

Today John D. Sinks One, "Cal" and "Mac," Per-haps. Innocent Mr. "Tex." Spring Is Here. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

John D. Rockefeller "sank a 21-foot putt" hole on the Ormond Beach golf links and made the hole in 3 par. If that energetic and prosperous person would sink another hole, about five miles deep and experiment with the possibility of utilizing the heat at the earth's center, which might easily replace all other power, he would interest the whole world.

Production of heat and power at low cost might interfere with the value of oil and gas, and with Rockefeller profits. But that wouldn't make much difference to the Rockefellers. When you live on the edge of Lake Superior you are not stung about water. When you live on the edge of the Rockefeller fortune, money ceases to be very important.

President Coolidge won in North Dakota because La Follette and Hiram Johnson defeated each other. Between them they got a big majority of the votes.

The stars seem to be working for Coolidge, with his two strongest opponents running against him, dividing the majority, giving him the state.

McAdoo's overwhelming victory in Georgia has stirred up the enthusiasm of his supporters. It would not be surprising next November to hear the orators shouting for "Cal" and "Mac."

Mr. "Tex" Rickard, who manages the big prize fights, and does it ably, tells the Washington committee that he agreed to divide his winnings on the moving pictures with certain gentlemen, and they in turn were "to produce a law that would make it legal to show the films anywhere. They didn't keep their word," Mr. Rickard says, and he was "flim-flammed."

You can hardly blame Mr. Rickard for trying. He knows that big corporations are able to get special laws. He has seen the railroads that needed more millions, getting them simply by taxing the people with official consent. He has seen public monopolies putting their private lawyers on the bench in every state in the Union, why shouldn't he, innocent wild westerner, believe the two men that told him they would give him a brand new law if he would go "fifty-fifty"?

Ours is a big, variegated country. Spring has begun, you read of deep snow in Oklahoma and one little yellow crocus in Brooklyn, hot sun and millions of flowers in California and Florida. You can find anything you want in this country; it's surely the best.

Being the best, may it have sense enough to keep out of foolish complications with other countries. Our soldiers are in Honduras, trying to straighten out a revolution and some of them are shot at by local soldiers. No great harm done, but such a thing might have been serious.

We can't help it on this continent that we share with others, but we can keep out of such things across the ocean.

Mr. F. W. Ruckstull, "great authority," decides that Velasquez was and is the greatest of painters. Velasquez was a pleasing painter, and had genius, but compared with Michelangelo, he was like a prairie dog village compared with the Alps. Michelangelo was the greatest painter that ever lived, and the greatest architect. He can rest on that.

The republican party celebrated on Thursday the 70th anniversary of its birth. The party was born approximately, since it stood for human liberty, in a little public schoolhouse at Ripon, Wis. Fifty-four men, a mixed crowd of whigs, Tories, and free soldiers, formed the republican party.

The party has changed considerably since then, and has some things to worry about that the little group of the Ripon schoolhouse never thought of.

When will the new party come along to fight the extension of graft, corporation control and the new kind of taxation without representation?

There is a lot of money looking for investment. Stock exchange speculators could borrow yesterday at 2 1/2 per cent. Of course, if you wanted money for business, you had to pay a higher rate.

But the "call" price of money for gambling is the barometer, and it shows that there is plenty of loose cash.

Liberty bonds were higher yesterday than ever this year. If you are an investor don't forget that those are the safe bonds. A mortgage on everything in the United States, including Rockefeller, Morgan, Vanderbilt, every moving picture star, the Rocky mountains, all the banks, factories, farms, mines and oil wells, is a mortgage worth having.

In the regular news stands this heading, "Boys Are Barred From High Schools for Having Flasks on Their Hips." Who would have dreamed of that, when we were told so earnestly that prohibition would put an end to drunkenness? Who would have imagined that a bottle of whisky, on the hip, would be transferred from the old, seasoned and miserable drunkard to boys in their teens, or that drunkenness among very young people would exist under prohibition as it had never been known before? (Copyright, 1924.)

Relief Sought by Irrigation Farmers of State Unless Reclamation Service Expenses Are Cut, Many Farmers Will See Farms Confiscated.

