

Tides of Puget Sound

Enormous in Volume

Puget sound, the many-branched inlet of the Pacific ocean, is one of the most picturesque bodies of water in this country.

Twenty-five or thirty miles above the Narrows, in the upper reaches of the sound, the tides attain a height of twenty feet or more.

Standard of English

Speech Not Possible

A recognized authority on English words and speech recently said: "Not long ago a conference was held in London for the purpose of arriving at a universal standard for English speech."

"Later, the subject was brought to my attention by prominent educators. Under the stress of arguments presented to me I weakened in my judgment, and was willing to go on record as saying that it might be possible to standardize English speech, but after two years of close study of the whole subject I feel that my first judgment was right."

"It is as impossible to standardize the sounds in American and English speech with the hope of having the standardization accepted throughout the English-speaking world as it is to stem the tide of the sea."

Singer's "Parlor Car"

Although it seems reasonable that a woman should have a finger in anything connected with a parlor, yet it is perhaps not generally known that Jenny Lind, the famous singer, was in a large degree responsible for the modern "parlor car."

What Would You Do?

"I have only been married four months and sure got an ideal husband. We have an acre of land and are real happy, except that my husband makes me so nervous by walking in his sleep and he tries to get out of the window. Last night he carried all the clothes on the front porch. I can't understand this. It seems to be a dream. Is there any way to overcome this awful thing? When he does this I can hardly breathe. Please tell me what to do," a young wife inquires.—Los Angeles Express.

Liberia

The population of Liberia is entirely of the African race; about 100,000 of the dwellers along the coast may be considered civilized. The number of American negroes is estimated at 20,000. Liberia was founded in 1822, when a settlement was made at Monrovia by negro freedmen from the United States with the assistance of American colonization societies.

Yale's Football Song

It is a Yale tradition that "Boola-Boola," the football song of that university, was introduced to the class of 1901 by Albert Hunt Marckwald after he had heard it sung in the South Sea islands.

Loyalty Supreme Test

Loyalty is one of the finest virtues a man can acquire. It is a hall-mark of character. Loyalty to yourself, to your friends, to your job stamps you as one who is faithful in one of the greatest tests that can come to man.—Grit.

FRENCH DEED PLOT FOR YANK'S GRAVE

Village Where Hero Died Ends Controversy.

Washington.—Through the gift of the French village of Moyenneville of the ground occupied by the grave of Lieut. Thomas R. Plummer of New Bedford, Mass., a controversy of ten years comes to an end.

Unlike most American families whose sons fell in France, the Plummers strongly desired that Lieutenant Plummer's body be left in the little French cemetery where it was buried two days before the armistice was signed and a few days before the Croix de Guerre awarded him by the French government was received.

This caused the unwinding of much red tape. Lieutenant Plummer, although fifty years of age when the war broke out, enlisted in the American Red Cross and was assigned to the French village of Moyenneville, just behind the French lines. There he did such valiant work that he was beloved by the entire population of the village. They buried him with highest honors in their own village cemetery.

When the work of removing American soldiers' bodies to government cemeteries in this country and France began Lieutenant Plummer's grave was one of the few isolated ones marked "Do not disturb."

The government could not leave soldier's bodies without definite title to the land or without assurance that graves would be properly cared for however.

After much interchange of correspondence between the town council of Moyenneville, the cemetery division of the quartermaster corps of the United States army and the family of Lieutenant Plummer, the problem was solved with receipt of the title to the ground occupied by the grave.

65-Mile View Unfolds to Plane Passengers

Washington.—Airplane passengers who get "a bird's-eye view" of the country as they fly from city to city really get more than a real bird's-eye view.

Passengers in the air liner flying at a height of 2,500 feet, an average altitude for safe flying of big planes, see the horizon 65 miles distant on a clear day and have an area of 7,000 square miles within their vision.

Within an angle of 45 degrees straight down, air passengers with fair vision can survey an area of about 10,000,000 square feet.

Traveling at the usual mail-passenger plane speed of 100 miles an hour, the aerial traveler has less than a minute to decipher signs which have an area of 500 to 2,000 square feet.

The billboard promoters of the future will have to provide giant letters on the roofs of buildings if they expect to "hide America behind the nation's billboards." A six-foot letter is legible at 5,000 feet and a 15-foot letter at 13,000 feet.

"Old Timer" Found Who Was Not With Custer

Arrowhead Springs, Calif.—Although there may be no appreciable diminishing in the number of picturesque old claimants to being the "sole white survivor of the Custer massacre," there is at least one prominent figure of frontier days whose bid for fame includes the boast he was not with Custer.

"Old Bill" Bachtell, veteran of the Confederate army at Antietam and Gettysburg, explains further that his longevity is due, not to the years he has spent in the open air, but to the fact that he deserted the Custer command.

