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SUNNY SQUIBBLETS

It is not true that the boys are not interested in the study of arithmetic, as they all want to learn how to figure out the standing of ball teams.

Increasing production 10 per cent would lower living costs 20 per cent, says an authority, but the only effect being made by most people in this direction is to increase their production of talk.

Being exhorted to imitate the example of great men, the American people are patterning after the movie stars, the League ball players, and the champ pugilists.

The people who have been making fun of the farmers for many years, are now kicking because the prices of food go up as a result of lack of people to till the soil.

Meat has been going up because the people wanted only the more expensive cuts, and soon it will go up again because the people have been taught to buy only the cheaper portions.

A friend inquires whether a young person by the name of Miss Irma Spooner can safely be allowed to sit in the hammock.

A correspondent asks The Caledonian-Record what has become of the old time candidate who used to get elected merely by going around and telling a lot of funny stories? Well, last heard from him he was seen sitting up until 2 a. m., wearily answering elaborate questionnaires defining his attitude on all public matters.

Smoking cars for the modern woman are talked of, and abundant cuspidors should be provided.

So far none of the men is reported to have notified his wife of the date for the millinery openings.

People who contemplate getting up picnic parties in poetic but inaccessible places, are reminded that 6732 varieties of ants are known to the scientists.

The manufacturers who keep putting up the prices of footwear, will be complaining by and by because people have formed the habit of having their shabby old shoes repaired.

PUBLIC SPANKERS

The city of Bridgeton, N. J., has gained some publicity as the result of public spankings for offending boys and girls. The same have been administered in front of City Hall, by a muscular policeman who operates a barrel stave and are applied only with consent of parents.

It is not likely that this method will become generally popular. The modern parents is soft-hearted, and can not bear to hurt either the feelings or the anatomy of his offspring. The first few howls put up as camouflage quickly compel him to desist.

The kid element is perhaps too leniently treated. Offenders in rare instances are brought up in court, where they make weepy promises of amendment, and then go out and brag how they put it over the officers. The Bridgeton people evidently think it is time for some recognition of authority. If they really mean to keep up this plan, it may head off more serious wrong doing.

COSTLY LIVING

The H. C. of L. is not merely high cost of production. It is more luxurious standards.

Take the matter of house construction and furnishings as an example. A few years ago people were content to live on soft wood floors, if they did not care to tack down carpets, they had the edges painted at slight expense, and laid down rugs in the center of the room. The floor would be as sanitary as the hardest maple or oak surface. Yet it lacks the style of the hard wood floor, which many people consider an absolute necessity, though costing now \$50 to \$100 a room.

Similarly in the matter of furniture. The people who formerly used simple pine chairs, now must have oak, and those who formerly had oak now have mahogany. So it goes all over the house.

While it is a normal desire for people to gradually collect good and substantial articles for their home use, yet many people carry it so far that it becomes a materialistic worship of things. They lose interest in culture and education, and turn their attention to display and money making. They live beyond their means, and get away from the spirit of simplicity on which a healthy life is founded.

Those who are giving fine service to the world, teachers, college professors, ministers, social workers, etc., do not have to surround themselves

with a nest of luxury in order to attain happiness. If there could be some return to this simplicity, life would become easier. Procedure would turn attention to plain and simple articles of enduring quality, rather than to elaborate designs of costly materials. Living costs would be reduced and burdens lifted from everyone.

HIGH WAGES BUT FEW HOMES

The housing conditions which are acute everywhere have reached their limit in the growing city of Detroit, where a dispatch says: There is an estimated shortage of 25,000 to 40,000 homes. Machineists are flocking to the automobile center of the world at the rate of 2,000 a week, attracted by high wages, only to find too late that Detroit is the most expensive city in which to live in the United States. The sad fact is that these same workmen leave comfortable homes in New England and find no place to lay their head except in cheap boarding houses where there is nothing cheap as regards price. Detroit is facing an exodus of house-holders and rents are soaring. Thousands of speculators are in Detroit whose aim is to make money at the expense of the newcomers from the east. High wages do not mean easy living and our advice to the workmen of New England is found in the following story.

