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# THE INDEPENDENT

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, March 29, 1923.

THE SCHOOLS, THE TAXES, THE PEOPLE.

Burd P. Evans, member of the Legislature from this (Third) district, has been rightly delving into the educational situation in the State. He notes that a committee of "educational experts" has reported that "the present educational system is adequate to meet the educational needs," and significantly observes: "Neither the committee, nor those who employed it, referred to the questions of expense and taxation. The public has a vital interest in these questions and wants to know that the Department of Public Instruction is economically administered. \* \* \* The Minnesota School Board Association, this month, passed a resolution in favor of 'increased number of scholars to each teacher, less supervising expense,' and against 'undesired courses of instruction, expensive buildings, and any increase in teachers' salaries.' The soundness of a tax system is measured solely on the basis of the best results for the least tax. A modification of the Edmunds act is suggested. Why not further modifications of that act, as conditions may require? Its infallibility in some respects is quite open to question. If the present state deficit of \$23,000,000 is paid off in a four year period, \$5,750,000 per year, for the years 1923 and 1924 could be applied to the Department of Public Instruction deficit, and that department should then try to institute such economies as would enable it to pay its own deficit without increased taxation. Mr. J. M. McCollough writes, in his recent book, 'The elimination of sixty-one super-numerary appointees from the pay roll of the State Department of Education would not interfere with the proper functions of the department in the least. It would leave an executive staff of nine high salaried officials, a secretary to the superintendent, a bookkeeper, the full complement of competent stenographers, clerks, etc., etc.' The Department of Public Instruction may find it necessary to drop from its pay roll many of its clerical force; to adjust the salaries of those remaining on a reduced basis; to drop some, if not all, assistant county superintendents; to readjust the salaries of the county and district superintendents on a reduction basis; to withhold the annual allowance of \$500 each from superintendents and assistant superintendents which is paid as 'traveling expenses'; to build less expensive schools; to cut down all expenses. It may also be necessary to reduce the salaries of the teachers; but, when we consider the time consumed to prepare for teaching, the pay of the average teacher does not seem too high. However, the assertion that 'there are three kinds of teachers, one who is not paid enough, one who is paid enough, and one who is paid too much,' might induce the department and the directors to investigate along these lines with good results." Our Representative finds that in Montgomery county (which no doubt is illustrative of all counties in the State) from 1920 the population has increased about 1 1/2 per cent; school pupils 3 3/4 per cent; money paid by State to county increased about 10 per cent; money paid to teachers increased about 11 1/2 per cent; money paid for salaries in County Superintendent's office (not including \$1500 per year 'traveling expenses') 233 per cent; increase in school tax about 132 per cent."

Mr. Evans is to be heartily commended for the pains he has taken, as above indicated, in presenting facts relating to the educational problem in the State. It is disappointing, as he notes in closing his review that "no data" is forthcoming from the Department of Public Instruction "on the comparative educational standing of the State for the years 1900, 1910, and 1920." It appears to be strongly in evidence that the Edmunds act, in some particulars, is a law that permits numerous extravagances and, therefore, should be amended. For instance: The large increase of expenditures by reason of the present cost of County Superintendents, and assistants, in this and other counties of the State. Clearly, it is the business of the lawmakers at Harrisburg to thoroughly investigate expenditures in the Department of Public Instruction and in other State Departments and enforce a program of both efficiency and economy.