"I came West for excitement," Bachtell relates, "and joined Custer, but everything was so quiet that one night I packed my horse and left. Just a week later Sitting Bull and his warriors wiped out the entire command."

Born in Virginia, "Old Bill" after the Civil war prospected for oil with Grand Duke Alexis, uncle of the late czar; rode with "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and hunted gold with Collis P. Huntington.

Sense of Humor Intact

Orange, N. J.—Sidney M. Colgate, soap magnate, is in a hospital with a leg fracture and his sense of humor. He sent his friends cards bearing a picture of a rocking horse and rider and the words: "A horse is a vain thing for safety." Mr. Colgate was thrown from his mount two months ago.

"Creeping" Driver Free for Lack of Law

New York.—For the first time in the history of the New York Traffic court, a motorist was brought before the magistrate on a charge of driving his car too slowly. The automobilist is Mortimer N. Perkerin, who, Patrolman Quinn of traffic C said, was driving so slowly that his car was an obstruction to traffic.

Although Magistrate Renaud invokes the law against speeding every day, he searched in vain for a statute covering a "creeping" case, and finally discharged Perkerin.

Great Queen of Song Attempted Too Much

The failure of many artists who remain unknown comes from the fact that they do not know in what direction their power lies. The failures of great artists nearly always come from their lack of knowledge of their own limitations. Few can, indeed, go on for long years with a record like that of Madame Adelina Patti, of whom it is said that she had but one real failure in her artistic life.

"Break" Too Apparent Even for Englishman

This has been held back for obvious reasons but it's too good to keep. It seems that one of an English party who were recent visitors in Los Angeles, was quite taken with a movie girl, who pretended to be a star but wasn't. Nevertheless, she was very pretty, too pretty, in fact, for a devoted admirer to question.

She had him hooked, too, and then made one of those dumb slips which even an Englishman gets. "Are you sure you love me?" she demanded, after they had held hands all through a talkie.

"My dear, you can bank on it," was the answer. "Oh, goodie! Which bank, dearest?" she cried and it was all over but the regrets.

World's Finest Opals

What is claimed to be the finest specimen of Australia's own particular gem, the opal, has just been discovered near Walgett, New South Wales. It is a wonderful stone, and when roughly dressed measured six and one-half inches by two inches, and weighed 790 carats.

Some of the world's most magnificent opals have come from the fields of New South Wales, and of all dressed stones perhaps the choicest is the "Flame Queen" which measures more than two inches by nearly two and one-half inches and weighs 253 carats.

Red, green, orange, blue, gold, and every known color are blended in the newly discovered gem, which is valued at more than \$10,000.—Vancouver Province.

Home of Heroine Sold

Kingsbury, the home of Flora Macdonald, rescuer of Bonnie Prince Charlie, was recently sold, the mansion house and grounds bringing only \$7,800. Boswell, in his immortal journal, tells of the visit which he and Dr. Samuel Johnson paid on September 13, 1773, to the then famous house at Fiodigarry, Scotland. Doctor Johnson, in describing the visit, wrote: "We were entertained with the usual hospitality of Mr. Macdonald and his lady, Flora Macdonald, a name that will be mentioned in history, and of courage and fidelity be virtues, mentioned with honor." Doctor Johnson slept in the bed which Prince Charlie had occupied on the flight.

Hemaris Diffinis

The adults of this genus of hummingbird moths have wings from which part of the scales rub off so early that they are almost never seen and those portions of the wings are therefore described as transparent. Those adults have the unmothlike habit of flying in the bright sunlight and when hovering at flowers, they closely resemble hummingbirds. When flying it suggests a bumble bee. The larvae feed on relatives of the honey-suckle such as snowberry and viburnum. They usually pupate in fallen leaves and generally make a queer sort of cocoon.

"Caracul" Fur

A dictionary of fur names says: "Caracul—also known as astrakhan. Sheep family. Habitat: Tashkent, and some of the provinces of southern Russia which are also called 'Russian Caracul.' The Tashkent caraculs have the highest luster and the finest moire markings. Russian caraculs vary in color as brown, black, brown and black, or brown and white, and occasionally white. Caraculs are bred to some extent in the United States and Canada. They are also found in China and Mongolia. These are generally white, are heavier and have a looser curl."

Truly Hospitable

A former college president was invited to lunch at the home of one of his alumni. The five-year-old daughter of the house was delighted to show the distinguished guest up to wash his hands. Opening the door of the bathroom, which was duly fitted out with the best embroidered linens in honor of the occasion, Sally said: "Just make yourself at home, and—with a royal gesture—"you may use any of the towels."—Indianapolis News.

WIFE AND EX-WIFE SHARE HAPPY HOME

Both Mother Child in Strange Kansas Family.

Wichita, Kan.—George Dooley of Wichita is the head of a peaceful household consisting of his wife, his former wife, and his five-year-old daughter, Katherine.

