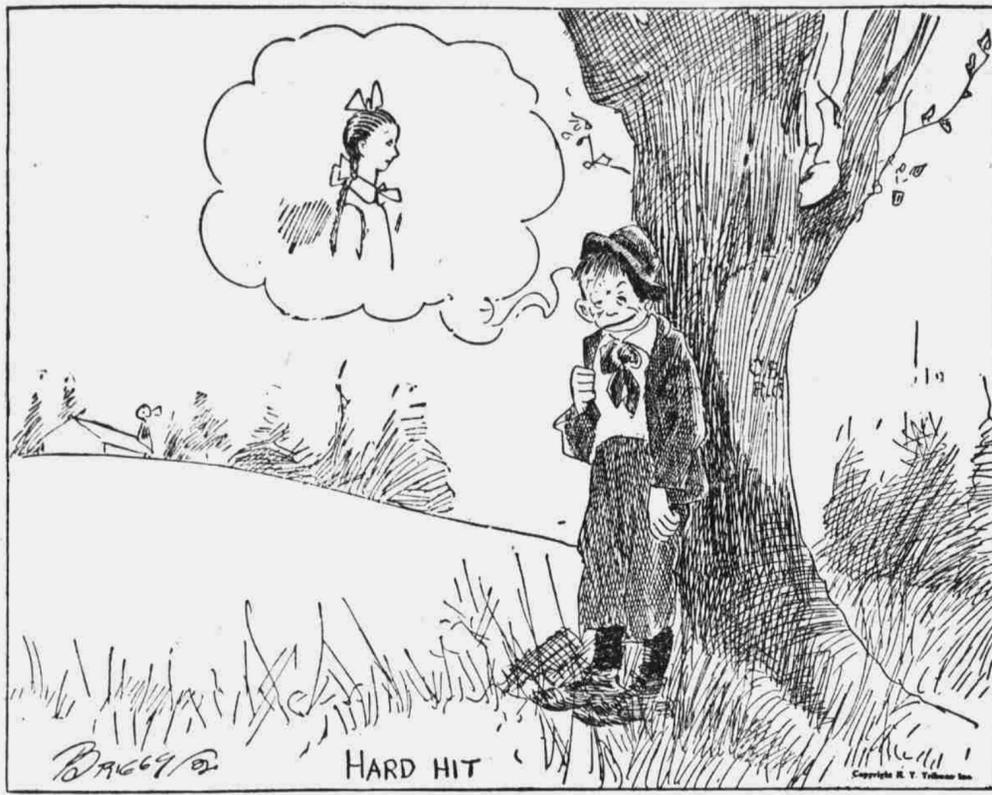


The Days of Real Sport—By Briggs

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RIGHT SPIRIT The action of the Shelby county court in pledging itself to a tax rate that will permit an increase in the pay of the teachers in the county schools commensurate with the schedule prepared by the superintendent will meet the unanimous approval of the people. In the first place, Miss Williams, the county superintendent, has retained an exceptionally high standard of teachers. There is a splendid morale among the teachers. Each one is giving to the pupils the best possible attention. The teachers have their hearts in the work. Their efforts are appreciated, even if they are underpaid, and it only required prompt and concerted action to secure financial relief from the court. The teachers were in a splendid position to demand consideration. They handed in no ultimatum. They did not organize for strike purposes. They did not seek shorter hours and less work. They did not abuse those in authority. The teachers simply went to the superintendent and secured from her a revised salary schedule. With that in their possession they went before the different organizations in the county and city and asked that the terms of the schedule be met. It was pointed out that the schools were losing the best talent because of inadequate pay, and that the better class of teachers now employed could be retained, and some of those that were lost could be restored, if the court would agree to make a tax rate in June that would permit an advance in pay. There was no hesitation and no delay. The teachers met with the same cordial and sympathetic reception that they approached the people with, and the problem of pay, for a year at least, is a thing of the past so far as the teachers in Shelby county are concerned. It was appropriate that members of the court, teachers and visitors should have stood and sung "America" after the resolution passed with the unanimous vote of the court. The whole procedure was characterized by a spirit typically American.