A city tourist stopped at a Vermont farmhouse to see the view of the Green Mountains and met the farmer and his son, who had accumulated a fair competence by hard work and had made their farm one of the most attractive and profitable in the community. The tourist began to ask questions about the farmer and his family and learned that the older son had followed Horace Greeley's advice and left the home place for the attractions of city life in Chicago. "And what is your boy doing?" asked the tourist.

"He's on the Chicago Tribune writing those editorials 'Stick to the Farm Boys,'" replied the farmer.

PRESS COMMENT

(Burlington News)

Considerable of the newspaper flurry centers around the little city of Newport at the present time. Editor Hildreth of the old established Express and Standard has just installed a new linotype of the best type to keep his paper up to a high standard. Editor Gilpin of the Barton Monitor has entered the Newport field with a weekly paper called the Newport News, while Herbert Smith, the new manager of the St. Johnsbury Caledonian, now gets out a daily edition of 500 for Newport readers.

The Caledonian, by the way, is situated rather pleasantly in the matter of its print paper supply and goes blithely on its way while the New York Times, and the Chicago Tribune owners grow gray worrying over their paper supply. In the Caledonian office when they want half a dozen rolls of paper they step to a telephone and call up a neighboring paper mill. The rolls are delivered the next afternoon. The Caledonian has no contract with the mill but is getting rock bottom prices and all the paper it needs merely through the good will of the paper makers, all of which will prove to some skeptical publishers that paper makers have a heart after all.

TRAINOR FOR CONGRESS

(White River Junction Landmark)
In another column of The Landmark appears the announcement and platform of our fellow townsman a candidate for Congress from this district. Mr. Trainor for some time has taken an active part in political affairs of the Republican party and has a host of friends in this district who will welcome his candidacy. He is one of the prominent attorneys of the state and has built up a large and lucrative practice. He has always championed the cause of the common people, to use that phrase. It is gratifying to us, as it will be to most voters of the district, to observe the common sense viewpoint from which Mr. Trainor looks upon the questions to enter into the campaign, and we are also confident that to the best of his ability he will fulfill every promise or pledge made.

Especially are his views relating to labor and capital and the public to be commended. Too many politicians, we fear, lost sight of the interests and welfare of the public in these controversies that are constantly arising between the laborer and his employer. To these interested parties he has promised proper consideration with the interests of the public uppermost. That is the kind of representative that every state should have and one we will get in Mr. Trainor. His views on the Volstead act and the 18th amendment are not only in accord with our own but with the vast majority of the people of the whole United States. The saloons are directly responsible for the abolishing of all alcoholic beverages, and while we would like to have beers and light wines restored, we believe that "Congress and the states should prescribe the method of distribution." He has taken a proper stand with relation to the adjustment of the soldier question and as we know him his sense of fairness will prompt right and proper action for the boys who did the job of us.

His idea of taxes are safe, sane and along the right lines. The common criticism today directed toward our government and its administration is directed toward the taxes now being levied. He proposes for one thing in this connection, to abolish "unnecessary and expensive departments." God be praised! It should have been started long ago, and the rail on public funds thus diminished by trust in power. This being an agricultural district he hasn't lost sight of the farmer's interests in his announcement, and they too will have a friend in Washington.

All in all, it strikes us as being a set of pledges worthy of adoption and we hope and feel that it will appeal to a majority of voters of this district as it does to us—the best ever.

