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Everybody get together for the clean-up week.

The ladies of a half dozen different East Tennessee towns have taken hold of the clean-up week idea.

Two monuments are proposed to the memory of Glover Cleveland, one at Princeton and the other at Chicago.

W. J. Bryan is now a true reformer as he recently spoke at Cambridge on the advantage of brevity.

The \$50 gold prize contest will offer an easy chance for some reader of this paper to earn a little extra money.

The fruit tree buds, those which have not been killed, will do well to keep under cover, as the weather man does not seem to know when we have had enough of the cold snaps.

In a Pennsylvania town the other day a young man fell into a vat of whiskey and was drowned. He had spirits with him even after death, for his body was not recovered for some time.

A man named Toth who served 20 years in the Pennsylvania penitentiary for a crime he had not committed, is to receive \$10,000 from the state and an effort is now being made to get a Carnegie pension for him.

Dr. Aked who recently resigned the pastorate of John D. Rockefeller's Baptist church, must have been fooled to America by some wiley salesman who had predicted that oil could be struck in the church.

John Houk, senator from Knox county, does not like the way Sam Sells has been putting things over at Washington and he has sounded a warning to the president that he is the only man who can bring harmony in Tennessee.

In a Pennsylvania town it has been provided that no saloon keeper shall sell liquor otherwise than for cash. If any sell on credit their license will be revoked. This should keep down intemperance, but the saloons will do a heavy business on pay day in that town.

A bill is to be introduced in the legislature to provide for a fine of \$1.00 for each man who sells his vote and disfranchisement for a term of years. The fine will not stop the vote selling, but the disfranchisement portion may have a wholesome effect.

Because he was a negro, Booker T. Washington, one of the foremost educators of the land was forced to spend several days in a New York hospital. Had the unwarranted attack occurred in the Southland there would have been a great fuss made about it in the papers of the North, but as it is the incident has been considered only as an unfortunate occurrence.

Citizens in different parts of the county, through their letters to the public endeavored to create some interest in the stock law election. There seemed to be two sides to the question from the way the matter was set forth in print. We hope that the vote will satisfy Representative Parrott as to his further course in putting the bill through.

The legislators propose to take Sevier away from the First District and add Hamblen and Jefferson. The politicians of all three counties will probably raise a row at the proposed change, as it will make the old leaders form new alliances. The Dick Austin people of Jefferson and Hamblen will have to decide whether to tie up to Sells or the anti-Sells crowd. The same will be true of the Jefferson county politicians and Sevier will again be subject to Knox county's desires.

Coeke county tax payers are rejoicing because of the earnestness shown by the new pike contractors and the much desired roads now under completion will be finished by December 1. As stated in our news columns last week seven crews are busy on the grade work and this portion of the contract will be finished by July 1. The dirt is flying wherever the men have gone to work and Messrs. Peters and Gibson seem to have been fortunate in making their sub contracts. With five macadam outfits on the roads, great progress will be made during the next few months.

### WITH OUR EXCHANGES

"How can the wearer put on the harem skirt over her head?" asks the Chicago Tribune. We confess ignorance.—Washington Herald.

Out in Nevada a murderer can select one of three methods of being killed, but there are no such limitations on divorce.—Charleston News and Courier

Fifteen thousand corkscrews were delivered to the Canadian parliament recently. There must be a large amount of legislation bottled up there.—Grand Rapids Press.

Senator La Follette's friends will publicly launch his presidential boom on March 30. Two days later it might have caught the country with a cap and bells. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Some of the papers are repeating Gen. Sheridan's onetime declaration that he preferred hell to Texas. We admit he said it, but we have every reason to believe that he has changed his mind by this time.—Houston Post.

New York models who pose in the "altogether" are asking for more pay. They say they are only making a bare living. Unlike most of us, they wear clothes only when they are not working.—Tampa Tribune.

A report says that the number of Japanese laborers in the United States has decreased more than 11,000 in the last three years. Congressman Hobson would tell us they have gone home to enlist.—Brocton Times.

On one of the docks in Pensacola there is a sign which reads: "No smoking aloud on this wharf." The man who makes a noise like smoking an El Cuspidor around that place will go to jail in less than five minutes.—Pensacola News.

The excitement concerning what is called the new "harem" skirt seems to be unwarranted. It is nothing more than the divided skirt which a few sensible American women have been wearing for nearly twenty years in order to enable them to ride safely and comfortably in the saddle.—Rochester Herald.

