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CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EYESIGHT

POLICE order that "slingshots" must go in Indianapolis because of an accident affecting the eyesight of an 8-year-old boy, may cause grumbling among some lads who see an infringement on their personal liberty, but it is an edict that should be enforced.

The boy was wounded by a playmate. During August the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness tabulated 279 serious eye accidents. Among causes were:

Explosion of a pipe into which a cartridge had found its way with tobacco; a wound from the fin of a fish; an eye-shade catching fire; a peek from a pet rooster; a jab from the horn of a cow.

The national committee is making a nation-wide census of eye accidents. The purpose is to determine what are principal causes of accidental injuries to the eyes—injuries which are adding thousands to the blind population yearly—and the means of eliminating those causes.

Of the mishaps reported during August 247 destroyed or seriously injured the sight of men and boys. Only 31 affected women and girls.

So, boy, take your slingshot and destroy it before a policeman finds it!

A GREAT BATTLE RECALLED

NEW item in The Times tells of five survivors of the Twelfth Indiana Infantry, fighting men of the Civil War, holding a reception at Logansport. It was their thirty-fifth reunion.

There are quite a number of old soldiers in Indiana who recall that the battle of Antietam was fought Sept. 16-17, in 1862. It was a great conflict. Like the battle of the Marne it was decisive of a mighty issue.

The years have flown since the blue hosts of the Union Army of the Potomac, numbering 87,000 men under Gen. George B. McClellan, met the gray-clad legions of Lee. More than 12,000 Federals and approximately as many Southerners died on Antietam field.

Lee gave up the fight, abandoned his Maryland campaign, and, as events proved, his hopes of victory for the Confederacy.

The men who fought in that battle and others of the Civil War are now few in numbers. They and the gallant men who were aligned against them gave to their country young men who re-emphasized America's glory on the battle fields of Europe in defense of civilization.

TRUTH ISN'T IN A DOLLAR

TROUBLE is brewing in the Philippines among the Moros, according to the cables.

The cause, we are told, is that the Moros object to being governed by the Filipinos.

Americans who have large financial interests in the Philippines are using the occasion as proof that the islanders are not yet ready for self-government.

Nonsense!

There are 10,350,750 people in the Philippine Islands. Only 886,999 of these are non-Christians and of this small minority less than 360,000 are Moros.

The Moros are to the Filipinos what the American Indians used to be to us.

Not longer ago than the seventies, the naked and painted tribes of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse surrounded our own intrepid Custer and massacred his command to the very last man.

That bloody opposition to white domination came precious close to the hundredth anniversary of our independence. Did it "prove" our incapacity for self-government.

Rot! No one is fool enough even to pretend it did. Then why use such a fool argument against the Filipinos?

OBSERVING "CONSTITUTION WEEK"

IF WE had our way about it we would have "fifty-two Constitution Weeks" every year, instead of one set aside for observance. Inasmuch as we have Mother-in-law Day, Prune Week, Buy-a-Book Week, and some hundred, more or less, days and weeks given a designation in order to increase the sales of special products or to let somebody give wider circulation to a hobby, there certainly is no reason why we should not have a "Constitution Week."

We are so strongly in favor of the Constitution, that we have opposed the efforts of judges, lawyers and legislators to defeat the purposes for which it was drawn, and have always urged that it be followed to the letter by all persons, especially by those who make, interpret and enforce our laws. So, we say to everybody, observe "Constitution Week."

We like the words of Brigadier General Dwight E. Aultman, commander at Fort Benjamin Harrison, who, in urging his troops to read the Constitution, said:

"You cannot uphold anything you do not know about. There are too many lawyers busying themselves today with ways and means of changing the Constitution to fit their needs."

Mayor Shank is going to have a Constitution program for city employees and citizens Saturday. We hope it will not be an empty get-together.

FATHER'S PRAYER IN PRIZE FIGHT

BUENOS AIRES cablegrams announced that the father of Prizefighter Firpo spent the morning praying for his gladiator son.

