

SIRES AND SONS.

Professor W. H. Taft of Yale has extended his law discourse circuit to embrace the Boston university law school.

President Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania is fifty-eight years of age. He was born at Hollidaysburg Sept. 21, 1855, and entered the employment of the Pennsylvania as a chainman and rodman at the age of sixteen.

Dr. Yamato Ichihashi, who will teach courses in Japanese history and government at Stanford university, is the first of his race to be so honored in the west. He has been in this country for twenty years and graduated from Stanford in 1907.

Senator Alexander Caldwell, one of the few surviving soldiers of the Mexican war, although eighty-three years of age, is active and still engaged in business in Kansas City, Kan. He is president of the First National bank of that place and can be found at his desk regularly.

Washington Gardner, the newly selected commander in chief of the national G. A. R., anited when he was sixteen years old and after three years' service returned to his home in Michigan on crutches. He went back to school and became a professor in Albion college. He served five years as secretary of state of Michigan and for twelve years was a representative in congress.

Laundry Helps.

Pencil marks should be rubbed off of new garments before washing, as water sets them.

Egg stains should be soaked in cold water before going to the laundry. If this is done the stains will come out easily. Hot water sets them.

A little butter stirred in with the starch will keep the iron from sticking; also a little butter on a piece of paper will be found more efficacious than beeswax in keeping the iron smooth.

If a lump of soda dissolved in a little hot water is added to the blue water on wash day it prevents the blue from settling in the clothes and makes them perfectly white. This is also very useful when the water is hard.

Town Topics.

No wonder Chicago has lots of crime. Think of the ignorance of a police department which seriously advises girls not to flirt.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Green" policemen now patrol the red light district of Gotham, which also abounds in Black Handers. New York is the only city in the country that could think up a color scheme of that sort.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Houston is gradually abandoning the dear old village customs. When the fire alarm sounded the other day only 119,876 of the 123,000 people suspended their business to inquire the whereabouts of the fire or see the engines and trucks go by.—Houston Post.

Pert Personal.

The German crown prince is always sorry that he did it, but he always does it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Santos-Dumont has just made another successful ascent, this time into the Legion of Honor.—New York Sun.

With Dr. Henry van Dyke as United States minister to the Netherlands wall mottoes should become as common as windmills in Holland.—Chicago News.

John Kling, catcher for the Cincinnati National league team, has retired from professional baseball, this making John's stentian farewell.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Fashion Frills.

More man wouldn't kick about the scant skirt of the period if he had to do his kicking in it.—Cleveland Leader.

"Get a Gown to Fit Your Mind," says a headline on the woman's page. It looks as though some of them have been doing it.—Cleveland Leader.

Short Stories.

Switzerland has 17,000 hotels. Japan is encouraging the fruit growing industry.

Murder among the ancient Persians was not punishable at the first offense. A gunsmith in Brussels has invented a revolver that shoots seven times in a second.

There are twenty-eight pounds of blood in the body of an average grown-up person.

Range finders are now made use of by the United States foresters in locating forest fires.

Wireless Whispers.

Multiplying the height of a wireless aerial by four will give its wave length approximately.

A London wireless enthusiast claims to receive messages from as far away as Paris with the frame of an iron bedstead.

The highest wireless tower in the world is at Naugen, Germany. It is nearly a thousand feet high, and it is expected that the company can send messages as far as from Berlin to Chicago.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, widow of the late president, has decided to spend the winter in New York. She has taken apartments in East Sixtieth street near Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Ernest Hart, the Englishwoman who made washable banknotes possible by discovering a new waterproofing system, is supervising a London factory where her perfected chemical processes are being carried through.

Mrs. H. A. Boomer, who has been created an honorary associate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem by King George of England, has been president of the National Council of Women. Her home is in the province of Ontario, Canada.

The Misses Gerda Pedersen, daughter of the Danish minister of agriculture, and Kelsor Nielsen, daughter of the minister of education, have engaged as housemaids in London that they may learn the English language, customs and manners and generally broaden their outlook. They expect to remain at their work for a year.

Education Notes.

The University of Pittsburgh has opened a free "school of childhood" for children four to seven years of age, in which it hopes to "combine the best features of the kindergarten, the playground and the Montessori school."

Nearly every aspect of rural education and life is discussed in the "Proceedings of the Sixteenth Conference for Education in the South," copies of which are available for free distribution by the United States bureau of education.

The importance of the personality of the teacher in any system of schools is emphasized by Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, in a recent letter to the 3,400 county, township and district superintendents in the United States.

Aerial Flights.

One of the regular occupations in Germany is dodging airplanes.—Chicago News.

As a death machine the airplane seemed to be in a class by itself, but the dirigible is rapidly catching up.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Considering their handicap through lack of dirigibles, French aviators are almost equalling the record of their ancient enemy.—Washington Post.

The lesson of 1913 in aviation is that more caution and better safeguards are necessary if the science of air navigation is to move forward.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Current Comment.