A Cincinnati firm recently went into bankruptcy because it could not collect its debts. The money was probably keeping lent.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Of course, the government's intentions toward Mexico are entirely "pacifist"; but you observe those 20,000 soldiers are not armed with toy pistols.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Let's build the Memphis-to-Bristol highway and let all the small towns that can't get on it connect with it Tennessee would then be like a garden laid off with walks.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The Albany barber who was ordered to drape his collection of classical paintings has had blue pajamas painted on Eve. The Pajama Girl is certainly Eve's daughter, and it is fitting the age that the mother get in the fashion.—Baltimore Sun.

The British mint is now turning out square coins for the use of the people of Ceylon. Inasmuch as the people of Ceylon do not have pockets to wear out since there is not room enough in their clothes for pockets, the shape of their money is immaterial.—Dayton News

Chicago, we are informed, has just been paid \$880,000 by only one group of her street railways, which, since Chicago refused to renew old franchises in 1907, and compelled percentage of gross receipts, has pain into the treasury nearly \$4,000,000. What's the answer?—Memphis News Scimitar.

Shelby county aspires to be made a congressional district. The population is a little over 191,000, with about eight thousand more whites than colored. It is believed some of the adjacent counties will be willing to let Shelby have what she wants in this respect.—Journal and Tribune.

The fifty-one Senators and 150 Assemblymen in the New York Legislature receive \$1,500 each as an annual salary. This is by constitutional provision. The Legislature last year proposed a constitutional amendment authorizing the raising of the salaries of Senators to \$3,500 each and the salaries of Representatives to \$3,000. The Senate of the present Legislature has passed the amendment for submission to a popular vote and the House is expected also to pass it. In that case the people will vote upon it next fall.—Nashville Banner.—Some different from the \$4 per day Tennessee legislators receive.

The dapper little traveling man glanced at the menu and then looked up at the pretty waitress: "Nice day, little one," he began.

"Yes, it is she answered, "and so was yesterday, and my name is Elna, and I know I'm a little peach, and have pretty blue eyes, and I've been here quite a while and like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working in a hotel—if I did I'd quit my job—and my wages are satisfactory, and I don't know if there is a show or dance in town to-night, and if there is I shall not go with you, and I'm from the country, and I'm a respectable girl, and my brother is cook in this hotel, and he weighs two hundred pounds, and last week he wiped this dining-room floor with a fresh fifty-a-month traveling man who tried to make a date with me. Now, what do you have?" The dapper little traveling man said he was not very hungry, and a cup of coffee and some hot cake would do.—Everybody's.

# News Events of the World

There are few authenticated cases of great longevity in the torrid zone.

New York has a school devoted exclusively to the study of motor boats. The total traffic on Canadian canals in 1910 amounted to over 42,500,000 tons.

A Russian electrician has invented an insulating material made from milk.

More than 7 percent, of the total production of German alcohol is obtained from potatoes.

Mr. Mumm and Miss Still were married in Kansas City a few days ago, and now both are Mumm.

So radio-active is the water supplied the City of Belgrade that scientists are searching its source for radium.

A simple tool that twists two or more wires together as it is drawn along them is a Texan's invention.

Said to be the largest tree trunk in the world is that of a tule tree at Hitta, Mex., which measures 145 feet in girth.

Rice, it is now said, can be grown more profitably in Manchuria than in China or Japan, notwithstanding the short season.

Three hundred thousand coconut trees have been planted in Florida; nearly a hundred thousand of them are already bearing.

Pure iron is only a laboratory preparation. Cast from, the most generally useful variety, contains about 5 percent, of impurities.

A steel wire rope a mile and a half long and three inches in diameter was a record-breaker recently made in a New Jersey factory.

The total mileage of the Belgian government railways on January 1, 1910, was 1,208 miles of double track and 1,400 miles of single track.

British shoe dealers admit that the British people are under a debt of gratitude to America for teaching them how to make shoes that fit.

It is computed that there are in this country to-day an army of three million invalids, and half of them are afflicted with preventable diseases.

Owing to the inability of staying within a moderate limit, University of Pennsylvania students have been forbidden to play poker, under pain of expulsion.

Both Harvard and Johns Hopkins Universities are trying to find out whether the education of animals is accomplished by the gift of imitation or the force of instinct.

