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DON'T DELAY PROPOSITION

It is hoped that the city clerk is keeping busy with canvass of the names on the petition for the commission election. The council turned the petition over to him for investigation.

According to a decision of the state supreme court, all qualified voters may sign such a petition, whether they have registered or not. In all probability it will be found that the majority of the signers have registered, but there also probably will be a number of names of voters who have not registered. It will be hard to check these up, but it must be done or a big dispute will arise. Those who are fighting the adoption of the commission form of government in Spokane do not propose to have it defeated, and it is high time to push the campaign through to a finish.

There now seems to be a very great sentiment in favor of the proposition, and any unnecessary delay should be avoided.

CIVILIZED CHINA

Yes, China is awakening. American money and American "big interests" are seeing to it that "heathen Chinese" becomes past tense.



The United States department of commerce and labor, in one of its weekly reports on trade conditions in foreign lands, refers to the cotton industry in China.

American machinery, the product of American brains and ingenuity, has been installed in the Chinese cotton mills, and there, as here, when the fine machinery went in there was a call for the little children—the tiny maids that are so useful and so cheap in American factories.

Little tots, seemingly just from the cradle, are working day and night shifts in the Americanized cotton mills of Shanghai. Whole families toil from morning to night, and as many from sunset to sunrise, for from 4 cents a day for the babies to 20 cents for the older hands.

So long as China allowed her little children to run naked and free of care or worry, China was dark, VERY DARK.

But now when she wraps her little boys and girls in a yard or two of cotton cloth and bundles them off to the mill for 4 cents per, she begins to take her place by the side of civilized nations.

It's a pity that America did not have some highly perfected child labor laws to send along with the American machinery that went to Shanghai.

PENCIL POINTS

Ambassador Kerens, at Vienna, is proving that American millionaires are great diplomats—in spending money. He has built a Rothschild palace, and is living like a prince. Probably Austrians think that is the usual American style.

What's the matter with the Spokane base ball team now? Aren't they "all right" this week? Makes you feel better to see 'em "cop" a few, doesn't it?

The canal theory of Mars is opposed by the Swedish savant, Arrhenius, who thinks that the phenomena observed are huge clefts in the surface of the planet.

A lot of June bridegrooms-elect are feeling a trifle nervous now.

Teasing baby to make it laugh is a crying shame.

When you don't know what to eat—eat nothing.

LIVE STOCK AND THE DRAMA



Rooster: I see there's a play full of chickens. They call it "Chantecler."

Donkey: That's nothing—what would "Uncle Tom's Cabin" be without Marks the lawyer and a Jackass?

OH! AH! INDEED!

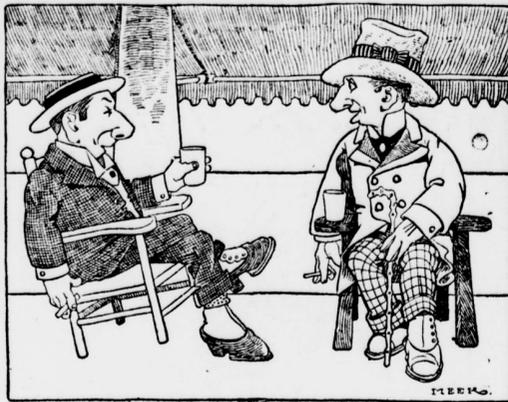
"His wife earns her own pin money." "How?" "By selling pies." "But would you call that pin money?" "Sure. She earns it with a rolling pin."

DICKENS IN WASHINGTON

HE, TOO, SAW THE BETRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.

"Did I see among them (the representatives of the people) the America? Here and there werewere, honest, patriotic heart of intelligence and refinement, the t drops of its blood and life, but they scarcely colored the stream of desperate adventurers which sets that way for profit and for pay. It is the game of these men to make strife of politics so fierce and brutal, and so destructive of all self-respect in worthy men, that sensitive and delicate-minded persons shall be kept aloof, and they, such as they be, left to battle out their selfish views unchecked. And thus this lowest of all scrambling fights goes on; and they who in other countries would, from their intelligence and station, most aspire to make the laws, do here recoil farthest from that degradation."—Dickens in "American Notes," written after his tour of the United States in 1842.

BEASTLY CLEVAH, HAW, HAW!



"I say, Reginald, old top, dawn't drink so fastw." "Nevch fear, old chapple—this is sloe gin."

TWO-MINUTE VAUDEVILLE

BY FRED SCHAEFER.

THUD: Were you born in this country? SLAP: Me Naw. I was born near the Seine. My mother was a Finn and my father was a card shark who escaped from the Hook of Holland.

THUD: I see, you're a fish. How did you ever get over here—swim over?

SLAP: Naw. I came over in the storage.

THUD: You mean steerage, don't you?

SLAP: Naw, I don't. I was disguised as an article of food.

THUD: What kind of food—a piece of cheese?

SLAP: Naw—as a sandwich man.

THUD: A sandwich man? I thought you were an actor.

SLAP: I was, but I was intoxicated, and that made me look like a sandwich.

THUD: What kind of sandwich?

SLAP: Ham on a bun.

MRS. GOOZLEMAN TAKES NOTES

BY FRED SCHAEFER.



They were accustomed to take Sunday walks—Goozleman and Mrs. Goozleman and the little Goozles. On such walks there was always a little friction—nothing to amount to much, but enough to take the edge off the day's pleasure. When a man and his wife and children are out together on only one day of the week, their teamwork isn't always perfect. So at times Mr. Goozleman was disposed to be too critical.