## PROHIBITION IN OPERATION.

The other day a defendant in a Philadelphia court case involving the handling and sale of a considerable amount of liquor of the outlawed brand, was supported by testimony in behalf of his previous good character during many years by a Federal court judge, and a number of other distinguished witnesses. But, the jury found him guilty. He appears to have followed the path of rectitude until the line of big handouts in the illegal rum and hooch "traffic" caused him to sidestep the straight path and fall into the meshes of the law. There are thousands of other men in about the same position (even though not yet apprehended by officers of the law) as this defendant. They have passed under the demoralizing influence arising from that worse than abortive attempt to enforce by law the determination and regulation of the habits of mankind. Legal procedures which, in their last analysis, interpose revolutionary restrictions, affecting the long continued personal habits of individuals invite, in the strongest and most alluring manner, the very natures of individuals to rebel against such interposition of arbitrary power. This conclusion is based upon evidence arising from the hard facts of observation. Moralizing, cant, unreason, and a fanatical autocracy cannot change human nature, either by decree or by legal processes. A real and much to be desired betterment of individuals, and of society as a whole, cannot be achieved in any such manner. \* \* \* A demand for certain beverages will be supplied—legally or illegally. In the very nature of the case supply, so far as it is humanly possible will, even at grossly augmented cost, meet demand. When the source of supply to meet demand becomes outlawed, outlaws will be rapidly multiplied and, hitherto honest men will become enmeshed in outlawry, because of extraordinary temptation. When law usurps the rightful personal prerogatives of individuals then law creates criminals by and through legal interpretation and application. No law is stronger than the naturally moral, sane, and reasonable public sentiment behind of and in support of it.

FROM Cleveland Plain-Dealer: The lame ducks of Congress are now out looking for jobs at which they can earn \$7500 a year with as little effort as they are accustomed to.

FROM Austin (Tex.) Cumberland: The telephone in a well-known surgeon's office rang and the doctor answered it. A voice inquired, "Who is this?" The doctor readily recognized the voice of his 7-year-old son. Although an exceedingly busy man, he was always ready for a bit of fun, so he replied: "The smartest man in the world." "I beg your pardon," said the boy; "I have the wrong number."

## CAME IN JOHNNY'S ABSENCE.

Johnny's parents lived in the country. He was the only child, and being too young to attend school, got very lonely.

He often expressed the wish for a baby brother, and, hearing of the arrival of a new baby at his aunt's, indignantly demanded why the baby had not been left at his house.

His mother told him it was because his aunt had more clothes for the baby than she had, as most of his baby clothes were worn out, but promised him to be prepared and, when the doctor had another baby to leave in their neighborhood, he would leave it at their house.

Several weeks passed, and Johnny's father took him to his grandmother's to spend the day. Toward evening his grandmother told him that his father wished to speak to him on the phone.

After talking a few minutes Johnny dropped the receiver and cried excitedly: "It's come! I've got a baby brother! We had the most clothes, so the doctor left it at our house. I've been expecting that baby for a long time, and the first time I go visiting here it comes."—Indianapolis News.

## DOGS AND THEIR DAY.

Every dog has his day; the proverb seems to hold true for every breed of dogs. Many breeds have had their day and sank into oblivion.

Thirty years ago the farm without a great hunking mastiff as its watchdog was incomplete—that was the heyday of the hobo. Mastiffs and hobs have gone off together to the land of nowheres. Newfoundland and St. Bernard are other breeds that used to find general favor when dog meat cost a cent a pound or so. The Great Dane has kept a sort of country house popularity; one must have space before these huge animals can enjoy life. Little dogs suffice to satisfy the mere instinct to love and cherish. As big dogs grow more expensive, and less necessary, man's love for them, even in the country, has lessened.—Baltimore American.

## HOW TO BURN BUCKWHEAT COAL.

There has been some difficulty experienced in starting and getting the fire in operation when using buckwheat coal. It will be necessary before starting the fire to put a bed of cinders on the grate about one inch thick. Start your fire in the ordinary way with wood; then apply your buckwheat coal to about a one inch covering. After this has sufficiently burned up and has given off its heat, it should be fired at intervals as required, firing often and light, and only to a thickness of about one inch.

## NECKLACE LOST DURING FIRE.

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Investigation has revealed that stories read from the works of the Bavarian humorist, Roda Roda, so well as a phonograph record giving Isolde's death scene from Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," went through as clear as a bell, and yet whenever "Deutschland Ueber Alles" was put on it sounded at the receiving end like a conversation at the Tower of Babel.

