as being run on lines of efficiency. Idle words! If the auditor didn't run his office on lines of efficiency, he never could get all his work done in time to get home Sunday evenings—with all the new stuff which is piled onto the auditor with each session of the legislature. The fish licenses were kept to suit the bureau, but no statement is made as to how many fish the county has to offer to purchasers of fish licenses, and whether the licenses are worth anywhere near face value. The receipts of the office were $25,463, most of which the county don't get. It goes to the state, which needs the money worse than we do.

The superintendent's office is reported in the "same satisfactory condition," which indicates that our efficient county superintendent stands O. K. with the bureau, even though some of the school districts do not.

The clerk catches thunder for the way his books are kept. The trust fund was handled in an unsatisfactory manner, ledger entries were not made in some cases, and in other cases the money was disbursed without ledger entry—according to the report. This office costs $1000 a year more under the present clerk than under the former clerk, with the same amount of business done. The clerk is sure in bad with the bureau, and a box of candy should be forthcoming.

The sheriff's office gets a good commendation for bookkeeping and for saving money—and for turning his fees over to the county treasurer, which seems to be a highly important point in the viewpoint of the bureau. Evidently some counties have their sheriff turn the fees over to the dog catcher, or invest them in mining stock, otherwise this notation would not have been necessary in the report. We should be highly gratified that the former sheriff did religiously turn the fees over to the treasurer according to law, instead of buying second-hand automobiles with them, and in this respect probably the report is worth something. The fees totaled $1,259, which would have bought two new Fords and a kerosene starter for one of them. It wouldn't have paved Main street, but the sheriff might have painted the jail, and put in some rocking chairs so as to make it a first-class stopping place for tourists. The present sheriff says trade is awfully run down.

The rest of the officers are not mentioned. This is the fault of the legislature, as no bureau report is required on other offices. It is most unfair. The assessor and the engineer and the coroner have their troubles, just like real human beings, and like to see their names in print just as well as their more favored fellow office holders. But they are cut clean off at the pockets so far as commendation, recrimination, or even a mention that they "also ran." But such is life with an office holder. The janitor, by keeping the building warm in winter, has considerable to do with the "efficiency in office" of all our officials, and his name isn't shown in the report, or even on the wrapper.

There was snow in the courtyard when the audit was made, otherwise it might have been noted that there were faint signs of a return of the dandelion to the stately grounds which surround the county's executive mansion. Now, in the springtime, when the bureau sharks are not here to take notice, the soft winds from the neighboring livery barn are sifting soothingly through the silver boughs of the aboreal frieze, and the officials whose names appear regularly in these annual reports are laboring to accomplish another year's work which may be written up by next year's bureau for the descendants unto the fourth generation to ponder. The lack of space in which to work, the high cost of gasoline, and the shrinkage in the usual size of cigars are things of perplexity to office holders, but of which the bureau wots not. (When the bureau wots not, it means that they do not wot.) Thanks be that while the bureau shows up every year, elections only come half as often.

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BEAUTIFUL SCENERY FOUND ON SPOKANE RESERVATION

By a Recent Visitor

For primeval beauty the Spokane Indian reservation might well be chosen to head the list of natural parks in the state of Washington. In one sense it might be termed unfortunate that it was not diverted to national park purposes incidentally, and in particular continued the home of the Aborigine. But the fates have decreed it otherwise. The government has opened the reservation after allotting to the Indian his quota of land in parcels of 80 acres, more or less; and then a limited area was declared for public occupation. The country is a beauty-spot, all will agree, but in this day when commerce sways the rod of empire, the tendency is strongly against the possibility of this splendid little country remaining for long on the frontier.

The beauty of the Spokane reservation lies in the forest-covered hills sweeping gradually from the Chamokane river on the east, the Spokane river on the south and the Columbia on the west, back to the foot of the great Huckleberry range which traverses almost the length of Stevens county and terminates here in a spread of wild but fertile plateau country — hills covered with giant pines, fir and tamarack which when cleared will prove a never ending source of agricultural wealth, supporting all its dependent activities.

The lure of commerce has brought this region into prominence and an era of progress and prosperity is in the very air. The government has adjusted the sale of millions of feet of standing timber here and the Deer Park Lumber company has closed a contract for pine at $2.75 and fir at $1.25 per thousand with a pledge to remove five million feet before February 1, 1920, and twenty million feet per year thereafter until 250 million feet of timber have been removed; one proviso in the contract, it is said, is that there shall be a readjustment of prices every three years, the new scale to be an increase of the previous price of the timber in the stump.

To accommodate the development of the timber industry, a railroad is being built from Ford, ten miles to the heart of the forest region and activities will be the first order in the removal of the timber in the log in car loads to the central plant at Deer Park. One of the most noticeable features of the logging is the cutting of the stumps flush with the ground, so the plow and harvest machinery may proceed with little or no surfgace obstruction. When cleared these lands will equal the famed wheat fields of the Palouse and the Camas prairie counties in Idaho, in point of fertility, in the growing of grain.