One of these days the Adirondack guides are going to shoot back.—New York Sun.

The Panama canal is being opened so gradually that it is hard to decide just when to throw up one's hat and cheer.—St. Louis City Journal.

A good way to solve two of our modern problems would be to take all prisoners out of politics and put some politicians in prison.—Boston Transcript.

How would it do to amend the demand for all steel cars into a demand for all steel trestles and all right road beds?—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Flippant Flings.

Cuts in the price of steel have been made, but the trouble is steel is so indigestible.—Baltimore American.

Hardening of the arteries is said to have been cured by radium emanations. They will also cure any sclerosis of the pocketbook.—Minneapolis Journal.

It is said that electricity will now do forty-eight things about the house and kitchen.—The mistress will do the rest the cook will doubtless press the button except on her day off.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Science Siftings.

Sheet aluminum is better than either brass or copper for sheathing vise jaws when soft metals are handled.

The average depth of the ocean bed is about 12,000 feet as against the average land height above sea level of 2,300 feet.

A byproduct of the manufacture of thorium gas mantles, according to a German scientist who has experimented with it, is an effective substitute for radium at one-third the cost.

State Lines.

In the state of Georgia women are not allowed to practice law.

Utah made a record last year by mining more than 3,000,000 tons of coal for the first time.

Missouri's coal supply will last 6,000 years, it is estimated, if mining goes on at the present rate of 4,000,000 tons yearly.

Facts From France.

Only 12 per cent of those condemned to death in France are eventually executed.

Parisians are seeking divorces more than ever. Figures just published show that for the past year there were 7,000 divorces in Paris, or 2,000 more than in the preceding year.

From various causes the price of foodstuffs has gone up in France, and as wages have not been raised accordingly the French workingman is confronted with a difficult problem.

A young man was much depressed by loneliness. His own brother had gone away for a week, and the lad across the street, with whom he played occasionally, was ill in bed. Moreover, there were no toys that he found amusing.

In this sad state his mother found him. "Perhaps," she suggested, "I can play with you. What is it you wish to play with?"

"No, ma'am," sighed the boy. "I wish I was two little dogs, so I could play together."—Lippincott's.

When the steed had nobly sped him And the stableman had fed him To the drinking trough he led him, But he coaxed to no avail.

For the horse replied, with hauteur, "You may lead me to the water, But to make me drink you'd oughter Have an individual pail."—Life.

"Say, mister, where do you live?" inquired the small brother of the lady upon whom Mr. Blank had called to pay his weekly attentions.

"At 456 Grand avenue," replied the young man. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, well," said the young hopeful, "big sister is wrong then, 'cause she had a look you up in Bradstreet."—Everybody's.

She bought a handsome cookbook, and she wept Because she heard her thoughtless husband say That in the library it should be kept And from the kitchen banished far away.

—Washington Star.

"This is our thirteenth quarrel," she said—and shivered as she looked out into the cold, gray storm.

"Perhaps we shall never have another," faltered her husband.

"Oh, I'm not in the least superstitious," protested the woman, with a ghastly affectation of gaiety.—Puck.

"Jennie," said he, "believe it true—I never loved any girl but you."

"Oh, Fred," she answered, "I'm sure of this! You make such work when you try to kiss."—Judge.

"Here I am, dad," announced the prodigal. "Are you going to kill the fatted calf?"

"Not with veal at 40 cents a pound," answered the old man. "Maria, open a can of corned beef."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Said a careless young lady named Anna When she stepped on an empty banana, "How what do you see That you stare so at me?"

And the bystander cried, "Hosanna!"—Lippincott's.

Bobbie—Will you send mother a leg of mutton, please, Mr. Jones?

Jones—Yes, my boy.

Bobbie—And mother says if it's as skinny as the last the man needn't knock. He can push it through the letter box.—New York Mail.

The happy man who always sings And who is free from debt, Is he who does not want the things He knows he cannot get.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"You say all surnames were originally bestowed according to some personal characteristic or attribute?"

"So genealogists teach us."

"Then how does it come that more people aren't named Lovejoy?"—Youngstown Telegram.

"She's all the world to me!" he cried, And at his heart did clutch.

"It's quite apparent," I replied, "You haven't traveled much."—Philadelphia Record.

"Why do you continually tell me you were detained downtown on business? I despise a lie."

"Well, I continually tell you your cooking is good," retorted the husband. "You accept that one all right enough."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The leaves will soon be turning yellow. The porch's charm will soon have died. Ere long fair Gladys and her fellow Will whisper slyly 'bout inside.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

"You claim he's a true friend of yours, and yet you say he wouldn't hesitate to put you in a hole."

"I do."

"Don't see how you figure that out."

"Easy enough. He's an undertaker."—Brooklyn Eagle.

