

MOSES THE BEST JOURNALIST

Reporter of Crimes Such as No Modern Paper Would Dare to Print.

Kansas City, Mo.—Addressing the Ministers' Alliance of Kansas on "The Faith of a Journalist," Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism at Missouri University, spoke of the similarity of the Bible to the modern newspaper.

"The best journalist with whose work I am acquainted," said Mr. Williams, "was Moses. He was the first great editor. You plead for the publication of only the good and the beautiful in your favorite daily newspaper. It was an earlier people, not a wiser one, who cried: 'Prophecy unto us smooth this day.'"

"In one of the five books Moses edited the great editor gave more criminal news, and that more graphically, than to-day's newspapers would dare—for example, the reports of the disobedience of Adam, the drunkenness of Noah, the falsehoods of Abraham, and the iniquity of the city of Sodom."

Uncle Sam's Employees.

The Government's employ list is growing by leaps and bounds. The grand total of all Federal employees at present is 370,965, as against 306,141 in 1907, an increase in the two years of about 64,000 persons, or about 20 per cent. There were 28,947 persons in the Federal employ in Washington on July 1 last; the annual pay roll for them is \$31,541,225, an average of nearly \$1,100 each. This total will be temporarily swollen by the addition of about 3,000 persons to the clerical force of the Census Bureau, adding nearly \$5,000,000 in salaries during the year or more of their employment.

NEW DIVORCE CURE.

Dr. Worcester Predicts Victory for Emmanuel Movement.

Boston.—The Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester, founder of the Emmanuel movement, is extending his work into many novel fields. He believes that the end of the divorce evil will be the eventual triumph of the new cure. His method of mild mental suggestion, the introduction of happy thoughts among melancholy persons and the removal of the causes for divorce in the mental attitudes of husband and wife, is already proving efficacious, he says, in many threatened divorce cases that have come under his observation. One of the chief causes for divorce—the liquor habit—is receiving special attention through his Boston club of alcoholics and his special cases.

Dr. Worcester says emphatically, however, that suggestion plays only a small part in the Emmanuel treatment. Appeals to conscience and reason and the better nature of patients have as much to do with the cures as anything else.

SHAVING GUARDS HEALTH.

Men Without Mustaches Less Subject to Colds Than Those with Them.

London.—"Clean Shaving as a Prophylactic Measure" is the subject of an article in this week's Lancet. The matter is brought up by a contributor in The Lancet noticing that clean-shaven persons enjoy a kind of immunity from common colds or are less frequently attacked than those who cultivate a mustache.

The Lancet says that it is conceivable that the mustache affords a nursery for organisms, whereas a daily shave acts as a regular antiseptic routine. At this rate women should enjoy similar immunity, says The Lancet, unless stress be laid on the fact that no method of their toilet equals the drastic cleaning process of the razor and soap. Moreover, fine downy hair is natural to the lips of women and children.

IDIOSYNCRASY COSTS LIFE.

Scratching Left Ear with Hoof, Trenton Man's Purchase Is Strangled.

Trenton, N. J.—Just because a horse tried to scratch his left ear with one of his hoofs, Thomas M. Everett, a Trenton man, is out \$251. He purchased the animal two days before and had to pay \$1 to have the dead body removed from his stable.

While attempting to do the acrobatic stunt the animal slipped and was strangled by the halter about his neck. The beast had a habit of scratching his ears with one of his hoofs, and his former owner always put an unusually large halter about his neck, but Everett was unaware of his horse's odd habit and as a consequence is mourning his financial loss. The animal was dead several hours before the body was found.

SUICIDES BREED SUICIDES.

Toronto Professor Talks at Yale of "Morbidity Influences."

New Haven, Conn.—Close inquiry into every suicide to determine the cause of the act was advocated by Prof. J. G. Hume of Toronto University in a paper read by him before the American Philosophical Association at Yale.

He asserted self-destruction was becoming more and more prevalent and that realistic, sensational accounts in newspapers of "harrowing details of unfortunate acts" exerted a morbid influence upon those struggling with the temptation to commit crime.

ROADS AND ROADMAKING

ROAD IMPROVEMENT CRUSADE.

Economic Importance of Good Highways Becoming Known.

The economic importance of good roads is becoming more thoroughly demonstrated with every succeeding year, and throughout a constantly widening territory. The movement for state aid and state regulation of roads which began in a small way but a few years ago, has grown until there are now 23 states in which some kind of measure of aid, or co-operation with either towns, counties or individuals is practiced by the state.