A WORLD CONSCIENCE There seems to be such a thing as a world conscience, which is an aggregation of individual and national consciences. It moves slowly and requires time to make itself felt. It is asserting itself at the present time in the matter of unhappy Armenia, and the demand that the Turk shall cease his pogroms and massacres is being felt. President Wilson's suggestion that the Turk be driven out of Europe, bag and baggage, is meeting with a general response. Too long he has tarried. His bloody practices are an offense in the sight of God and man. They should end. Slaughtering defenseless men, women and children does not belong to the twentieth century, and this seems to be all the Turk knows or cares for. God will not bless a world that tolerates or permits such barbarity. Millions of lives have been sacrificed, both soldier and civilian, in the struggle for the right of people to live in their own way, and unless the Turk is halted these lives have been wasted. The Hun has been unwisely objectified. Everything has been done to put down the Hun, render him incapable of creating disorder and conflict, while the bloody Turk, Germany's ally, has been overlooked and permitted to pursue his wonted sanguinary work. Meantime the blood of the helpless Armenians is crying out to heaven for vengeance, while the victorious allies are dicker- ing over Constantinople and jockeying for advantage. Rather than see this key to a vast commercial empire go to a rival, almost any of the allies would prefer to see it remain in the hands of the Turk. The Turk knows this, and is craftily playing the greed and cupidity of one nation against that of the other for his own advantage. What a shame it is! We are called upon to feed the Armenians, and we should do so to the extent of our ability, although it may seem useless to prolong their lives for the inevitable slaughter. What should be done first is to halt and bog-tie the Turk and drive him out of countries where he has no right to be. He should not be permitted to come in contact with Christian civilization. He should be treated as a wild beast and driven to his congenial Asiatic jungle. This is the demand that is being made by an aroused world conscience that has grown sick and tired of Turkish blood-spilling and massacre. What becomes of the peninsula of Shantung and its forty millions of people may be important, but if there is any humanity, any love of justice, any abhorrence of murder, any truth in the protestations of Western civilization, the bloody rule of the Turk should end, and this ugly stain be removed from the face of the world. We are not an active and a potential member of the league of nations, but we can raise our voices against the wholesale slaughter of a helpless people anywhere and at any time. We should not remain silent while the impotent cries of these un- fortunate people are rending the skies. The Turk is not fit to live in freedom in such a world as we and our allies fought and sacrificed to make of this. Spending time in quibbling over boundary lines between little nations where people are living in peace, and where life at least is secure and not menaced by violent death, is time wasted while present conditions exist in Armenia. If the great conference in session can do nothing, the members should return to their homes so that some other plan of relief may be conceived and put in motion.

Senator Andrew L. Todd, speaker of the state senate, banker, farmer and stock fancier, has purchased the Murfreesboro Home Journal and in addition to his other achievements has become an editor and publisher. Having spent many years in the accumulation of a fortune Senator Todd will now enjoy the sensation of spending it. Richard Croker's sons say the old man is crazy. The allegation is supported by proof that he married a young wife and the charge is answered by the statement that he has since made \$1,000,000. Whether he is sane or insane makes mighty little difference in view of these facts. Col. Bryan has announced in favor of Secretary Merrieth for Democratic candidate for president. The colonel is playing safe this time and will advocate some one that hasn't a ghost of a chance to secure the nomination. Senator Hitchcock says the league pact will be a ghost to face the Republicans. But it will have one advantage over its former self: nobody ever killed a ghost.

The Question Box ?

