

THE END OF THE TRAIL.

The end of the trail may be far away. It may be just around the bend. I have not followed this trail before And I know not where it will end.

CHANGE IN MAP OF COUNTRY POSSIBLE.

A general realignment of state boundaries, including the creation of new States and, perhaps, the disappearance of some, is a possibility.

No nation grows according to preconceived plan. At one time in the early history of America, Charleston, S. C., was as important a port as New York City, and even Alexandria, Va., was nearly so.

It must be remembered that these cities were in existence under the British crown for about the same length of time they have been under the American flag.

It took more than two centuries for New York to reach an undisputed place in the front rank of the development of air transportation, and some other city, Chicago, perhaps, or St. Louis might yet out-distance her.

The reasons are both political and economic. New York City is Democratic and because of its huge population often elects a Democratic Governor and state officers.

A similar suggestion has been made in respect to St. Louis and its environs. It, too, is a great port and commercial center.

Chicago has been proposed as another new State. Here again is a case in which there is a great metropolis paying a large share of the tax cost of the State within which it lies.

BIRTH RATE DROPS TO 1910 AVERAGE.

The lowest birth rate since 1910 occurred in Pennsylvania during 1928, according to figures announced today by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

While a few delayed reports are yet to arrive, bureau officials are nevertheless convinced that this record will not be materially changed.

Sap is Running in Maple Groves.

Maple sap is running in Geauga county. The unprecedented variations in temperature have not been without their compensations, according to owners of nearby maple groves.

State Secrets Hidden by Absorbent Roller

Every foreign office in Europe acts on the theory that an army of spies is constantly on the alert to steal its secrets, and infinite precautions are taken to baffle their efforts.

Farmers of Country Owe Much to "Dream"

Wisconsin farmers have erected a granite monument to the memory of John F. Appleby, who was known throughout the Mid-West a generation ago as an expert whittler in wood.

Tent Within a Tent

"Several winters ago I became acquainted with a method of winter camping which I believe was, and is, just about as ingenious as any one would expect to meet with in many a moon."

Too Exacting

One day a fashionably dressed man entered Howell's music store in Bristol and asked to see some piano music.

Reindeer Swept Away

The Lap tribes in the northernmost part of Norway recently suffered the almost irreparable loss of 50 per cent of their reindeer.

Disillusioned

I always thought Jenkins was rather bright. He made a radio set out of some nay wire and a few spark plugs.

Had Faith in Perfumes

Sages and lawgivers, Solon, Lycurgus, Socrates, railed in vain against the extravagant use of perfume.

GREAT CLEMENCEAU LEADS LONELY LIFE

Visitors Are Ghosts of Dead Whom He Loved.

Paris.—Georges Clemenceau, who has wrecked many cabinets but won the country's gratitude in the war, is bitterly conscious of a great loneliness in the evening of his life.

Russians Clamp Lid on Old-Time Music

Washington, D. C.—The thoroughness with which Soviet Russia is attempting to supplant utterly every part of the old order which existed before the revolution is unlimited according to the reports brought back by travelers who have been investigating the Bolshevik experiment.

Suitor Chains Girl to Bed Post for 3 Weeks

New York.—For three weeks, forty-year-old William E. Miles, senior, held his fifteen-year-old bride-to-be in captivity, chaining her nude body to a bedpost so no more youthful sheik could carry her off and marry her before her elderly admirer could save up for honeymoon expenses, it was revealed.

Gets \$12,500 a Barrel for Bottled Crude Oil

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The market price for the grade of oil produced by Oklahoma City's discovery gusher is around \$12.50 a barrel, but one promoter is selling a barrel of it for \$12,500.

High Cost of Wives Is Worrying Chinese Men

Shanghai.—Chinese business men whose importance is rated according to the number of wives are protesting against the increased price of helpmates.

Volcano's Temperature

In the volcano of Kilauea the temperature at the surface of the lava is in the neighborhood of 1,000 degrees Centigrade.

Not Mixed Curse

Though the clouds of grasshoppers in the Tientsin-Peking section of China have added to the shortage of certain foods by devastating fields and devouring crops, they have themselves supplied many tables, the natives, rich and poor alike, esteeming them a great delicacy.

Some Original Ideas of American Builders

While siding and shingle exterior coverings for homes did not strictly originate in this country, being largely modifications of existing methods brought over by the early settler-artisans, the availability of the materials and suitability to native architectures give houses sheathed in siding or shingles a distinctly American flavor.

Wedding "Gifts" Once Held Legal Obligation

By a wedding custom common in the British Isles until the early part of the Nineteenth century, the couple sent out invitations in which presents were solicited from those who accepted the bidding.

No Food, No Bride

It is the custom at a Persian wedding that the groom first sees his bride in a mirror and then, having glanced at her face, returns to eat sweets and regale himself with his friends.

Immortal Musician

Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was the full name of the great composer. He was born at Hamburg, Germany, February 3, 1809, and died at Leipzig, November 4, 1847.

Compromise

A village bachelor, who had long been the object of many a spinster's ambitions, finally succumbed to the charms of a very willing widow; but on his wedding morning he failed to turn up.

Bonds Called for Payment THE entire issue of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company 5% Bonds, has been called for payment March 1, 1929, on which date interest will cease.

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