There is abundant room for the dairyman and the horticulturalist, and where irrigation may prove a help there is water to meet all requirements.

Already some of the finest school buildings in the state, with modern scientific equipment and libraries, are to be found on the reservation. At Wellpinit the government maintains an agency and a school for the Indian children, and polic forestry and fire systems are maintained from this point, which are noted for the highest efficiency of service. A few white citizens were accommodated by the limited tract of lands which were opened for general settlement by civilians, who were confined to this particular area, but as the Indians secure their patents in fee for their lands and assume full citizenship, many of them sell their lands and by this means whites are being indiscriminately distributed to all parts of the reservation.

The town of Ford is going to be an active trade center, situated as it is, accessible to all of the eastern slope of the reserve. It takes its name, we are told, not from the automobile manufacturer of that name, but from the fact that the Chamokane river was, at the time of the establishment of the town, crossed there by a ford. It is also worthy of note that within a half mile of the postoffice the first settlement in northern Washington by white Americans was established and a mission built by the missionaries, Eells and Walker, and the name of Walker's prairie given to the locality.

The immediate need of the reservation country is a rural free postal delivery system. The western part of the reservation is accommodated by trade and postal conveniences from Davenport. The trade from the agency section at Wellpinit gravitates to Reardan from whence the mail is carried three times a week, and the more populous country on the east end in the Chamokane valley finds an outlet to Ford by a fine road system to which some improvements might be made in surfacing. The natural outlet is to Ford and a well directed effort by Stevens county people might well be made to clear the way for the trade to come to a Stevens county center, and thereby imperishably stamp the impression on the map that the Spokane reservation is truly in Stevens county together with all of the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

But He Knew Most of 'Em.

Mr. Upp-Towne—I saw you coming out of the employment agency.

Mr. Downe-Towne—Yep, been hiring a new cook.

Mr. Upp-Towne—Finally decided to recognize the Cooks' Union, eh?

Mr. Downe-Towne—Not entirely, old chap. There are still a few strange faces.

POOR CAT

Mrs. Newwed—While I was out this afternoon a cat got in and ate everything in the pantry but that cake I baked yesterday.

Mr. Newwed—I always claimed that the cat was one of the wisest of animals.

Away With Him!

I do not care for Ezra Grimm,
I much dislike his knocking ways.
No man, it seems, is known to him
For whom he has a word of praise.

Identified.

"Did you meet that fellow I mentioned to you while you were in North Dakota?"

"What kind of looking fellow was he?"

"He was a Swedish-looking chap, and had light hair."

Not Sure of His Spelling.

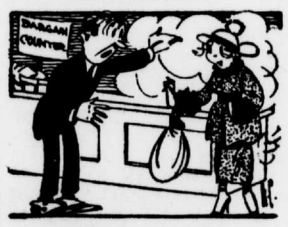
"There is no doubt that you are entitled to call yourself a connoisseur in art."

"I might call myself one," rejoined Mr. Cumrox. "But I wouldn't like to take a chance on putting it in writing."

Start of a "Reel" Scrap.

First Director—"How did you get those actors to put up such a realistic fight?"

Second Director—"I told each one on the quiet that the other considered him a punk scrapper."



RULING PASSION.

Floor Walker—Hurry out, Madam. The store's afire.

Mrs. Bargain—Oh, is it? Then I'll just wait for the fire sale.

A Fear.

If earth were peaceful and polite
And all serenely gay,
Some pugilist would start a fight
To pass the time away.

His Status.

"What do you think they did to my Willie at the hospital, ma'am? They cut out all his asteroids."

"Then I suppose he is now their star patient."

Explained.

The man you see going yonder is a man of low life and dark deeds."

"Is he a crook?"

"No; he cleans cellars and shovels coal for a living."

His Job.

"What position do you occupy in the matrimonial firm? Manager?"

"No; she's that. I was the cash boy, but since the baby came I am only the floorwalker."

Appropriate Attack.

"Sure, your honor, and if I did go for the Chinese laundryman, it was all in the way of his own business."

"How was that?"

"I soaked him."

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HAS GOOD WORD FOR SNAKE

New Yorker Points Out How Unpopular Reptile Aids the Farmer in Growing Crops.

The pretensions of the snake, as a domestic animal of great value, were advanced by Allen B. Williams, president of the Reptile Society of America, at New York.

