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A man who spent five fortunes is dead at the age of 62. The only wonder is that he lived as long as he did.

Professor Taft is called a "reactionist" by Colonel Roosevelt, and Colonel Roosevelt is called a "socialist" by Professor Taft. Who is there to dispute either assertion?

According to Senator Smoot, Mexico has more cannon than the United States. And yet we go to bed at night without any fear that Mexico will come over and shoot us up before morning.

A Michigan professor declares that it was impossible that Nero could have set fire to Rome; and if the whole truth were known it probably would be found that he was not much of a fiddler, either.

A professor from a Japanese university tells a Boston audience that this talk of war between his country and our own is explainable only on the ground that both countries have several yellow journals that don't care a rap about getting within miles of the fact.

Official Washington society is finding the calling system too complex and steps are being taken to simplify this necessary procedure. Mrs. Marshall gave a reception recently and 1,000 cards were left. To conscientiously return all these calls would keep her busy almost day and night until next presidential election.

Among the latest political rumors is that William Randolph Hearst of San Francisco, New York and Chicago and former New York congressman, will establish a residence in Arizona within the next few months, and in due time become a candidate to succeed Senator Mark Smith as United States senator from Arizona.

The woman suffragists are planning another march on the White House in the interest of their cause. Nothing will be gained by this demonstration, as President Wilson has expressed his sentiments in this matter twice. The impression is gaining ground that the invasion of the White House is not so much to advance the cause of suffrage as to get an interview with the president to boast of it afterwards.

IMPROVING THE MILK SUPPLY.

The city of Champaign is to construct a cooperative market building which will be used as a central depot for the delivery of milk, butter and eggs. The idea is to have all the milk brought in by dairymen left at this market, where it will be sterilized and sent out to customers.

One wagon will deliver all the milk in a certain section of the city, and this will be an advantage to the dairymen, for it will relieve them from all the work of delivery. This will enable them to pay the expenses for sterilization.

ONE SURE WAY TO DO IT.

It is said that the National Inside Association of America, under the auspices of which Dr. William J. H. Boetcker of Toledo spoke in Rock Island this week, presenting some exceedingly beautiful ideas as to how to make the individual what he should be to the community in which he resides as a home maker and a useful citizen, is supported by the great manufacturers of the country and that the main object is to make the laboring man so contented in the locality where he is employed that he will prove a permanent householder and an element of strength.

To the end so desired Dr. Boetcker advanced some highly creditable ideas as have hitherto been commented upon at length in The Argus, in a manner entirely commendatory of the time. But in view of the suggestion that the move may be one on the part of capital, to content the employe with his lot, it seems pertinent to say that man cannot live by ideas alone any more than he can subsist by bread alone.

Just as truly as the brain must be fed in such manner as Dr. Boetcker is succeeding so well in doing in the making of the ideal citizen with an individual resource, so the body must be fed. It is, indeed, the first essential that this requisite of nature be not overlooked, so that along with a campaign that is altogether laudable, must come from the same source if

the work is properly ascribed, provision for the subsistence of the man whom it is sought to reach.

In a word, the first rudiment in making a man take kindly to the uplift is to pay him a living wage for his family. Then he will take the better and the broader interest in what is going on about him. No man can take much interest in anything but himself if he is living from one day's end to another because he cannot give those who are dependent upon him the ordinary comforts of life.

MOTOR FIRE APPARATUS.

Many cities are adopting motor fire vehicles. For paved streets they are unquestionably superior to the horse-drawn vehicles. Their principal advantage is speed, which is essential in large cities. The fact that smaller cities have many unpaved sections presents a problem to those favoring complete motorization of fire departments. The point may also be made that while the motor vehicle will reach a fire very quickly, if all goes well, break-down of motors is far more likely than a break-down of the reliable horse. So, much may be said on either side of this question, but all will agree that motor vehicles should be a part of every large city's fire equipment. Rock Island is making progress along this line.

