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DOESN'T LIKE PRIMARY SYSTEM

The primary system, miscalled "direct," assumes that men can act with better results for all by acting separately than by acting together, says the Sandusky Register. Whether they know it or not, the reformers contend that a citizen should isolate himself from his fellows in order to ordain for them the best common benefits. By this reasoning a hermit becomes the ideal reformer.

We have had enough of hermit politics in Ohio. The sooner the state gets back again to the spirit of the fathers and to a sense of obligation which this nation owes to representative government, the sooner it will do justice to its history and its institutions. It is time to repeal the primary law and all kindred legislation embodying false reforms.

LUCK

Luck is particular in generally picking out a capable man upon whom to light. It never stays with the incapable man and seldom comes to the man who believes in luck.

Luck is a series of circumstances that make you successful without your having contributed to it. The other fellow will remark that you have the luck. You will be thinking all the while that someone else has all the luck.

Do you think that your friend has a better job than you because he was unusually lucky? The best plan is to calculate on making a success without luck and then if you have a little luck, anyhow, you will be better able to enjoy it.

RIGHT AND WRONG SAVING

Over in Indiana last year a farmer saved money by not having his well cleaned out when it needed it, and his 16-year-old son died from typhoid fever. Up in Union county a farmer saved money by not having his house insured until the building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Are you saving money in the wrong way? Depriving children of spending money, reducing wages, saving doctor's bills by not calling upon the doctor in time of need, and buying goods through mail order houses are suggested as methods of

saving money that are not above criticism.

There is a correct way to save, just as there is a proper way to spend.

Be sure that you are carrying your policy for saving or spending in such a manner that you or some member of your family will not suffer.

Be consistent, and strike a trial balance now and then.

BENEVOLENCES AND WAR

Giving to benevolences in Ohio has not suffered by reason of the extra demands made upon people by the war in Europe, according to word given out by a number of organizations which have state headquarters in Columbus.

E. L. Barrett, state treasurer of the Ohio Sunday School Association, whose home is in Springfield, in preparing his report for the annual convention at Findlay, June 19-22, states that "indications are that we will be able to report a very prosperous year, with a good financial showing, notwithstanding the very unusual conditions arising from the great world war, with the accompanying multitudinous calls for help from so many sources."

J. A. White, superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, says that in spite of the fact that no campaign for submission is on at the present time, contributions are coming in quite as well as usual, and that the work is not hampered for lack of funds.

A. H. Lichty, general secretary of the State Y. M. C. A., repeats the same testimony, indicating that the people who have been supporting the organizations in years past are not reducing their contributions, though they may be giving in other ways and to other causes which take their money to Europe.

Rev. John W. Day, state president of the Christian Endeavor Union, says that organization is closing the very best year in recent history.

Testimony of this character is also recorded by the Catholic clergy, who report that the contributions to their several causes are rather better than usual instead of adversely affected by the war.

SUCCESS AND CHEERFULNESS

"When his children crawl under the bed, the cat hikes for the back fence, the dog growls, and the neighbors call their children into the house when they see him coming—there's something wrong, even when the man thinks he is making sweet music by rattling gold pieces together in his pocket. A little gold in one's heart and laughter is worth more than a whole lot of gold in the bank or pocket."

Theodore Dreier asserts that there can be no success in business when there is a failure in one's own personal life.

The man who has lost his laugh, and the man who no longer is able to whistle is far, far away from real success in life.

Are you keeping your life? Do you laugh as much as you did a few years ago?

Better not tell yourself that your worries are greater and your troubles multiplied, if you would maintain the cheery outlook on life and the gladness that is necessary for health and happiness.



Memories That Stick

Here and There in Ohio

PORT CLINTON, May 11—Charles Myers sent his ferret into a hole after a rat. Myers' pet bulldog sat at watch over the rat-hole to catch Mr. Rat if he came out. After a few minutes the ferret scouted out and Myers reached to pick the animal up. So did the bulldog. Myers got the ferret but the dog got Myers' finger. Physicians had to amputate the finger.

COLUMBUS, May 11—The eighth annual reunion of the Lawrence county society, composed of former Lawrence county residents now living in Columbus was to be held at Memorial hall to-day.

CLYDE, May 11—With Governor Willis and his staff officiating, Ohio to-day paid its last tribute to the memory of George Burton Meek, the first American who lost his life in the Spanish-American war.

A monument erected to Meek, was unveiled in McPherson cemetery here to-day. The legislature appropriated the money for the memorial, which is a shaft surmounted by the figure of an American sailor.

Meek was the son of John Meek of this city. He was killed while fighting on the United States torpedo boat Winslow in an engagement on May 11, 1898.

COLUMBUS, May 11—Ten local men have already made application to participate in the civilian naval training cruise this summer on Uncle Sam's battleships, the Columbus naval recruiting station has announced.

