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Story About Raising a Boy

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, a boy was born and they named him Willie. It is not being cultured or fashionable and it being detrimental to the wearing of corsets and participation in social functions, this boy's mother did not nurse him but he was put on the bottle. Fortunately, a learned scientist had discovered how to pasteurize milk, so that the boy did pretty well on most any old cow's milk.

Observations

Steamship company plans to have motion pictures of its passengers and scenes on shipboard taken during each outward voyage from New York and shown to the travelers on the return trip. See where spooning isn't popular on that line?

A drop of coffee, spilled on a plain postal card, was the origin of the picture postal idea which has spread to every clime. All the jam, egg and gravy we ever spilled on Ma's best tablecloth never made 'em introduce decorated dinner-table coverings.

Housewives in France marched on the market men and prices of butter and eggs fell. Onward, women! onward!

Kruttschnitt of the Harriman system says his duty to the public forbids his recognizing that labor federation. Krutts is the first Southern Pacific man to discover a Southern Pacific duty due the public, anyhow.

Tom Lawson convicted of raffling off a horse at a fair? A wful tumble for frenzied finance!

Kansas farmers, contesting railroad right of way, planted forest of signs "Dynamite Buried Here" all over the ground to frighten away the graders. And no one had sufficient sense of humor to realize that it was all a plant. Get the hose, somebody, quick!

Now novelist Gertrude Atterton says: "I would rather live in a cave with no solace save paper and pens than be married to one of your American business men."

"Model costumes," says Fashions, "show tunics that button over at one side." Pass 'em this way! Nobody out here's showing us anything that don't button over at both sides, and these evenings with a buttonhook in each hand are sure making life a thing to be despised.

Your clothes cost you half as much again as a soldier has to pay for his, and he has good ones, too. His overcoat costs him only \$15.

Su, Tsai-Teo, Hsun, Na-Tung, Pu-Lun, Tun-Yun, and Shih-Chang compose China's first cabinet. Each is selected for having done something for his country instead of to it. But the Chinese are great at doing things the opposite of our way.

Miss Dora Stock, beauty-specialist, averaged \$695 per week from treatments and \$320 from sales of face dopes in New York city. Ugliness and vanity seem to be raging in little old N. Y.

Dr. Salim Dick hunched along in a N. Y. subway car to make room for a woman, whereupon the woman "other side of him took him for a masher and punched his nose. 'Tis ever thus, fellers! Don't hunch, and they say you are a seat hog. Hunch, and in goes your nose. Isn't it awful, Alger-

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY.

Eighty years old tomorrow is William A. Peffer, former Populist senator from Kansas, and who was insuring out there in the tall grass when most of the rest of us were still clinging to the belief that the G. O. P. was responsible for the sunshine in all except those cases where he thought the democratic platform regulated the annual fall of rain. In those days it was rich sport to make fun of the senator's long beard.

PAROLED TO PREVENT ESCAPE JACKSON, Mich., Sept. 9.—James E. Cushman, serving a 30-year sentence in Marquette prison for robbery, will be paroled by the pardon board today, after having escaped five times. Cushman, who it just past 30 years old, is the smoothest man ever locked behind the bars, according to prison authorities. They said they knew he could escape from Jackson prison at any time if he cared to, and for that reason he was transferred to Marquette last December. Cushman never injured an officer in his escapes, and always managed to get away by means of some clever scheme. On one escape he donned the garb of a guard and walked past an officer, who saluted him as such. Another time he placed himself in a box and was shipped out of the prison.

THEY ALL FALL FOR IT.

