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Our acts our angels are for good or ill

Our fatal shadows that walk by us still. —FLETCHER.

THE UNIFORM PRIMARY

EVERY primary election under the uniform system demonstrates anew the difficulties which are bound to hedge about such a law.

Of course, the old convention system had its faults and it was far from ideal, but it at least had the virtue of arousing general interest in the choice of proper candidates.

To-day we close another of those hectic campaigns for the selection of nominees and the usual trail of dissatisfaction is seen everywhere.

It will be urged, to be sure, that the old convention system was simple machinery of selfish politicians, but those who take this view will hardly contend that the uniform primary has been any improvement.

It seems almost inconceivable that the present system shall continue any great length of time without radical amendment.

That story of the retirement of Dr. Dixon is so old somebody in his well-conducted department ought to give it a dose of disinfectant.

REASON FOR SLACK BUILDING

NOTWITHSTANDING the efforts of many well-intentioned persons to maintain "business as usual," business is everywhere adjusting itself to war conditions.

For instance, throughout the country there is a diminution of ordinary building activity. The scarcity of labor and the high cost of materials has caused people to postpone construction work that would otherwise be undertaken.

Building operations postponed now will be conducted more rapidly when labor is again set free from its present unusual occupations.

"Germany is beaten and doesn't know it," says the London Times. For the love of Mike, why doesn't the editor mail the Kaiser a copy of the Times?

SPUR THE IDLER

TO supply our own armies and the armies of our allies with food, munitions and equipment is a task no less important than that of putting our armies in the field in Europe.

Selective draft was adopted as the most practical and most effective method of raising an army.

Some sort of industrial draft may also be necessary in order to make most efficient our work of supplying food, materials and transportation.

borders. Every person capable of productive effort should be engaged in some useful, productive occupation. At the same time that we are endeavoring to conserve the products of labor we should conserve labor itself by assuring its utilization to the fullest extent.

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JAPAN AND AMERICA

THOSE who have mistrusted the sincerity of Japan in the present war, and who have been looking almost anxiously toward the Pacific as they have over the Atlantic in the direction of Germany, may have some of their fears allayed by the addresses of the members of the Japanese mission now in this country.

The speech of Ambassador Satou, unquestionably a friend of America, at a dinner in Philadelphia, expressing the sentiments of his fellow statesmen, reflects anything but a hostile disposition. The ambassador said in part:

"We are loath to think of the blood and treasure engulfed by the conflict in Europe. But let it be, if it must. We have been any one taking our share of the sacrifice to the full measure of ability. It now requires merely faith and courage for the future of humanity, where justice and peace will reign supreme, shall be the order of the day."

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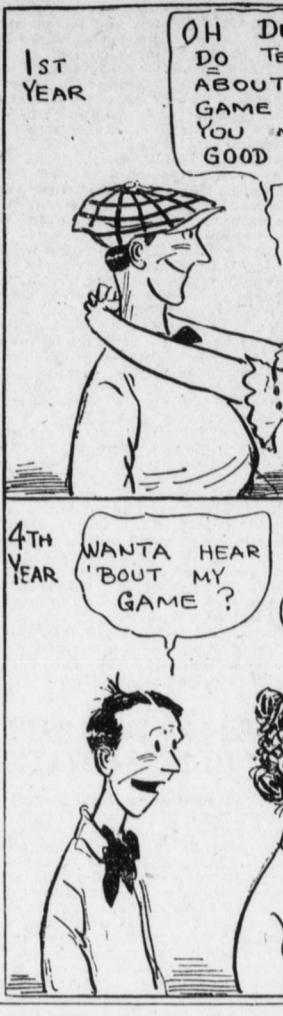
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THE GOLFER'S WIFE



WOOLWORTH RULES

There is an article about Frank Woolworth, the famous five and ten cent store man in the October American Magazine. The writer, in talking of Woolworth, says:

"These are his deductions from forty-three years as a merchant organizer and builder of the world's tallest structure: 1. 'Of course you will be discouraged. But keep on.' 2. 'If you believe in an idea give it a chance. Some of my first stores failed because I hadn't studied the situation thoroughly. I placed my stores in the wrong part of the town. There's a right place, find it.' 3. 'Everybody likes to make a good bargain. Let them. Small profits absorb you. Don't waste a profit if you sell enough of the articles.' 4. 'I believe in doing business by cash. I had been in business several days before I knew how to make out a check. Large credit is temptation to careless buying.' 5. 'Supervise details, but don't allow them to absorb you. Don't waste the time of a high-priced organizer or a clerk's job.' 6. 'I prefer the boy from the farm to the college man. The college man won't begin at the bottom and learn the business.' 7. 'There are plenty of opportunities for young men to-day. Many fail because they are not willing to have in bondage to the body. You will build a business on thoughts of having a 'good time.'"

PUBLICITY WINS

To raise a \$20,000,000 endowment fund for pensioning retired ministers, the pension agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, voted to set aside \$100,000 for advertising at the national convention of the body held recently in Chicago. It was also urged that every church maintain a publicity fund, and that where possible every pastor take a course in journalism to gain the co-operation of the press and the attention of the public.

A GERMAN'S VIEWS

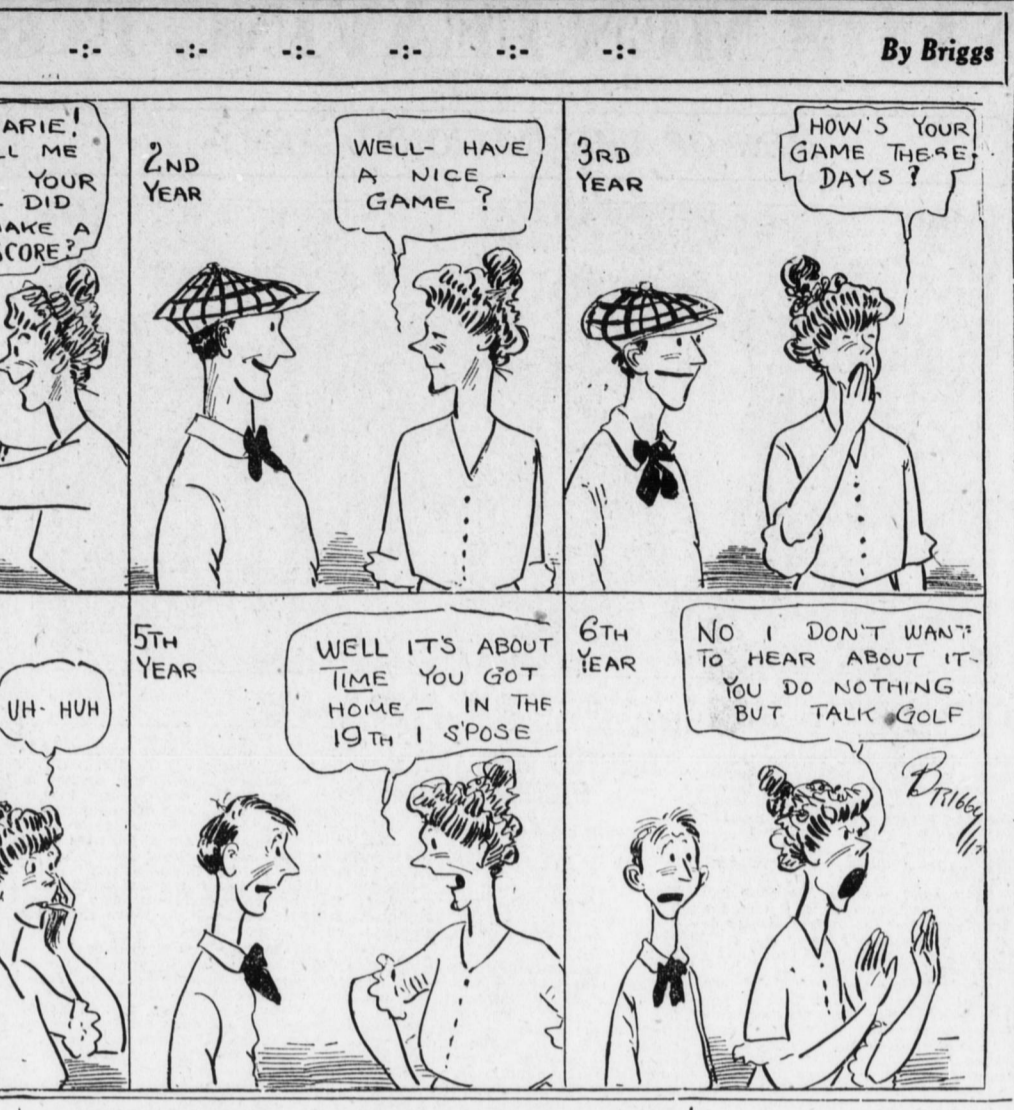
Here are some pithy punches from the pen of Maximilian Harden, the noted German editor: At the present rate "honor" seems destined to be but a battered coat of armor in the general confusion of the white race. Obtainable peace should not be delayed a single day. Adequate indemnity is no longer possible. All have given up hope for it. Each month widens the cleavage between the sacrifices and the results that luck might bring, our enemies were to be fulfilled, the bond of our enemies would become indissoluble for the community of loss would force it into an iron ring. And the children, the grandchildren of the Germans of to-day would not be allowed an hour of rest. If, on the other hand, our enemies were to succeed in dismembering the German empire, on the very day of the conclusion of such shameful peace the enemy would see sparkling out of every eye in this land the strength of the nation to reconquer what luck might bring.