It's as plain as an old-fashioned riddle That a girl is the boss of the show. She can make a man play second fiddle If she knows how to handle her beau.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I know a man who can supply ar-finites at short notice."

"Who is he?"

"My shoemaker. He makes a business of giving sole mates."—Spokesman-Review.

She's the prettiest maiden That ever was born. Her lips are a rose, And her tongue is its thorn.

—Puck.

Claude—You must have been aware of my intentions before this. Miss Gold.

Claudia—Oh, yes; I was prepared for the worst.—Judge.

The modistes cause me great surprise: Such clothes they make the women wear! I wonder if they realize That winter time will soon be here.

—Exchange.

"What is an optimist, pa?"

"An optimist is a person who can see the silver lining before he gets his eye on the cloud."—New York Times.

The battleship may have a prow, But what I'd like to learn Is, though I'm looking at her bow, Why does she look so stern?

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Who Was Who? The man who didn't advertise Was dead, extremely dead. His widow placed, of matimoth size, A stone above his head.

She put his name Upon the same In letters large and clear To tell the eye Of passersby Her man was sleeping here.

Folks thought her sorrow must be great To raise a monument. They did not know—she did not state Her social taste.

One day there came A former flame, Who read, they thought her sight, And as she wept She fairly said: "It pays to advertise."

—Seneca (Mo.) News-Dispatch.

No Use For Sympathy. A Yorkshireman suffering from tooth-ache went to a dentist to have the aching tooth out. The dentist pulled out the offending tooth and was then asked to pull out the double tooth next to it.

"But that is a sound tooth," said the dentist. "The pain is only sympathetic."

"Thank it out, doctor. Hang such sympathy!" replied the Tyks.—Tit-Bits.

A Consistent Career. "Times are not as they used to be." We hear the old refrain. There is but little hope to see The classic days again. When Greece advanced with splendid grace.

And dandied all the throng, A leader of the human race, Of mind and body strong.

To arms of war they still return While seeking to advance Our opportunities to learn Of polished elegance.

And as we view these modern works We honestly exclaim: Abroad the Greeks are fighting Turks. And here they're shining abroad.

—Washington Star.

The Same. "What nice, large peaches!" said the lady.

"Yes, ma'am; they are beautiful, ma'am," replied the dealer.

"How do you sell them?"

"One dollar a basket, ma'am."

"And are they just the same at the bottom of the basket as at the top?"

"Oh, yes, ma'am; \$1 a basket, ma'am, just the same."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Question. What is the question of the hour? The man of wealth says "labor's power. The brewer thinks "the price of hops. The broker answers, "state of crops. The housewife says, with no misgiving, "The increase in the cost of living."

"The tango," declare mollifiers; But "Mexico," diplomats; "The currency," the bankers sigh; "The Panama," the English cry; "The tariff," politicians roar; But Europe mutters, "Balkan war." These are the answers, short or long. But every single one is wrong.

This is the question of the day: Has the silk skirt come in to stay? —R. C. Hoeds in Judge.

An Endearing Act. Wife (pleadingly)—I'm afraid, Jack, you do not love me any more—any way, not so well as you used to.

Husband—Why?

Wife—Because you always let me get up to light the fire now.

Husband—Nonsense, my love! Your getting up to light the fire makes me love you all the more.—Exchange.

Applied Mathematics. I sometimes wonder what's the use Of squaring the hypothesis Or why, unless it be to test, Things must be called isosceles.

Of course I know that mathematics Are mental stunts and acrobatics: To give the brain a drill gymnastic And make gray matter more elastic—Is that why Euclid has employed Trisulium and trapezoid, I wonder—yet it seems to me That all the plain geometry One needs is just this simple feat: What'er your line, make both ends meet.

—Annie W. Young in Harper's.

Impressed. "You seem very much impressed by all these explanations I have been giving you about banking and currency."

"Yes, Charley dear," replied Mrs. Torkins. "It seems perfectly wonderful that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any."—Washington Post.

The Speeder's Excuse. I met a wild eyed motorist, Who drove at frightful speed. His hair was streaming in the wind. He was a sight indeed.

I called and asked him to explain The reason for his haste. He said: "My gasoline is low. No time have I to waste."

"If I should log sedately on My journey, you must own, My fuel would all be used up Before I got to town."

—Louisville Times.

Severely Practical. "I feel that it is my duty to scatter sunshine," said the man who is laboriously cheerful.

"You're late in the season with that line of weather goods," replied Farmer Cortossel. "And, anyhow, what we need this year 'wa' rain."—Spokesman-Review.

The Difference. "Twixt modest man and egotist The difference is wide. One thinks he never would be missed If he tomorrow died. The other thinks when he sheds tears That every scene is bleak And fancies that the whole world hears When he wears shoes that creak."

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Ouch! "We don't have any grass growing in our streets," sneered the New Yorker.

"No, I dare say not," replied the Philadelphian. "I suppose your street car horses nibble it off as they bruiw along."—Lippincott's.

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