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Value Of Street Parking

A 16 FOOT paved roadway is ample in the country, and a 30 foot paved driveway is ample in the city except in business streets or streets with car tracks. It takes just as many square yards to cover a surface, and just so much money to pay for it.

The cost, however, is only one argument; there are many even stronger arguments for the 30 foot driveway. The park strip is much more attractive to the eye, bringing comfort to our own home people and causing favorable comment by strangers.

If the people who put up the money really consult their own interests, they will park their streets every time, and pave not wider than 30 to 34 feet.

Baseball and vacation both at the same time afford almost too much joy for a boy to stand.

The Lorimer case is not dead nor is it sleeping. Guilty or innocent of bribery, Lorimer has raised more of a hubbub in the senate than any man in a long time.

The newest Drednaught, the Wyoming, takes the place of a little dinky old monitor, which now bears the name Cheyenne, in honor of Wyoming's capital, but once represented the whole state on the water.

As traffic manager Reeves pointed out, yesterday, what El Paso needs is more hustling for business rather than changed freight rates. The El Paso rates are not so bad if the merchants will go after the business.

The bandit raids in Mexico need the attention of the new government and Mr. Madero and Mr. De La Barra may both do well to keep their eyes on this phase of the Mexican condition. Property must be safe in Mexico if the country is to prosper.

Summer resort advertisers, the average man thinks, ought to be curbed. Their advertising just naturally gives a person that itch for rest and recreation that can't be resisted; it will make a man shoot his bank account all to pieces quicker than anything in the world.

It is nice after the work is all done, to have a skyscraper for a next door neighbor, but it is terribly inconvenient when the work is going on, with donkey engines puffing smoke and screeching, dust flying, hammers and saws going and men shouting. It means progress, though, and we can afford to bear it.

Americans--And Others

AMERICANS habitually look down upon races and peoples whose language they do not speak or understand. This is a lamentable fact, but no less true because it is not flattering to our national intelligence.

"These are the heroes that despise the Dutch, And rail at newcomers foreigners so much. Forgetting that themselves are all derived From the most scoundrel race that ever lived; A horrid crowd of gambling thieves and drones, Who ransacked kingdoms and despoiled towns; The Piet and painted Briton, treacherous Scot, Norwegian pirates, buccaneering Danes, Whose red haired offspring everywhere remains."

"Commission government" is in danger of being made a fetish like the initiative, referendum, and recall, to be worshipped without understanding. No government can be any better than the people who make it. Americans are ruled by persons, not by systems.

Is Gen. Navarro a prisoner or is he not?

The El Paso school teachers have evidently been either well paid or very economical; they all have enough for the summer vacation.

And gas is cut another five cents. A cut in ice would be more appropriate just now, but if we can't have what we want, let's be thankful for what we get.

No wonder Madero is angry at the Socialists out in Lower California. One of their leaders has just declared that there is no distinction between Diar and Madero. Talk about your red flag before a bull. It's nothing.

Each mile of a valley railroad would add \$20,000 to market values of property adjacent to that mile. If property owners were willing to subscribe \$1 in order to make \$2 back within a couple of years in addition to the original \$1, a net profit of 200 percent on the investment--if property owners were willing to do this to benefit themselves directly, the valley railroad could be in operation by next Christmas.

Facility of transportation makes money for everybody. It is one of those ideal economic arrangements by which nobody loses and everybody gains. The truth is fundamental, and it applies not only to good roads and streets, railroads and telephones, but also to cheap postage and an efficient and practical parcels post. El Paso has everything to gain by a parcels post, nothing to lose.

UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

THE old man sits in his figtree's shade, and fills himself with pink lemonade, and he smokes his pipe as he glances o'er the thrilling facts of the baseball score. He has no grief and he has no care, and he just leans back in his rocking chair, and views the world with a cheerful smile, for his lander's full, and he has his pile. The plan he followed you will endorse! He used to work like a half-faced horse; he swung the ax and he plied the spade, and he knuckled down at the blacksmith's trade; wherever he worked, in the field or town, a part of his roubles he salted down. He saw the folly of spendthrift men, and took to the bank a large brass vein; they burned their money as though with fire; he took to the bank a big tin lire. And now he sits in his figtree's shade and eats ice cream with a wooden spade, and people smile as they look at him; he's fat and essey and full of vim. And where are the fellows who drew their wage, and blew it in, in that bygone age? Do they lean back in their rocking chairs, serene and happy and free from cares? Have they their figtrees and stuff to eat? Oh, ask the copper who walks your beat.