The society, of which Mr. Williams is the head, middle and end, has undertaken a campaign of education on behalf of the snake, claiming that as a destroyer of rodents and other small pests on the farm he is the friend and benefactor of man. For the poison-bearing snakes Mr. Williams holds no brief and concedes the necessity for their obliteration from the earth; but of the nonpoisonous ones he had this to say at the banquet while you could have heard a pin drop:

"To the lay mind, the idea of the black or the garter or any one of a thousand varieties of harmless snakes being of any service to mankind may appear preposterous and unworthy of discussion. But the facts are otherwise. The snake has a very important bearing on the question of food production, a matter which, even since the signing of the armistice, grows more important daily. The snake is the great small-pest destroyer of the American farm. Every person who kills a nonpoisonous snake might just as well destroy one hundred times the snake's weight in wheat."

Mr. Williams proposes that the value of the snake be taught hereafter in the farm schools and agricultural colleges and says he intends to become the editor of a publication devoted to snake conservation and culture. He advocated the introduction of a small snake or two into every household in the land, saying that the snake, contrary to popular belief, made an ideal household pet, and in the course of every year represented many times over a saving of his weight in mousetraps.

BETTER THAN ELECTRIC FAN

Punkah System Said to Have Advantages Not Possessed by Its More Modern Competitor.

Electric current for fans is not generally available in Aden, Arabia, and the old-fashioned punkah system is the only relief from the almost unbearable heat and closeness of the atmosphere which prevails at certain seasons of the year. A punkah is a large ceiling fan operated by a coolie, who pulls a rope attached to it. This rope generally passes over a small pulley through a hole in the wall, so that the coolie may work unseen by those in the room to be ventilated.

Often a series of fans is operated by one coolie, this system prevailing in hotels, clubs and other places where there is a large space to be cooled. The actual cooling effect is usually considered more satisfactory than that of an electrically operated fan in the respect that the air currents are more gentle and much more evenly distributed.

A punkah walla, as the coolie who operates it is called, receives in Aden an average wage of $3.50 a month for working from eight to nine hours a day. However, during the hot season, when it is desirable to have the punkah in operation night and day, a force of three punkah wallas, working eight hours each, is necessary.

Pioneer in Her Profession.

The first woman physician in the United States was Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who received the degree of M. D. at Geneva, N. Y., 70 years ago. Miss Blackwell was a native of Bristol, England, but came to the United States in her youth. When she was 21 she determined to become a physician, but her application for admission was refused by nearly all of the leading medical colleges of the United States and Canada. A little medical college in Geneva, however, accepted her, and she became one of the most brilliant students of the institution. She suffered, however, from social ostracism in the town, as the Geneva hostesses regarded her either as insane or wicked. Miss Blackwell, after finishing her course, attended medical colleges in Europe and practiced in several continental hospitals. She then returned to New York, where she opened an infirmary for women and children and organized a woman's medical college.

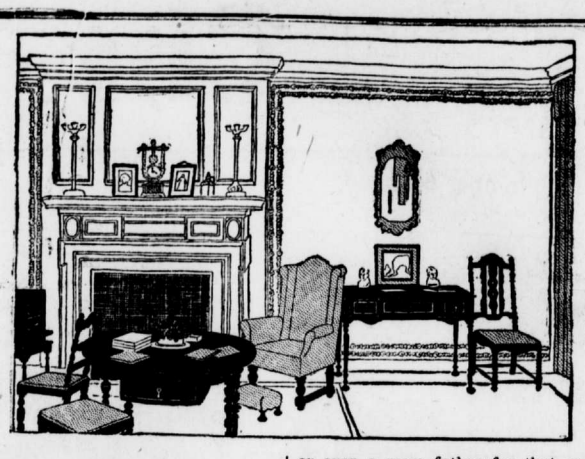
Cards in War Service.

Having helped many a soldier through weary hours in trench and hospital, playing cards are now being pressed into active war service, says the London Chronicle. You may have noticed the new and neat little cloth badges on the sleeve of our men from the front, but possibly have failed to understand the designs. They are nothing but the familiar club, spade, heart and diamond of the playing card. Under the new scheme regiments are divided into packs, each company having its own symbol in a certain color to serve as an identification mark, all other badges being removed before going over the top.

Three Kinds of Stones.

This happened near Bedford and in the county which sends away such beautiful limestone. The teacher was giving a geography lesson. She began with shale, told of the way in which it was obtained, of its uses and showed a piece to the children. "Name several different kinds of stone, Fred," she said.

Fred rose with alacrity. "Whetstones, grindstones and tombstones," he answered.—Indianapolis News.



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What of the families who "put off decorating until after the war"?

Surely some one has told you by now that the war is over, and you can loosen up a little and clean up the old shack without endangering the success of the American army!

And what of the army? A couple of million of the finest boys in the world are coming "home," God bless 'em. If you are a mother or a wife or even a mere father for that matter—though fathers apparently are not expected to have feelings — and you had a boy coming back from the shadow of death, will you hang the house with crape? Not by a darn sight! You will want to doll it up with all the brightness and gladness and cheer you can, to express the song of joy and welcome that is singing in your heart.

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