

A MERE CIPHER.



Bertha—Bertie, you are simply impossible. Bertie—Nothing is impossible. Bertha—That's what I said.

A Linguist.

The charm of Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart's negro dialect stories was greatly enhanced when she read them herself, as she used frequently to do in the early days of her fame, for charity and church entertainments.

"Well, my mother is smarter than any of yours. She can speak two languages."

"What are they?" demanded his companions.

"White and colored."

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of starch a matter of great importance.

Bone of Contention.

"Death usually heals all family differences," said the old-fashioned philosopher.

"Yes," replied the shrewd observer, "but usually the reading of the will separates them again."

"Cheap Skates."

In the town of North Andover, inhabitants have been seen to smile derisively at the following card in a hardware show window: "Kittner & Spinney, Cheap Skates. Come in and Look Them Over."

Nothing I Ate Agreed With Me.



MRS. LENORA BODENHAMER.

Mrs. Lenora Bodenhamer, R. F. D. 1, Box 99, Kernersville, N. C., writes: "I suffered with stomach trouble and indigestion for some time, and nothing that I ate agreed with me."

"I found in one of your Peruna books a description of my symptoms. I then wrote to Dr. Hartman for advice. He said I had catarrh of the stomach."

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THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

A STATEMENT BY MR. BRYAN

The Late Democratic Candidate for President Discusses Politics.

William J. Bryan issued the following statement:

"The election has gone against us by a decisive majority. The returns are not all in, and it is impossible at this time to analyze them or to say what causes contributed most to the republican victory."

"I have faith that the publicity we asked for will yet commend itself to the American people, that the election of senators by the people will be secured, that the inequities of the trusts will arouse an opposition that will result in the elimination of the principle of private monopoly."

"I desire to commend the work of our national committee. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Mack as the chairman and with the work of the members of the committee. I do not see what they could have done more for them, and as for myself, I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause."

"If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one, I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune, for I am relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it gives an opportunity to render a larger public service."

"In this hour of national defeat, I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors, by the citizens of Lincoln and by the people of the state of Nebraska. With a democratic governor and a democratic legislature, we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to state legislation, and I trust that our state will see a good example that will be an influence for good in the nation."

Filipinos Will Go to Yale. Guillermo Pagaduan, M. Lazo and T. Topacio, Filipino students who have been at the state university for four years as appointees of the government under the act which provided for the education in this country of a limited number of Filipinos selected by competitive examination, have received letters from the superintendent of this division of schools, asking if they would accept an extension of their appointments, which expire this June with their graduation from Nebraska.

Nebraska Debating League. The Nebraska high school debating league issued a few days ago the first annual bulletin of the league, containing announcements for the coming year, and a history of the organization of the debating league in the state high schools. It was compiled by Prof. M. M. Fogg of the state university. The book goes into the history of the league, which was organized last January with thirty-one members, with the purpose of furthering debate in Nebraska high schools. The membership now is forty-one high schools.

Questions for Debate. The question for the 1908-1909 debate in the Nebraska high school debating league, which was organized last year, was announced last week by Prof. M. M. Fogg of the university. The schools which are in the league sent in their choices of a list of ten suggested questions. The questions most favored were on county option, organized labor in politics, the direct nomination of candidates for office, and compulsory arbitration. The question selected has reference to disputes between labor and capital.

Money from Government. Governor Sheldon has received from the government \$5,175 for the care of members of the Grand Island soldiers' home and \$2,550 for the Milford home, being at the rate of \$100 a year for each member maintained in the homes. The payment is for the quarter ending September 30. There were 207 in the Grand Island home and 102 in the Milford home. The money goes into the general fund of the state. The state built and maintains the homes, but the general government gives \$100 a year for members.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Ora Smith, a York boy, had his leg broken in a football game.

At Crowley they are boasting of a banner potato yield of 300 bushels on less than one acre.

J. L. May of Dawson county lost twenty-four head of good steers from an overload of alfalfa hay in their stomachs.

Burglars entered the Banley State bank and made their way through to the roof, but got nothing. The safe was undisturbed. They secured tools from a blacksmith shop.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

Rev. P. T. O'Reilly, pastor of the St. Mary's Catholic church at Nebraska City, has resigned to accept the position as secretary of the archbishop at Chicago. Father Bernard of western Nebraska comes to take his place.

While loitering along the railroad tracks north of Bancroft two boys of that place found several revolvers and a watch in a pond of water near one of the railroad bridges. One of the revolvers, a Colt's police special, has been identified by a hardware man in Lyons, whose place was broken into and from which a number of revolvers and several boxes of ammunition were taken.