IMAGINATION

There is a notion drift everywhere that imagination, especially mystical imagination, is dangerous to man's mental balance. Poets are commonly spoken of as psychologically unreliable; and generally there is a vague association between wreathing laurels in your hair and sticking straws in it. Facts and history utterly contradict this view. Most of the very great poets have been not only sane, but extremely business like; and if Shakespeare ever really held horses, it was because he was much the safest man to hold them. Imagination does not breed insanity. Exactly what does not go mad, but it is a danger to Mathematics go mad, and cashiers, but creative artists very seldom.

A TRUTHFUL FISHER

Dr. Crutcher is bemoaning the loss of a huge marlin swordfish, the first of the season seen in Catalina waters, which struck on the local angler's line but which broke away. Crutcher denies the report that he was just about to land the big swordfish when its mate came along and reached up with his sword and saved the fish. He reports that he was thus freed of the entangled denizen of the deep. From the Long Beach Press.



Comfy Kits For Soldiers

HALF a million circulars on the making of comfort kits and bags were issued to-day by the American Red Cross. The circulars can be obtained on application at any Red Cross Chapter. A million comfort kits are to be made for the men of our Army and Navy. A million more will be made for the Russian Revolutionary Army, as a pledge of cheer to the allied armies on the eastern front. The Red Cross is to be under no expense for these kits, all being provided as gifts from the women who wish to make them.

Miss Florence Marshall, director of the Woman's Bureau announced that the circular embodied the suggestion of the War Department, of General Pershing and of Major Grayson M. P. Murphy as to what the men wanted. Three types of kits were suggested: a simple bag with gaiter and builder of the world's tallest structure: 1. 'Of course you will be discouraged. But keep on.' 2. 'If you believe in an idea give it a chance. Some of my first stores failed because I hadn't studied the situation thoroughly. I placed my stores in the wrong part of the town. There's a right place, find it.' 3. 'Everybody likes to make a good bargain. Let them. Small profits absorb you. Don't waste a profit if you sell enough of the articles.' 4. 'I believe in doing business by cash. I had been in business several days before I knew how to make out a check. Large credit is temptation to careless buying.' 5. 'Supervise details, but don't allow them to absorb you. Don't waste the time of a high-priced organizer or a clerk's job.' 6. 'I prefer the boy from the farm to the college man. The college man won't begin at the bottom and learn the business.' 7. 'There are plenty of opportunities for young men to-day. Many fail because they are not willing to have in bondage to the body. You will build a business on thoughts of having a 'good time.'"