The Good Roads Magazine in its issue of February, 1908, published in its annual review of the road situation a table which had been compiled by the Office of Public Roads, which gave the data concerning the roads of the country for the year 1904. At that time out of 2,151,000 miles of public roads in the country 38,600 miles had been surfaced with stone, 108,200 with special material, making the improved roads 7.14 per cent. of the total.

In the report of that office for 1905, it is estimated that the macadam roads have increased 12 1/2 per cent., making 43,450 miles; the gravel 15 per cent. to 124,468 miles; the special materials 25 per cent. to 8,512 miles. The average cost of macadam has been estimated at \$4,500 per mile, gravel at \$1,500 and other surfacing material at \$1,000.

There are about 1,975,000 miles of earth road which it is estimated has cost for grading, culverts, bridges, etc., about \$500 per mile. The right of way of these roads is worth, at acreage valuation as given in the census reports, \$342,000,000, making a total value of \$1,720,589,000 for all of the roads of the country.

Experimental roads have been constructed in various sections, for the purpose of determining what materials and methods are most likely to meet the changed conditions of traffic brought about by the high-speed automobile. In several states exhaustive experimentation has been going on with different kinds of tar and asphalt combinations for this purpose.

New York's Disadvantage.

In comparing the cost of highway construction in various states, New York appears at a disadvantage. In Massachusetts, from 1895 to 1907, there were built 558 miles of road at a cost of \$7,663 per mile; in Connecticut, between 1899 and 1906, the cost was \$6,072 per mile; New Jersey, from 1894 to 1907, paid \$4,676 per mile, while according to the report of the Engineer and Surveyor of New York, the roads under contract at the beginning of 1909 was 520, and the contract price, plus special agreements, amounted to \$4,817,488, or \$9,265 per mile; and there is awaiting contract 1,038 miles of road at an estimated cost of \$10,824,910, or an average of \$10,326 per mile. "It is to be hoped that, under the new highway commission which will soon come into existence, this state of things may be remedied."

Use of Oil on Earth Roads.

The Illinois Highway Commission has undertaken experiments in the treatment of earth roads with oil in an endeavor to construct a waterproof covering sufficiently durable to withstand traffic. Two sections of road have been constructed, one on a light clay soil and the other on a black sticky soil. So far both sections give promise of success. It remains to be seen if the durability of the roads will warrant the cost. The treatment required about two and one-half to three gallons per square yard, making the cost not less than 30 to 40 cents per square yard complete.

California's Plan.

A bill has been introduced in the California legislature at the request of the Governor, and with the approval of the California Good Roads Association, providing for submitting to the people a proposition to vote for an \$18,000,000 bond issue for state road purposes. Another bill, similarly presented, provides money and regulations for mapping out a system and getting ready for work. The work is to be under control of the state department of engineering.

Will Lose Out.

The country which fails to build good roads is inevitably going to lose out in the prosperity game; the farmer is going to the market that gives him the easiest haul, even though it is a longer one. If he can carry ten bales of cotton to a market twenty miles away on a single trip, he is surely going to that market in preference to one only ten miles away where he can haul but five bales at a load.

An effort is being made to organize Good Roads Clubs in every county in Georgia.

By common consent, the Rural Mail Carriers, of whom there are about 1,500 in the state, are taking the lead in the agitation and forming the nucleus for the thoroughly perfected state organization which is aimed at.

The use of oil and tar in road construction is attracting the attention of road builders the world over, particularly as the effect of modern motor traffic has completely changed the conditions of wear on roads that suffer any great amount of this kind of traffic.

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

NEW HAIR NET.

Small Hairpins Are Woven Fast to the Borders and Meshing.

It required three Londoners to devise the improved hair net which is shown in the illustration, but it would probably take more than three to get it off lady's head unless some one of them knew the combination. The net portion of this important article is no different from that of any other hair net, but the value of the invention lies in the fact that it will "stay put." Along the borders are fastened



a lot of little hairpins and a circle of double meshes passes through the middle part. Hairpins are also attached to this circle and are woven into the meshes. When one of these nets is adjusted it is there to stay until the wearer is ready to withdraw the multiplicity of little pins that hold it in place. Fitting so closely it has not the objection raised to some old-style nets that the ends come loose and give an untidy appearance to the coiffure.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

A few drops of lemon juice added to eggs that are being scrambled improves the flavor. A little oil rubbed on the stub end of a pen will prevent its rusting in the handle.