Now, how does a fellow pray for the Lord's partiality in a prize fight?

There can be no objection to praying for most anything. We once heard a little girl pray for "new sawdust for Dolly's insides that doesn't smell bad, if not too busy," and believed that the Almighty would find the time for it. But, a prize fight! How do you begin and end an appeal for a special dispensation for one fellow to punch another's nose successfully, for the money that's in it?

Of course, we don't want to say one word to impair any man's faith that he can pray a Dempsey flat on his back for the count of ten. Prayer is one of the few things excess in which hurts nobody, and a special prayer for a particular prize fight result may not indicate impiety, since it certainly is a tremendous demonstration of faith in the Lord's omnipotence and loyalty to human affairs.

MELLON IS AGAINST ANY BONUS PLAN

Quietly Resumes Campaign to Prevent Additional Burdens on Treasury.

By JOHN CARSON
Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has resumed quietly, his anti-soldier bonus campaign.

Convinced everything points to passage of the bonus legislation at the forthcoming session of Congress, Mellon has not relented in his opposition to the bill nor retreated from his contention that the Government is financially unable to stand additional burdens.

Mellon is doing what he can to educate the country to the menace of increased taxation. He feels if the consumers could understand how taxes eat into the pay envelope each week and how prices have been increased by taxation, the one cry of the country would be against additional taxes.

It is along this line Mellon and his friends in the Cabinet are operating. They are stressing the tax problem constantly. Their cry is for tax reduction and against every increased expenditure. And Mellon's recommendations to the next Congress will be for tax reductions and more tax reductions.

On the other hand, Mellon recognizes the effort is almost hopeless of success. These are the factors in the situation which are almost convincing a bonus bill will be approved.

The next Congress will be more favorably disposed toward the bonus than was the last, and the last Congress had a majority in both houses for the legislation.

With an election in November of next year, politicians in both parties will play to the "soldier vote" and pass the bill as a political measure.

Politicians will contend also—if the expected business let-down occurs next year—a grant of a cash bonus will stimulate business again. This argument will be especially strong with the Republicans who would suffer most, politically, from a business depression.

And, finally, it is now insisted President Coolidge is committed to a bonus bill because he, as Governor of Massachusetts, signed the first State soldier bonus legislation.

The Beauty Box

BY BERTON BRALEY
The ideal of today.
With her vanity case,
Keeps working away,
Reconstructing her face.
While coffee she sips,
Ere to labor she goes,
She lipsticks her lips
And she powders her nose.

In office or shop,
From morning till night,
She'll frequently stop
To set her face right;
And when out she skips,
With her various bouquet,
She lipsticks her lips
And she powders her nose.

In good luck or ill,
And whatever fate brings,
Unfaltering still,
To this habit she clings.
When joy's in eclipse,
Or when happiness glows,
She lipsticks her lips
And she powders her nose.

If life proves too rough,
She will smooth it again
With rouge and with puff,
And I'll wager that when
Past Peter she slips,
Where the pearls glaze shows,
She'll lipstick her lips
And she'll powder her nose.
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Hoosier Puns

By W. M. H.
Pawnee Point Personals
Jonathan Hanson is in love again and is taking a correspondence course in sighconanalysis.

Master Philip Parsnips is expecting pups at his house.

Millie Millicent is still wearing bobbed skirts.

Martha Moreplot has averaged a scenario a day for the past month.

Miss Moreplot is one of the best customers of the postoffice.

Yes, We Have No Furnace Fire
Her eyes were blue,
Her fingers too;
Her lips pressed tight—
A shivering sight:
"Oo-oo! I'm froze,
Even head 't toes!"
Then sleepy he,
To Sweet Marie:
"There ain't no doubt
Th' darned thing's out."

One of the Three Hundred
Mercy: I was so shocked when I heard you'd sued for divorce. I always thought Phil's battin' average with you was 'way over three hundred.

