

Washington News Letter

President Wilson has returned to Washington from reviewing the U. S. fleet at New York. On the trip up the coast last Sunday the Presidential yacht Mayflower encountered heavy storms, and the President was the only passenger on board not overcome by sea sickness.

Hon. Levi P. Morton, formerly Governor of New York State, Member of Congress from New York, and Vice President during the Harrison administration, celebrated his ninety-first birthday at his home in this city this week. Mr. Morton received letters and telegrams of congratulations from friends through the country.

Amongst the many problems confronting the Department of Agriculture is the one of improving the conditions of women on the farms. The Department is making an earnest effort to devise ways of making life more pleasant for these women and relieving them of some of the drudgery which has heretofore fallen to their lot. For this work something over \$1,164,000 has been spent in giving demonstrations in cooking, sewing, household conveniences, organizing women's clubs to study home economic and canning clubs.

The United States profiting by the lessons learned from the present war, is going to branch out in aeronautics and, for a starter, has placed a contract for a dirigible which is to be delivered in four months. The contract was awarded to the Connecticut Aircraft Company, of New Haven, and the cost of the dirigible will be \$45,636.

The United States has sold to European countries, during the past six months 250,000 horses. Horses are now being exported at the rate of 35,000 a month yet, despite this fact, there has been very little rise in the price of horses.

The census bureau has just issued a preliminary bulletin on its report on the national wealth in 1912, in which the total wealth of the nation is placed at \$187,739,000,000. This gives a per capita amount of \$1,965. The State of Nevada shows the largest per capita wealth, it being \$4,865, with Iowa second and North Dakota third.

WHY BASEBALL MANAGERS LIKE FARM BOYS

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside, the National farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, Hugh S. Fullerton writes an exceedingly interesting article entitled, "Farm Boys in Baseball." He names a great number of such boys who have made good in the big leagues and tells why. In the following extract taken from his article he tells what a major-league manager said about farm boys as baseball players:

"The other day I inquired of a major-league manager what class of young men he wanted for his team. "Give me the farmer," he replied instantly. "The chances for his falling victim to the temptations of baseball are fewer. He may not be as well posted as to city ways, but in one season you cannot tell the difference. They come larger, stronger, live cleaner, and think more clearly than city boys do. Besides, the majority of them have the right idea in view. They want to get money to buy a farm."

"Twenty, yes, ten years ago the major league baseball teams were recruited almost entirely from the larger cities. Cincinnati led in production for years, then Boston, then St. Louis. A dozen years ago 50 per cent of the major-league players hailed from New England and from the Atlantic States. Now more than 60 per cent of all major-league players come from farms or from small villages, and the farms produce a greater number of good players than come from any other place.

"Rube" Waddell, "Rube" Marquard,

"Rube" Ellis, "Rube" Benton—a score of "Rubes" have shone in major-league baseball, and their nickname once was one of ridicule. Not now. Managers of major-league baseball teams are looking for "Rubes," and when they say "Rube" they mean, not the uncouth or the awkward recruit, but the clean-cut, clean-living boy from the farm."

UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER

Dr. L. D. Bristol, Director of the Public Health Laboratory, recently returned from a trip to Bismarck and Minot for the purpose of inspecting the Branch Laboratories at those points. He also read a paper before the annual meeting of the State Medical Association on "The Development and Present Status of the Public Health Laboratory of North Dakota."

On account of the 20 per cent cut in the appropriation for the Laboratory, and the fact that most of the materials used in the Laboratory have advanced in price on account of the war, it was first considered necessary to close the Branch Laboratories at Bismarck and Minot, but this step will be obviated by the above mentioned plan. A special bulleting is being prepared, including a fee table, for distribution to all physicians of the state, and to others who may be interested.

Walter Belyea, a sophomore at the University, has recently been appointed assistant observer in the Weather Bureau Station. He has just returned to the University after several days' special training at the Bismarck Station. The work of the Bureau Station is under the direction of Professor Howard E. Simpson.

President Henry Lawrence Southwick of Emerson College of Oratory in Boston gave a dramatic reading of "Twelfth Night" at the University, evening May 20. This was the sixth annual visit to the University. He came under the auspices of the Stock and Buskin Society.

THE YOUNG MAN AND THE YOUNG MAIDEN

Consider the young man. He goeth forth in the Morning and bloweth himself to Glad Raiment.

And the Pants thereof are two cubits from the Ground.

He wrapeth his ankles in sox that are white as the Lily and as near Silk as the Bazaars will sell for one quarter of a Shekel.

Behold the Shirt. It hath cuffs that are Soft and that Turneth Back.

And his Necktie Shrieketh lige unto a 42-centimeter Shell.

And his gloves are of the Skin of the Chamois. Yellow are the Gloves and the Stitching thereof is black.

And he is Some Kid.

He weareth a lid of Fuzz and the Boy thereof is cute and followeth on behind.

Yea, he looketh like one thousand chekels, but alas, all is not as it seemeth.

For, behold, he meeteth at the apothecary's a Maiden with Eyes like the Gazelle and with Lashes of Mid-night.

And the Maiden pretendeth that she hath but even now asked the Clerk of the Fountain to mix her a nut sundae. But she will suffer the young man to blow her off to one.

And behold, when the Sundae are gone the Way of all Things, the Young Man tippeth the clerk a Wink and passeth out graily with the Maiden.

And the Clerk is on. He knoweth that the Young Man is broke.

And will the Young Man slip the Clerk the Twenty Pence? Yea, Even so, as soon as his father's Pension Check arriveth.