Large Gothic letters are the most in demand for marking household linen.

Stand in borax water for a little while dishes that have become brown from baking in the oven and they can be easily cleaned.

Rubbing with a piece of potato dipped in common baking soda is said to be an efficacious method of cleaning silver.

A plate scraper is a wooden device shaped to fit the curves of a plate and attached to a handle of convenient length.

FOR THE BRIDE'S TABLE.

By Miss Eunice Clarkson.

A beautiful conception for a bridal table is a "Cupid's Road." A tiny road the length of the table is made to represent Cupid's driveway. This path is made of rice bordered with smilax and white roses. All along the thoroughfare are placed bisque Cupids, and at the end of the way is a mixture of bride and groom decorated with smilax and white roses, all ready for the bride and groom to drive away in.

Have suspended from the chandelier directly over the table a large bell made of white roses and smilax, or any flower which is used. Place a white rose at each place and for name cards use plain white ones decorated in one corner with a water color or outline sketch of a bride and groom walking up the aisle.

A bridge of flowers is another very pretty scheme. In the center of the board rests a large circular mirror bordered with flowers. At each side some distance apart are silver candelabra crowned with candles and pretty shades. From one candelabrum to another are stretched two stout wires, covered and hidden under a broad band of ribbon. The ribbon is carried under the wires also, the two bands being pinned together invisibly under little fern sprays and airy bunches of white flowers. To give the prettiest effect some of the blossoms and greenery should fall naturally and easily over the edge. A bisque Cupid should be placed at each end of the bridge, and at the base of each candelabrum are strewn flowers and ferns. The idea is a unique one for a bridal table decoration, expressing the idea of crossing the flowering bridge to matrimony.

Chinese Women Study Medicine.

The Woman's Medical School at Shanghai awarded diplomas to six graduates lately. The school was founded a little more than three years ago by funds furnished by Li Ping Shu, president of the Chinese town council. The principal of the school is a Chinese woman who took an advanced educational course in both Canton and Hong-Kong. During the last year there were 30 students. Each of the six graduates read an essay, two of them in English.

CONFIDENTIAL.

He Might Tell George About It But Not Bill.

"Well, sir," said the book-agent in a patronizing manner, "I am pleased to inform you that you have been designated as one of the fifty persons in Oil City who are to receive copies of the book for which I am agent. It is a history of our Presidents, from Washington down to Taft, and you are fortunate in deed in being one of the chosen to get it."

"Possibly that is so," answered the merchant, "but just to save time I'll tell you I don't want it."

"What?" exclaimed the agent in feigned surprise. "Do you mean to tell me you are going to permit me to report to Washington that you will not take the book?"

"I don't care a continental what you report to Washington," replied the merchant, "as he turned to wait on a customer, 'but don't tell Taft about it.'—Oil City Blizzard."

SAFE BET.



Bertie—I have a suit for every day in the week.

Willie—Where are they?

Bertie—This is it I've got on.—New York Telegram.

Philanthropy.

Here is the story of a small boy, a mother and a barrel of apples, and a moral which does not have to be told in words:

The windows of an orphan asylum overlooked the back yard of the house where the boy, the barrel of apples and the boy's mother lived. Now, the apples that were in the barrel disappeared at a famous rate, and the mother, being a knowing woman as a matter of course, made inquiry of her son. Yes, he had eaten the apples; but, "Mamma," he said, "I have to; the orphans want so many cores."

Philosophically.

A laborer had worked all day putting in several tons of coal. For his day's hard work he received two dollars. His way home led him by the open door of a saloon. Inside he heard the magic rattle of the dice. A crap game was in progress.

Getting hold of the bones the laborer placed a dollar on the table and "rolled." He lost. He wagered his other dollar with the same result. Getting up from the table, he said:

"Well, easy come, easy go."

Getting at the Facts.

Directory Canvasser—What is your husband's occupation?

Mrs. O'Hoolihan—Sure, an' its a shovel engineer on a railroad he do be.

Directory Canvasser—You mean a civil engineer, don't you?

Mrs. O'Hoolihan—Faith, an' yez may be right, sor. He's civil enough, O'im afther thinkin', but annyway he shovels the coal into the engine.

