a political party be kept united by people with such expressed intent? The qualifications of a Socialist, under Bostrom's resolution, would not be adherence to the principles of Socialism as defined by the party, but by circumstances and environment over which a party member has no control; besides this, the resolution is unsocialistic and undemocratic; its result would be destructive to organization, instead of constructive.

Four years ago, in a written autobiography for the World's Referee, Bostrom stated: "I learned by slow degrees my Socialism from Dr. Titus and give him full credit for it, for I have never had energy and patience enough to get it first hand from the great Socialist writers." The resolution above is conclusive evidence of the fact, and by the way, the Wage Workers' party, organized by Dr. Titus, Harry Ault, et al., after they bolted the Socialist party at Everett, provided what Bostrom's resolution did not to membership.

All Socialists are more than willing that Dr. Titus should have all credit for Bostrom's conversion.

As a matter of fact, Bostrom is a Direct Actionist. He believes that the end justifies the means, and boasts about it, and that the emancipation of the exploited class cannot be effected by political means. I shall have occasion to deal with him in later articles.

The Second Destructive Proposition.

The following was circulated by Hulet M. Wells:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the National Constitution of the Socialist Party—Nominations for Public Office.

"Except in school elections, no one shall be eligible for a Socialist party nomination for a legislative or executive office except wageworkers and farmers.

"The word 'wageworker,' for the purpose of this section, shall be construed to mean any person whose main source of livelihood is derived from wages, or anyone dependent on such person for a livelihood.

"The word 'farmer,' for the purpose of this section, shall be construed to mean any person actively engaged in tilling the soil, or anyone dependent on such person for a livelihood.

"The nominating body shall be the judge of eligibility under this section, and no appeal shall be had from its decision, except as to its good faith."

It requires little comment to show that this proposition is absurd. It proscribes individuals without reason other than that they have educational qualifications, and is void of all democratic and socialistic principle. It has for its object the depriving of individuals of a fundamental political right.

Among other reasons why this amendment should be adopted the following is given:

"In cities where the class line is sharply drawn, this provision would assure the nomination for the offices mentioned, of wageworkers only, thus leaving out the employers, the lawyers and various kinds of parasites."

Mr. Wells is a lawyer, and, if education is a discovery, he is probably correct, but if education is a growth dependent upon experience, he is wrong in considering education detrimental to the producers of wealth.

To Save the Party.

The following paragraph was also given by Mr. Wells as a reason for adopting his freak amendment:

"This proposition is made, not to stir up strife, but to bring peace within the party. Already middle-class politicians are dividing our members against each other in conflicts over office. Let us once and for all tell these members who come from outside the working class, that there are certain offices which they may fill, but there are others to which they are not eligible. With the incentive for political scheming thus removed, many factional quarrels now disrupting the party will come to an end, and numberless more will be prevented."

Mr. Wells fails to recognize the fact that it was "Direct Action vs. Political Action" that was causing trouble in the party and that he was a strong supporter of the Haywood Direct Action faction which has compelled the organization of political Socialists into a new Socialist party in this state. Whatever the intent of the Wells amendment may have been, its effect would surely be toward destruction instead of construction. No outside influence will be required to divide the Socialist party while its members talk and use Direct Action tactics within the party, and seek to defeat the majority will and rule by the aid of Haywood I. W. W. members being brought into the Socialist party for that purpose.

It is needless for me to say that the Bostrom and Wells' amendments were looked upon as freak propositions by the national convention. The Socialist party of Seattle, of our state, and of the nation, is sound and safe when viewed from the standpoint of its great rank and file.

The Socialist party is subjected to much general criticism, but no one has yet been able to criticise the Socialist party's political platform and program as being opposed to the best interest of the common people; in fact, our platform and program is being imitated and copied piecemeal by all other political parties.

To be continued in next Saturday's Star.

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