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 23.—While the investigations now under way at Washington are of interest to the people of irrigated Nebraska, there is another investigation that should be made, and which will arouse vastly more interest in these parts than all the others combined. That is the thorough investigation of the reclamation service. The fact-finding commission appointed by Secretary Work was sadly hampered in its work by a lack of funds, but it might have accomplished much despite that fact, had it not been hampered by the activities of underlings in the reclamation service.

When the commission met at Salt Lake City there were more employees of the reclamation service present than there were representatives of the farmers under the irrigation projects. As one representative of the people put it: "Employees of the reclamation service did everything but blackmail the witnesses in an effort to prevent them from getting before the commission with their complaints."

Ask Square Deal. The North Platte valley of Nebraska will not have come into its own until the farmers under the irrigation projects secure the relief to which they are justly entitled. They are not seeking to repudiate their obligations to the government. All they are asking is that the government keep faith with them, and not compel them to pay the enormous costs piled up by engineering experiments and mistakes. They are willing to pay for their own mistakes, but they contend that the government should pay for its mistakes and not charge them up to the men who own land under the irrigation projects.

These landowners further contend that they are not the only ones who profit by irrigation. It means increased markets for eastern manufacturers. It means control of food waters, thus lessening the expense of taking care of flood waters in the Mississippi valley. It means an almost national benefit, therefore these irrigation farmers feel that they should not be compelled to bear all of the burden. It means control of food waters, thus lessening the expense of taking care of flood waters in the Mississippi valley. It means an almost national benefit, therefore these irrigation farmers feel that they should not be compelled to bear all of the burden.

Confidence in Secretary. There is a general feeling of confidence in Secretary Work. Although he will not get all of the facts from his commission—nor even a small part of them—he will get enough to convince him of the necessity of a thorough investigation of the department and the doing of simple justice to land owners who have been exploited and jobbed past endurance.

These farmers are more than willing to pay the first estimates of the engineers. They object, and with reason, to being compelled to pay two and three times the original estimate.

Ponce de Leon's Kin Found in Florida



MARY R. PONCE

Mary Ramondine Ponce of St. Augustine, Fla., takes a leading part in the annual Ponce de Leon celebration here. She is believed to be the first actual descendant of Ponce de Leon to be found in this country. By tracing ancient records in Seville, Spain, and with the help of the Historical society of St. Augustine, Miss Ponce's ancestors were found to have possessed lands ceded to them by the Spanish Crown. In 1824 the family disposed of these holdings.

mates, together with maintenance charges two and three times higher than originally estimated. And the brutal truth is that unless the irrigation farmers of Nebraska, and several other states, get relief due them, thousands of them will see their lands confiscated and the work of years gone for naught. Some of the best irrigated land in the valley will lie idle this year because the owners cannot meet their payments and pay for the water necessary to grow 1924 crops.

Prehistoric Tooth Weighing Two Pounds Found on Farm

West Point, Neb., March 23.—A large prehistoric tooth of a prehistoric animal was found by Fritz Wiese in a small stream on his farm. This tooth, with a part of a corner missing, weighs more than two pounds. Mr. Wiese intends to send the tooth to Lincoln for further investigation. He believes that the creek contains more signs of prehistoric life.

Wymore Couple Wedded 61 Years

Early Settlers of Gage County Are Still Enjoying Good Health.

Wymore, March 23.—Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feese, early settlers of Wymore, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home here. They are among the oldest persons in southern Gage county, and they have lived together longer than any other couple in the county. Mr. Feese is just 82, having been born on a farm near Burlington, Ia., while John Tyler was president of the United States and six years before the close of the Mexican war, and Mrs. Feese, who was Miss Abbie Mains before her marriage, was born 73 years ago in Clairmont county, O.

The couple were married in eastern Iowa in 1863, and eight years later came to western Iowa, locating at Tabor. In 1883 they located on farm land near what is now Odell, this county, where they resided for nine years, coming from there to Wymore 10 years after this town was platted, and they have resided here continually since that time.

