

Democratic Watchman

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WANDER-THIRST.

Beyond the East the sunrise, beyond the West the sea, And East and West the wander-thirst that will not let me be; In work-life like madness, dear, to bid me say goodbye!

Life Below Water Level.

Missouri River Runs Above Heads of Iowans. The people of sixty miles of the thickly populated Missouri river valley, in Iowa, have just discovered that the Missouri river is running above their heads.

Prosperous towns and rich farms of 840 square miles are below the level of stream. The people have just been told this by an expert drainage engineer in the employ of the government. This means it is entirely possible at any time for the mighty stream to leave the elevated trough in which it now runs and put these farms and towns at the bottom of a great lake.

As it is, 70,000 acres of land have stood under water for five months, water that fell in the unprecedented rains of this year and could not be carried off because no outlet had not been afforded and could not be absorbed because there was two feet of rain.

Plans have been formed for protection. This time it is not to drain the lands, but to provide an outlet for the whole Missouri river against the day when the larger stream will leave its course. So they propose to straighten the Little Sioux river and build a great ditch, 40 miles long, affording two outlets for water, whether falling in rains or coming from the Missouri when it wanders across country.

With the Missouri it is different. This river has no equal in the world in its capacity for destruction of solid land. The people of Decatur, Neb., have been holding mass meetings to petition Congress for an appropriation to save their town from destruction by the river. The Missouri conceived an idea this summer that it coveted the ground upon which this town stood.

At Sioux City the river manifested the same power. It had wended its way peacefully in a narrow channel for many years, so the town of Covington, Neb., opposite Sioux City, was laid out clear to the river's bank. No one thought the river would object.

At Yankton, S. D., the river established a ferry to bring passengers from the Nebraska side. The ferry advertised that it would put people on the streets of Yankton. The river chuckled and began leaving the town. In its path it left a treacherous, muddy sandbank.

The power of the Missouri is made possible by the great quantity of suspended silt it always carries, which gives it its name of "Big Muddy." This silt is deposited in reefs, which turn the current against the banks. The current is swift and the suspended earth acts as a corroding force, accounting for the marvelous destruction accomplished by the stream.

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Women and Rest!

Some Very Sensible and Pertinent Suggestions by a Member of the Sex. Stopping in Time.

The time seems to have come when American women have to be taught how to rest. They have learned nearly everything else, but resting is something a good many of them have never had time to acquire.

There is a saying that Providence looks after the lame and the lazy. The implication is, apparently, that the healthy and the industrious know how to take care of themselves. The fact remains, however, that they seldom do. They go until they drop and never seem to have the least idea that they are overdoing until they give out entirely.

One of the first things to be learned about resting is that it is like some other remedies for the ills of this life. It is worth twice as much if taken at an early stage as it is if delayed until the disease has had time to gain ground. The true philosophy of resting is to rest before one is really tired. To know when to stop is as important a part of life's schooling as to learn where to begin.

Said a young man the other day, in my hearing: "I wouldn't have my mother's conscience for anything!" "Your mother's conscience!" I said. "Why? She is one of the best women in the world. What can she have on her conscience?"

"Running sores!" returned the youth, promptly. "She has punched it and pricked it so often that it is in a dreadful condition. Mine is just a comfortable callous."

How many business women make a point of taking a little nap every afternoon? Nature seems to indicate the advisability of this by making most persons sleepy immediately after the mid-day meal. While the process of digestion is going on there should be a temporary cessation of work.

There are these people situated near the Mississippi river, who would be little cause for alarm. That stately stream has a habit of staying in its place. What it chooses for its course is likely to remain so, except for the slow, gradual change of many years.

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The War Dog Drill.

How He is Taught to Avoid the Enemy.

Since 1888 the German army has been experimenting with dogs trained to do military duty; and now it is announced officially that the results are excellent, says the Washington Post.

"Always before you punish a dog, make sure that you yourself are perfectly calm and without anger. Never fail to praise a dog for good work. Use every opportunity to speak to the dogs, either praising or censuring them, as the case may demand."

The first that is taught to the young dog is to walk exactly at the proper distance from the soldiers whom he accompanies, neither too far before or behind them, and when thus on the march to be absolutely as grave and attentive as a man.