OFFERS \$50,000 FOR STATE PREVENTORIUM

Proposition from the Proctor Family If Vermonters Raise Equal Amount

Mr. Thomas Magner, president of the Vermont Tuberculosis Association has received a letter from Redfield Proctor, in which Mr. Proctor and his sister, Miss Emily Dutton Proctor, offer to provide a site of 25 acres or more in the town of Pittsford for a new Preventorium and \$50,000 for constructing the building, provided the Vermont Tuberculosis Association before July 1st of this year shall raise \$50,000 additional for its general work and that the Preventorium shall be a memorial to the late Doctor Charles S. Caverly. Mr. Proctor's letter is as follows:

March 17, 1920

My Dear Mr. Magner: I understand that the Vermont Tuberculosis Association desires to raise a fund of fifty thousand dollars for its work in Vermont and also that it needs a more permanent and larger Preventorium than the one it now has at Essex. My sister, Miss Emily Dutton Proctor and I hereby offer to provide a site for such a new Preventorium of 25 acres or more in the town of Pittsford and also to give fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the erection and the building thereon which will accommodate at least 20 children. Pittsford has the advantage of being near the Medical Directory of the Vermont Sanatorium whose assistance could undoubtedly be secured.

This offer is upon the following conditions: (1) That the Association shall otherwise raise by July first next a sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) for its general work.

(2) That the new Preventorium shall be a memorial to our friend the late Dr. Charles S. Caverly and contain a tablet to his memory. He gave Vermont freely of his great talents and was largely responsible for making the State Board of Health, the Vermont Sanatorium and the Infantile Paralysis work that they have today.

(3) That the selection of an architect and contractor and the plans for the building shall be subject to our approval. Very sincerely yours, (Signed) REDFIELD PROCTOR

Mr. Magner stated that the Vermont Tuberculosis Association would of course accept this splendid offer. He stated that it was especially gratifying to the Association that the new Preventorium was to be a memorial to the late Dr. Caverly who had been a most important factor in the organization and success of the Tuberculosis work. Mr. Magner announced that the campaign to raise fifty thousand dollars which must be secured for the general work of the Tuberculosis Association in order to benefit from this offer will be conducted during the week beginning Monday, May 31st. Hon. Fred A. Howland of Montpelier has consented to be state chairman for the drive and will appoint a chairman for every county immediately. Last December there was a financial campaign in every state in the union to raise funds to more adequately fight tuberculosis at that time. The Vermont Tuberculosis Association outlined the work it felt it should do in Vermont and estimated the cost for doing the same work to be \$50,000. The Association decided to put on a campaign to raise the amount in connection with other states but on account of weather conditions last December the drive was postponed until spring. Now that this splendid offer has come from Mr. Proctor there is every reason to believe that Vermonters will contribute the sum necessary to make an adequate campaign against the dread disease and to establish an institution where many Vermont boys and girls will be started on the road to health and happiness.

Kentucky Girl Is Bride of Newport Editor

Miss Minnie Pearl Ashcraft of Covington, Ky., became the bride of Richard D. Howe, editor and advertising manager of the Newport Record, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Smith, No. 17 Winter Street, St. Johnsbury, at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frederick B. Richards, pastor of the North Congregational church. The bride, who maintains the reputation of Kentucky as the home of beautiful girls, was very charming in a gown of figured blue Georgette over blue satin. She carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Ashcraft arrived from Kentucky on the mail train Tuesday morning. The marriage is the culmination of a romance which began in St. Louis, seven months ago when she was visiting an aunt in that city and met Mr. Howe who at that time was manager of the St. Louis bureau of the International News Service. She had attended the training school for nurses of the Good Samaritan hospital in Cincinnati and later worked in the office of the H. & S. Pegue Co. in that city.

Mr. Howe's home is in Boston where he formerly was with the International News Service, later going to St. Louis. He left that city to take charge of the Newport Record when it was established as a daily paper six months ago covering the entire news and business field of Northeastern Vermont in conjunction with the St. Johnsbury Evening Caledonian. Mr. and Mrs. Howe left this afternoon for Newport where they will make their home. Mr. Howe is a member of the publicity committee of the Newport Chamber of Commerce and Company L of that city.

COULD NOT BEGIN TO TELL ALL

"I could not tell you all the benefits I had from the use of Foley's Honey and Tar," writes Miss Rose Flocke, 299 Hawkins Ave., N. Braddock, Pa. "I had a cold in my chest and fearing it would cause pneumonia I tried Foley's Honey and Tar and it was not long till I felt relieved. I hope others suffering from severe colds will try it." Many such letters have been written about this time-tried reliable family medicine for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. SOLD EVERYWHERE.