Consider the Maiden, Lo, though the upon her feet Sandals that are low and Hose that are Silk.

And the neck of her gown existeth not. Yet she sweareth that she is as Warm as Toast.

She goeth forth into the Highways and she carrieth a Party Box.

And therein are many things wherewith to Kalsomine her Countenance.

Puffs there are and the skin of the Chamois and many pigments, white as the Lillies of Hebron and red as the Evening Skies over Jordan.

winds blow and chilleth, she weareth She maketh up where she listeth and careth not who observeth.

And though her lips become as Pomegranates, yet she denieth that there is any color in the stuff.

With gaze of reproof she telleth thee that it is as camphor ice and that it tinneth not.

And Behold! She putteth it over upon thee.

She goeth forth at night and she Tangoeth until the Dawn is on the Mountains and the Morning Breeze stirs the cedars, and she is not a bit tired.

But when her mother beggeth her to go up into the market place for a cubit of calico, Lo! She withereth upon the vine.

Wondrous are the ways of a Maiden.

—Ex.

IF SUCH THERE BE, GO, MARK HIM WELL!

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said "That editor has quite a head. I'm glad I take his paper. He's got a raft of grit and sand, he prints the news of all the land, he boosts the town to beat the band and that's the proper caper. He soaks the grafters in the neck, he saves the Ship of State from wreck, he's Johnnie on the spot, by heck, when things are in a jumble. He writes the ads that bring the dough, he chases all our gloom and woe, he tells us all we want to know—and yet he is quite humble. He never gets a bit stuck up, he's worked since Hector was a pup to earn his daily bite and sup and have a little over. I know we owe him many plunks, so let us shame the other skunks and furnish him with kale in chunks, wherewith to live in clover."

x E. F. McIntyre.

The economical housewife will be interested in the announcement of the Whole Wheat Milling Company, which appears on page three of this issue.

HOME EDUCATION

The world is full of theories about the relation of reading to a child's education. This is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. We have passed the age when parents thought all necessary education could be derived from test-books and teachers no matter how excellent these might be. The teacher has all she can do to teach the theory of reading.

A few years ago statistics said that seventy-five per cent of the children left school to begin their life work without any knowledge of how to distinguish good books from poor ones; without any definite idea of how to select a small library for their future homes, nor even an ideal that same day they would try to have one. Now, however, we are beginning to find the intelligent American mother anxious to have the best books, pictures and music right in the home circle—part and parcel, as it were, of the home furniture.

The following description of a mothers' meeting in a public school in Mount Vernon, New York, will be interesting and helpful on this subject:

The librarian for the children's books at the local library spoke briefly and urged the mothers to encourage their children to read the proper kinds of books. Miss Hunt, superintendent of children's department in the Brooklyn public library spoke on the need of children reading good books, as the early impressions of good books on the minds of the very young are very important. She called attention to the fact that there are, fortunately, many good children's books. There are a few universally recognized best books, she said: "When one considers the immense influence which the books a child has grown up with at home exert upon his taste and character it seems a pity to buy only a good book when doing this cuts off an opportunity of adding a best book to his store."

She then presented a list of books with which she believed that every child of twelve years should be familiar. In the list are included no books of science, history, biography art, "information books," in short. She said that the "literature of knowledge" is amply supplied in the public schools and public libraries of today. She continued: "Indeed, our children are deluged with facts." The home library should contain the books of power if we may be permitted to apply DeQuincey's phrase to these children's classics that have proven their power to influence the ideals of children.

The wise mother will begin with her child in his first year to cultivate a taste for the best literature. The fine old hymns, the jingling nursery rhymes, the beautiful pictures will interest and charm the very youngest. Then she should read to her child Bible stories, fairy tales and fables. Stevenson's child verses will be enjoyed at a surprisingly early age, while at four a child whose mother has read aloud to him a little each day, will take delight in many things things which we grade for fifth year pupils to read by themselves. If the old and beautiful custom of reading aloud to the children before bed time every night in the year could be reviewed in every American family its influence would be of inestimable good to the nation.

Miss Hunt came out strong against the comic supplement of the Sunday papers, and said that the humor

they presented was of the vulgar and the lowest kind and unfit for children to read. Many of the subjects show race, or taught race prejudices, disrespect for the parents, etc. C. M. WALZER.

EFFICIENT PUBLICITY

The idea is entertained by some of the older type of merchants that the good repute of their firm is spread from mouth to mouth in conversation, and that they do not need to advertise in the newspapers.

That condition may have prevailed many years ago when people had nothing else to do but gossip about their neighbors. In those times everyone discussed all of his home purchases with all his neighbors.

Today a man who depends upon conversation and gossip to spread the news of his store will not find that his place of business is much frequented. People do not exchange information about their domestic habits as they used to. You have little idea whether your neighbors buy their goods of Smith, Jones or Brown. The world is full of wide interests and the bargains one may find in a certain store are ordinarily known only to those who find them.

The newspaper is the only efficient means of acquainting the public with the business news of the town. For one person that will learn something about a given store by word or mouth, a hundred learn about it through newspaper notices.

The advertising columns of a newspaper are read just as attentively as any sensation that may appear in the news columns. The results of the two policies are obvious. In one case a merchant drags along, with only a small part of the community knowing anything about what is happening in his store. In the other case, practically everyone knows when that merchant has special bargains, and what can be done in his store at any given time.

Can there be the least question as to what kind of merchants get the business? New York—Lillian Pablick, age 12, has been arrested charged with committing 15 burglaries. A van load of furniture and other articles which it is alleged the child stole has been recovered from her home.

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