The circular is illustrated with diagrams of each type of bag. It lists the personal equipment given to each soldier in the ground, but these articles in filling the comfort kits. But it also notes that additional supplies even of these necessities may be welcome to him at any time.

The Red Cross Commissioner in France has advised about comfort kits as follows: 1. They should contain pipe and tobacco pouch, heavy socks, handkerchiefs, wash cloths and soap, mouth organ or game, pencil, writing paper or pad, and envelopes, and if not too expensive, single-bladed knife and spoon. They should be made of stout material so that they can be used in all sorts of practical ways. They should have, if possible, an American flag sewed on the outside.

Materials for making the kits can be procured by the Chapters from the Red Cross Division Supply Service. Individuals may purchase their materials from the chapters or local retail stores. Certain articles, like the combination knives and spoons, may be had from the Division Supply Service. The suggestion for hospital kits describes the making of a souvenir pocket, where the invalid soldier may store his little collection of treasures which more often than not includes a scrap of shell or the bullet that brought him to the hospital. A list of additional articles is suggested that may be added if individuals desire to have their bags particularly full of plums for the man "out there."

Blotting paper, chewing gum, chocolate, (if wrapped in tin foil), compasses, collapsible cups, compasses, malt tablets, scrub soap, containing good story or jokes, gaiter laces, khaki collar, garters, knife, two-bladed, safety razor, toothbrush, nail brush, nail file, pinball with pins, brushes, scissors, folding in sheath, waterproof matchbox, postcards, shoe laces, black for the navy, khaki colored for the army, pens, especially for hospital kit, talkies, pocket, tape, white, black or khaki colored, toilet paper. Complete kits should be sent, if possible to the Harrisburg Red Cross Chapter.

CHEAPER MEAT

[From the London Times.] By an order issued yesterday, the Food Controller fixes the wholesale maximum prices for dead meat and regulates the prices which butchers may charge the public. A schedule of decreasing prices is drawn up, and though the full effect of this will not be felt till January there should be a marked decrease in the price of meat at once. The order comes into operation next Monday. The effect of the new provisions is that the butcher must not set his meat at prices which, in aggregate, exceed the price paid by him by more than 2 1/2 p. a pound, or 20 per cent. - whichever is the less. If the butcher fails in his duty to meet his working expenses. Local food committees are empowered to fix schedules of maximum retail prices for meat in the ground, but these the butcher will have to comply. It is expected that by the end of the year the average price to the public will not be more than 1 1/2 p. a pound. Monday, September 17, has been fixed for the introduction of the ninepenny quarter of beef.

WINTER'S COAL SUPPLY

Even with all the available forces of production and distribution actuated at top speed, it is the judgment of those who have studied the situation that the problem of the country's coal supply for the coming winter is one that calls for close and careful attention on the part of the consumer. Fuel Administrator Garfield has just issued, through the American Chamber of Commerce, a circular on the subject of coal conservation, which he stresses the importance of observing economy. He says "if every family will save a ton of coal, in zero weather, those who are compelled by force of circumstances to buy in small quantities and who have reduced the question of coal economy to a lowest possible point. Complete conservation of coal is not a matter of imagination. It is a matter of speeding up of great mills cannot be accomplished with diminished fires. An increased product makes the increased consumption of coal inevitable, and while it is well to advise economy in fuel, the conditions are such this year as to call for an increased coal supply. It will be well, therefore, for the fuel administration to devote its attention to this branch of the business.

BENEFITS OF EDUCATION.

Do you think a college education pays? Sure it earns. My son is earning \$3 a day in a stone quarry, all because of the practice he got when he was in college as hammer thrower.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg shoes are being shipped to the West Indies to meet increasing orders? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first public trial was held in Harrisburg about 1790. GERMAN'S QUARREL Relations between the Prussia and the Bavarians are so strained that a battle on the West front has been kept apart to prevent their fighting among themselves, according to a dispatch from Jassy. Oh, Plymouth Rocks and Leg-horns. "Kill those Prussian dogs! We only continue the war to ruin the Bavarians and the Prussians in a rough and tumble fight in which several were badly hurt before the Rumanians could restore order." - New York World.