Fannette: He's been out so much of late, he ain't made a homerun in a month; and the last time he comes, he assists me to a putout. I may be makin' an error; but no more sacrificin' for me.

Heard in the Smoking Room

THEY were gathered in the smoker, and the fellow with the pipe that could speak for itself spoke up:

"Say, did you ever hear the story of Pat and Mike and McDougal, the two Irishmen and the Scotchman?"

"No? Well, one day they were all talking about what they wanted done after they died, and Pat spoke up and said he wanted all his friends to put money in his casket instead of flowers on it. Of course Mike and the Scotchman wanted to know why, and Pat answered that, after all, one might need railroad fare to heaven, and he didn't want to be left behind on account of not having it."

"Well," said the Scotchman, "supposing when one of us dies, the other two put \$500 in the casket, and then he will have \$1,000 for fare."

"Fair enough, they all agreed. 'Well, about a year later, Mike

TOM SIMS -!- Says

AUTUMN styles are here. One season a woman's waist chokes her and the next it trips her.

Fashion demands slim people. Fat ones can reduce by talking to people who make them sick.

Men are wearing clocked socks again. Better get good quality or the clocks may run.

Football's back. It is nice training for the rough basket-ball games which will come later.

Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, which is what worries it half the time.

Men who would raise Cain if they found a hair in the gravy enjoy dancing cheek to cheek.

Wonder if a divorce ever resulted from a man finding some other man's hair on his rolling pin?

Doctors say we eat too fast. Most of us do. We try to keep our food down by bolting it.

A model husband is one who is as nice to his wife in private as he is in public.

The apple crop is good and many a farmer is loading because his cider is working for him.

Don't call a friend stingy just because he is saving up the first payment on a lump of coal.

QUESTIONS

Ask—The Times

ANSWERS

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 K Street, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research, investigation, or papers, letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What will keep mosquitoes away from one at night?

The following mixture:
Oil of citronella, 1 oz.
Spirits of camphor, 1 oz.
Oil of cedar, ½ oz.

Ordinarily a few drops of this mixture on a towel hung at the head of the bed will keep mosquitoes away, but where these insects are very abundant, a few drops rubbed on the face and hands will be helpful. Even this mixture loses its efficacy at the close of a long night.

How may metal tools be marked?

Warm them slightly and rub the steel with wax or hard tallow until a thin gummy film covers the surface. Then scratch the letters on the wax, cutting through to the steel. A little nitric acid poured on the writing will quickly eat out the letters. Wash off the acid and remove the wax with a hot rag and the letters will be securely etched.

How is spinach complexion lotion made?

Wash the spinach thoroughly, boil two heaping handfuls of it in two quarts of water, filter well and add fifteen grains each of powdered alum, pulverized camphor and powdered borax. Use twice a day, always shaking the bottle well before using. This is said to be very useful in whitening the skin.

Who is the author of "If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mouse trap than his neighbor, tho he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door?"
Mrs. Sarah S. H. Yale credits the quotation to Emerson in her "Borowings" (1893), asserting that she copied this in her handbook from a lecture delivered by Emerson. The "mouse trap" quotation was the occasion of a long controversy, owing to Elbert Hubbard's claim to its authorship. Hubbard's claim has been sustained by at least one authority.

Was an attempt made to assassinate Andrew Jackson?
Yes, he was shot at in the Capitol at Washington, Jan. 20, 1835, by a house painter named Richard Lawrence, but the pistol missed fire.

What two Presidents dropped their first names and used the second?

Grover Cleveland was christened Stephen Grover and Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Woodrow.

Were two Presidents and one President's wife descended from Pocahontas?

Yes, William Henry Harrison, Benjamin Harrison and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson are all descendants of Pocahontas.

Which of the South American countries is the most illiterate?
Guatemala, the percentage of illiteracy being 92.7, with Brazil coming second with a percentage of 85.2.

How may rust be removed from nickel-plated articles?