Following is the Gage county mortgage record for the month of October: Number of farm mortgages filed, 18; amount, \$41,898. Number of farm mortgages released, 28; amount, \$35,602. Number of city mortgages filed, 21; amount, \$28,284. Number of city mortgages released, 34; amount, \$24,754.

Wes Eads of Stanton county, while pulling stumps with a stump pulling machine, had the misfortune to have both of his legs broken. He was leading the team and a bolt broke, which threw part of the machine against his horse, breaking both of them. One of the horse's legs was also broken and in such a way that the animal had to be killed.

Charles H. Lavers of Boston has been selected general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. at Beatrice to succeed Fred Metts, who recently resigned to accept a similar position with the association at Rapid City, S. D. Mr. Lavers was until recently assistant secretary of the Boston association and at one time was engaged in association work in China. He will assume his new duties November 9.

Eugene Morey, a civil engineer, W. H. Hand, Dr. Martin, V. B. Sample, W. S. Clapp and Theodore H. Bolte, all of Kearney, are the names of those who have fully incorporated the proposed Kearney & Loup Valley railroad. The capital stock is fixed at \$100,000 common and \$20,000 preferred. The plan is somewhat more comprehensive than at first proposed, as the terminals selected are Kearney and Hyannis.

A number of Austrians who work on the Rock Island section at Ellis were beaten and robbed the other evening, supposedly by two of their fellow countrymen. The men make their home in a car and were awakened about midnight by two masked men who had broken into the car, and while one of them held a revolver the other beat the Austrians into insensibility, afterward rifling their clothes. The robbers secured about \$50.

The West Point Farmers' Institute society has published its list of prizes to be awarded at the forthcoming county corn show. For the best bushel of corn, any color, \$15 is offered. For yellow corn, ten ears, first prize, \$10; second, \$8; third, \$6; fourth, \$4; fifth, \$2, and on the three next best \$1 each. The same premiums are offered on white corn. Prizes are offered also for the best single ear of corn, for sweet corn and popcorn.

The corner stone for the new Methodist church at Humboldt was laid last Sunday in the midst of a large crowd of spectators, the pastor, Rev. A. S. Bass, being assisted in the ceremony by Rev. George I. Wright of Nebraska City, district superintendent, who delivered an address after the ritualistic work was completed. Underneath the stone the church authorities placed a history of the society since its organization in 1871, when the old church was erected.

Uncle Joe Worrall printer and Nebraska pioneer, has been in the city this week, says a Tecumseh dispatch. While there Uncle Joe took the pains to look up the real estate in Johnson county belonging to a certain man who drew a farm in the Rosebud drawing. According to the ruling of the government, a man must swear he owns no more than 160 acres of land or he cannot register. This lucky man, according to Worrall, owns 200 acres in Johnson county. The printer reported the case to the government authorities.

Thomas Stanley of Keneas had over 100 bushels of potatoes off less than a half acre of ground.

A stranger was around among the business men of Stella trying to sell some rings. Upon being told that there was a robbery of a jewelry store the night before he left at once for the depot to catch a train out. At this juncture the sheriff arrived and, going to the depot, found the stranger in his weeds. He was placed in the city jail and a thorough search made of his person, and two bags of gold rings were found strapped to his body, besides other items in the jewelry line.

A farmers' institute will be held at Merriam, Cherry county, on Tuesday, November 17.

Farmers in Washington county are reporting yields of corn from twenty-five to forty bushels per acre.

Burglars raided a pool hall at Occa and carried off about \$50 worth of cigars and other property.

Fred Acom of North Bend is going to feed sheep this winter and has just purchased 700 head for that purpose.

Two chattel mortgages were placed on record at Sidney, Cheyenne county, aggregating \$89,000. The security was heads of live stock.

HAWAII'S RUBBER TREE

By JARED G. SMITH, SPECIAL AGENT.



TUBEROUS ROOTS OF SIX-MONTHS-OLD CEARA RUBBER TREE

PLANTED AS A CUTTING, THIRTEEN MONTHS GROWTH



JUICE CAPSULES OF THE CEARA RUBBER TREE

SUCKER NINE MONTHS OLD

Up to January, 1908, 400,000 rubber trees had been planted in Hawaii, upwards of 90 per cent. being the species known as the Ceara rubber tree.

There are now five large plantations in operation, and rubber trees are being planted by many independent farmers and planters. The oldest plantation is one of those at Nahiku. A first tapping will be made on some of the trees of this plantation during the summer of 1908, or as soon as they have reached a circumference of 20 inches, which is considered to be the smallest size at which it is safe or convenient to tap.