HELP SWELL THE "MERRY SUNSHINE" FUND

A Chance to Give to the Support of One of the State's Unfortunates

If you had never known a mother's tender care, a mother to suck you in at night and to do all the tender things that only a mother can; if you had never known a father's strong devotion—a father, who would work and suffer if need be, that his little child might be sheltered; if you had never been surrounded by the gentle love that is due every child, and instead had been knocked about, here, there and everywhere; if you had never known the activity of a growing child, and instead had lived all your waking hours and most of your sleeping ones tied into a high chair, where your feet jangled in the air, and your body became twisted to conform to the chair; if you had no nurse to dress you carefully, and instead had your tender flesh caught through with a large safety pin; if you could still smile and smile? Could you furl your hands and say "God bless Mary?" If you could you would be able to demonstrate the heroic patience and the sublime faith of this little three-year-old child, who has justly been given the name of "Merry Sunshine" by all connected with the hospital where she now is.

Five months ago this case was reported to the State Board of Charities, and the little child was placed in the hospital for care, and if possible, to make her whole. X-rays were taken. She was examined by an eminent surgeon and the verdict was that the child's body could never be made straight. At first it was thought that she could never walk. When her cot she was bound to a curved board in order that her heels and head would be lower than her body, this being done in an effort to straighten the back. Even in this condition, she looks up cheerfully, with "Goodnight, nurse." Today the child is walking and hospital care is not necessary.

While in the hospital the expense was paid from the State Board of Charities "Governor's Fund," a fund started three years ago, made up by contributions from many kindly and interested people. She is still a cripple and will never be a normal child physically. She must have good care that will see that she is properly nourished and has proper exercise. There is no financial provision made by the state for children like Mary.

RECENT DEATHS

JOHN LANCOT

John Lancot died at the St. Johnsbury Hospital Thursday afternoon, aged 82 years. Mr. Lancot suffered a shock in March from which he was recovering, but another followed this week which resulted fatally. Mr. Lancot was born in Saint

French Goddess of Liberty

All in Well-Chosen Library

The Goddess of Liberty was created by the French convention in 1793, and was enthroned by a public ceremonial. It is not known who personated the goddess on the occasion, but probably she was dressed in the French color, red, white and blue, with a flowing skirt of classic design. The French liberty cap was red, the American is blue, with a border of gilt stars on white. The figure of Liberty on the early American coins had loose hair tied behind, a sort of free and easy gown, with low neck and sleeves and sandals without heels.

All in Well-Chosen Library. Said Emerson: "Consider what you have in the smallest chosen library. A company of the wisest and wisest that could be picked out of all the civil countries in a thousand years have set in best order the results of their learning and wisdom. The men themselves were big and inaccessible, solitary, impatient of interruption, forced by etiquette; but the thought which they did not uncover to their bosom friend is here written out in transparent words to us, the strangers of another age."

Constant, P. A. ... "GET RID OF 'SPRING FEVER'"
When 18 years old I was afflicted with a severe case of "Spring Fever" which was attended by a most distressing and painful condition of the bowels. I had never known a father's strong devotion—a father, who would work and suffer if need be, that his little child might be sheltered; if you had never been surrounded by the gentle love that is due every child, and instead had been knocked about, here, there and everywhere; if you had never known the activity of a growing child, and instead had lived all your waking hours and most of your sleeping ones tied into a high chair, where your feet jangled in the air, and your body became twisted to conform to the chair; if you had no nurse to dress you carefully, and instead had your tender flesh caught through with a large safety pin; if you could still smile and smile? Could you furl your hands and say "God bless Mary?" If you could you would be able to demonstrate the heroic patience and the sublime faith of this little three-year-old child, who has justly been given the name of "Merry Sunshine" by all connected with the hospital where she now is.

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