Cover the stains with oil or grease for a few days, and then remove the rust by rubbing with a little ammonia. If this does not remove the rust, try very dilute hydrochloric acid. When dry, polish with tripoli or whiting.

JOINT WORK ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY

Quick Declares Combine of People Would Bring Fair Gasoline Price.

By HERBERT QUICK

COOPERATION is a plan by which people combine to do things for themselves, instead of asking the Government to do them for them.

Cooperation carried to its logical completeness would mean far less Government than we now have. It is the essence of democracy.

Take the matter of fair prices for gasoline, for instance. The production of gasoline is a rather simple thing. There are no secrets in it. Few patented processes are used in it, and any one who can command the resources of petroleum, pipe-line, tank cars and the like may make and sell gasoline successfully.

Now, if all the users, or even a large portion of them, would combine to make gasoline and other petroleum derivatives, and to buy from themselves at their own filling stations, they could easily raise the capital to do it.

They could put in their own pipe lines in the oil fields, and build their own refineries. At their filling stations the gasoline would be sold at the regular price, and the profits, if any, rebated back on tickets given with each sale. Each driver of a car who became a member of the cooperative would carry his identification ticket and get his coupons on each sale. At the end of the settlement period, he would receive his dividends on his patronage according to the profits made.

It would mean, of course, that such a cooperative would have a work of immense magnitude to do. It would take the most powerful cooperative ever formed to do it; but all it needs for success is the will on the part of a few millions of victims of the present system.

Of course, the great corporations who control the field of selling gasoline and other petroleum products would make war on the cooperatives.

I do not have faith to believe any such a cooperative will be formed; and I have no such conceit as to suggest in what precedes I have given a plan that would work except in large outline. But all we lack is the will to free ourselves and the intelligence to work together.

A Thought

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, yet not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.
—II Cor. 4: 8, 9.

NO affliction nor temptation, no guilt nor power of evil, no wounded spirit nor terrified conscience should induce us to despair of help and comfort from God.
—T. Scott.

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There Was an Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe



Science

An old-fashioned remedy for children who did not seem to thrive was cod-liver oil. This was before science knew about vitamins. However, the reason that cod-liver oil was a good remedy was that it contained vitamin A in considerable quantities.

Because of the taste of cod-liver oil, substitute emulsions began to be manufactured. These are easier to take, but they do not have the same effect. Vitamin A does not occur in them in the same degree as in cod-liver oil.

Children with rickets, who are given cod-liver oil in proper doses and who are given sun treatments will get well. Sunshine that has passed through glass of any kind is useless in these treatments. The ultra-violet rays are all stopped by glass and these are the ones of value.

The elopement of that Michigan wife with her sister's ex-husband seems to have been entirely a family affair.

Family Fun

Nobody Else Wanted It

"Now, John," said his mother, "if any one asked you what part of the chicken you want what would you say?"

"I don't know."

"You must say you want the piece that no one else wants."

So John always remembered that, and one night John was asked out for dinner, and as the host had fried chicken he asked John which piece of the chicken he would take.

"I will take some of the feathers,"

—Judge.

Mother Will Find Out

"So you've been sent home from school for fightin'! What will your mother say?"

"Oh, nothin'. She'll just hurry over to your house to see if your kid's still livin'!"—Judge.

Why Pa Still Is
"I wonder where there ever was such a person as the Foolkiller?"
"Don't ask such nonsensical questions. How do you suppose I know?"
"Of course, dear, I know you never met him."—Boston Transcript.

Son a Financier
"Mamma, can you change 15 cents for me?"
"How do you wish it changed, dear?"
"Into a quarter."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Where Ma Got Mad
"The new nurse is very scientific. She never lets any one kiss the baby while she is around."
"Who would?"
"And the next day the nurse left."—Princeton Tiger.

"Detroit, so wondrously blest among cities," says the News. Uh-huh! Pretend stills in the cellar and Canada only a mile away. Blest? Sic!

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