A series of six comic panels showing a man in an office interacting with various people. Panel 1: A man sits at a desk while another says 'THERE IS A GENTLEMAN IN THE HALL TO SEE YOU SIR.' Panel 2: A man enters saying 'I'M HERE WITH THIS SAME OLD BILL AND YOU'LL EITHER PAY IT TODAY OR—I'LL—' Panel 3: A man says 'WELL SIR DO YOU KNOW THAT I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THIS LITTLE BILL. YOU SEE IT'S ONLY \$88.22 SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT.' Panel 4: A man says 'IF I PAY THIS, I WANT YOU TO GET THE COMMISSION FOR COLLECTING IT, SEE? NOW I'M A LITTLE SHORT TODAY BUT WILL FIX IT UP ON THE 15TH SURE.' Panel 5: A man says 'NOW YOU JUST DROP IN ON THE 15TH. I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU ALL THIS TROUBLE. I DON'T LIKE TO LET THESE LITTLE BILLS RUN THIS WAY.' Panel 6: A man says 'DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT GUY HAS BEEN KIDDING ME?' A sign on the door says 'OFFICE'.

MOST ANYTHING

How we wish we could throw the winter's coal bill into the fire as freely as we have the discarded ice card. "My ancestors, I'm proud to state, Were men of high degree; Of lofty aspirations they, Who climbed consistently Up round by round until they reached The pinnacle of fame." Thus spoke 400's favorite, Miss Gotrox was her name. I did not laugh because I had Designs upon her wed, But well I know, whenever they climbed, They carried up a hod. The cotton crop for 1911 is figured at 12,120,095 bales. Miss Pearl B. Gosnell of Everett, Mass., will travel 15,000 miles to Baroda, India, to marry Rev. Royal B. Bisbee, a missionary. School days, school days, Bum old limber rule days; Readin' and writin' and 'rith-motic— Wouldn't they make any youngster sick? If it wasn't for football I would run Away from home a son of a gun, For going to school ain't a bit of fun— And that's not a bit of a kid. If a lady smokes why shouldn't she call her case a cigaretteule?

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

Two comic panels. Panel 1: A man in a top hat says 'LET'S HANG IT ON DAT GUY!' Panel 2: A man is being pulled back by a sign that says 'PLEASE NICK ME'.

Have Mercy, if not Sense

Estimated value Alaska coal, fifteen billion dollars. "Worth getting," think the Guggenheims. "Worth saving," think the American people—or ought to. Why, that coal pile would make fifteen Rockefeller fortunes! Really, fellow citizens, would you deliberately pile fifteen more Rockefellers on the backs of your children? Can't you have some mercy for the babies?

E. S. MARTIN, humorist, says that church unity may still be hanging back, but we're pretty strong on plumbing. He recently saw a house built for a man and his wife, which had 20 bath rooms. What's the answer?

Story about Science

You've read about these college and other scientific sharps producing life, haven't you? The idea is that if a fellow can create a crawfish, or a sea-urchin, or a hen's egg that'll produce roosters, there is no God and we are descended from jellyfish, mudturtles and things like that.

Well, the professors at France's chief zoological station claim that at last they've got us. Profs. E. Bataillon and M. Henneguy took a thousand unfertilized (?) eggs from a female frog, placed them in warm sterilized water and carefully pricked each with a tiny needle. Behold! a hundred and twenty of the eggs soon hatched into tadpoles. Three of these lived long enough to develop legs, and one became a complete frog.

It would be almighty wonderful if by a simple mechanic stimulus, like a needle's puncture, we could fertilize the ovum of a vertebrate. Creating a hybrid between a hatpin and a frog would be going some. One could picture that rare and costly delicacy, fried frogs legs, on every man's table, or progress in this direction might eventuate in a fellow's running out, scientifically driving a spike into the family cow and getting a neat cut of veal tenderloin. But before we give up our belief in a Creator and celebrate with those French professors, we're bound to demand affidavits from them showing the entire social career of that lady frog.

OTIS SKINNER is coming out in a play "Kismet", which has a harem scene. Press agent overlooked a bet by not announcing how many hundred actors applied for the job.