Evening Chat

Governor Brumbaugh's four lines of Pennsylvania red oak trees will be staked out in the Capitol Park extension area within the next few months, according to information given to the Governor yesterday by Superintendent Shreiner, of the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. The complete engineering data regarding the old Capitol Park and the extension made by E. Clark Cowden and George Roberts this summer has been sent to A. W. Brunner, the architect in charge, who with Warren H. Manning, will plan the park approximately 100 acres in changes in walks and new walks will be features, but the first thing to be done after the grading operations are started is the park extension will be to provide a walk from the Capitol to the section on the State street cleared of buildings, which will be very soon. Only the warehouse which is used for military purposes will remain for the present. Every thing else is to be cleared off. The section north of State street will be cleared and State street's pavement widened to cover the area. Trees will be at right angles to the Capitol building and form a land rich view from the space set apart for the use of the citizens, which will be flanked by fountains, to the railroad. The red oak was chosen as a typical Pennsylvania tree and the greatest care will be taken in selecting the specimens. State experts will give their assistance. When these oaks and the Front street elm reach their full growth, the two avenues in Harrisburg worth talking about.

One of the interesting things about the operation of the draft law is the fact that the older generation of foreign-born workmen in Steelton and other towns where there are men from other lands and numbers notably those who have been here a long length of time, regard the draft as the natural thing and appear to realize that it is no hardship, which has brought it forth in America. It was one of the things which came here to escape any while those who have asked for do not like it they are lining up cheerfully enough. Of course, there are instances of objection, but as a rule the men who are being drafted have been observing the matter, the foreigners appear to understand that the cause for which they are fighting is a just one, and that they are doing their share in it. The percentage of men taken seem to have impressed the foreigners with the fact that they are not being drafted to anyone up to fifty to be taken.

A good bit of persiflage is to be heard about the doings in various cities. A Pittsburgher the other day and the man living here took note of the political conditions in Pittsburgh and the other cities. He talked like a "mayorait" orator.

After a man was "kidding" a prominent banker and a number of men suggested that Harrisburg was a good place for him to come to after all.

"It is a low town. It's not as fast as Altoona," was the reply. "Altoona?" asked the banker. "Why you can only buy a cigar there every other Sunday."

Judge S. J. M. McCarrell is rather hard to get anything by in the shape of a resignation. He has a number of without good reasons. The other day some resignations turned up in court accompanied by petitions for appointment of others. "I presume the reasons are for the resignation?" asked the court.

"I suppose so," was the attorney's reply. "Well, they had better be state. We want to know why men resign for such service," replied the judge.

Edward Wilson, who is making the study of the almshouse and prison population in this section of the State with a view to ascertaining how many can be put to work on the county farms next year to advance the economic condition of the State, is the son of the late Mayor S. C. Wilson, of this city. Mr. Wilson has been connected with the State Board of Prisoners and has been specializing in public charity work.

Lee Solomon, secretary of the State Compensation Board, has against a new one a few days ago. He had some correspondence with a man about a compensation case and the anxious man wanted information about the methods to follow in many a claim. Mr. Solomon sent him forms and papers to fill out. He sent a follow-up letter. The man kept the letter for a few days and then wrote back: "You papers are all here. I then will learn about my claim!"

Lawrence A. Williams, an Allgheny county assistant solicitor, seeking to join the aviation service. Bishop J. F. Berry, of Philadelphia, who was here a few days ago opened the Erie conference of the Methodist Church at Crookville. Major James Bayliss, U. S. A., the new military instructor of the State College cadets, comes from Massachusetts. He rose from ranks.

Anderson H. Walters, the Johnstown editor freed in the Stutsum libel suit, was formerly a Congressman-at-large. Mayor A. H. Swing, of Coatesville, is seriously ill. Congressman John M. Rose, of Cambria, says he thinks Congress will adjourn shortly.

Did you have anything in your garden this spring? Oh, yes, several varieties. What, for instance? Oh, Plymouth Rocks and Leg-horns.

What kind of a school is your son attending? Very fashionable; one of these institutions where you develop the mind without using it.

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