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The Kalamazoo celery crop is said to have been washed out, but thank goodness Michigan peaches are safe.

The republican aspirant for the nomination for sheriff who throws his hat into the ring this year must expect to have it kicked around rather promiscuously, and all for nothing, too.

The fact that no auto fatalities took place in Iowa in the month of February is being pointed to as one of the advantages of having roads which are not generally suitable for motor vehicle travel at least part of the year.

The forcing out of business of Herman Weber's Union restaurant in Chicago will be looked upon as confirming the popular belief that the serving of food has become a minor consideration from the viewpoint of the modern restaurateur.

A thousand barrels of vinegar are tied up in a lawsuit in Davenport, the manufacturer suing for its price from the purchaser and the latter trying to recover four times that figure on the ground that the consignment is not up to the pure food standard. Some pickle.

Rev. Washington Gladden's tribute to the newspaper profession paid at Lawrence, Kan., yesterday indicates one of two things: Either the reverend gentlemen knew what he was talking about or else he had a correct hunch as to the best method of getting his own name into the headlines throughout this broad land.

It required but half an hour yesterday to find two negroes guilty of a penitentiary offense. This case, coming after others recently tried, tends to confirm the conviction that the speed with which the mills of justice grind depends upon the grit that's in the hopper than upon the size of the defense fund.

Several members of the business men's party while inspecting Rock Island arsenal yesterday afternoon suddenly lost their desire to go to the front in the event of active hostilities. They were being shown the new automatic rifle used by the United States soldiers which pours a leaden rain effective for three miles at the rate of 400 shots a minute.

The lignitic coal reserves of the Bonfield region, Alaska, are estimated by the United States geological survey to be nearly 10,000,000,000 tons, which exceeds by nearly 2,000,000,000 tons the estimate made a few years ago, on the information then available, of the total quantity of lignitic coal in the territory. The new estimates, which are very moderate, indicate that the quantity of coal available in the Bonfield region is greater than that of all the other surveyed fields of the territory.

FLYING THE FLAG.

Memorial day and flag day are just ahead, and rules for the proper display of flags have been issued. On Memorial day, from sunrise to noon, the flag on a pole should float at half mast and from noon until sundown at full mast. The half mast in the morning is the flag of sorrow for the dead and the full mast afterwards is the rejoicing over the victory which those who died for the flag won for their country.

EMERGENCY RELIEF DRILLS.

We have fire drills in our schools and factories. Why not emergency relief drills for cities and towns? Why not require every mayor, before entering upon the duties of his office, to think out his course of action in case of disaster?

A Mississippi river levee breaks. Railroads are overflowed, and trains stopped. People move upstairs or into the attic. The waters will remain for weeks and possibly months. Pestilence and famine stare from out the murky tides.

mayor may do it. The mayor and council may do it. A mass meeting for the purpose may do it. Do it now. Do not select men for the job because he has the time? The man you want is a man of executive ability who has a knowledge of men and affairs.

Emergency relief drills for communities would be of two kinds: First, a drill in what we should do if our community were stricken. Under this point talk and plan plainly so that the organization will be ready in advance.

HONOR ONLY IN FORBEARANCE.

The socialists, in opposing war, are not taking new or unusual ground. President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and nearly everybody else outside of those with personal interests to advance or a hankering for glory are also opposed to war.

Politicians who are clamoring for war do so because President Wilson and his advisers are trying to settle the trouble in Mexico without resorting to further loss of life and destruction of property.

Force of arms will not win the love of the Mexican or the respect of the balance of the world. Our work in Mexico is constructive, not destructive.

And let those whose voice is all for war be known for what they are.

CLEANING UP PEORIA.

A number of prominent citizens of Peoria have undertaken a big job. They are trying to "clean up the city." Mayor Woodruff has issued an order for the elimination of the segregated vice district, which is to go into effect Aug. 1.

From one point of view such women are simply law-breakers and are entitled to no more consideration than any other law-breaker. But a deeper and more just consideration of the case shows the following facts: They have obeyed a law within the law, or shall we say outside the law? A law laid down for them by our city officials.

THE WOMAN IN THE MOON.

Of course you know the story of the "Man-in-the-Moon" who came down too soon, but have you ever noticed the old woman in the moon? If you have, you will want to know the ancient Indian legend of who she is and how she came to be in the moon.

Now the Great Spirit grew tired of her questions and sent a Manitou to tell her to stop. "Go tell the Great Spirit," answered the old woman, "that when this headband I am working on, is finished I will stop asking."