The natural home of the Ceara rubber tree is in the dry regions of Brazil. In former years it was very abundant in the state of Ceara and derives its name from this fact. It is also known as the Manicoba rubber, this having been its native name.

The whole tropical world is entering into the cultivation of rubber on a wholesale scale. Rubber is practically the only staple crop the supply of which has always come from what may be called natural sources. Even with the increase in the number of plantations during the last ten years 99 per cent. of all of the rubber of commerce has been produced by the most wasteful and destructive methods from natural rubber forests.

The rubber gatherer has preceded the tax collector in searching the unexplored and unknown forests in the interior of South America and all over the African continent. He has destroyed forests and exterminated species in a relentless effort to secure enormous returns without the investment of proportionate capital.

The cause of this frantic search for rubber-producing trees is to be found in the multitudinous uses to which this valuable material may be put. Because of its increasing scope of usefulness the rubber consumers have never been able to procure enough of the raw material to satisfy the yearly demands, so that the end of every decade has witnessed a marked increase in its value.

While it has been long recognized that certain species of rubber-producing trees, notably the Para and Assam rubbers (Hevea brasiliensis and Ficus elastica), were amenable to cultivation, tropical planters have only recently awakened to the enormous possibilities of a cultivated product which in its raw condition commands a price of \$3,000 a ton or more.

There is now apparently a race among countries having lands available for rubber production to see which can get the largest acreage of rubber trees into bearing in the shortest time, in order to harvest the marvelous profits which seem almost absolutely certain.

The present acreage of cultivated rubber probably exceeds half a million acres, and every year sees additional tens of thousands of acres planted. One of the uncertain factors has been the time which must elapse between the first investment in land, seed, and plants and the realization of the planters' golden dreams. Hundreds of

holding of a mirror convinces the patient that he must be too horrible for contemplation, and he promptly decides that the best thing for him to do is give up the ghost and get out of the way.

"That is one of the mistakes hospitals were apt to make up to a few years ago. When I was a young fellow, getting my first practice after graduation, I served on the staff of several hospitals, and in all, especially in the free wards, those aids to vanity were strictly forbidden. The deprivation went hard with many of the patients, particularly the women, and when I came to have a little authority among doctors and nurses I advised a judicious application of looking-glass treatment. I still advise it, both in hospital and private practice, for I find that a little reassurance as to the state of the complexion and appearance is good."

More than 50 organizations exist in Spain for the study of Esperanto.

VISITS WITH UNCLE BY

The Hand of Fate.

Both Jones and his wife are fond of her. She is a first cousin on Mrs. Jones' side and good company on her own side.

That is why they always smiled when she was coming to visit them. After her husband died they didn't see her for months, and then, one day, she came to stay a week with them in their new home.

On the day of her arrival somebody poisoned the dog! He was a Boston terrier and a good pup. Beside being blooded and well-behaved he was interesting and kept Mr. and Mrs. Jones from being lonely when no body called.

There were a great many tears in the Jones house that night and thereafter for a long time. Finally Jones took the dog collar and the dog's ball down town and hid them away in his desk where Mrs. Jones couldn't see them.

That stopped the tears, except for intermittent abandonments to grief. The next time she came the man of all work fell out of a tree and broke both his feet.

Mrs. Jones telephoned Jones to hurry home from the office—and from the tears in her voice he knew "home was never like this" except in times of great mental stress.

When she arrived the third time and the maid quit without giving notice, Jones and his wife began to get superstitious. Every time a letter came from her Jones felt the old attack coming on and mentally wondered if the house would burn or the hot-water plant explode.

Yesterday she dropped in for a fourth visit and Jones left home in the morning with fear in his heart. Sure enough, when he reached the office down town, there was a telephone call to ring Summerdale 234 as soon as he possibly could.

Jones rushed to the phone and madly began an effort to get into connection with his house. After a lively tilt with the telephone girl, he managed to get Summerdale but he couldn't reach his house. Glancing at his watch he saw that he had time to catch the 10:10 train for home, if he hurried.

Just as he was tearing across the bridge to the suburban station, the bridegroom swung the structure and left him stranded in the middle of the river. It seemed to Jones that all the boats in the lake passed through that draw before the bridge finally swung into place again.

It was too late then to get the 10:10 train and he resolved to return to the office. Upon arriving there his stenographer advised him some one had been calling again from Summerdale—and it wasn't his wife!

"I suppose it's the undertaker this time," he mentally noted as he unhooked the receiver. Getting the busy signal in his ear, Jones fell back into his chair, discouraged.

What should he do? Just as he was considering the advisability of making a dash for it in the auto the door opened and his wife walked in.