The board of fire and water commissioners of Kansas City, Kan., favors complete motorization. The commissioners have advised the council that, "with modern apparatus, automobile service and automobile tractors for large hook-and-ladder trucks, water tower and steamers, the department could be more efficient with less men than it now has and it would be a measure of economy, for new horses and feed cost more than repairs and shoeing."

The experience of the fire department of Roanoke, Va., shows that, in addition to a saving in the maintenance of the apparatus, there is the decreased cost of keeping a station that shelters only motor apparatus. "It is not necessary, says the report, to keep a man on night watch, thus cutting down both the light and fuel bill. It does not require one-third of the soap, polish, brooms, disinfectants, sponges and many other little articles to keep the station clean. To be brief, the horse is the one item of expense in the maintenance of the department."

The question of the durability of motor apparatus has been well discussed by Chief Bennett of Birmingham, Ala., in an address before the International Association of Fire Engineers. He states that "the durability of the motor machine, if properly handled, should be almost indefinite, since its radius of action is comparatively small and its mileage per year in many instances less than one hundred miles, and in very few cases exceeding five hundred miles. In the majority of alarms answered the entire distance to and from the fire is over paved or well kept streets, which reduces the wear and tear of the machine to a minimum."

It is not alone the wholesome rivalry among cities vying with each other for better fire equipment, says the Municipal Journal, that accounts for the great increase in the use of motor apparatus, but back of all that is the great efficiency, speed, economy, durability and sanitary conditions that can be obtained through such equipment.

Rock Island is moving in the right direction.

ILLINOIS NEWS

100 on Boat in Ice Jam.

Calro, Ill., Feb. 19.—One hundred passengers on the transfer steamer Henry Marquard were caught in an ice jam yesterday at the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The captain ordered full steam ahead, but the boat stood still. While the steamer's sides were being dented by the heavy ice beating against the craft, tugs on the river noted the Marquard's plight and went to its assistance. After five hours' work the tugs brought the steamer to shore. The passengers were on a Cotton Belt train, which the vessel was transferring from Bird Point to Cairo.

Telephone Men in Session.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—Delegates to the annual convention of the Illinois Telephone association yesterday took one more step toward making sure that they will cooperate fully with the new utilities law in Illinois. They agreed that a legal representative shall be appointed by the executive committee to represent the association at all times before the state utilities commission. The annual banquet was held in the evening, with state officers and members of the state utilities commission attending.

Negro Sentenced in Secret.

Kankakee, Ill., Feb. 19.—Archie Hutchins, a negro, who pleaded guilty to shooting August Dickman, a policeman, last Thanksgiving night, was sentenced to hard labor at the Joliet state prison for 25 years. Mob spirit which prevailed in this city immediately after the shooting was the cause of the secret session last night, at which sentence was pronounced.

Eligibles Are Announced.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—The state civil service commission yesterday announced eligibles from recent examinations. They are:

Assistant superintendent of correctional institutions—Harry Hill, Chicago, and James L. Glascock, Jeffersonville, Ind.
Janitor—John H. Bare, Jasper, D.

CHURCH HOLDING ITS OWN

(New York Globe) Those who have seen with alarm a dwindling of religious influence in the United States should find no little comfort in the figures just made public of the membership record of the Christian churches for the past year. According to statistics compiled by the federal council of churches under direction of Dr. H. K. Carroll, of the 57,163,000 persons in continental United States 57,280,000 are church members. The net increase in the number of persons actually enrolled as members in 1913 was about 2 per cent. This is at the rate of 20 per cent a decade, quite in keeping with the growth in population.

NEWLY WEDS HIKING ACROSS CONTINENT TO WIN THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR WAGER



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moore.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Three thousand miles for \$3,000.

Such is the distance that Gilbert Moore and his 17-year-old bride have started out to walk, and such is the reward that awaits them if they accomplish the journey within six months. Moore is a structural iron worker and has been married a year.