Winnie Peg is Jealous Of Minnie Apolis

A comic strip showing two girls, Winnie Peg and Minnie Apolis, talking. Minnie says 'COME ON OVER' and Winnie Peg replies 'I DON'T WANT TO PLAY IN YOUR YARD'. A sign in the background says 'BACK FENCE'.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 9.—Opinion is a primary market for export wheat. Under reciprocity with the United States is augmented that its grain trade may be swallowed up by Minneapolis.

In the Editor's Mail

Everybody in Pierce county reads this column. Short letters from Times readers, of general interest and without personal malice, will be printed. Write about anything or anybody you wish, but do not have malice as your motive. Many letters are not printed because they are too long. Keep 'em short.

The Times Editor: man Correl keep a light auto for his own use to ride to and from the city light department, when Commissioner Weeks can let Line-expense. I. OLSON.

The Recall Is Simple Common Sense

BY JUDGE R. M. WANAMAKER (Ohio is in the midst of a battle over the selection of delegates for a constitutional convention. Progressives of all parties are lined up to fight for an up-to-date constitution providing for the initiative, the referendum and the recall. All the standpat leaders of the state, backed by the big money interests, are fighting to secure a new constitution as reactionary as may be. Judge Wanamaker, who writes this article, is one of the leaders on the progressive side.—Editor.)

The rights named in the Declaration of Independence are purely personal—"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Neither the word "property" nor the word "corporation" is mentioned. For half a century the J. P. Morgans and their kind have sought to insert these words "property" and "corporation," not to an equal but to a supreme place in our fundamental law.

And this is the contest of today. There has been recognized the right to petition—which is not obligatory upon the officers addressed; the right to impeach—which is a recall—but which is uncertain, technical and rarely effective, and the right to investigate, which is really no remedy and has degenerated into "whitewash".

That these ways are wholly inadequate is shown by constant scandal that attaches to the public service. An officer can betray his trust and be reasonably safe from punishment. Hence the need of a recall in a more direct and effective form than by impeachment. Suppose you were trying to sell stock in a corporation and it was known that every foreman, manager, officer and director was to serve a definite term of service no matter how inefficient, incompetent, corrupt or unfaithful he might be, would anybody invest money in it? It is said that the recall will make public officers play to "the frenzy of the mob," but this can be no more true of a recall election than of an election in the first instance.

It is said that the people will make mistakes in the recall—will recall good men. Probably they will, and the greater the probability is the greater the chance that they will make mistakes in electing their officers in the first place. But the same people will be less liable to make a mistake in a recall election where they are considering a man on the record he has made than they will in originally electing him. In private business does not the employer act on surer knowledge when he promotes or discharges a man who has worked for him and whose fitness for his job has been tested than he does when he hires the man—often "on trial"—in the first place?

Let us remember that a man is still a man whether he sit in congress, on the bench, or in a gorgeous chair, and that he is an employee. But many who agree that the recall would be good as applied to law-makers and executive officers, hesitate when it is proposed to apply it to judges. I am a judge myself, sitting on a bench in an Ohio court, and in my next article I will consider the matter of the recall of judges.

(In his next article Judge Wanamaker will discuss the Recall of Judges in the Times.)

State News

State inspectors says Asotin county is out \$3,784 because of poor bookkeeping by the county treasurer.

One thousand hoppers are at work in the Klaber yard in Lewis county.

South Bend city council has let a contract for the first street paving in town.

J. C. Pearce, colored, is in jail at Olympia charged with running a gambling den at Rochester.

Out of 160 who took examinations to be admitted to practice medicine in the state last year 104 passed and got licenses.

Pacific county peeled and shipped out 125 tons of cascara bark this year, netting the peelers \$6.40 a hundredweight or \$16,000 for the crop.

Tacoma's troop B is highly commended and the whole national guard reported in fine shape by the report of Major J. H. Wholley filed with the governor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Sept. 9, 1863, a military court of inquiry sat at Atlanta, Ga., to inquire into the conduct—or misconduct—of such inquiries usually are pursued by the defeated party—of the campaign in Mississippi and notably the fall of Vicksburg. Before anyone was really satisfied as to what caused Vicksburg to fall Atlanta was also a little shaky.

