

ASKING SMALL FAVOR.



"Papa, mamma says that if you're too lazy to do anything else, will you please sit near the clothes closet and blow the smoke in, so as to kill the moths!"

Couldn't Convince the Judge.

"I have heard of the soul kiss and kisses of other kinds, but I never heard of a man biting his wife as an evidence of his affection for her," remarked Justice O'Neill of Baltimore, Md., when George Phoebus, aged 27, of East Baltimore street, endeavored to explain the biting of his wife, for which offense she had him arrested.

First Aid.

The fiance of a Louisville girl has been spending the winter in Florida in connection with his father's business interests in that quarter.

"Marie," said the girl to a friend the other day, "Walter has just sent me the dearest little alligator from Florida!"

"Dear me!" rejoined Marie, with affected enthusiasm. "And how shall you keep him?"

"I'm not quite certain," was the reply, "but I've put him in Florida water till I can hear further from Walter."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

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"Well," responded Mr. Harris, "I am about the extent of a tenth of a gnat's eyebrow better."

A Fable, Perhaps.

When George Ade was coming from New Orleans last winter he noticed, among the race-track men on the train, one tan-shoed sheet writer with the largest feet he had ever seen.

And he furthermore testifies and affirms that the sheet writer, on rising in the morning, discovered that the reporter had shined one shoe and a suit-case.—Success Magazine.

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Morals and Manners.

The witness had been arraigned for perjury. "Your honor," he complained, "this is most unjust. I never could permit an absurd devotion to truth to interfere with the fact that I am a gentleman."

This was construed roughly as a plea of guilty.

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CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

Doings of the State Officials and Other Happenings That Are of State-Wide Importance.

The Policyholders Deny Organization.

A new turn in the receivership case of the Mutual Hail Insurance society has developed in the answers of a number of defendant policyholders, who claim that the alleged fraud of the officers of the society invalidated the whole attempted organization of the society, consequently that there never was any effective organization and that the policyholders cannot be held liable for the debts of the organization. It is asserted in these answers that the very allegations of fraud and mismanagement which furnished the chief grounds for placing the supposed insurance society in the hands of the receiver would operate to invalidate the whole attempted organization. This claim is made by nine Thurston county policyholders who are among the 400 defendants in the suit.

Governor's Bill Hits Commission.

The passage of Governor Shallenberger's measure restricting the issuance of stock in public service corporations to the amount actually put into the property is expected to have a bearing on the physical valuation of railroads in the state.

The railroads wish to have their right of way, particularly their terminals, valued at a figure to be secured by comparison with the value of adjacent property. This method is looked upon as a method of giving the railroad the benefit of the unearned increment of years. It touches closely upon the question of franchise values at the same time that it involves a physical value. This promises to be a stumbling block in the making of the valuation.

One scheme that the railroads would like to see put in operation is that of figuring the cost of reproduction as the cost of a parallel line. Such a valuation would bring out tremendous values, the building of parallel lines involving immense damages to existing property. While this is being pushed by the railroads there is not a member of the state railway commission who can see the justice of such a plan.

It is right here that the Shallenberger bill is expected to exercise an influence. It states, in substance, that unearned increment, earning power, etc., may not be capitalized. A valuation which would give the railroads the benefit of the increased values would be akin to an invasion, it is argued, of the terms of the Shallenberger law.

Faculty Favors Pension Plan.

The failure of the Carnegie fund bill to pass the state legislature has not caused the university professors to lose hope, and now there is a rumor prevalent that some systematic campaigning will be done in the next two years to secure a legislature that is favorable to the acceptance of the gift. All, or nearly all, of the university teachers are of the party that favored the acceptance of the fund, and it is understood that an effort will be made through the alumni of the state school to defeat the party that this year rejected the proposition.

Under the regulations of the Carnegie endowment there is no provision to prevent any future legislature accepting the gift, the only clause in this regard stating that before any state school can secure the benefits of the endowment it must be accepted by the legislature of that state. Of all the states that were offered a share of the endowment, Nebraska and Oklahoma alone rejected it.

To Erect Stock Judging Pavilion.

Work will be begun on a new stock judging pavilion on the state fair grounds as soon as the board of public lands and buildings approves the expenditure proposed by the board of agriculture. This was decided upon at the meeting of the board Thursday night. The building when completed will cost about \$115,000. Not more than half of it can be built at present but it is expected that this half will be ready for use when the next fair is held.