Heir to a million and a Harvard graduate, Harold Clarke Durrell has gone to work as a grocery clerk at \$9 a week to learn the business in which his father made his fortune.

Despite its proximity to the United States, Honduras is one of the least developed countries in the world. The hotel accommodations and the means of transportation are indescribable.

Territorial public improvements in Hawaii were chiefly in wharves and waterworks. A \$300,000 reservoir of 700,000,000 gallons capacity was completed for the Honolulu waterworks.

The editor of the Walton News is confined to his bed this week. He is a perfect health, but his washerwoman got careless and let a cow eat up his other shirt last week.—Elberon (Ga.) Star.

There are several very old sovereigns among the rulers in Europe. The doyen is the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, who completed his eighty-fourth year on April 2 last. Next comes Kaiser Franz Joseph of Austria, who is 80 on August 18.—Indianapolis News.

Private H. Berter, who has just joined the First Battalion, Grenadier Guards, is only 15 years of age, but stands 6 feet 8 1/2 inches in his stockings, and is still growing. He is said to be the tallest soldier in the British my.

The alcohol of wine, cider, cherries and cane possesses an agreeable aroma, whereas all alcohols produced from oats, grains, molasses and potatoes must be rectified before they are ready for consumption, in order to free them their unpleasant natural taste.

The private fortunes of German subjects have increased by \$12,500,000,000 within a decade. Workmen's wages throughout Germany have increased on an average by 48 percent during the last twenty-two years.

The wholesale value of the rabbits received via Ostend last year was over £150,000, and there is no reason why the English small holder should not be able to pocket a large part of this money, now sent out of the country for these rabbits.—The Smallholder.

Bound for the equatorial Andes, where he will spend many months studying bird life, Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Cornell ornithologist and painter of bird life, has left Ithaca, N. Y., on a long trip. He expects to penetrate the heart of the Andes by pack mules.

Whistling is a good thing for the lungs. It is said that whistling boys are seldom troubled with bronchitis and pneumonia. Many medical men sometimes urge patients with weak lungs to whistle as often and as much as they possibly can.—Science Signings.

Mrs. Imogene Paul, Superintendent of street cleaning in the Tenth District of Chicago, has invented a device for the disposal of paper and other refuse which, it is claimed, will save the city \$100,000 annually. The invention is an incinerator for burning like refuse as it is taken up.

Printing paper exports of the United States last year aggregated 101,883,838 pounds, worth \$3,107,654. This trade shows steady growth, the amount in 1908 having been 59,980,301 pounds worth \$1,867,715. The import last year of pulp wood aggregated \$6,109,574, and of wood pulp \$13,296,500 in value.

For the first time in the history of the industry turpentine is quoted at Savannah, Ga., at 90 cents a gallon. The price has been gradually climbing for several weeks, each succeeding higher price establishing a new record. It has been predicted locally that dollar turpentine is not far distant.

The quantity of asphalt taken from Pitch Lake, Trinidad, which covers an area of 100 acres, during 1910 exceeded that of any previous year. At the present rate of operation the surface level is lowered about six inches a year. The depth of the deposit of asphalt over the centre of the lake is unknown.

According to the census returns the growth of the silk manufactures of the United States has been as follows for the serious years given: 1870, \$12,000,000; 1880, \$41,000,000; 1890, \$87,250,000; 1900, \$107,250,000; 1905, \$133,250,000, while it is estimated that the returns of production for 1910 will run considerably over \$150,000,000. The number of silk establishments has increased from 67 in 1850 to 624 in 1905.

### "AIDING WEAK CHURCHES"

(J. W. O'HARA.)

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was really established for the above work. Since its organization in 1844 it has undertaken a much broader field of service.

In helping the weak church, an eye has always been kept on the possibility of the work. In fact so far, the funds available have only enabled it to help strategic points and centers. The State Boards have, however, gone on with a similar work in their bonds.

The largest part of the Board's work has been West of the Mississippi River. In that section the growth of population has been very rapid and the demands for missionary work very great. The Board has watched the tidal movement of humanity and either kept pace with it or gone ahead and purchased lots and employed men and women to look after the religious life of the people.

Oklahoma City, Dallas, Houston and every other large city of the West has at one time been helped. They now give their thousands to missions. The lot for the White Temple, Oklahoma City, was purchased with Home Board money, the Board helped to erect the first house of worship and paid part of pastor's salary. In a few years they

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