Q.—Is a wild cat a species of wild animal?—L. E. S. A.—This term is applied to about 40 species of the feline race. In the United States the lynx is commonly called a wild cat. Q.—When was the first baseball game played between clubs?—R. D. A.—The first game between organized teams was played in Hoboken, N. J., June 19, 1846. Q.—Who plans the style of the United States postage stamps?—L. E. S. A.—Postage stamp designs are made by the bureau of engraving and printing, and approved by the postmaster-general. Q.—How was Seattle named?—F. E. N. A.—Seattle, Washington, was named for the chief of the Duwamish Indians. See also—thl. Q.—Does gas freeze?—T. M. R. A.—Gas does not freeze. The moisture in gas pipes sometimes freezes and obstructs the flow of gas. Q.—Who originated Father's day?—G. T. A.—Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, of Spokane, Washington, was the promoter of the celebration of this day. Q.—What is the relationship of a sister of a Revolutionary soldier to a S. A. A. R. or D. A. R.?—M. W. C. A.—This relationship would not entitle one to membership in either organization. It is necessary to be a lineal descendant to be eligible. Q.—What is a United States marshal?—S. B. A.—A United States marshal is the chief executive officer of each federal district and is appointed by the President. Q.—Were there any soldiers from Hawaii and the Philippine Islands in the last war?—T. M. H. A.—From Hawaii 5,644 soldiers and 250 from the Philippines served with the New York in the World war. Q.—Was Canada ever invaded by the Irish?—H. F. L. A.—A proposed expedition to invade Canada in 1837 was frustrated by the British. Q.—When were medals sent by the War Department during the World war?—K. I. A.—Silver medals were sent to and from the War Department at a cost of \$120,000,000. Q.—When were medals first awarded to soldiers?—T. M. H. A.—The postoffice department says that the postage stamp was officially adopted in New York postoffice. Before that letters were carried at so much per sheet of paper, readable motion picture film, and other articles also. Q.—What is the highest official position held by a Negro in the United States?—L. E. S. A.—The highest official position held by a Negro in the United States is that of a diplomat or consular officer abroad. Q.—How does the dog bark?—R. D. A.—The dog barks because it is the signal and most important note in the communication of man. Major general. Q.—What is the highest official position held by a Negro in the United States?—L. E. S. A.—The highest official position held by a Negro in the United States is that of a diplomat or consular officer abroad. Q.—How does the dog bark?—R. D. A.—The dog barks because it is the signal and most important note in the communication of man. Major general.

THE HASKIN LETTER

MR. HURST AND THE COONITE BERRY

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

MIAMI, Fla., April 7.—A few miles from town is a factory which is said to be the only one of its kind in the world. It makes a high grade of starch out of a common seed which grows all over the country, and in every vacant lot in the town, and which was long regarded by most people not merely as useless, but as a positive pest. This factory is owned by one man, who invented his own process and built a large part of his own machinery. He has perhaps the most absolute monopoly in a monopoly-ridden republic. He maintains his monopoly by keeping his process of manufacture an absolute secret. He will tell you anything about himself and his factory, except how it works. His name is A. B. Hurst, and he is a white-headed man, very good-natured, and having more fun with his little factory than a boy with a new sled. The coonite berry, sometimes known as the coonite berry, upon which Mr. Hurst has founded his fortune, is a long, slender, pointed berry, a few high, and decorated with large bright red berries, having very tough skin. It is found all over the country, but is especially plentiful in the West Indies, but as far as a berry could be learned, Hurst is the only man who has made a success of utilizing the wild one. This coonite is very well, or rather badly known to the natives, because it is a powerful emetic. He walked out into the woods and showed us a specimen of the plant growing. He had been told that the Seminole Indians used to make starch of the plant, and that it was their staple food supply during their long war with the United States government, in which they never surrendered as a tribe. Some of the old Florida crackers, he says, also made starch out of it on a small scale. This was not hard to do. It was the making of a machine process to handle the fruit in bulk that was difficult. The fact that the coonite root was a source of starch had been pretty well forgotten when he took it up. Everyone knew that the root was a source of starch, but few seemed aware that the root was food for man. Mr. Hurst takes great pride and satisfaction in his conquest of the coonite berry. He has made an industry of his own. He has known the joy of the creator. Whether you create a coonite or an empire or a new kind of starch, no doubt the thrill is much the same, and you rise equally high above the level of merely productive men, plodding in beaten paths. "Have you taken out patents on your process?" we asked. "No," he replied, "I took out a patent on it," he replied, "everybody would know how to do it."

SIMILAR.

"Do you believe in transmigration of souls?" asked the Little Man. "Sure," replied the Big Man. "Why?" "Nothing," answered the Little Man. "I saw here that there are birds in Africa with bills a yard long. 'Well, what about them?' demanded the Big Man. "I'm just wondering if those birds are not the spirits of departed plumbers," replied the Little Man.

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY

The young lady across the way says money may be tight and hard to get for some but her father's company is going to pay 8 per cent on its new bonds.