GET WESTERN REFEREE.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Jack Welch will referee the Wolfgang-McFarland bout at Milwaukee September 15, leaving tomorrow. This is the first time that the eastern promoters have sent for a California referee.

STANDPAT NEWS.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WALLACE, Ida., Sept. 9.—"Yes, I shall be back of the republican nominee for president in 1912 whether he is a standpatter or an insurgent," said U. S. Senator Heyburn of Idaho today.

Who Influenced Pilate?

BY WILLIAM REEDY Editor St. Louis Mirror Lynch law, we are told, is an example of what we would have under the initiative and with judges subject to the recall, and as for the referendum, why, that is exemplified in "Give us Barabbas!" and Christ to the cross in Jerusalem of old.

The analogy is not good. The first example is a case of instantaneous, immediate overwhelming passion. It involves nothing like a deliberate formulation of charges, weeks or months of discussion and finally a formal vote. Would any community deliberately vote a lynching? Never. As for the crucifixion of Christ, that was no referendum to deliberate popular judgment. Pilate threw Him to a mob inflamed against Him by the scribes and pharisees and priests—the ruling class. The people who had followed Christ were driven away by the soldiers. Judas was in the pay of the ruling class. The people proper were not consulted. Pilate was scared into giving Christ over to the executioners by those WHO THREATENED HIM AT ROME.

The initiative, the referendum and the recall are sane, orderly, limited and defined processes of deliberate popular action and their operation would be no more mob-like than any other election to which we are now accustomed.

"Go to War or Be Drafted Like Jury" Says Gen. Evans

GEN. EVANS' HUNCH Secure recruits through existing machinery for empanelling juries of the U. S. courts, leaving punishment of citizens refusing service in time of war to civil rather than military authority. Enlist men in regular army for seven instead of three years—two or three years to be spent "with the colors" and four in "reserve," engaged in civil pursuits but subject to call in time of war.



GEN. R. K. EVANS.

ARMY EXPERT HAS BRAND-NEW IDEA FOR GETTING TROOPS IN TIME OF WAR.

CAMP PERRY, O., Sept. 9.—"We would be horror stricken at the idea of sending our fellow citizens into battle in ships which were unseaworthy," says Brigadier-General R. K. Evans, "yet we do worse to those who may offer their services on land."

Gen. Evans has a scheme for insuring the United States effective organizations in time of war. It is a "national enlistment act." It provides that, in times of peace, when any section of the country fails to furnish its proportion of soldiers the fact shall be published and local pride left to do the rest. For a state of war it provides a similar publication followed by the "empannelment" of the re-

quired number of men by the United States marshal.

KILL BLACKBIRDS.

IOLA, Kan., Sept. 9.—Many flocks of blackbirds making their roost in the trees in Courthouse park have become such a nuisance that Samuel Crumly, custodian of the county building, invited the hunters of the city tonight to turn out and participate in a general slaughter. The birds are so thick that the branches of the trees are black with them, and their twittering can be heard for blocks around.

The Careful Mother Should Have the CHILDREN'S TEETH examined and put in thorough repair before school begins again. NOW IS THE TIME. Gold Fillings \$1.00 up Plates as low as \$5.00 Platinum Fillings \$1.00 Gold Crowns, 22k \$5.00 Best Bridgework \$5.00 Painless Extraction \$5.00 Gas Administered. Lady Attendant. All Examinations done ABSOLUTELY FREE. We guarantee all our work 12 years, and you PAY AS YOU CAN. CHICAGO DENTISTS 1124 1/2 Pacific ave., Opp. 12th. Phones: M. 2918; A 1464. OPEN EVENINGS OPEN SUNDAYS 9 to 12 m.