Young Moore recently walked from Reno to San Francisco and proudly wrote of his achievements to an uncle, William Moore, who is a restaurant owner of New York. The latter answered with a challenge to him and his youthful wife to walk to the metropolis for a visit.

Moore said they could do it. The uncle replied with the offer of \$3,000 if the completed the hike in six months and made their expenses along the way.

"I once walked 42 miles," said Mrs. Moore, naively, when questioned as to her ability to withstand the hardships of the journey. The Moores will keep a southerly route across the continent and expect to make their way by selling postal card photographs of themselves and of the Panama-Pacific exposition. They each carry knapsacks with extra clothes and provisions.

Land, John M. Shields and Mark Bowen, Normal, and William Flackett, Bloomington.

In Clash With Merit Board. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—Secretary of State Harry Woods and the state civil service commission may ask the supreme court to determine which has authority to employ examiners of chauffeurs. The civil service commission yesterday announced that the following had qualified: Ben Cochran, Sullivan; Charles V. Cooney, Moline; William T. Cloney, Chicago, and Clarence S. Ray, Kankakee. Secretary Woods, however, supported by Attorney General Patrick J. Lucey, recently appointed an examiner of chauffeurs, acting upon the authority of the special automobile act. The civil service commission is expected to refuse to approve the pay of the examiner appointed by Secretary Woods, and demand that he accept the eligibles certified by the commission.

E. G. Isch Co. Assets Shrink. Peoria, Ill., Feb. 19.—The financial statement of E. G. Isch & Co., filed in the federal court, shows a big shrinkage in the assets as originally estimated. They are less than half the total liabilities. The total liabilities are \$159,853.62, of which amount \$127,371.06 is unsecured.

"The Young Lady Across the Way"



We asked the young lady across the way if her father ever showed any interest in sociology, and she said he was so tired when he came home at night that he hadn't accepted an invitation for she didn't know how long.

The ONLOOKER BY HENRY HOWLAND "Get the Money"



"Oh, I've done well today," he said. "I gave a man whose hope had fled. New hope and saw him push ahead." His wife asked: "Where's the money? You gave another hope, you say? What profit waits on my return? No footman waits on me today, And it is little that you earn—Where's the money?"

"Oh, I've done well," he said once more: "In future men will praise my lore And wear a pathway to my door." His wife asked: "Where's the money? Who cares what future men may say? I will am forced to skimp and save; What will it matter if some day Men pile their tributes on your grave? Where's the money?"

He bravely went his way to do The best he might, to still pursue The course that had been found by few: The world asked: "Where's the money?" He wisely served posterity And earned a future, lasting fame; But, scorned by those about him, he Forever heard the world exclaim: "Where's the money?"

In That Case. "Why do you keep asking me to be your wife. You surely wouldn't want me to marry you if I didn't love you?" "No, I don't want you to marry me if you don't love me; but I can't help thinking the practice I'm getting in asking you may some time come in handy. Now I'm going to give you another chance to turn me down."

"Oh, well, if you're determined to have me I suppose I may as well say yes."

Went Right On. On Sunday morn he sat in church The strictest silence keeping; But now and then a little hush Betrayed that he was sleeping.

The Latest Improvement. "What a cunning chifionier," she said when she had got through kissing the bride.

"Oh," replied the glad young woman who had been married since June, "that isn't a chifionier. That is a combined ice box, gas stove, bathtub, clothes closet and folding bed."

Loveiness. "Ah," the middle-aged woman said as she watched the beautiful twin sisters playing their duet, "what is lovelier than a pair of pretty girls?"

The young man yawned and then replied: "One pretty girl at the dark end of a deserted library."

Bitter Experience. "Marcus Aurelius says, 'Nothing happens to anybody which he is not fitted to bear.'"

"Oh, it was all right for Marcus to say that, but he never became the father of two sets of twins in three years."

The Daily Story THE POORHOUSE GIRL—BY CLARISSA MACKIE. Copyrighted, 1914, by Associated Literary Bureau.