The Germans claim that the Eiffel Tower keeps a close watch on the programs, and that whenever it finds anything distasteful it immediately tunes up its sending apparatus to the same wavelength that is used by the Lorenz station and fires away with a counter-program. Consequently, neither the German nor the French numbers are intelligible.

The Eberswalde station says it is still able to outstrip the Eiffel Tower on transmission to Scandinavia and parts of Austria, but it is denied that it makes any effort to disturb the French transmission by means of counter-messages.

## EXPORTERS OF ORANGES.

Spain, Italy and the United States are the heaviest exporters of oranges, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1920 and 1921 Spain exported 7,000,000 boxes and 12,000,000 boxes, respectively, as compared with 16,000,000 boxes in 1918. Shipments from Italy for both 1920 and 1921 were close to 3,000,000 boxes, this amount being only a little less than for the pre-war year 1913. In 1921 the United States exported over 2,000,000 boxes, or more than double the exports in 1913, and 45 per cent more than the exports in 1920. Imports into the United Kingdom were about the same in 1921 as in 1913, or approximately 5,000,000 boxes. The imports into France amounted to 3,000,000 boxes for both of these years.

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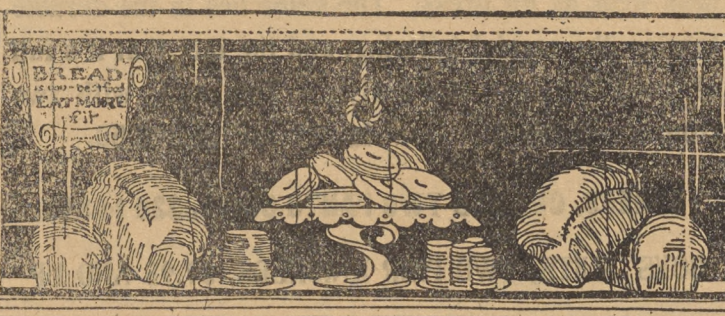
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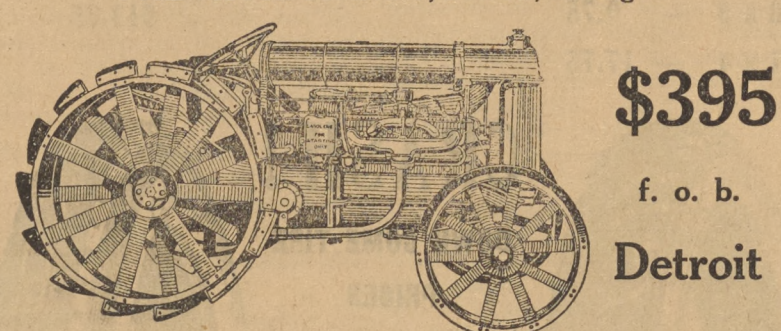
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A Scotch laborer was slipping out of the yard during working hours to wet his whistle when he ran into the boss, "Hallo!" said the latter pleasantly, "were you looking for me?" "Ay," replied Sandy, "I was lookin' for ye, but I dinna want ta find ye."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

As a rule puppy love comes to nothing and that is a very happy fact because it prevents many a man from leading a dog's life in after years.—New Orleans States.

"Jasper Tightwad has picked up enough coal and wood in the streets in the last three months to run his stove all winter—the way he runs it," reports Deacon Bert Walker.—Kansas City Star.

## The Bayside Blossoms

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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Ted Miller was an artist, and with his eye always on the beautiful he had been observing each morning as he made the trip in the commuters' train to his studio in the city three lovely young girls who always got on at Bayside.

They earned a living in the city and lived in the country. They traveled together each morning and evening. There was nothing gay in the fashion of the hour that these girls did not adopt. They looked as fresh and sweet as morning blossoms when they boarded the train at 8:22, and Ted Miller as he was wont to watch them from behind his morning paper had called them Bayside Blossoms. It was an appropriate name.