Mr. Feese became an employe of the Julius Neumann Mercantile company, the first and oldest in Wymore, in 1893, and he remained in that service for 27 years, retiring in 1920. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school in Wymore for 17 years, and Mrs. Feese was one of the first Sunday school teachers after the church was erected in Wymore. There are four children, all living, nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. There has been but one death in the immediate family, that of a baby great-grandchild, four years ago. The children's aged couple are: Cora, wife of Sim Holgreve, farmer near Odell; Ida, wife of Jacob Young, farmer near Odell; J. P. Feese, physician at Franklin for 16 years, ex-president of the Orleans State bank, and now president of the Franklin State bank, at Franklin, Neb., and Dr. E. L. Feese, dentist at Wymore, for the past 24 years. The couple still enjoy fairly good health, being able to keep rooms and tend garden at their home here.

Omaha Woman Heads State D. A. R. Order

A committee headed by Mrs. J. B. Reynolds was appointed at the closing session of the D. A. R. state convention in the Blackstone hotel Saturday to communicate with the children of the late Mrs. John M. Thurston regarding better care of her grave, which is reported in neglected condition. The following were elected officers: Mrs. B. M. Anderson, Omaha, corresponding secretary; Mrs. York A. Hinman, North Platte, treasurer; Mrs. Dr. Potter, Fairbury, historian; Miss Harriet Ballard, Blair, chaplain; Mrs. Adam McMullen, Beatrice, librarian.

NEBRASKA NEWS NUBBINS

Humboldt—The Home Construction company of this city has been awarded the contract for all new bridges to be built in Richardson county this year.

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West Point—Mrs. Bloedorn was fit subject for the acclivity in Norfolk and was taken to that place by Sheriff Sexton. For some time Mrs. Bloedorn made her home here in the home for the aged, but in spite of the closest watching by the attendants, she had a method of slipping away from them.

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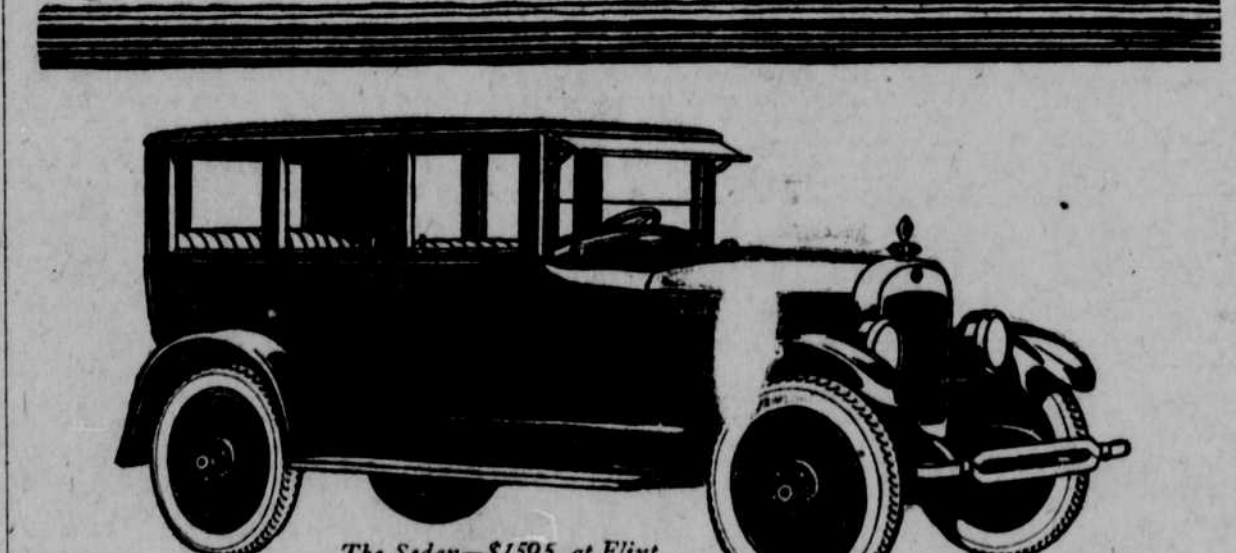
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