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NOTICE—As is customary with all newspapers the following charges will be made for Obituaries, Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Church Notices for entertainments of any nature where admission is charged, etc.

What about a CLEAN UP day?

Nature did more than her share towards beautifying Arcadia. Now let's do our part.

We can build churches, school houses, water and light plants, new homes, etc., then why can't we clean up the town?

Don't you think it would be better to straighten up, clean up and paint up instead of remaining in our hibernated state and drying up?

Ideals are epidemic, as well as influenza. Someone sees a "ghost" which throws stones or sets the house on fire, and behold all over the country come reports of "ghosts."

The Townner-Sterling bill requires these three things in a state before it can receive the "paternal" federal aid to education provided in the bill:

1. A public school opportunity of not less than 24 weeks.

2. Compulsory attendance at some school, public or private, for at least 24 weeks in the year, of all children between 7 and 14.

3. English as the basic language of instruction in all schools, public and private, in the common branches.

The man who comes out in the open and says those provisions are wrong, or un-American, or vicious may have courage, if not sense.

As a matter of sober fact, there are no real objections to the bill, even by those who don't want it!

But the people of the United States as a whole want education, believe in education, demand education, know that education is the one and only salvation for both the individual and the nation.

Talk is cheap. Action takes thought and time. When the Townner-Sterling bill passes it will pass because enough newspapers, clergymen, educators, influential men and common, ordinary, every-day citizens have printed, talked and written about their convictions both to and at their respective legislators.

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L. M. TOOKE, President
CARL GOFF, Assistant Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of March, 1922.

BERTRAM V. BARNETTE, Notary Public

stamps and your convictions sent to these gentlemen, will aid in bringing to YOUR schools, YOUR community, YOUR children the same federal aid which has helped your and other communities in roads, in agriculture, in postal facilities, in reclamation, in mining methods, in forestry, in all the hundred and one ways in which Uncle Sam assists Americans to be better, abler and more prosperous citizens.

EVIL TO BE DESTROYED

It is a strange record that every evil which should have destroyed mankind has itself been destroyed by mankind. There seems to be something fatal in humanity for an evil which succeeds in invading it with menacing power.

Dr. Joseph A. Raycroft, Princeton's director of physical education, has come to a defense of the athletes of the past in an article in the Daily Princetonian. Asked to compare the present-day athletes with those of the "golden '90's," the Princeton director had this to say: "I do not think that in any sport, such as football, the average man of the present needs or possesses any greater intellect than the players of 20 years ago."

Immense, immense! That is the word which best expresses Marshal Foch's impression of the United States. He kept repeating it as, in the none too rapid special from Havre to Paris, he reviewed his visit to America.

James J. Barry of Boston is marketing his unique invention, a machine that strips the skin from fish and removes all the bones. The Barry contraption is about the size of a washing machine. It handles 15,000 pounds of fish a day.

History of Opium in China. Opium for use as a medicine was introduced into China in the Thirteenth century by Arabs.

In Dykeman's Gulch

By MARVIN ST. JOHNS

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"Go tell that to the marines—foot soldiers won't stand it!" The little spare man with soft, dreamy eyes and the face of a poet bowed in a deprecatory manner and left the noisy messroom of the Kimberly diamond mines.

"Wait a moment," he spoke, laying a gentle detaining hand on the man who had preceded him. "What is it you want?" inquired the latter.

"I heard your story in yonder." "Well?"

"And I believe it. You want some one to share your venture. I am your man, if you will accept me."

A great calm and soft content overspread the features of the man addressed. He simply put out his hand to clasp that of the other.

"They laughed at me in yonder," he said; "I, who located the big Rhodes claim and have spent ten years in the district. I am still John Brazzelton, expert—I still know when I see a bit of glittering spar and a real diamond, ever a mile away. There is one at Dykeman's Gulch. I have seen it and it is mine. You heard my story and believe it, you say. Then we become partners."

"To the extent of my limited means—a bare \$200, all—I have in the world."

"It is more than sufficient. All we need is a wagon, a team of mules, some tackle and provisions."

"And then?" "Patience and—riches!"

Bruce Beresford led his new partner to his room. As they entered it a mild-faced, blue-eyed man arose from polishing a rifle and some pistols at a little table.

"This is my friend and to be trusted. He is Vaclav Polski," introduced Beresford. "Now, then, Mr. Brazzelton, tell your story over again."

In few words the gem prospector related his story. In a lonely mountain gulch 200 miles away, while camping at night he had awakened to find his eye fixed hundreds of feet up the perpendicular cliff side upon a great lustrous mass of prismatic light.

Just at that phase of the moon, just at that hour the lunar rays rested for perhaps fifteen minutes across a surface, small but distinct, studded with sparkles of prismatic brilliancy.

"Diamonds!" pronounced the old expert positively. "Imbedded in the petrified clay, thrown there by some upheaval of nature they shone down—a promised fortune. Then the glow passed with the shifting moon rays."

"You could not fix the spot?" questioned the interested Beresford.