"Mildred," said one of the girls as she turned over the usual seat opposite the artist, "I wish I could save up enough out of this week's pay to go to see Ethel Barrymore Saturday afternoon."

"I'd have to starve for a week to do it," said Mildred, the bobbed-haired one with the lovely brown eyes. Her pale skin was of a rare coloring and the artist had admired it more than once when she had stepped into the train in the brilliant morning sunlight. It was pale without a touch of yellow, and her lips were naturally scarlet.

Ted Miller overheard this remark, and it happened that he was painting over a bit of scenery for the very play in which Ethel Barrymore was appearing, and as was always the case in such work he had plenty of seats at his disposal. At this moment he had four tickets in his pocket. He deplored the foolish conventionalities that kept him from offering these three young girls the seats that meant nothing to him, and for which they were planning to go without their midday meal.

All the way to town he tried to find a way in which he might offer the tickets without offending. He saw a woman who he knew in the car. He went over and took the seat beside her. He explained quickly what his problem was and handed



He Was Doing a Head Study.

her the seats. She had a broad understanding of life, of girls and of conventions. She said that he need not worry.

"It's the black bobbed-haired one that's Mildred—and that's all I know," he said as he returned to his seat.

Just how his friend presented the tickets he did not know, but because it was nearly a week before he happened to ride on that train again, he did not know until he saw the three girls that they had been to the matinee.

They looked at him and smiled as they came in. He felt embarrassed. He hid behind his paper. For a man of the world and an artist accustomed to beauty in its every phase, he was unusually reticent with women. It was Mildred who felt it incumbent upon herself to come across the aisle to thank him.

"It is nothing," he said, "nothing at all."

"Oh, but to us it is," she smiled frankly at him. He thought it was perhaps the extreme lack of embarrassment or silly pretence that he liked best about the girl after she had taken her own seat again among the other girls. Then he began to wonder if it could be her beauty. That night he fancied it was her girlish laughter and her merry, merry eyes. But something in the little Bayside Blossom attracted him unduly. And he did not even know her.

One morning when she came into the train she was alone and the only vacant seat was beside the woman whom Miller knew. He hoped they would speak of him. He even hoped the girl would ask who he was and perhaps say that she liked him. He realized that he had become childish on the subject. That the girl was fully ten years his junior he knew well and he had believed for months that he was admiring the trio equally for their youthful beauty and merry spirits.

As they left the train at the terminal Miller pushed as close to the woman he knew as he could without being conspicuous. She turned to speak to him. "Miss Canton," Mr. Miller of course you know her as a fellow commuter?"

"And of course—I don't know him properly at all," laughed Mildred. "How do you do, Mr. Miller?"

Miller would have given a good deal for her poised, her comfortable way of facing a situation.

"I am sure I should like to be able to speak to Miss Canton," he said, "the way that she would think him stupid and bromide. He flattered himself that he usually was not ordinary in his conversation."

They parted immediately as commuters do—each in hurry in his own direction.

Ted Miller tried all day to get that pale tint on canvas. He was doing a head study and nothing else seemed to come before his vision but this lovely bobbed-haired, pale-skinned girl

whom he had long called a blossom. "What can be the matter with me, I wonder?" he asked himself. "And at my age."

He took every opportunity to give her seats to the theater whenever he was doing the busts. He learned to know her. She was all that her personality seemed to promise in the days when he did not know her—sweet, frank, jolly and yet thoroughly practical, as are the girls today.

At last he made up his mind that if he was going to be any good in his profession or in his home, where his mother and sister expected a certain amount of same conduct, he would have to find out whether or not this lovely girl could look upon him in the light of a lover.

For he had decided that at last he had fallen a victim to her charms and he knew himself well enough to understand that it would not pass. He had fought it because he thought the girl was too young to be interested in him.

Mildred, meantime was desperately in love with the big artist and was hounding him to the point that he admitted her to give her whole heart to a man so far out of her reach.

