

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special to The Commercial.

The response to the call for Progressive Volunteers sent out last week from National Progressive Headquarters in New York, is exceeding even the expectations of the founders of the volunteer movement. The call, which was issued by Hon. Oscar S. Straus of New York; Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington; Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, and ex-Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, asked for one thousand loyal Progressives from all sections to volunteer for a vitally important service to the National Committee. The exact nature of this service the directors of the movement declined to reveal, stating that it would not require any expense nor interference in any way with anyone's business or daily work. The unusual character of the movement aroused considerable curiosity in political circles, and has occasioned wide comment in the press; with the result that Progressives from almost every state in the Union are answering the call.

Among the many hundreds of letters already received at the Progressive Headquarters in the Forty-Second Street Building, New York City, more than sixty different occupations are represented. They express the utmost confidence in the future of the party and a willingness to do anything within the power of the writers to assist in the work of organization that is being energetically carried forward by the National Committee.

Senator Poindexter, referring to the results thus far, says: "In issuing this call for one thousand and volunteers for a special service, we did so with the desire to enlist a body of loyal, earnest Progressives, regardless of whether they had any political experience or not. The purpose we have in view, while requiring very slight individual effort, is nevertheless vitally important, and we believe that the Progressives will exert a powerful and far-reaching influence."

"The answer which comes to the New York Headquarters from forty different states in response to the call are remarkable for the spirit of readiness and determination which runs through them all. All types of men are represented, — farmers, lawyers, clerks, salesmen, doctors, manufacturers, mechanics and engineers, — indeed it seems as though every important occupation is shown in the list. As fast as possible these lists are being classified and letters of acknowledgment are being sent out to each one. The announcement of the total enlistment will be made on September 1st."

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TO THE HOUSEKEEPER.

An easy way to polish solid silver and plated ware is to rub the tarnished places with a piece of raw potato, dipped in common baking soda. This is quickly done and the silver does not incline to retarnish so soon as with other polishes.

Try wiping the matting on floors with a mop wrung out of salt water before sweeping. Rinse as often as necessary to take up the dust. Then it requires only a moment to sweep up and you have no dust flying.

Socks and stockings should be darned on the right side, so that the smooth part of the mended place will come next to the foot, thus preventing irritation.

It is much better when cleaning rugs or Brussels carpets to lay on the grass right side down, beat thoroughly then turn on to a clean place and sweep well, as it does not wear them so much as to whip them on a cloth line.

A little vinegar in water will clean and brighten windows better than anything else.

When eggs are broken and can not be used at once, remove from the shell and keep well-covered in a cool place. This will prevent the yolks from hardening.

The Metz Twins.

The Metz twins, Irene and Lillian, who are probably the best known girl autoists in the East, are going on the Glidden Tour. This will be good news to their fellow employees at the Metz factory, at Waltham, Mass., who even though they envy the girls' long and delightful trip from Minneapolis to the Glazier National Park, are nevertheless happy in the thought that the twins have at last secured the permission of Mr. Charles Metz, the manufacturer of the famous little Metz car, to accompany the team of three Metz cars on the Twin City contest for the Glidden and Anderson trophies.

The girls had expected to go on the trip, but a series of circumstances interfered up to the last moment, and there was, as a natural consequence, much disappointment at the factory.

The girls were so determined to make the trip that even after their pleadings with Mr. Metz, were apparently in vain, that they attempted to smuggle their own car aboard a freight train instead of one of the cars entered in the team.

It was discovered at the last moment and the girls' little ruse did not work. Both girls had selected their vacation time so that they could make the trip, and they thought that if they succeeded in getting their car shipped to Minneapolis no further objections would be made to their driving it on the tour.

However, Mr. Metz, after considering their case, decided that he would allow the girls to go by train to Minneapolis, and there take charge of the car driven over the road by his son, Walter Metz, from Boston to Minneapolis, and gave his permission for them to accompany the Metz team on the tour.

The girls have made elaborate preparations for the long run across the wild country between Minneapolis and the Glazier Park, and are going to take with them a light, but complete camping and cooking outfit and will rough it across the country.

Both girls will be dressed in real cowgirl style, with sombreroes and suits of deer skin, with heavy leggings, and will be able to stand any kind of weather conditions that they will be apt to encounter at this season of the year.

They are not only expert drivers but are good horse women and good shots as well, and they look for some splendid outings after game and fishing during the trip.

The girls are most attractive looking and look doubly fetching in the western costumes which they will wear.

Both are fond of outdoor sports and both are rugged and healthy so that they look forward to the trip as a delightful vacation time without a thought or care as to the danger of incidental hardships.

Both girls being single, there has been much speculation as to whether or not Mr. Metz was wise in permitting the trip as they are two of the most valued employees at the executive office of the Metz factory, and he would hardly care to lose them through the machinations of Dan Cupid.

The girls are bound to give a good account of themselves on the trip and while they will not be figured as actual contestants with the three Metz cars entered for the tour, they will, no doubt, make the controls with as clean a score as the other drivers of cars.