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Jim Bolton's Sacrifice The Herald's Daily Short Story

THE man was in a reminiscent mood--possessed by mental phase of a character which happily only a few experience. This had been the last day of his "ticket"; for the very last time had he paraded himself before the observing eyes of plain-clothes men, to be found in the chief's room on the same day in each month, when he had reported himself and his doings. The chief had smiled somewhat kindly at him as he blotted the first entry under the name of "James Bolton." "Now don't let's hear any more of you," he said, "clear out now and for good."

"Yes," said the chief, "I know you don't like me, but I earned it--and I feel it stronger than ever tonight to keep just as I am with you and Alf." "Alf seems to have more night duty than he used to," he said, as Milly cleared away the plates and knives and gave him his pipe from the mantelshelf.

"So he does," she answered, "but it's extra pay for him and you know how he gives me more money than many a son gives to a mother. But I don't think the company will expect him to do full work as well." Further discussion was cut short by the entrance of Alf himself. "Now, then, you two," he said breezily, "too late to join you a supper, I see, but I'll suit mine just the same. I've got to go on again at 12 tonight," he went on, as he reached over for the loaf.

"What have you got to do particular tonight?" asked his grandfather. "Oh, a bit of extra snuffing," said Alf; "I shall be back home again about four."

The next day was the periodical one for "bedroom cleaning" and, as usual, Jim's help was in demand for the moving of bedsteads and the heavier furniture. With Milly he had pulled Alf's bed from its customary position, and was painfully rubbing a shin which had been damaged by unexpected contact with an obtrusive box. He was alone for a few minutes while his daughter had the window and the door bell, and from his stooping posture noticed that the box lid was not quite closed down. The pain in his leg getting easier, he idly pulled the box towards him, and, raising the lid, looked down upon its contents.

For a full half minute he gazed without a movement; then a tear or two fell silently on what he saw. Hurriedly rising to his feet, he slipped silently to the door and listened. Milly was still talking to her customer, and, in a moment he was back at the open box and feverishly transferring its contents to the inner bag pocket of his old coat--a pocket which had held like things many times in the past. When Milly returned, the box was in its usual place, but for the remainder of the day he was noticeably silent and preoccupied.

"I'm going out a bit tonight, Milly," he said over the tea-table. "Alf's been out all day, you know," he added somewhat lamely in response to her mute look of surprise. "No," she answered, "only don't be late in. Very likely Alf'll be in for supper and out again, and it's lonely without one of you after the shop's shut."

"Oh, that's all right!" he replied. "Alf ain't no night duty tonight--he's said so, you know, this morning, but I shall be back home again. I shan't be late, don't you worry." Once in the lamp-lit street his mien changed, the simulated cheerfulness left him. "Lord help me to get rid of 'em some when and safe! How is it?" he asked victoriously. "How is it? Alf's doing what I did? It ain't my example--he knows nothing of what I've done and goes through. Milly would never tell him--how is it?"

With misgivings she vainly endeavored to stir Milly out of bed with the neglected supper table. Three times had she gone through the shuttered shop and had looked along the lamp-lit vista for some signs of her father or her son, and as many times returned to sit listening for the footfalls that should have been heard two hours ago. As the clock gradually worked round to the stroke of midnight, her uneasiness gave way to terror, and as she reached for her hat and shawl the distant shop door opened and quickly closed, and Alf came in--alone.

"For one brief moment, to her staring eyes, it was as if his dead father had come back to life, so old and haggard did he look. "Mother! Mother!" Even in her agitation she could see that his terror was born of something outside of what he was saying. "Grandfather's been caught in Prosser's alley by a policeman. He has a lot of burglar's tools on him, and he's locked up and won't explain."

If she had been suddenly stricken blind she could not have felt her way more hopelessly towards the sofa upon which she sank inert and tearless. "We heard about it in the goods yards just before I came off," he went on, "and I went round to see if it was true. And it is true. They let me speak to him, and the only thing he said over and over again was, 'Go home and comfort your mother!'"

"I'm afraid--afraid they'll come and search here," Cold sweat broke out upon Milly's forehead. "I shall have to--I must get a fresh handkerchief!" She noticed nothing of the sounds he made in his room above, she heard nothing of the dragging of a box across the floor, nor his terrified cry of astonishment.

"It's no use," the chief was saying to Davis, "it's no use getting advice to his sort. Every chance of retrieving his character, everything in his favor, living with his daughter, and helping in a nice little business, with a handsome wife's credit to anybody, he could have had a happy old age. And now what does he do?--sheer cussedness, I suppose--and gets another five years."

