

## BOY SCOUTS

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## NOTABLE TAFT ACHIEVEMENTS

### His Administration Has Gained Many Worthy Ends.

### ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY.

**Millions of Dollars Saved to Government by Commission Ably Supported by Executive—High Standards Set by Policies of the President—What These Policies Are.**

A statement has been made that there was a rule in regard to the Boy Scout organization which presented a Catholic from holding any office in the Boy Scouts of America. When this question was asked Jas. J. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America by Geo. Norris of Philadelphia, Mr. West replied: "Catholics are officers of our organization from the top to the bottom. The Vice-President of the Scout council at New York City is a Catholic Priest, Father Francis J. Sullivan. The President of the Scout council at St. Louis is a Catholic, there are quite a number of Catholic priests enrolled as scoutmasters. In fact, we will not recognize a scout council unless the Catholics are proportionately represented on the council." It is absolutely untrue that there is any disposition to evade this question. Nothing could be further from the fact than such a statement. This organization is not Protestant nor is it Catholic nor is it Hebrew, but it is a character building organization for boys, to be used by all religions and institutions who can see in it a means of helping and assisting the boys of their communities. There is absolutely no rule or regulation to bar a Catholic from serving as an official of a scout council or as a scout or scoutmaster. On the contrary, they are just as welcome as any other creed. A Catholic has equal rights and is just as eligible an official as a Protestant, and has never been and never will be discriminated against in any way."

Philadelphia, March 14.—Over 100 new boys, ranging from thirteen to eighteen years, inmates of the Pennsylvania Institute For the Instruction of Blind of this city, have been formed into a troop of Boy Scouts. The trip is the second of its kind in the country, a similar one having been organized a short time ago in New York. The new troop was organized under direction of J. W. Patten, field secretary of the Philadelphia Boy Scouts. Executive officers are devising methods and means to interest the boys in their new associations. Harold Molter, physical director of the institute, has been appointed scout master of the troop. Each day the boys will be drilled. Despite their affliction they go through the ordinary drill. Instead of tracking by lines, they follow one another by means of weird noises. In place of the wag method of signaling, a unique method of sending messages will be substituted. Some of the boys have a knowledge of the Morse code and are to send messages a short distance one another by tapping on trees. Molten hopes to further instruct the boys in this method of signaling.

Basket making is another accomplishment to which the new scouts are giving their attention. This and the sound of the scout cheer seems to add them the greatest amusement soon as the troop has gained a better knowledge of the Boy Scout principles. It is planned to build a camp on institute grounds.

**NEWS from the WORLD OF SPORTS**

The New York Giants' share of the series amounted to \$12,000 of receipts of \$30,000. The 12 games drew 58,303 admissions. The best attendance at games played by American teams on the island was the Detroit series of 1909, when crowds numbered 64,734. In the Detroit series drew 62,

ante Cross, the veteran shortstop, has reported to Manager Walter of the Browns. Cross was signed to coach the young players. He also got back in the game him.

"I never felt better in my life," said Cross. "I played 100 games at shortstop for Scranton in New York State league last year and did as well as ever. Maybe I'll try with the stick, but remains to be seen. I'm here to ball, coach the youngsters and beat Wallace any way I can."

At changes have been made in Southern League in four seasons. Only 20 men now enrolled on in that league were members of the organization at the close of nine of these men being pitchers.

**Policies of President Taft.**

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**Tested.**

Dresser—Ah, that is a wax, sir.

need never worry about that.

com your mustache with the damp.

I've had one lot on mine for

the believe me, sir, one month

during a bath.—Punch.

**Nothing Personal.**

all are made of clay, slack!

some are solemn 'tis for mockery.

and some are useless brie-a-brac,

and some are common crockery.

—Satire.

Let's reform this busy earth!

let us toll on for all we're worth,

let us now and then be gay,

admitting some things are O. K.

—Washington Star.

Modern journalism is a marvelous

it's what. Some papers manage

the baseball page going all

Kansas City Journal.

## Our Sunshine Department

### SAVING BLIND BABIES.

The "Light Hunger" of Blind Babies.

Mrs. Alden says: "I have only had one doctor answer my question, 'Why do blind babies pick their eyes?' and his reply was that in his reading he had learned from a German doctor that it was a 'light hunger' that made them do it; the soul seeks the light and the fingers run and dig in search of it. Seeing babies suck their thumbs, while blind babies amuse themselves sticking their fingers into their eye sockets."

By Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, President-General of the International Sunshine Society.