When Mrs. Daisy Dooley received her divorce from Dooley the court ruled Katherine should be in the custody of her mother three days out of each five, and with the father the remainder of the time. Dooley remarried, and now all live in the same house.

The two Mrs. Dooleys declare they are not in the least jealous of each other. Katherine receives the loving attentions of both her mother and her stepmother, who co-operated in giving her a merry Christmas day.

When asked which of her mothers she loved most, Katherine replied: "I love both of them. I love my mamma and I love Neva, and I love my daddy lots and lots."

Dooley, who is United States quarantine inspector for this district, said he was very happy over the success of his unusual arrangement.

"You know some people have funny ideas about marriage," he said. "They can't see how a scheme like this will work."

"For five months I was on the Chicago police force and both my present and ex-wife were with me. All of the boys used to wonder how I could manage it. Some declared 'I can't even get along with one woman, how can you live with two?' But I really am happy and so are they."

The present Mrs. Dooley (Neva) explained the situation this way: "Last October I lost my only child, a little boy. Kitty is taking his place in my life and at the same time filling her mother's heart with joy."

Town Refuses to Move "Column With a Curse"

Augusta, Ga.—Sentiment which for 46 years has allowed "the column with a curse" to stand in the middle of a sidewalk, won out recently when a paving program made practicable the removal of the queer relic of a tornado's fury.

The column, once the pillar of the city market house, has stood at Broad and Center streets ever since a tornado hit Augusta in 1878. Old citizens say that an itinerant minister, claiming the gift of prophecy, predicted that the old market house would be destroyed the day after his sermon. He declared that but one of the big pillars supporting the market house would be left standing and declared that any attempt to move the pillar would be fatal; that the person who tried it would be struck by lightning.

As it happened, a tornado hit this town the next day and only one pillar of the market house was left standing. Some years ago city officials said the pillar would have to be destroyed to permit certain street repairs. A large number of workmen carried the pillar about 50 feet. There was an explosion and they dropped it. And today the pillar stands where the workmen dropped it when some practical joker exploded a firecracker.

Art Is Used by Pastor to Stress His Sermons

Springdale, Pa.—Rev. Charles W. Baker, Jr., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church here, illustrates his sermons with charts and sketches he has made himself. In Sunday school and church assemblies he gives chalk talks.

At the altar is a huge mural of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane, a copy of the Michelangelo mural in the Vatican, which the minister has painted. In his church and parsonage Mr. Baker has hung numerous other of his paintings and sketches.

While attending college and the Lutheran seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., Mr. Baker had an advertising sign shop which provided him with funds for his education.

Man Both Grandfather, Great-Grandfather in Day

Danville, N. Y.—Becoming a grand father and great-grandfather in a day was the good fortune of C. E. Green of this village.

The grandson is Jacob Albert Green, son of George H. Green of New York city, while the great-granddaughter is Miss Barbara Jane McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. McNeil of San Diego, Calif.

Child Pasteur Saved Became His Watchman

Paris.—The first child Pasteur succeeded in curing of hydrophobia in 1885 now is principal gatekeeper at the Pasteur Institute laboratories. He is Joseph Meister, an Alsatian.

Meister has grown older and stouter, but he is still known as "Little Meister." "Le petit Meister" to every one at the institute. He keeps watch at the gate just opposite the vault and last resting place of the great scientist who saved his life, the first of so many others.

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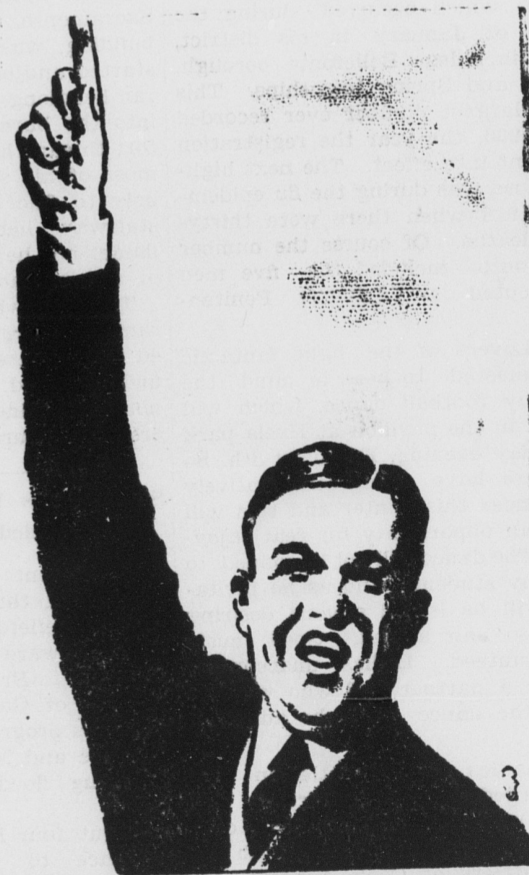
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