The building when completed will be 200 feet wide, 350 feet long, will have a ring 120 by 270 feet and will seat 4,000 people. The stock judging pavilions on which the proposed one is modeled have been built in Indiana, Minnesota and Kentucky.

Another New Bank.

After a lull in the incorporation of state banks the First State bank of Tecumseh comes to the front with a request to incorporate with a paid up capital stock of \$200,000. The state banking board has approved the articles of incorporation. It has also approved amended articles changing the name of the Hayden Bros. bankers of Omaha to the Corn Exchange bank with an authorized capital stock of \$500,000 and a paid up capital stock of \$250,000. The former capital, paid and unauthorized, was \$10,000.

Bankers Fight Guaranty Law.

That the Nebraska bankers are preparing to fight the bank guaranty bill that was passed by the last legislature is shown by the action taken by the associated bankers at a meeting held in Omaha Thursday night. The bankers voted unanimously that the bill should be tried in the courts and that every effort should be made to defeat it, asserting that it is not only unconstitutional, but that it is wrong in principle. State bankers were in the majority at the Omaha meeting, and they voted solidly with the national bankers against the measure for the protection of deposits.

C. F. McGrew, the chairman of the executive board of the Nebraska bankers, was authorized to appoint a committee of four state bankers and three national bankers, who will make arrangements to test the banking law. The committee will be appointed this week.

New State Engineer.

The state board of irrigation has elected E. S. Simmons of Lincoln, formerly of Merrick county, secretary and state engineer to succeed Adna Dobson. Governor Shallenberger and Attorney General Thompson voted for Mr. Simmons. The new secretary was formerly county surveyor of Merrick county and superintendent of schools of the same county. He is said to be a populist or democrat. The board elected Donald Price of Lincoln, formerly of Fairbury, assistant secretary to succeed Mr. Bates. H. O. Smith of Lexington and Paige T. Francis of Crawford, were re-elected under secretary. Secretary Dobson resigned one year ago, but was prevailed upon to retain the office. It is rumored that he may become a candidate for city engineer of Lincoln, a position he held for many years.

New Militia Company.

Adjutant General Hartigan has issued an order organizing the platoon of company B, First Infantry at Norfolk, into a separate company and designated as company D, First Infantry. This new company takes the place of the company D that was mustered out at Weeping Water. Lieutenant Chris Anderson has been ordered to muster the new company. The order issued names the thirty-three officers and men who are transferred from the platoon to the separate company. The election of Lieutenant Chris Anderson and Private Carl H. Pilger to be captain and first lieutenant of the company has been approved to rank from March 30. The band recruited at Bloomfield is assigned to the First regiment as the First regiment band.

Commission Buys Inspection Car.

Preparatory to the work of making a physical valuation of Nebraska railroads the state railway commission has purchased a motor inspection car. The price is \$1,100 and it will seat six persons comfortably. The car was bought out of the old appropriation, the commission having nearly \$10,000 left when the biennium closed. As it looked for a time as if the office appropriation was going to be whittled down to a shadow of its ancient self the commission got busy and bought the machine before April 1. In running this car over tracks the commission will pay the railroads for the services of a pilot but will not pay trackage for running the car over the rails.

Meeting of Labor Unions.

Labor Commissioner Maupin is preparing to issue a letter in which he will call for a meeting of union labor representatives in Nebraska.

It is said that this action is based on a statutory provision that makes a labor provision one of the cares of the office of the commissioner.

Bids were asked, it is understood, for the printing of the letter at the expense of the state. Some of the republicans around the state house are inclined to look upon the matter as the beginning of a move to make the bureau the headquarters of a new union labor political machine.

Terminal Tax is Higher.

Reports of railroads and county assessors received at the office of the state board of assessment indicate some increase in the value of railroad property that is taxed locally under the terminal tax law. The law went into effect last year and worked satisfactory to the towns and cities that have railroad property to tax. After the county assessor values all tangible railroad property for local taxation, the state board reviews the values and may change them and in addition adds the proper amount for franchise values.

Regents Win Another Suit.