By this time the dog knows his own troop of men pretty well. But he must now learn to distinguish every man in it, even in the darkest night, so that he shall know by scent if a soldier who does not belong to his regiment tries to approach the camp.

When the dog is brought to the point of view of the foreigner trying to learn it, are limitless, and furnish a never-ending supply of anecdote. "In our best circles," said an instructor of English to his pupil, a young man who had not been long on this side of the water, "nicknames are avoided. Where it is necessary to address one by the first name, or to use it in conversation, we give the name correctly and in full. And so of things. It is well to form the habit of accuracy in speech. Avoid the appearance of slang or coarseness. Do I make the idea plain to you?"

Uncle Sam's Land Open to You. Chamberlain, S. D., has been designated by President Roosevelt as the place for drawing 32,000 acres now in the Rosebud Indian Reservation. July 28th, is the date. The only railroad to Chamberlain and the shortest line, Chicago to the Rosebud Reservation, is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Worth Saving. The people of Belgium evidently believe in training their children in habits of economy. Possibly no better method of convincing the young folks of the wisdom of looking after small things could have been found than that resorted to in the public schools of Brussels.

No Marriage for Divorcees. Chambersburg Clergymen Agree not to Perform Ceremonies. CHAMBERSBURG, June 21.—Twenty of the leading ministers of town, Protestant and Catholic, have signed the following agreement:

Recognizing the very great danger threatening American family life, and the total disregard of Christian morals involved in the indiscriminate practice of divorce, and the hopeless nature of present laws on the subject to furnish any relief or protection.

Threats by Labor Men.

Republicans May Lose Votes Because of Capitol Contract. Trouble Over Rival Unions.

Threats by high officials of the American Federation of Labor to Senator Penrose and other managers of the Republican Machine that unless union workmen affiliated with the Federation be exclusively employed on the new Capitol Building, at Harrisburg, the Republican party of Pennsylvania would lose 350,000 votes at the next election, were the cause of an important conference in Harrisburg Tuesday.

Another Strike Threatened. SCRANTON, June 21.—The coal department of the Ontario and Western railroad company gave a committee of miners this evening an answer with regard to the request of a convention of its employes that the company withhold from the salaries of check weighmen and check docking bosses. The company had refused to deduct these amounts unless formal assignments were given them. The answer given refuses every request made by the miners, and claims that the conciliation board decisions will uphold the company. A strike at the ten mines and several washeries of the company is expected, which will involve 9,000 men.

Its Full Name. The intricacies of our language, from the point of view of the foreigner trying to learn it, are limitless, and furnish a never-ending supply of anecdote.

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Cattle Kings Go Unpunished.

OMAHA, Neb., June 21.—"The government is too poor at present to furnish funds with which to prosecute the Western cattle kings who are under indictment for violation of the land laws" and said to have gobbled up immense tracts of Western lands.

The above is the gist of a telegram received by the United States court in Omaha today from Attorney General Knox, who ordered the juries dismissed and the United States courts here closed for the present term, giving as his reasons that there was no money available for expenses.

Kentucky Revives Whipping Post. LEXINGTON, Ky., June 21.—The whipping post regime was revived today, when police judge John J. Riley sentenced 15-year-old Simon Seare to receive 20 lashes in the public square, the whipping to be administered by his mother. The woman immediately obeyed the decree, using a buggy whip.

New Advertisements. HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—A very desirable home on east Bishop St. Belleville, is offered for sale. The house is modern and stands on a lot that also has a frontage on Logan St. Call on or write to Mrs. SARA A. TEATS, Belleville, Pa. 46-3047

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES. Schedule in effect May 30th 1904.

VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD. Leave Belleville, 9:55 a. m., arrive at Tyrona 11:05 a. m., at Altoona, 1:00 p. m., at Pittsburg, 7:30 p. m. Leave Belleville, 1:05 p. m., arrive at Tyrona, 2:10 p. m., at Altoona, 3:10 p. m., at Pittsburg, 6:55 p. m. Leave Belleville, 4:44 p. m., arrive at Tyrona, 6:00, at Altoona, 7:05, at Pittsburg, at 10:20.

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