"How could I? Why, I dared not move to lose the focus I might not later regain."

The plans for proceeding to Dykeman's Gulch were talked over and Beresford pledged himself to the enterprise.

Two years previous he had left home and pretty Ethel Rayner to seek his fortune.

Just after his arrival at Cape Town he had come across a poor fever-stricken wretch, homeless, friendless. This was his present companion, or rather his pensioner, Vaclav Polski.

The young man had been a crack target performer with a show that had become stranded. He had been abandoned to his misery and poverty.

Polski was just recovering from his illness. His gratitude, his fidelity toward Beresford was touching.

Two weeks to a day after leaving the mines the little party of three arrived at Dykeman's Gulch. They camped in the valley.

It was shortly after eight o'clock when the moon, clearing a lofty ledge, cast its full radiance upon the face of the great steep bluff.

"It is there—see! look! I have not deceived you!" shouted the exultant expert, as way up the cliff there shot out a thousand rainbow-tinted threads of light.

"It we could only mark the spot," murmured Beresford.

Bang! Beresford turned, startled—bang! bang! bang! bang!—and so a dozen times. He viewed Polski standing with his repeating rifle directed forward.

"It is done!" cried the skilled marksman. "I have marked a circle directly about the focus of light."

"But the marks will not show in the daytime?" "Plainly," declared the ingenious fellow, "I shot chalk bullets."

And with the dawn the adventurers saw way up there aloft an unmistakable series of plain white marks, denoting the center of the diamond glow.

It was the intrepid Polski who insisted on being lowered over the cliff. It was he who brought aloft a dozen radiant gems by a freak of nature planted far out of ordinary human reach.

A fortune for each of the three adventurers lay in the precious jewels. "See," cried Brazzelton, as he held the largest of them in his fingers. "A king's ransom. Oh, it is the most beautiful thing in the world!"

"Except Ethel!" breathed Bruce Beresford fervently, "and Ethel means home, friends, happiness and love!"

And Vaclav Polski kissed the hand of his almoner and friend, tears of joy in his faithful eyes, and asked only to go back to civilization and hope with him.

CATTLE WANTED—I want 100 head of good grade Jersey Heifers, one, two and three years old. See me at once. SAM McCONATHY, Arcadia, La.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—I white cow with red speckled neck, and one yearling of same color. Yearling, crop and two splits in each ear, under bit in the right. Last seen between Lucky and Blume. Any information leading to the recovery of same will be appreciated. J. A. REIDHEIMER, Ashland, La. (3-16-21-pd)

COMMISSION SALE Mrs. Lillie Hicks Breedlove, et als. vs. Mrs. M. F. Miles, et als. No. 5027 Civil Docket Third District Court, Bienville Parish, La.

By virtue of a judgment emanating from the honorable Third District Court in and for the Parish of Bienville, and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered cause, bearing date of February 16th, 1922, I will offer for sale on

Saturday, April 8th, 1922 for the purpose of Partition, the following described property to wit: S1-2 of NW1-4, Sec. 32, Township 15, North Range 9 West.

This the 2nd day of March, 1922. J. E. CURRIE, Sheriff.

When a man gets a grouch or a prejudice tangled up with his system, it is simply impossible for him to act with good sense at all times.

Great Britain pays \$1,500,000,000 annual interest on its war debt. Who in the mischief gets all that money that the empire sweats blood for?

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The vacant lot small boys' league is not reported in the papers, but it will soon be busy and it will herald the coming of the amateurs, the bush leaguers, the minors and the majors. Don't forget that the beginning of baseball is on the vacant lots of the land, not on the fenced-in diamonds.

The census says there are 21,849,208 married men and 500,000 fewer married women. Here's where we are up a tree. Unless some of the ladies are caring for more than one husband, how does it happen that there are more married men than women?

During his residence in this country Trotzky must have acquired enough of an idea of American institutions to make him realize how much more benefit he could have conferred by organizing Rotary clubs instead of soviets.

The latest styles in men's coats have plaits under the arms to give athletic fellows freer use of those members. There ought to be a great call for them from motorists who drive with one hand free.

The new premier of France has just fired 150 stenographers. If girls fall to find new jobs that ought to make an awful slump in the chewing gum market.

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Sufficient Anyhow. "Is this good soup, waiter? I'm terribly fond of soup." "Yes, sir. Can I recommend it very highly, sir." "Well, bring me a couple of dollars' worth." —Kansas City Star.

Bagpipe's Music. The music of a bagpipe comes from three or four pipes. One of these is a primitive oboe with eight holes; the others called drones sound each one low continuous tones.

Charter No. 10049 Report of the Condition of the Reserve District No. 11

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT GIBSLAND, LOUISIANA

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MARCH 10th, 1922

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, U.S. Government securities owned, Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Demand deposits, etc.

TOTAL \$361,482.39

State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville: I, R. L. COLON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. L. COLON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of March, 1922. I. E. SUTTON, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: A. B. Hortman, M. G. Key, J. Egan Baker, Sr., Directors.

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