The cruise will start August 15 and will end September 12. All applicants must be between 19 and 45 years of age, pass a physical examination and have some experience or training that might be of service to the navy.

Captain C. McClasen, U. S. N., and an examining physician are to be in Columbus during the latter part of this month to pass upon the fitness of the applicants.

CLEVELAND, May 11—Five hundred Cleveland rookies plan to go into camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, north of Indianapolis, July 14-23. The rookies will be made up of 25 companies—all of the members to be business and professional men. One company will be made up of real estate men, another doctors, another architects, and the rest salesmen, bankers and newspaper men.

It will cost each rookie \$28.50 for the nine days training. A special train will carry them to and from camp.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I submit my name for renomination as Clerk of Courts, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries to be held Tuesday, August 8, 1916. BROOKS JOHNSON.

Shot, Glass and Iron Are Found in Girl's Appendix

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 11—Surgeons who operated on Miss Margaret Quinn, a normal school student for appendicitis, found fourteen small gun shot, two pieces of glass, a small particle of an oyster shell and a chipped particle of iron in the appendix. The girl suffered for several days until the operation, which was successful. She said she remembered swallowing the shot ten years ago.

COLORED HELP.

The one—What kind of help have you now—colored? The Other—Yes, green.—Harper's Magazine.

FIRING THE COOK, MAYBE. Overheard in a Southern hotel after a night of much disturbance caused by noisy domestics. Wife—Oh! What is that explosion? Sleepy Husband—I don't know. I hope they are discharging the servants.

THE BUSY RECORD.

A Hutchinson woman has just received a letter from a son in Montana from whom she had not heard in 34 years. "This," wrote the son, "is the first chance I've had to write. I've been so busy."—Kansas City Star.

Germ Causes Tango

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11—The secret of the dance craze has been unearthed!

It's the "dance bug" and has been discovered by W. B. Herms, professor of parasitology at the University of California.

He calls it the spinose nymph. Such a curious little insect with such a peculiar little effect has never before been heard of in the scientific world.

For several years farmers of California and other subtropical parts of the United States have been bothered by the strange and unaccountable antics of their cattle. Cows were often prone to tango up a hill or perform a spirited maxixe.

Savants were unable to explain this mystifying phenomenon until recently, when it was found that the spinose ear tick was responsible.

The tick causes a rhythmic tapping in the ear and a sort of syncope. It is covered with spines which are thin and wiry. The air circulating through these often results in vague melodic tunes. The music, combined with the rattlingappings, caused the wild cavortings of the cattle.

The "dance bug" has thrived well in California, and not only contaminates cattle, but poultry—and "chickens." Lastly, man has become the prey of this evil insect, and several cases have been reported to Prof. Herms.

Diet of Nails Enjoyed by Horse

ST. MATHEWS, Ill., May 11—A merchant sold a cow to a market man recently. The market man killed the cow for beef, and when he had cut up the body he found that there was nearly a quart of nails in the cow's stomach, ranging in size from the smallest to the 10-penny. The cow had never shown any signs of indisposition and seemed to be in the thriftiest condition on this staple article of diet.

The Voice of Cash

Apropos of a young girl's rich marriage, Mayor Rockwell said at a reception in Akron: "Our girls don't marry disadvantageously as often as our boys do. In the whirl of love the female doesn't seem to get as dizzy as the male. A pretty girl told me the other day that she was engaged to a very rich landowner. 'Well, well,' said I, 'and here you all thought you'd marry the eloquent young preacher who took you about so much last summer.' 'The girl smiled. 'Deeds speak louder than words,' she said."—Cleveland Leader.

HE JUST HATES HIMSELF

WANTED—Just out of college. Twenty-two years young. Practical experience in real estate, advertising and general merchandising. Broad, general business experience. Who will get me?—Ad in Chicago Tribune.

Mouse In Cream

COLUMBUS, May 6—Some years ago when Thomas L. Calvert, chief inspector of the Ohio dairy and food department, was running a general store in a country town, a woman came into the store with a small quantity of butter which she wanted to sell.

"We made this for our own use, but we found that a mouse had run through the cream, so we decided to sell it," she said. "You know, it will make no difference just so the person who eats the butter does not know that the mouse was in the cream," she added.

Mr. Calvert bought the butter, paddled it into a different shape and put it away in a cool place in the rear of the store. Two days later the woman came back to the store to buy some butter. Mr. Calvert sold her the butter he had bought from her. He had bought it for that very reason, intending to teach the woman a lesson. The next time the woman came to the store, she told Mr. Calvert that the butter he had sold her was of fine quality, and she asked where he got it.

"It was what you sold me; you know you said that it would make no difference if no one knew that the mouse ran through the cream," Mr. Calvert said.