It got to a point where Mrs. Goozleman decided to make an experiment. She would keep her mouth shut and let Mr. Goozleman do all the talking. On the next Sunday they went out as usual, but she carried a small pad of paper and a pencil. In the course of the ramble she made brief notes of various incidents, and after home was reached she handed her memoranda to Mr. G., so that he could see himself as others saw him. This is what he read:

We start. Pa leads Baby Gladys, notebook and pencil to figure up I go on ahead with Tommy so Pa can give us directions how to walk. Pa in good humor. "Tricks," the dog, is also permitted to go with us.

We approach park. Some fine residences facing it. Pa shows his champagne appetite on a beer in come by wishing for a building lot away beyond his means. "Tricks" is chased off a rich man's lawn. Pa makes anarchistic remarks about it.

Pa tries to cross in front of automobile, dragging Gladys. Nearly run over. Roasts me for screaming. Blames Willie. Why? Pa acts like an old crank disguised as a sensible citizen.

Pass place where there used to be a race track. Pa feels sore thinking of the dough he lost at the track. Asks ma if she is carrying Pa's selfish disposition shown in refusing to let Willie roll down grassy hill. Also complains because baby wants to be carried. Pa doesn't realize that babies are not Edward Payson Westons. I carry baby a spell, but Pa makes me put her down because it looks like we aren't used to going anywhere.

Pa gives three bossy orders and makes four dumb breaks himself while pretending to be perfect. Willie asks for bag of peanuts and Pa enjoys the chance to give him another call down.

Rain. Pa had refused to bring umbrellas. We arrive home wet. Pa had to carry baby after all.

When he read this concise account of his behavior, Mr. Goozleman said nothing at all. But he did a lot of thinking.

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Mexico's navy consists of five third class cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers. A bit of verse to memorize to-day: In vain we call old notions fudge. And bend our conscience to our dealing; The Ten Commandments will not budge. And stealing still continues stealing. —James Russell Lowell. Eighty-seven of 13,854 people suffering with smallpox in the United States died this year.

ONE IDEA OF AFFLUENCE. "Do you know what I would do if I were the new king of England?" "No, what would you do; start a

Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1910.

Love friends and help thy brother on his way; Thus shalt thou find good fortune in the day.

Neptune is in eclyptic conjunction with Mars today. Mercury is in aphelion. An unusual configuration of planets promises well for this period.

Jupiter rules as the greatly fortunate star, shining for success in noble things, health, clearness of reasoning power and generosity.

Firmness and energy are likely to win rewards today, but there must be consistent patience and industry in the future to assure the final success.

There may be a tendency toward baseless self-satisfaction that will mislead persons of certain temperaments.

All emotions of friendship, love and kindness should be permitted to have full sway in this period. It is emphatically a time of the heart and soul, and the day will repay those best who forget material and mercenary things and turn to the more ideal emotions.

Writings are under excellent signs. Letters to old friends long neglected should prove unexpectedly fortunate.

Care must be taken today in handling weapons, tools or wheels. Fires should be carefully extinguished. In the household women must be heedful in approaching flame.

There is a menace against quarrel, particularly in the house or family.

Persons with this birth date are under planets that promise a prosperous twelvemonth, if they will refrain from becoming angry over small things and if they practice strict temperance in food, drink and social pleasures.

Children are born today under aspects that promise much capacity for learning. They should be encouraged to play in the open air.

Press Sermonette DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS By Rev. J. H. Bennett Pastor Corbin Park Methodist Church

RIGHTEOUSNESS is the broad, unchangeable platform upon which God proposes to save men and women, and they cannot be saved upon any other basis. This is plain from the Bible taken as a whole or in parts. Every part of it teaches this truth. Every denomination, yes, every man, believes that righteousness of life will save, and wickedness of life will damn. There is no recourse from this great fundamental, universal fact.

Righteousness is found in Jesus Christ, and Him only. And to Him must "the gathering of the people be," or destruction is the inevitable consequence.

Now, there are three practical necessities in order to become truly righteous, as shown in the text.

First. Depart from evil. Quit your meanness. Stay out of the saloons. Stay out of the brothels. Stay out of the gambling dens. Stop your lying, cussing, cheating. Turn your back on every sin. You can't do right until you stop doing wrong. Then stop, and stop now.

But this principle has a wider application than the individual. The city of Spokane is the greatest sinner in the Inland Empire. She will never be "The City Beautiful" until she becomes "The City Righteous" by departing from her disgrace, her saloons, her houses of ill fame, her gambling dens, her Sabbath desecration; her miserable financial greed and craft.

This city, this state, this nation, needs to pack up a few billions of cars with crime and send them down the steps in wreckage to hell, with the speed of Halley's comet. Depart from evil.

Second. The second necessity in order to be righteous is to do good. Many people think there is nothing in Christianity, except to desist from actually doing wrong and give forth a holy whine on Sunday.

Third. The third necessity in order to be righteous is to dwell forevermore—dwell away from evil and dwell in doing good. Get right and stay right, and work at right forevermore. Let there be a great forsaking of the ways of sin.

Let there be a mighty forward marching of the hosts of righteousness. Let there be a burning, anxious desire to "dwell forevermore in heaven."

THE ARTLESS ANSWER



TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

"In the old days men wore rapiers of such extraordinary length that they had to be curtailed by law." "Uh-huh; and now the women wear hats of extraordinary length, and nobody dares even complain."

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