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## SMOKE FROM THE WEEKLY PIPE

Six or seven thousand gullibles grabbed the trains to Saltair a few nights ago to enjoy the terpsichorean maneuvers of Joan Sawyer and, as was to have been expected, they were bunked. There was no Joan, there was little of anything but the smell and the spiders and the susurrations of the inland sea, and though apparently the management was quite well aware that the dancer was nowhere in the vicinity early in the day, the crowds which gathered to see her were given no information on the subject, but awoke to read in the morning papers how badly Mr. Nelson felt about it. And the papers have a great deal of space for that sort of thing. You see, Mr. Nelson is an excellent advertiser. He publishes numerous cuts at so much an inch each week and reams of paid matter regarding Saltair which the daily papers publish without the word "advertisement" attached in direct violation of the federal statute. Of course that is up to the newspapers, not to Joe. He should worry, if they want to take a chance, but it was a little sickening for those who fell for the Sawyer promises to be regaled with the yarns next morning regarding Mr. Nelson's alligator tears.

This year's crop of spiders at the resort is better than it has been since 1910. They are everywhere in various sizes and all colors, from the dangerous looking veterans of several seasons to the baby spiders happily playing about the beams, rafters, rails and seats, silently rejoicing over the fact that their parents chose such a paradise for their birthplace. Another month remains until the resort closes for the season and it is to wonder what the versatile Joseph will provide in the way of a hoax as the next bait for the suckers.

In a recent interview in San Francisco, Emma Lucy Gates, granddaughter of Brigham Young, is purported to have predicted that the women of the war-drained regions will be ready to accept polygamous marriages, basing her belief on twelve years' association with European women in old world capitals. She is quoted as saying: "Many girls in the old world have told me that they would much prefer being a plural mate of a man who could give them a pleasant home where they could live a useful life than to be an old maid."

"I was for twelve years in Berlin, and I have heard numbers of German women say they thought it far better to have a home and family on a polygamous basis, where a husband took proper care of his children, than the system of monogamy which in Europe tacitly permits several affinities."

She further said, "that she did not espouse free love, because that relieves the men of all responsibility shifting it upon the women."

Further when asked her views on eugenics she said:

"I do not hold eugenics necessary where men live like our Mormon boys. Our Mormon standard of purity is the same for men as for women.

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Eugenics is superficial where both sexes have clean standards."

Evidently Miss Gates is not lacking in nerve when talking for publication while traveling, and it would seem from her expressions that her belief in polygamy is no different from what it has ever been. But it is scarcely to be believed that there are many intelligent women as widely traveled as Miss Gates who share her views.

As to the eugenic part of the interview, her discrimination in referring to the mode of living of the men she refers to, would be laughable were it not that it is so misleading. Proportionately there are just as many men among young Mormons who lead clean lives as there are in any other sect, but it is just as true that there are just as many who are rotten. Men are men with all of the proclivities inherent in the sex, no matter to what church they belong, and "what's bred in the bone" usually comes out in the flesh, irrespective of the creed they favor. To say the least, "Miss Gates' interview is characteristic.

The Railway and Marine News for August, successful transportation magazine published at Seattle by Kenneth C. Kerr, former well-known Salt Lake newspaper man, contains as its leading feature a story on the great reclamation projects planned for Utah. The article deals at length with the great work of the past in creating rich farming lands from the former sagebrush areas and refers in detail to the Carey act projects, the great United States, state and railroad work in this connection. The article is most beautifully illustrated with halftones and the whole is a tribute to the state which was Mr. Kerr's home for more than twenty years.

Another feature of this paper is a complete illustrated description of the government railroad construction in Alaska, written by Mr. Kerr, who has just returned from a comprehensive tour of the northern territory.

The absurd claims made by press agents of the movie concerns in their discussions of the salaries received by eminent stars received a body blow in the testimony in the court of Judge Wellborn in Los Angeles a week ago when it was discovered that Mary Pickford was receiving \$1,500 a week. Worth having, but hardly twice that of the president of the United States as conscientiously told by her publicity man. Not only did the real figures regarding her stipend come to light, but much more inside information in the suit of the Essanay company against Helen Dunbar, who was getting \$40 weekly. Other salaries which vastly differed from the published figures were those of Blanche Sweet, \$2.50 weekly; Charlie Chaplin, \$1,200; William Farnum, \$1,000; Marguerite Clark, \$900; Mary Fuller, \$500; Mabel Normand, \$500; Maurice Costello, \$500; J. Warren Kerrigan, \$400, and Earle Williams, \$300.

The stroller who entertains in the Seattle Argus tells about a friend of his who is obliged to personally question all young ladies who apply for positions as telephone operators. The questions and answers run something like this:

Q.—What is a party line?

A.—Several families who soon know each other's family secrets.

Q.—What is a telephone girl's greatest ambition?

A.—Same as any other girl's—to marry a cinch.

Q.—I mean regarding her duties?

A.—To be chief operator at a switchboard in a deaf and dumb asylum.

Q.—What is the most difficult part of a telephone operator's task?

A.—To get an increase in salary.

Q.—When a business man says over the wire,

"The bids close in one minute; our bid will be \$43,721," what is the telephone operator's duty?

A.—To cut him off just as he says, "Our bid will be—," then keep him waiting for three minutes, or after the bids are closed.

Q.—When a party is in a great hurry and wants Main 8765, what is the proper thing to do?

A.—Give him 5678.

Q.—What next?

A.—Say sweetly, "Linzblizzy."

Very well, you are quite competent. You are engaged.

## THE PARAGRAPHERS

In 1898 in the United States it was a case of "Remember the Maine." In 1915 in Germany the cry is: "Forget the Lusitania."—Reno News-Letter.

If Germany sinks many more ships loaded with mules she may have to go to war with Missouri.—Oklahoma City Oklahoman.

Dr. von Jagow's latest explanation of the Lusitania disaster seems to be that Germany did not think it was loaded.—Indianapolis Star.

An English writer declares that the British army of 750,000 is really 4,000,000. Maybe, but it's fighting like 750,000.—Boston Transcript.

"Canada Sends Dental Contingent to France." Doubtless to fill up the gaps in the front.—Columbia State.

The kaiser failed to state in his latest note whether or not he will permit surf-bathing on this side of the Atlantic.—New York Evening Sun.

The question we have put up to Germany, we take it, is whether to run her war on the European or American plan.—Columbia State.

The Georgia legislature has adopted a rule that no member shall be allowed to enter the hall intoxicated. Georgia is a prohibition state.—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

Customer—Waiter, this is the first tender steak I've ever had in your shop. Waiter—My goodness! You must have got the gov'nor's.—Tit-Bits.

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