"I wonder if you like me well enough to let me come to see you," Miller began one day when he met her going out of the train. Mildred looked up at him wide-eyed. "I am surprised that you find me interesting enough—that's all," she said, prettily.

"I—I do," he said earnestly. It was the beginning of the beautiful days of his life and the artist wondered that he had ever been able to create anything lovely before. Now that he was learning to know this girl and to feel that she responded to his love the whole world was more nearly worth while.

"You are indeed my own Bayside Blossom now, Mildred," he said to her when she had finally told him that she would try to interest him all through life.

## ROUTE OF LEWIS AND CLARK

Expedition Sent to Explore the Louisiana Territory in 1804 Made Remarkable Journey.

The Lewis and Clark expedition, commanded by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, penetrated from the Mississippi through the territory now forming parts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, to the Pacific ocean. The members of the party were the first white men to cross the continent between the Spanish possessions to the south and the British holdings to the north.

The expedition was sent out by President Jefferson to explore the Louisiana territory immediately after its purchase from France. The party left the vicinity of St. Louis May 14, 1804, passed up the Missouri river, reached the mouth of the Platte July 25, arrived at the camps of the Minn. and Minnetarees, about 1,600 miles from St. Louis, late in October, and wintered there until April 7, 1805. Fourteen men were sent back to St. Louis with collections and reports. The expedition reached the mouth of the Yellowstone river April 26 and one month later sighted the Rocky mountains.

The three forks of the Missouri river were discovered July 25 and named Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin. The exploring party proceeded up the Jefferson, crossed the Rockies in September, started down the Columbia river October 16 and on November 7 came in sight of the Pacific ocean. They wintered on the coast and started on the return journey March 23, 1806, reaching St. Louis September 23, having traveled a total distance of almost 8,500 miles.

She Was a Good Rat.

Charles Hunsicker, a rat at the county jail, noted in his day book Tuesday: "Maggie died today." Maggie was an old rat that prisoners at the jail have found to be an appreciable pet. She was found lying with her four feet in the air in the boiler room. Maggie didn't run, she just shuffled, for her bones were rheumatic. She was not considered a menace. She spent her time going from ward to ward getting crumbs and little offerings, and would sit on her haunches and nibble. A new prisoner was always notified that Maggie must not be killed or molested, and Wagner believes she died from natural causes.—Detroit News.

Drifts of Sand.

Wherever dry, loose sand occurs, it is being constantly shifted by the wind. It often buries cultivated lands, buildings and forests. On the shores of Lake Michigan, there are drifts 100 feet deep. These in Cornwall reach 300 feet in depth, and the drifts of the Gobi desert are 40 miles long and 900 feet high in some places. On the shores of the Bay of Biscay, the drifting sand travels inland 10 feet a year; in parts of Denmark, 24 feet; and in southern India, 17 yards.

Dreaded South African Snake. The greatest terror to all South African snakes is the black mamba. Its bite is almost instantly fatal, and the mamba is of a strangely irritable disposition, frequently "itching for a scrap," and apparently fond of bluffing a man by its mere presence, daring him to try and hit it, then landing a swift return that cannot be avoided. It will also dash out from its den and attack the passer-by.

Japanese Paper.

A government expert who has been investigating the wonderful papers of Japan reports that the Japanese make water bags or rice paper, which are held to be more durable as well as less expensive than similar articles made of rubber. Between the layers of paper, which is soft and flexible, resin is used, and the outside is covered with lacquer.

Washing Brushes.

Brushes should never be washed in hot water. It makes the bristles soft. Put them in a quart of lukewarm water into which two tablespoons of ammonia have been put. Let them remain so for half an hour and then rinse them in cold water, and hang them up, brush down, to dry.

When You'd Weigh Nothing.

If the earth turned round in about an hour and a half instead of in 24, things would have practically no weight at the equator. Present speed at the equatorial region is 1,000 miles an hour. At 17,000 m.p.h. could just keep on the ground.

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