"Yes," said the other, "but other times when Jim's been up, he's fought tooth and nail in his own defence. Wonder what's come over him to make him refuse the lawyer the judge offered him free, and to make him plead 'guilty' so earnestly? He must be going soft in the head; it can't be his heart."

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Gatum Dam Is a World Wonder Closes Up Great Valley Completely

Upon the Stability of the Dams Depends the Future of the Panama Canal.

GATUN Canal Zone, Panama, May 26.--The integrity of the Panama canal will depend upon the stability of the dams that are to hold in check the billions of gallons of water in the great artificial lake through which about 32 of the 60 miles of channel will run at a level of 85 feet higher than the sea.

The water in this lake will be brought to the water level of the Chagres river, a natural supply, but if it were not for the dams, 35 miles of the big ditch would be high and dry. It will devolve upon the dam at Gatun to restrain the nearly 2,000,000,000 cubic feet of water in this lake, the surface of which will be more than 100,000 acres in extent. The shape of the lake may be likened to that of an irregularly outlined gridiron, the lattice representing the Culebra cut through the mountains, and the gr. the main body of the lake.

Interest in dam construction at Panama is as keen as at Gatun, because it is the largest dam in the world, and also because of the great controversy that was waged for so long as to whether or not it would be stable. The dam is half a mile wide and a mile and a half long. It closes up the Chagres valley completely, one end resting on a small mountain west of the Chagres river, and the other end abutting on the locks at the east side of the valley. About midway across the valley there is a minor ridge running parallel with the hills which wall the lowland. (This has been christened "Spillway Hill" by the engineers, and on its crest will be a spillway which will carry all surplus water from Gatun lake to the sea.)

The Gatun dam will not be as high as was originally planned. Two years ago the project was started by a report sent out by Panamanian lawyer journalist that the Gatun dam had given way, although there was then no dam there to give way. This report so stirred the country that President Roosevelt, by a commission of the best engineers in America to visit the isthmus and examine the work with the utmost thoroughness. The net result was a unanimous verdict that Gatun dam was being built wisely and that the needless precautions were being taken. The commission recommended that the dam be cut down from 135 feet height to 115 feet, and that the interlocking steel sheet piling which had been intended to drive into the foundation of the dam be omitted as an unnecessary precaution.

The result is that today the Gatun dam is a mile and a half long, 115 feet high, with a crest 19 feet wide, 400 feet thick at the water line, and 100 feet thick at the top. The water in the lake will have a normal level of 85 feet, so that the top of the dam will be 30 feet above the ordinary lake level.

An Erroneous Impression. The average conception of the Gatun dam as a high wall of mud, or as an artificial mountain with precipitous sides is entirely erroneous. Its slope is so gradual that it is hardly noticed in the landscape. Take a yardstick and raise the end three inches higher than the other, and the resulting slope will be considerably greater than the average of that of Gatun dam. Its slope is less than one-third of that of many of the surrounding hills.

The work of constructing the Gatun dam is proceeding with wonderful dispatch. It will contain some 20,000,000 cubic yards of material, and considerably more than half of that amount already is in position. During the fiscal year 1910, more than 5,000,000 yards of material were placed in the dam. Construction was begun by building two lines of stone retaining walls across the valley, 3200 feet apart. Between these two walls, which are technically called the "toes" of the dam, millions of cubic yards of sand and clay are being pumped to make the core of the dam. This is being done by huge, 20-inch centrifugal pumps. As the dam grows, the material it contains will remain on the dam.

Water-tight and Safe. In this way the engineers have a perpetual guarantee that the dam they are building is water-tight and safe. With vast quantities of water on top of the dam it is plain that if there are any fissures or other weak spots the water will seek them out and show them up. Here again the wisdom of the engineers has been vindicated--the material is more impervious to water than they presumed it should be. It becomes almost as hard as concrete and forms a core that water cannot get through. The natural cement held in suspension by the dried water tightens up every tiny space as a brick mason might close a hole in a wall. One end of Gatun dam is now considerably higher than half its final height and the other end is almost to the half way point.

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GEORGIANS PLAN OUTING SATURDAY Will Hold Picnic at Washington Park and Expect Good Time.

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LETTERS To the HERALD

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HIGH GRADE NEWSPAPER. Chicago, Ill., May 22, 1911. Editor El Paso Herald: Please find enclosed check for one year's subscription for your valuable paper. Your paper is certainly a valuable asset to El Paso and the southwest, as it gives the news, and that is what we want up here. Respectfully yours, Milton Pence, Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry.

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