Not by Aesop.

Mrs. Hen, having performed her oviparous function, took a constitutional around the yard. Returning to her nest she found it empty and clucked angrily.

"What's the trouble, ma'am?" asked the rooster.

"It's mighty funny," she grumbled, "that I can never find things where I lay them."

Lunchroomese.

Three men went into a quick-lunch restaurant and ordered a ham-and-egg sandwich and a glass of milk, two poached eggs on toast, and two sausages on macaroni. Here's what the lunch-counter man sang out to his invisible cook:

"One combo with a cow; two men on a raft, two Bierlots on the Channel."

All Going Out.

Judge (sternly)—Three times in a month! What do you make of this, sir?

Rastus (apologetically)—"Deed I doan' make nuffin'. You fellows up here seem to be de only ones dat get any 'cuniary profit out of hauling me up."

Safe.

A kind old gentleman, seeing a very small boy carrying a lot of newspapers under his arm, was moved to pity.

"Don't all those papers make you tired, my boy?"

"Nope," the mite cheerfully replied. "I can't read!"

They Were Shady.

Bung—So you have succeeded in tracing back my ancestors? What is your fee?

Genealogist—Twenty guineas for keeping quiet about them.

Valuable Information.

Guide: After this point there's no vegetation, five hundred metres higher, no beer, and after another five hundred, no post cards.

British Titles Claimed by Foreigners

An interesting parallel in the peerage of Scotland to the Barony of Fairfax, the claim to which has just been decided, is the Newburgh earldom, the holders of which have for more than a century been Italian nobles. In 1757 Cecilia, granddaughter of Charlotte Maria, Countess of Newburgh, became the wife of Benedict, Prince Giustiniani, and in 1793 her son Vincent became de jure the sixth Earl, although he did not claim the title. Since that time the Scottish peerage which was confirmed by the House of Lords to Vincent's daughter has been distinctly foreign and quite dissociated from this country. On the death of the third Baron Gardner the claimant to the title was one Alan Hyde Gardner, the son of a Mohammedan Princess and the husband of an Indian wife.

Tax on Chinese.

The \$500 Canadian head tax on Chinese immigrants is causing a scarcity of unskilled labor at Victoria. The British Columbia salmon cannery men are petitioning for a reduced head tax, in order to permit Chinese to enter the province.

Defining the Russian.

The Marquis de Custine once defined the Russian government as "an absolute monarchy tempted by assassination." The present situation is described by Constantin Walliszewski as "an anarchy tempered by a state of siege."

Sufficiently Married.

"You want to get married, I suppose," said the lawyer to whom Mrs. Donovan's husband escorted her on the day after she and Mrs. Leahy had indulged in a little difference of opinion.

"Damages!" echoed Mrs. Donovan, shrilly. "Haven't I got damages enough already, man? What I'm after is satisfaction."

Roll of HONOR

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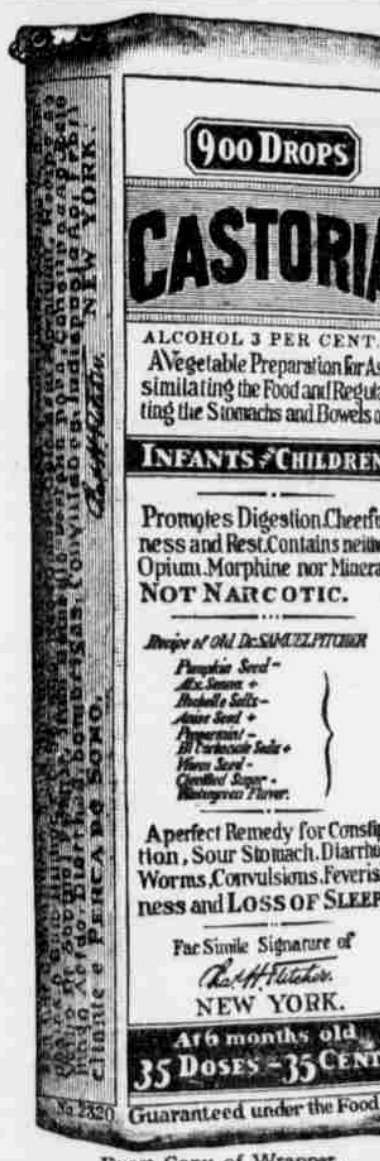
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