In a test case decided by the supreme court it is held that an act of the legislature appropriating the one-mill levy for the use of the university appropriates all of the levy, regardless of when it is collected, if it has been drawn upon by the regents issuing warrants, and that funds given by the government and held by the state treasurer in trust never lapse.

State Buys City Bonds.

The first purchase of municipal securities was made by the state board of educational lands and funds. It bought \$18,000 of light and city hall bonds of the town of Albion. The recent legislature passed an act adding municipal securities to the list of purchasable securities.

Ragan Named for Commissioner.

John M. Ragan, ex-supreme court commissioner, was appointed United States commissioner at Hastings, Neb., by Federal Judge T. C. Munger.

Coat and Dress



The design for the coat may be made up in black or colored velvet or velveteen; if colored, it should accord with the skirt with which it is worn. It is tight-fitting and open in front, the large Empire revers, turn-over collar and cuffs being of silk, braided. A double-breasted vest of striped silk connects the fronts. Hat of fine straw trimmed with velvet and a feather mount.

Materials required for the coat, 4 1/2 yards velvet 21 inches wide, 3/4 yard striped silk, 3/4 yard silk for revers and collar. Cashmere in a pretty shade of blue is employed for the home dress; the bodice has a very deep yoke of lace, and has folds carried over the shoulders; the left side is drawn up at the waist under the ends of right side, which are ornamented with buttons. The long tucked sleeves are finished with lace ruffles.

Materials required: 8 yards 46 inches wide, 3/4 yard lace, 2 yards lining.

WHITE NOW IN HIGH FAVOR STYLE THAT ALL WELCOME

Color No Longer Regarded as Suitable to Youth Alone is Sure to Be Much Worn.

A growing inclination to wear white is apparent. White was once regarded as the special privilege of youth. Now, with a clearer knowledge of the values of color and a better realization of the importance of surrounding, one indulges one's natural tastes. Perhaps the influence of the period under which fashion is passing has something to do with this, for the women who amused themselves at Trianon used white freely and without stint.

Be that as it may, white gowns, and white generally, will be more worn this coming season than ever. White cloth in a variety of makes, satin charmeuse, the cashmere and white serge, in an infinite variety of qualities and thicknesses, will come in for much attention from artists in dress.

As to the lingerie gown, its importance in the wardrobe cannot be questioned. It is one of the most useful things to have and, whether worn outside or indoors, permits so much individual taste and charm in contrast that it is quite indispensable.

DRESS FOR SMALL CHILD.



Here is a dainty little dress in cream nun's veiling. The pretty-shaped opening at neck is edged with silk galloon; a set of pin tucks are made in centre of front below opening, and also round the foot of skirt; the armholes are edged by galloon.

The little slip or blouse, which is separate, is in cream spotted silk, finished at the neck and elbow by a narrow rill. A colored sash is worn below waist.

Materials required: 2 yards veiling 46 inches wide, 1 1/4 yard silk 36 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard galloon.

Return to Mahogany.

There is quite a return at present to the use of mahogany candlesticks for the bedrooms and living-room. They are even used on supper tables. The mahogany candlestick is old, with a high polish, and stands quite high on a flat base. The candles are used without shades. A pair of them is a good finish to a mahogany bookcase, also to a mahogany desk.

Cotton to Be Worn.

Gowns of coarse cotton not embroidered in a heavy crude darned stitch are to be worn in not only white, but colors. They are made over china or other soft silks or even thin cotton of glossy finish.

Combination Lingerie Both Comfortable and Suitable to the Present Fashion.

The work of making lingerie is very much lightened this season by combining three pieces in one. The slim as well as the stout woman approves of this plan. After a woman has worn the three-piece combination, which fastens down the front, is without belts, draw strings, plaits or gathers, she cannot return with satisfaction to wearing the three separate pieces.

The new garment is worn over the corset, which is placed over a thin lisle-thread skirt or a knee-length combination suit.

The latter is more acceptable than any other garment under the corset. The shirt cannot be kept down, and wrinkles around the edge of the corset, making a ridge that shows through the outer skirt.

Dressed in this fashion, a woman is more comfortable than she ever has been. Her underclothes are reduced to minimum weight, her waist line is natural and not made larger by strings, buttons and belts, and the lack of petticoats gives her greater freedom in walking.

Attractive Empire Combs.