\$20 Gold Pieces Used as Buttons

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11—Travelers grasped and depot ushers made a center rush for the entrance at the Union Station as a tall Westerner, his coat gleaming with yellow buttons, came through the doors. "Sure," said the stranger. "I'm Fred McCormack, land man of Reno, Nev. We grow money in my country."

McCormack used \$10 and \$20 gold pieces as buttons. Four \$20 coins ornamented the front of his coat. There were six \$10 gold pieces on his vest, three \$10 pieces on each sleeve and a \$50 gold piece was used as a watch charm.

KEPT THE WORST TILL LAST.

He just had been accepted. "Does your father know I write poetry?" he asked anxiously. "Not yet, dear," she replied. "I've told him all about your drinking and your gambling debts but I couldn't tell him everything at once."

Protection of Bullfrogs Urged

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11—A legislative act to protect bullfrogs similar to the manner in which fish and game are protected in Missouri is asked by Thomas B. Hundspeth, a widely known Jackson county raiser of foxhounds.

"We still have the land toad, the tree toad, the beetle and other evening warblers," said Mr. Hundspeth, "but I miss the resonant bass of the big-throated bullfrog. Why, when I was a boy roaming over the hills and hollows of Jackson county, bullfrogs were as numerous as locusts in Egypt. I never hear one any more, and I understand that to appease the palates of the idle rich, who 'fawney' the taste of the larger extremities of this once plentiful amphibious quadruped, bullfrog farms have been established to keep big hotels supplied with this delicacy. And I can remember when the people thought no more of eating frogs' legs than they did of consuming lizards' eyebrows fried in butter."

"We should have an investigation of this bullfrog question, and I think some of those legislators who introduce bills to require chickens to roost at home, requiring women to wear corsets on their hat pins and to use at least 3 yards of material in their skirts and wear them long would do the state a service if they would introduce a bullfrog protection bill in Missouri."

JUST LIKE A WOMAN.

"Well, if that ain't the limit," mused the postman, as he came down the steps of a private residence. "What's the trouble?" queried the mere citizen who had overheard the postman's noisy thought.

"Why," explained the man in gray; "the woman in that house says if I don't come along earlier, she'll get her letters from some other carrier."

ONLY SOME DON'T.

Social Reformer (in stentorian tones)—Do you know that one-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives? Vulgar Voice in Rear—It's a good thing some people mind their own business.—Michigan Gargoyle.

"Mrs. D. is a great stickler for form and ceremony, I understand." "Merely, yes! Why, that woman would insist on dressing up to entertain an idea."

CHAMP CLARK CONGRATULATES UNCLE JOE



Uncle Joe Cannon (left) and Champ Clark.

Uncle Joe Cannon has just passed the four-score mark and official Washington led by Speaker Clark celebrated the event by giving a reception in his honor. Uncle Joe has the distinction of being the only man now in congress forty years in congress.

"My Wife Is Boss," Says Witness, and Girls Applaud

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 11—Those young men who keep on their dressers framed pictures of fair Vassar students and dream dreams of steam-heated flats when they gaze at them will do well to note the fact that 50 of these students heartily applauded the assertion of a witness in the supreme court that his wife was boss around their house.

It was the spontaneous sort of applause that makes even the thoughtless man thoughtful; and it persisted despite the raps for order, which Supreme Court Justice Young sounded, while he grinned behind a magisterial hand.

The young women, members of the political science class under Prof. E. D. Fite, were in the court learning something of judicial procedure when the witness on the stand, in answer to a question on whether he had consulted his wife regarding a certain action, said: "No, sir, I don't have to. My wife is boss in the house." Patter-patter-patter went white-gloved hands in earnest applause of the witness' honest attitude, and the young women nodded approvingly at one another.

A BRIGHT IDEA.

"Some of the grandest discoveries of the ages," said the great scientist, sonorously, "have been the result of accidents."

"I can readily believe that," said the fair lady. "I once made one that way myself."

The great man blinked his amazement. "May I ask what it was?" "Certainly," replied the fair one. "I found that by keeping a bottle of ink handy you can use a fountain pen just like any other pen—without all the bother of filling it."

LADY DAREDEVIL FLYER BEATS RESTA. AUTO SPEED DEMON, IN UNUSUAL RACE



Miss Stinson racing above Resta and (inset) Miss Katherine Stinson.

Miss Katherine Stinson, of San Antonio, Texas, recently won with ease in an interesting race with Dario Resta, the speed demon. Miss Stinson drove her large biplane directly above Resta's blue Peugeot in the early part of the race, but soon left him behind. Miss Stinson is perhaps the most skillful and daring American aviatrix having looped the loop and done many other such intrepid stunts with great success. She seldom wears the usual aviation garb, preferring any simple gown to work clothes, as she says flying is not her work but her pleasure.