Back in Waltham, Mass., there are a couple of sad eyed youths who do not take quite so kindly to the trip as the girls, and they have tried to persuade them from making the trip by picturing all sorts of dangers, such as being abducted by roving bands of Indians, daring cattle rustlers, or the picturesque free booters, ketter known perhaps, in the East, through the medium of some of the "Yellow Literature" of other days.

The westerners along the route of the tour will have the satisfaction, however, of knowing that all the girls in the east are not to be classed with the obnoxious western term "Tender Feet."

The girls are looking forward with exceptional pleasure to an opportunity to test their prowess astride of real cow ponies, and hope to be able to add lariat throwing or roping to their other accomplishments before coming back east, as their vacation has been extended for a week after the tour ends.

Ginger Sauce.

Bruise one or two pieces of whole ginger, put them into a saucepan with three ounces of loaf sugar and a pint of water and boil for several minutes, then skim and strain the liquor. Mix a little arrowroot smoothly with a little cold water, stir in the other liquor, return it to the stewpan and stir over the fire till thickened and boiling, when it is ready for the table.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR AUGUST 3

THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT.

LESSON TEXT—Ps. 146:23-26 (cf. Ex. 7:8-13).
GOLDEN TEXT—"Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted."—R. V. Matt. 23:12.

While this Psalm is a succinct statement of all that is contained in Exodus, chapters 7 to 12, still no teacher can judge himself as having made proper preparation who has not studied carefully the earlier record. Beginning with those of discomfort the plagues become more and more severe until the last and the crowning one, the death of the first born, caused the Egyptians to thrust out the Israelites with haste and gladness, laden with an abundance of "spoil." Pharaoh trusted in the superior greatness of the Egyptian gods, he also had great pride in his absolute power and hated to lose the profitable service of his Hebrew slaves. Over against this was God's right to demand the worship of his chosen people, God's profuse warnings to the proud Egyptian, and the inevitable outcome of the man, tribe, or nation who sets up human will in opposition to the plans of an Omnipotent God. True thanksgiving and praise are based upon "His marvelous works" (v. 5 R. V.).

Israel Made Strong.

I. The Induction of Israel into Egypt, vv. 23-25. By "Israel" in verse 23 the Psalmist does not refer to the nation but rather to the supplanter who became "Israel, a prince." His induction into Egypt was in accordance with God's purposes and plan, yes, his specific command, Gen. 46:2-7, Acts 7:9-15. God increased the descendants of Israel greatly in the land of Egypt, see v. 24. At the same time God made those same descendants stronger than their "adversaries" on account of the fact that Jehovah fought on their side, see Rom. 8:31.

II. The Exodus of Israel From Egypt, vv. 26-36. Now the Psalmist is referring to the nation. In Exodus there are recorded ten plagues, here there are mentioned but eight. The plague of the murrain of beasts and the plague of boils, the fifth and the sixth, are here left out for some reason best known to the Psalmist.

God saw the afflictions of Israel but sends relief through human agents. Moses was God's "servant" (v. 26) and Aaron "His chosen" (I Sam. 12:6) so also is every true believer. Their work has to "shew" (v. 27) God's wonders in the land of Egypt (Ham). They were to shew "His" wonders, signs, the "Words of His signs" (R. V. marg.), and none of their own. In other words they were to be the visible embodiment of God's character and power.

Worshipped the Nile.

The Psalmist then turns to the first of the historic plagues. The Egyptians were so dependent upon the Nile that they personified it and worshipped it. They had shed the blood of the Israelites and were given blood to drink, see Rev. 16:5, 6 and Gal. 6:7. The third plague was directed against the goddess "Hekt," queen of two worlds, and who was represented by a froglike figure, see Ex. 8:2. It was after this calamity that Pharaoh temporized. The third and fourth plagues are grouped together in verse 31. God often uses very little things to humble the great ones of earth. Life is made up of trifles, but life is no trifle. Pharaoh had proudly boasted of his agnosticism (Ex. 5:2) but when he sought to try conclusions with God and said, "Neither will I let Israel go" God let him wrestle with frogs, lice and flies. We thus see a man setting himself against God who is not able to overcome these smallest of pests. As we have mentioned, the fifth and sixth plagues are omitted from this record, hence the plague mentioned in v. 32 is in reality the seventh (Ex. 9). It was a rebuke to the God of the air, and that it is to be repeated in the end of time.

Though Israel was free from the eighth, the plague of locusts (v. 34) they did suffer from a like experience in later days, Joel 1:1-7. These small pests can turn a fruitful land into a barren waste.

But the culminating plague (v. 36) was the smiting of the first born. Even Israel could not escape this calamity except by the previous shedding of blood, Ex. 12:3-18. God gave Pharaoh ample warning, Ex. 4:23. Refusing to yield under the lesser judgments, God brought this supreme penalty, smiting all the first born, "the beginning of all their strength" (R. V. marg. v. 36).

