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"SWEETENING" SURELY NEEDED

There is an undoubted lack of confidence in the impartiality of the Registration Commission. Its duty is to secure the registration of the voters under such rules as will permit every qualified voter to cast his ballot.

HATS OFF TO THE AIRMAN!

The enthusiastic welcome accorded to Lieutenant Commander Read when he landed in the NC-4 at Plymouth and later when he reached London, was just the kind of a tribute which the Englishmen were expected to give to a man who has done what he set out to do.

JUNE

June is a month famous for its roses, brides and its bugs. June roses by scattering pollen cause sensitive persons to rush the hay fever season.

OPENING AN EMPIRE

During the war popular consciousness of the remarkable railway under construction by the government in Alaska was naturally feeble. Indeed, it hardly too much to say that in the East, at least, the magnitude and importance of the enterprise was virtually forgotten.

and copper fields, opening up a new agricultural empire and connecting the navigable central waterways of the territory with the southern coast, will be an accomplished fact.

REPUBLICANS MAY NOW HEAR THE TAP OF OPPORTUNITY

Defeat of the Queer Birds of Western Insurgency Permits True Spirit of Liberalizing Progress to Be Heeded

EIGHT damp rockets are limply on exhibit in Washington as a result of the futile opposition to Senator Penrose's chairmanship of the finance committee. Failure to soar into the lofty altitudes of triumph over the "Old Guard" is decisively to be recorded of Messrs. Borah, Cummins, Hiram Johnson, Kenyon, Lenroot, Capper, McCormick and McNary.

The conventional Republican leadership which has taken the saddle in the Sixty-sixth Congress involves a very familiar combination of experience, ability and cynicism. There can be little question that its appraisal of the situation is wholly unromantic and contains no elements of self-delusion.

Death Was Her Choice

The president of the Austrian republic says Austria is doomed to economic death if she does not join Germany. But union with Germany has already brought about her moral death.

Wheat! Wheat!

The biggest drama of the world is now being staged in Kansas and Oklahoma. "Squaps" are needed at fifty cents an hour and heard, A. McCormick Reaper sustains the lead and it is earnestly hoped that the support will be adequate.

Stopping the Watch on the Rhine

The German Government has issued a warning to those who are planning to separate the Rhineland from Germany, declaring them guilty of high treason. But those who plan such things are usually not easily intimidated.

Necktie Parties

Admiral Kolchak has authorized the exportation from Russia of hemp, flax and other products in exchange for British and American cargoes. Perhaps he should have retained the hemp. He may need it for the Bolsheviki.

Muddying the Water

German delegates to the Peace Conference are now busy explaining certain parts of their counter-proposals which are evidently not clear even to themselves. But is clarity their aim?

Room for Conjecture

Brockdorff-Rantzau's alleged determination not to sign the treaty may be either an evidence of courage or of caution. He may either be bucking the line or passing the buck.

urged a different remedy in 1916 in voting against the tabling of the Gore resolution forbidding American citizens sea travel on ships armed against submarine slaughter.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Story of How One Neighborhood House Is Promoting Social Intercourse and Making Everybody Happy

GENIE had just had dinner and was still in evening clothes when he climbed the fence of the playground of the University House and surveyed the scene. Below him on his right a busy matron of seven with a corps of able assistants was removing the debris from the concrete basin which later on will be a wading pool.

Mr. How Explains the Dividing

MR. HOW explained the dividing. One case is illustrative. A gang of boys long ago hung around the house and made things unbecomingly. They might have been driven away. Instead they were invited inside and given a room of their own. It was their clubhouse. They furnished it themselves.

THE CHAFFING DISH

Now Will He Be Good!

Dear Sociates—I was particularly interested in your remarks about the position of "not only" in sentences formed by the President. In fact, I wrote about it to him some weeks ago.

Literary Notes

Saturday was not merely the hundredth birthday of Walt Whitman; it was also the thirty-second (or thereabouts) birthday of Harrison Hires, one of the favorite poets of our time.

The Face on the Barroom Floor

Dear Sociates: Can it be too surely I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed "The Face on the Barroom Floor" as it is generally and felicitously known. I thought every bard and bardette from the prophetic coast of Maine to the rum-washed swamps of Florida knew the underlying ditty.

Desk Mottos

The main difference between people seems to be, that one man can come under obligations on which you can rely,—is obligable; and another is not.—EMERSON.

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

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AND NO TIME TO LOSE



IN A HALL BEDROOM

IN THE long border on the right

"I shall plant larkspur first," she thinks. "Ponies and chrysanthemums And then sweet-scented maiden pink."

Our Land

Whatever cheery sights you've seen in all this great wide world, The best of all the sights I ween, when round the globe you've whirled, Is that first glimpse of shore line, of sand or grass or crag.

Of your land and my land and Our Land

Of your land and my land and Our Land the Free, The new land, the true land, the land of liberty.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Who is Anna Shaw? 2. What is verjuice? 3. Where is Ferrrol, from which place the NC-4 flew to Plymouth? 4. What does the seventeenth amendment to the constitution provide? 5. With how many powers was the United States at war during the world conflict? 6. What is a pigarlic? 7. Where was Walt Whitman born? 8. What famous American financier was called the "Cox-mo-dore"? 9. What is the capital of Siam? 10. What is patchouli?

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