Empire combs have come back with the empire coiffures, and in Paris and London there has been a rage for the genuine combs of the period, very high prices being paid in many cases for the antiques. Even where the stones used are not real gems, the design and workmanship often give real value to these combs; but excellent reproductions have been made from many of the most attractive empire designs, and these will content the woman who does not care to spend a large sum upon an ornament which is likely to be but a passing fad. Dealers in antiques tell us, however, that they have sold a number of the genuine old combs, chiefly in dull gilt and pearls.—American Register, London.

Tight Sleeves and Low Collars.

Women whose arms are either very full or very thin dislike the revelation of the sleeve that is guiltless of any fulness whatsoever. But for the woman who can wear the smaller sleeve nothing is more chic at present, for it gives a very narrow-shouldered, slender look to the most corpulent figure. Collars are less exaggerated than they were a year ago, and the shawl collars and collarless necks of the new coats are a boon to women who do their own tailoring. They are awfully good style and very easy to make.—Delineator.

Coral Linen Frocks.

Coral linen is a good material for the foundation of a walking suit which is to be self-trimmed, touched, outlined with eyelet or made severely plain.

Black should be introduced in the trimming scheme, though not in a marked degree.

A black hat is suitable for wear with a coral linen frock, providing the dress shows just the least particle of black, which is easily obtained in piped lines.

Fashion is an Economy.

For once we have stumbled on a fashion that is really an economy, for instead of having a high-necked gown for the theater and a semi-low necked gown for an informal dinner, a woman now needs but one dress for both occasions.

NO NEED TO TAKE CHANCES

There is a Sure Way of Knowing Good Paint Material.

There is really no need whatever for any property owner to take chances in the selection of his paint materials. It doesn't cost a cent to learn how to be on the safe side. Certainly every property owner has enough at stake to find this out.

A complete painting guide, known as Houseowner's Painting Outfit No. 49, can be had free by writing National Lead Company, 1902 Trinity Building, New York. This company is the largest maker of pure white lead in the world. Its Dutch Boy Painter trademark is famous as a guarantee of purity and quality. The outfit includes a book of color schemes, for either interior or exterior painting, a book of specifications, and a simple little instrument, with directions for testing the purity of paint materials.

WHY, OF COURSE.



"Oh, Willie! You're going to fall!" "Naw, I ain't! I'm tryin' a new fancy style of skatin'—dat's all."

TOTAL LOSS OF HAIR

Seemed Imminent—Scalp Was Very Scaly and Hair Came Out by Handfuls—Scalp Now Clear and

New Hair Grown by Cuticura.

"About two years ago I was troubled with my head being scaly. Shortly after that I had an attack of typhoid fever and I was out of the hospital possibly two months when I first noticed the loss of hair, my scalp being still scaly. I started to use dandruff cures to no effect whatever. I had actually lost hope of saving any hair at all. I could brush it off my coat by the handful. I was afraid to comb it. But after using two cakes of Cuticura Soap and nearly a box of Cuticura Ointment, the change was surprising. My scalp is now clear and healthy as could be and my hair thicker than ever, whereas I had my mind made up to be bald. W. F. Steese, 5812 Broad St., Pittsburg, Penn., May 7 and 21, 1908."

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Cleanliness.

This church, like many another one, had had trouble about pumping the organ, and the plan of using water power was gladly adopted. Connection was made with the pipes of the rectory, which stood on the adjoining lot. All the preliminary tests were satisfactory. On the Sunday morning when the apparatus was to be used for the first time at a regular service the organist arrived early for a final trial. There was not a hitch.

The congregation generally knew of the innovation, and awaited the opening strains of the processional with uncommon interest. Not a sound came from the organ, however, and the choir had to march in singing the hymn as best it could, unaccompanied. Of course the disappointment was keen.

The rector's wife was resourceful. A clergyman's wife usually has to be. She slipped out by a side door and returned in five minutes with a note. This she forwarded to her husband. It read: "It's all right now. Cook was taking a bath."

He Came Back Hard.

"That boy," said the Billville farmer, "beats my time! Just now, when I quoted Scripture to him he came back at me hard!"

"You don't say!" "Shore. I told him to git a hot an' foller the furrow. 'That's gold in the land,' I said, and what do you reckon he made answer?"

"You tell it." "Father," he says, "I don't keer fer the gold of 'this here world; I've laid up treasure in heaven!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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