Daily Editorial Digest

THIS column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

What Gov. Cox Stands For. "Gov. Cox of Ohio is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. He comes from a pivotal state whose electoral vote is an important factor in the success or failure of his party in the national election. He is a close personal friend of Woodrow Wilson. He believes in the peace treaty and the league of nations. He brings to its defense one of the keenest minds in his party, backed by great forensic powers. He, of all the present field of possibilities, the president himself alone excepted, could best take the treaty into the campaign and carry it to victory in the great and solemn referendum called for in the Jackson day address. Thus the Arkansas Democrat (Dem.) states the qualifications of James M. Cox, one of the Democratic aspirants whose candidacy is definitely avowed, and the same paper believes he "will more and more become the center of Democratic interest as the logical man to make the treaty fight for the president." In his own state, the Youngstown Vindicator, who is equally enthusiastic, declares that he is "the best and ablest governor Ohio ever had," and that "the qualities that distinguish James M. Cox as governor of Ohio are the best recommendations he can offer. The Vindicator speaks of him as 'a most tireless worker, with inspiration of vision, of a high order of executive ability—a born leader of men.' The Manchester Union (Ind. Rep.) devotes much space to a favorable discussion of the issues on which Gov. Cox stands. Although it finds him 'nebulous as to the league of nations' and not 'clear when he is for ratification' with or without it, it thinks he 'gets on firm footing when he speaks of the excess profits tax.' 'He is for repeal, and tells why.' The Union goes on: 'He says that the protective duties on the iron and steel cost, all the way from production of raw material through the process of manufacturing, until the whole accumulated mass of profit for taxation is dumped upon the ultimate consumer. As to prohibition, the Union calls him a 'modified wet,' favoring 'a modification of the law which would legalize traffic in beer and light wines.' The same authority also points to a unique proposal of Gov. Cox, that of 'establishing federal reserve bank branches in important trade centers throughout the world.' He 'doesn't offer any definite suggestion' as to capital and labor, says the Union, and mentions the issue of Mexico only 're- luctantly.' With the above criticism that Gov. Cox is indefinite about the peace treaty in the Lynchburg News (Dem.) does not agree. It holds him to be correct in saying the 'defeat of the treaty of Versailles is a political and historical partisan conspiracy,' a view in which the Birmingham Age-Herald (Dem.) concurs. In declaring for 'repeal of the excess profits tax,' the Evansville Courier (Dem.) believes Gov. Cox 'has the support of the best economical thought of the country,' declaring that 'excess profits tax is one of the most vicious causes of great distress.' 'Just how it is to be incorporated in the Democratic platform of 1920 is a little difficult to see,' the Times-Star says. 'It is not a Democratic slogan, and it is not a slogan of the war machinery of the government long after the reason for its existence ceased to exist.' The governor's declaration as to efficiency, simplicity in government, etc., does him credit. But it will not be much if, perchance he should be chosen as the candidate of the Democratic party and then, after the ratification of the treaty, he should be chosen as the defender of the Wilson administration."

YE TOWNE GOSSIP (REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.) BY K. C. B.

FROM OUT of the West. AND WE'LL stand them up. BY the painted girls. AND MEN and women. FROM FAR and near. WILL COME to see. AND WE'LL show them the real. AND THE camouflaged. AND GOOD will come. AND THE Western girls. WE'LL SEND back home. BEFORE they fade. AND WE have to paint 'em. SO THEY'LL look as good. AS THE Eastern girl. YOU CAN reach me, John. BY SENDING a wire. TO THE Great Outdoors. WHERE LIES the West. I THANK YOU.

HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1920. (Copyright, 1920, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) The Sun rises strongly for good today, according to astrology. During this sway men and women should be able to do much if they wisely and through self-confidence to gain great advantage. A favorable rule under which to seek employment or advancement. The week will settle their affairs now, for later there may be trouble in obtaining desirable positions, since there may be a reaction after the period of plenty. This should be a most auspicious day for beginning any sort of an important enterprise. Agriculture will be discussed in gray when the sun is in the sign of the scales. Those who would find favor in the eyes of the great or the powerful should make the best of this government of the stars. The sun is unhampered by evil aspects from the present position of the sun, which is in the sign of the scales. It is wise to promote ambitions. During the rule it is held lucky to present gifts, since gifts are thus supposed to reflect the sunshine of plenty. Those who would find favor in the eyes of the great or the powerful should make the best of this government of the stars. The sun is unhampered by evil aspects from the present position of the sun, which is in the sign of the scales. It is wise to promote ambitions. During the rule it is held lucky to present gifts, since gifts are thus supposed to reflect the sunshine of plenty. Those who would find favor in the eyes of the great or the powerful should make the best of this government of the stars. The sun is unhampered by evil aspects from the present position of the sun, which is in the sign of the scales. It is wise to promote ambitions. During the rule it is held lucky to present gifts, since gifts are thus supposed to reflect the sunshine of plenty. Those who would find favor in the eyes of the great or the powerful should make the best of this government of the stars.