"When you came away this morning, dear, you left your keys on the dresser. I knew you would be afraid that you had lost them, so I telephoned. I couldn't reach you so I left word with the operator that I was bringing them down to you, that you might unlock your desk!"

"Oh," gasped Jones, in masterful relief, "is THAT all? I thought—" but just then the cousin followed Mrs. Jones into the room, and what Jones thought he kept to himself. But I really and truly believe, from the look on Mrs. Jones' face, that she knew just about what Jones thought!

Cheer Up! Has your luck been dead again you an' the hours full o' sorrow? Cheer up! There's another day a-comin'.

Have you been a-shopin' somehow that your luck would change to-morrow? Cheer up! There's another day a-comin'.

Never mind the things that's happened; keep a-forgin' straight ahead; Let the past be deeply buried with its days an' nights of dread; Keep your eye upon the future, into sunlight you'll be led.

Cheer up! There's another day a-comin'. —E. A. Brininstool.

Yes, dear, the song, "Down in a Coal Mine," must have been written by one of the minor poets.

A husband at the club isn't finding fault at home, anyhow.

Are you blue to-day? Count your blessings!

Vanity is the milliner's right-hand man.

Her Abiding Youth. "I am afraid I never will grow up and look like a woman," pouted the bride-to-be. "The other day, while I was having one of my new walking suits fitted and was insisting that it would have to be finished this week, the tailor asked me: 'When does your school open?' And that frock is a part of my trousseau!"

Not Tobacco. Briggs—How do like these cigars? Griggs—First rate. What are they made of?—Life.

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SEEMED A TRIFLE PERSONAL.

Clergyman's Particular Reason for Omitting the Fifth Verse.

A clergyman in an interior town married a woman from whom he received a dowry of \$10,000 and a prospect of more. Shortly afterwards, while occupying the pulpit, he gave out a hymn, read the first verse and proceeded to read the fifth, commencing:

"Forever let my grateful heart," then he hesitated and exclaimed: "The choir will omit the fifth verse." Some of the congregation read the verse for themselves and smiled as they read:

Forever let my grateful heart His boundless grace adore, Which gives ten thousand blessings now And bids me hope for more.

FOR THE LADY OR THE AUTO.



Expressman—I don't know whether this comes here. The address is indistinct.

Housemaid—I guess it's all right. It's a new tire for the auto, or a new hat for the missus!

Tune Kermit Whistled. Mr. W. W. Miller, a well-known lawyer, tells an anecdote of Kermit Roosevelt, the president's son.

"I was acting as steward," says Mr. Miller, "in some gymkhana races at Oyster Bay a few weeks ago, and one of the events was a race in which the contestants had to ride a given distance to a certain spot where an equal number of young ladies stood with pencil, paper and envelope. Each rider had to dismount here and whistle a tune, the lady writing its name down on the paper. She then had to seal it up in the envelope and hand it to the rider, who remounted and finished the race, delivering the envelope to the judges' stand. The first one in with a correct answer won the event."

"As steward, I was deputized before the race to write down the name of the tune each entrant would whistle. 'What are you going to whistle?' I asked young Kermit.

"I'm going to whistle 'Everybody Works but Father,'" said the president's son.

Real Self-Possession.

Not long ago a young couple entered a railway carriage at Sheffield and were immediately put down as a bridal pair. But they were remarkably self-possessed and behaved with such sang-froid that the other passengers began to doubt if their first surmise was correct after all.

As the train moved out, however, the young man rose to remove his overcoat, and a shower of rice fell out, while the passengers smiled broadly.

But even that did not affect the youth, who also smiled, and, turning to his partner, remarked audibly: "By Jove, May! I've stolen the bridegroom's overcoat!"—Tatler.

EAGER TO WORK

Health Regained by Right Food.

The average healthy man or woman is usually eager to be busy at some useful task or employment.

But let dyspepsia or indigestion get hold of one, and all endeavor becomes a burden.

"A year ago, after recovering from an operation," writes a Mich. lady, "my stomach and nerves began to give me much trouble.

"At times my appetite was voracious, but when indulged, indigestion followed. Other times I had no appetite whatever. The food I took did not nourish me, and I grew weaker than ever.

"I lost interest in everything, and wanted to be alone. I had always had good nerves, but now the mere trifles would upset me and bring on a violent headache. Walking across the room was an effort and prescribed exercise was out of the question.

"I had seen Grape-Nuts advertised, but did not believe what I read, at the time. At last when it seemed as if I were literally starving, I began to eat Grape-Nuts.

"I had not been able to work for a year, but now after two months on Grape-Nuts I am eager to be at work again. My stomach gives me no trouble now, my nerves are steady as ever, and interest in life and ambition have come back with the return to health."

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