A baby born blind presents a strangely pitiful problem. It has a soul. It has a mind that conditions combine to stunt. It has physical organs that need to be kept in normal operation. The eye, through which babyhood receives, commonly perhaps nine-tenths of the impressions that mean the earliest "education," is lacking. The baby in its first year works harder than at any other time in life, getting a grip on vital things. Tennyson's lines emphasize this:

The baby, new to earth and sky,  
What time his infant hands are pressed

Against the circle of the breast  
Has never thought that this is "I."  
But, as he grows he gathers much,  
And learns the use of "I" and "me."

And finds I am not what I see  
And other than the things I touch.

Now the blind baby has to come to this apprehension of the ego by various processes, through touch, hearing, and the sense of smell. The work is heavier. And help from the untrained parent is not to be expected.

Until the International Sunshine Society established its first "Home for Blind Babies," such infants took their chances with special attendants always unsympathetic, if the parents were more than well-to-do people; or in middle class homes, were fed and washed and patted by affectionate mothers whose ideas of drawing out the mind were primitive and impossible; or in the wage earning class they were left long hours each day, locked in rooms or even tied up, to guard against accident, while the mother earned a living; or, if foundlings, they were picked up and classed as idiots and made to become idiots by institutional surroundings.

Randall's Island, which takes all children of New York city who are direct dependents on public charity, took blind babies with the rest. It had no place to put them save with the other defectives. In all the United States there was and is now, so far as I have been able to discover, no institution of this kind (home-nursery, hospital and kindergarten combined) for Blind Babies, outside of the International Sunshine Society's activities. The State institution at Batavia keeps them at five years, if they are bright and normal outside of their blindness and have been taught to care for themselves in a measure. The age limit at six schools in the United States is five years, at one it is twelve.

"Mother Love" Often the Baby's Enemy.

Help toward mental unfolding and normal physical development is what the blind baby needs, rather than pity; and pity is even a disadvantage, in that it saps the self-respect of any human being to be pitied. "Mother love" in the home too often shields the blind child from what is best for it. The little legs are unemployed, for fear of a fall downstairs or some other injury. The child is fed on liquids because it is afraid of solids in the mouth, even of sugar lumps, instead of being encouraged to chew and digest what is strengthening.

The picking at the eyes, common to all blind children—a perilous phase of the sight lust, probably producing a sensation like the "seeing of stars" from a fall—goes on without check in the home. The mother does not understand that it means the idiocy or death if not treated.

In the Dyker Heights Home in New York the little body is nourished, oiled, massaged, while the mind is being slowly awakened. Out of eighty-two cases only one has been given up as hopeless. But often it was months before any sign of mind appeared. In that of one little girl it took two years to teach her that her hand could grasp an object and lay it down at will. Now she walks and talks, and shows much intelligence.

Another little girl was five years old when five years ago we took her from the Randall's Island "idiot department," where she was thought to be untrainable, hopelessly feeble-minded. She is now in the fifth reader, New York point. The other day she said to a gentleman who called at the home: "Oh, I am taking the literary course at the city school."

There are about 89,000 adult blind in the United States. How many died in babyhood is a pitiful question. Most of the adult blind are absolutely dependent persons, without grace, without poise, without the inner life that means so much to all of us, the life of imagination which books and thought develop. Taken in babyhood they might in many cases have been made self-supporting. In nearly all cases their lives could have been rendered richer, fuller, better worth living.

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### FLIERS COLLIDE IN AIR.

Machines Wrecked and Passenger Hurt, Pilots Escape Injury.

Berlin, March 14.—Two aeroplanes collided flying around the aerodrome at Johannisthal, the machine driven by the airmen Schade, who was carrying a passenger named Badowski, striking violently another aeroplane driven by the airmen Rettinger.

Both aeroplanes were smashed and fell to the ground, the passenger being injured, while the two aviators escaped unharmed.

Paris, March 14.—Lieutenant Seville fell 500 feet in his monoplane and was instantly killed.

### GETS \$25,000 INCOME.

Hawley Hears Make Amicable Settlement With Ward of Railroad Man.

New York, March 14.—Miss Anna C. Sturges, who as ward of the late Edward Hawley since she was fifteen years old has been known as Margaret Cameron, gets outright the city a country residence of the railroad president and a life income of \$25,000 per year whether she marries or not.

This amicable settlement with Mr. Hawley's heirs-at-law was announced by John B. Stanchfield, their attorney.

### T. R. STARTS WEDNESDAY.

Opens Campaign With Address at Carnegie Hall, New York.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 14.—The first speech of Colonel Roosevelt's campaign will be made next Wednesday night in Carnegie hall under the auspices of the Civic forum.

He has chosen as his subject "The Right of the People to Rule." He says he will not make a partisan address, but will discuss in a general way what he regards as the basic issues in the campaign.

### GOOD WAY TO DO BUSINESS.

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