"Selina Dustin's taken a girl from the poorhouse," remarked Elsie Saylor to the assembled Ladies' Aid society. Fourteen needles were suspended in midair, and twenty-eight eyes sought Elsie's countenance.

"Not the girl that was found sitting by Willow pond last month, the one who couldn't remember her name?" questioned Mrs. Deacon Oliver. "I guess it's the same one—poor, mitchin' looking critter," replied Mrs. Saylor briskly. "Looks like she had consumption."

"I saw her the day we went up to the poorhouse to entertain the paupers," broke in Angelina Petty. "I thought she was real pretty. She had nice blue eyes."

"Angelina's always looking at people's eyes," remarked Fanny Lawson. "What do you think, girls—somebody told me something one of the old men at the poorhouse said after we'd gone away that day?"

"What did he say?" asked Mrs. Deacon Oliver. "I knew they was real pleased at our taking the trouble to entertain them."

Fanny laughed maliciously. "He said they felt sorry for us—the Ladies' Aid, mind you, girls—and that they were coming down to entertain us some day."

"Why is he sorry for us?" asked Angelina curiously. "He says we're 'pauper minded.'" Fanny exploded this bombshell and folded up her work preparatory to going home.

"Pauper minded!" they shrieked in chorus. "What does he mean?" "Give it up. Goodby, all!" said Miss Lawson, with an airy wave of her hand.

"Do you suppose she made it up?" asked Elsie Saylor after Fanny's trim figure had passed through the front gate. "She ain't smart enough. She don't know the meaning of pauper minded," snapped Mrs. Oliver crossly. She had been the one to inaugurate a monthly day of entertainment for the benefit of the inmates of the county almshouse, and she had a real grievance against the aged man who had voiced the unhappy opinion, but against the institution and all its inmates.

"If that's all the gratitude them paupers have got I guess I won't take no notice of Selina Dustin's poorhouse girl," she added severely. Angelina Petty moved indolently in her chair.

"I'm going to call on her and ask her to come to Sunday school," she remarked. "Anybody want to come with me to call on the poorhouse girl?" she asked, tucking her work into the ample black bag in her lap and rising to go.

Mrs. Petty sniffed audibly. "Angelina, you'll go on your own responsibility," she protested. "I'm not afraid," retorted Angelina quietly. "None of my relations died in the almshouse. I ain't a bit sensitive about calling on that girl. She's young, and she's nice, even if she is poor and not exactly right in her head. It ain't her fault that she can't remember her name, is it?"

"What do they call her?" asked Mrs. Oliver stiffly. "Mary Jones. Well, I've got to go all alone, I see. Ma, don't look so sick over it. 'Tain't as if I was going to clope." Angelina waved a plump hand at her faintly smiling parent and waddled comfortably out of the room and down the path to the gate.

At the gate she paused for a few moments and looked uncertainly up and down the road, and then, as if suddenly coming to a decision, Angelina crossed the road and plunged into the foothpath that led through the oak woods to the crossroads where Selina Dustin lived in a long white house half hidden among locust trees and lilac bushes.

In Selina Dustin's front yard Mary Jones was sitting on the circular bench under the largest locust tree. She was delicately fair, with deep blue eyes and little white hands that looked as if they had never done a day's hard work. The hands were idly folded on the lap of her blue cotton dress. "She's fleshing up and growing prettier every day," said Angelina to Selina Dustin, who was sitting on the side porch. "I ain't the only one who thinks so," murmured Selina, with a satisfied smile at the graceful form under the tree.

Feb. 19 in American History.

- 1821—Treaty ceding Florida to the United States was ratified by Spain.
1902—John Moran, pioneer photographer and a noted landscape painter, died; born 1829.
1913—The deposed president and vice president of Mexico, Madero and Suarez, killed while under prison guard by unknown assassins.
Christiana—Miss Charlotte Herman of Rutherford, N. J., companion of Ferdinand Pinney Earle, who was extradited to France for kidnaping his 8-year-old son, departed for Paris.