Mexico a Country of Contrasts

"Perhaps nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrasts as Mexico," writes William Joseph Showalter to the National Geographic society, at Washington, D. C.

"Here you will see a Mexican half-breed, barefooted, wearing a dollar pair of trousers, a 50 cent shirt, and a \$10 sombrero. There, at a single glance and within the length of a single city block, you may see an Indian carter, a donkey, an ox-cart, a carriage, a railroad train, a street car, and an automobile—almost every type of locomotion since Adam.

"Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The small clay animals, perfectly fashioned and ranging from the peaceful dog to the charging bull and the bucking mule, would do credit to the genius of any sculptor whose name figures in the art publications of the world.

"The Indians of Mexico eat many curious foods. One of the most remarkable of these is made of the eggs of a species of marsh fly. This fly deposits its eggs in incredible quantities upon flags and rushes. The eggs are gathered and made into cakes which are sold in the markets.

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By Clara Ingram Judson.

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"Mexico produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$155,000,000 in 1910.

"The drawn-work of the Mexican Indian is justly famed throughout the world, and deserves to rank with the finest of Spanish and Italian laces. The Indians make all sorts of small objects to attract the centavos of the tourist. The little dolls of Cuernavaca, a half-inch tall and dressed in finely embroidered raiment, are the admiration of every one who sees them.

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The ONLOOKER BY HENRY HOWLAND

HORATIUS at the BRIDGE

Then out spake brave Horatius, The captain of the gate: "Hail! Every mother's son of you, Both friends and foemen wait! Let not a blow be given No matter what the odds, For the ashes of your sires Or the temples of your gods."

"Well, well," said the man who had returned to the little old town, "I can hardly realize that it is twenty years since I left here."

"I wonder!" muttered Linn again. Now he plunged down the trail and crossed a little valley, to climb steadily up the opposite slope toward the silver peak of Magnet mountain.

"What's the matter?" "Oh, nothing." "No, no, don't tell me that. Something disagreeable or discouraging has happened. Your look shows it."

"My father was the champion shot-putter of his class." "I suppose he often boasts about it." "No, he never mentions it, but mother always does when he pays 75 cents to have the lawn mowed."

SHE NEVER FORGETS.

"I shall never," he declared with tragic emphasis, "stand idly by and see you become the wife of another."

The Benefit of the Doubt.

"Before I can ask you to be my wife," said the walking delegate, "I must ask you one thing. Is your coreset union made?"

A Comforting Thought.

"I suppose it is a great disappointment to you that your five children are all girls."

The Old Habit.

"She seems to have grown old rapidly of late."

She Never Was a Widow.

"What do you think of the jokes Bill brought over from England?" "I think they were pretty far-fetched."—Princeton Tiger.

The Daily Story

Magnet Mountain—By Clarissa Mackie. Copyrighted, 1914, by Associated Literary Bureau.

Linn Ellison looked at his compass for a long time before he reached out and held it up to his companion's eyes. "Joyce, who is that man?" he demanded feebly.

"He is a friend I found in the forest, father," she soothed him. "He has a medicine case, and I'm sure he has something that will do you good."

"You are very kind," said the old man tremulously. "It is all my fault, this predicament. Not a word, Joyce, my dear. Let me tell Mr. Ellison how I decided to prolong my stay here and how I persuaded you to spend the winter here and how I have been ill with fever and how all my men have deserted me and taken money and supplies with them, and—"

"The book!" repeated the doctor excitedly. "Is the book really out? I haven't seen it yet."

"You are the first one who has happened this way for six months. I have had to depend upon my gun for much of our food. My meeting you tonight was the most wonderful blessing that could have happened. Many of the people hereabout are afraid to come to the mountain. There is a tradition that it is strongly magnetized, and in course of father's investigations have in a measure confirmed the story; only there is nothing alarming about it, but fact; it is merely interesting. But after father had sent the last pages of his book manuscript to New York he conceived the idea of remaining here for the winter and pursuing his investigations. The result is that we have been here alone ever since the first month, when the six men who composed the party robbed my father of money and provisions and deserted us, leaving us with few stores and not even one pack horse. You can imagine our plight."

"What in thunder!"—he was beginning heatedly, when Linn held up a protesting hand.

"I need help," she repeated, with a quiver in her voice.

"I have a small medicine case in my pocket," was Linn's prompt reply. "Take me to your father, and I will do what I can for him. After that you may call upon me or my companion for any aid you need. Baker can ride back to Red Fork for anything you require."

"Thank you," she said briefly. "Follow me, please." Soon they emerged into a small cleared space, where the embers of a fire glowed sullenly in a stone faced hole before a small group of tents.

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