III. The Teaching. Before the plagues Pharaoh was warned; before the second one he was given an opportunity to repent and because of the suffering thereby he relented and asked for a respite. Refusing to declare God's greatness (Ex. 8:10) "he (Pharaoh) made heavy his heart" (Ex. 8:15). No warning is given of the third plague for Pharaoh had broken faith. The acknowledgment upon the part of his magicians of a power greater than their own did not serve as a warning and he continued in his rebellion.

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TEACHERS ELECTED.

LARIMER.

The Larimer township school board met on Monday in the Wittemberg school house and elected the following teachers. There were thirteen applicants for the six schools. The schools will be taken care of by teachers holding certificates as follows:—1 permanent, 3 professional and 2 provisional. These are the teachers:

Walter Tucker—Wittemberg.
John Leibau—Pine Grove.
Clarence Miller—Sand Patch, grammar.
W. A. Hay—Sand Patch, primary.
Ross Witt—Geiger.
Miss Webeck—Witt.
Schools open September 22nd.

GREENVILLE TOWNSHIP.

The school board of Greenville township met on Saturday and elected the following teachers:
George Deitle—Pocahontas.
Mary Hostetler—Hostetler's.
Minnie Rembolt—Miller's.
Edgar Hostetler—Spruce Dale.
Alma Sass—Engle's.
Dallas Baer—Baker.
F. McKenzie—Blue Jay.
All the teachers elected are from Greenville township.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.

The Summit township teachers were elected as follows:
Dalton Handwerk—Glade City.
Estella Miller—Glade City.
Lloyd Shumac—E. Lichty.
Luella Baker—Keystone.
Cora Witt—Peck.
Frank Fike—Summit Mills.
E. R. Hay—Sandy Hollow.
Alveta Growell—Lick Run.
Albert Maust—S. J. Miller, advanced.
Lillian Seibert—S. J. Miller, intermediate.

Mary Fike—S. J. Miller, primary.
Ruth Commons—Shaw Mines.
Esther Shumaker—Walker.
Velma I. Gnagey—Handwerk.
John Schrock—Gnagey.
Orpha Meyers—Burkholder.
Nettie Maust—Sand Spring.
Sadie Schrock—Cross Roads.
Harvey Saylor—B. Miller.
Of these they hold certificates as follows:—13 provisional, 1 permanent and 5 professional.

SOMERSET COUNCIL FILLS VACANCY.

At a meeting of town council on Thursday night, Jacob S. Picking, Sr., was elected a member of Council to succeed Clarence E. Pyle, who resigned to become superintendent of the water works. Mr. Picking is a Democrat. The six members of Council who elected him are Republicans. John H. Beerits, president of the Board of Trade, had been elected to succeed Mr. Pyle two weeks ago, but declined to serve.

By a unanimous vote the ordinance opening North Columbia avenue was passed. This street will occupy a considerable strip on the west side of the playgrounds, and petitions protesting against it were circulated by the women who have charge of the playgrounds. The petitions were signed by several hundred citizens. It is said that the effort to prevent the actual opening of the street will be carried still further, probably in a court of equity.

Daniel E. Keller was employed as superintendent of the street paving Council proposes to construct during the summer. Work on the paving will be started as soon as possible.

John F. Trimpey was awarded a contract to set curbing along the property of the Patriot street school house, at 75 cents per foot. Under the school code the school board is not liable for the cost of street paving and curbing.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CHURCH SERVICES.

Evangelical church, L. B. Rittenhouse, pastor—Sunday school at 2:00 p. m. Preaching at 7:45 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers' Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

At the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday School at 3:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:45 p. m.

Evangelical Lutheran church, J. A. Yount, pastor—Sunday school next Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Morning service 10:30. Evening services 7:30. Luther League, 6:45 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor—Mass next Sunday 8:30 and 10 a. m.

At the Christian church, J. A. Hopkins, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m.

To Destroy Snails.

A lady in Eastern Pennsylvania wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, saying that in the morning she would find plants eaten which she had set out the evening before, and that she could not grow plants. By vigilance she found that the depredators were snails, and asked for a method of preventing damage by these pests.

Many persons find that snails are particularly injurious to cabbage, lettuce and other garden produce, and will, therefore, find the following answer of Professor Surface timely and useful:

"You can destroy snails and worms by giving them poison bran mash as described in the enclosed circular, also by dusting freshly slaked lime abundantly around the places where they inhabit you can drive them away. Mix one fortieth part of Paris green or dry arsenate of lead with the lime. Also, if you will spray your vegetation with an ounce of arsenate of lead in each gallon of water you can destroy them in this way."

"They can also be killed by poisoning them, dipping fresh slices of potatoes into a mixture of one part Paris green and thirty or forty parts flour, and placing the slices where the snails will feed upon them. As a rule, however, the lime is sufficient, and this is also good for sanitary purposes and for the soil."

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