

DEEP WATERWAY IS DEMANDED BY ALL

Great River Convention Is Held in New Orleans.

PRESIDENT FAVORS PROJECT

Promises the Present Administration Will Support Issuance of Federal Bonds if Fourteen-Foot Program Proves Feasible.

New Orleans, Nov. 1.—Ringing demands for "14 feet through the valley" and elaborate argument in support of the program for the creation of a deep waterway from the lakes to the gulf have marked the great convention of the Deep Waterway Association that opened here Saturday.

President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, Speaker Cannon, governors of the Mississippi valley states, innumerable senators and representatives and a mighty throng of private citizens who believe in the big river project are here and all urge that it be undertaken and carried to a speedy conclusion.

President Taft Promises Support.

President Taft, who arrived in New Orleans escorted by a great flotilla, after an illuminating trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis, landed from the lighthouse tender Oleander about eight o'clock Saturday morning, and was driven to his hotel through streets that were canopied with magnolia branches, palm-trees and southern moss, and everywhere entwined in the decorations were the mottoes "Fourteen Feet Through the Valley" and "River Rate Regulation Is Rate Regulation." At the Athenaeum in the afternoon the president aroused a storm of cheers by promising that if the 14-foot project proved feasible and advisable, the present administration would favor the issuance of government bonds to defray the cost.

Not for a "Pork Barrel."

At the same time Mr. Taft made it plain that he would not stand for any plan to make a "pork barrel" of the project. He said he opposed any such general bond issue of \$500,000,000 or \$1,000,000,000 for waterways improvement, the money to be cut up and parceled out to different sections. He declared that the improvement of waterways had been carried forward in a haphazard fashion in



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the past, and that a new method should be adopted.

"I believe in the deep waterway," said the president. "I am for it, and I shall use all the power that I possess in doing what may be accomplished to give you citizens of this great valley what you so earnestly desire. It is all a part of a still greater movement inaugurated by Theodore Roosevelt, and properly called by him the conservation of our natural resources.

"The projects for irrigation and for the improvement of waterways in the future are not to be for the purpose of distributing 'pork' to every part of the country. Every measure is to be adopted on the ground that it will be useful to the whole country. They are not to be adopted for sending certain congressmen back to Washington or for making certain parts of the country profitable during the expenditure of the money.

"We should take up every comprehensive project on its merits and determine whether the country where the project is to be carried out has so far developed as to justify the enormous expenditure of money and if it will be useful when done. When we decide in favor of a project, I believe in issuing bonds to carry it to completion as rapidly as possible. It has been proposed that we issue bonds for

The Russian Dynasty.

The present dynasty of Russia is the house of Romanoff, founded by Czar Michael Fedorovitch Romanoff, who ascended the throne in 1613. The Romanoffs are descended from Andrew Kobyla, who came from Prussia to Moscow in 1314.

Ingratitude.

A Missouri farmer was nearly kicked to death by a mule that he had rescued from a burning barn. A mule may be as ungrateful as a thoughtless son.

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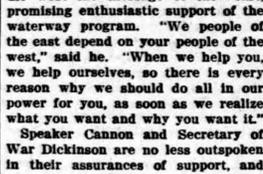
A Pittsburg girl who stole money for her lover offers to work 12 years to pay back the amount. We should think that the lover ought to help some and that she would be able to marry in ten years at least.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Barrier.

"Will there ever be a woman president?" No. The constitution says the president must be over 45 years old, and women don't get that old.—Kansas City Times.

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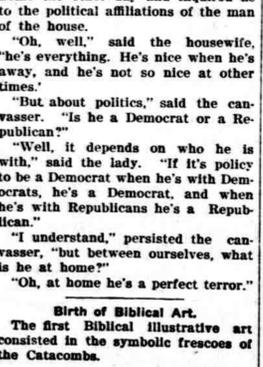
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Kavanaugh Opens Convention.

William K. Kavanaugh of Missouri, president of the association, called the convention to order Saturday morning and set forth briefly the aims and plans of the organization. He said the deep waterway work is now in this condition:

1. The sanitary district of Chicago has built the deep waterway, practically to Joliet, nearly 40 miles, and \$50,000,000 have been spent thus far on the work.
2. The entire route of the lake-to-the-gulf deep waterway from Joliet to New Orleans, through the Des Plaines river, the Illinois river and the Mississippi river, has been surveyed under direction of congress by United States engineers, who have officially reported to congress that the building of the deep waterway is feasible.
3. The people of the state of Illinois have adopted a constitutional amendment providing for a bond issue of \$20,000,000, the money to be spent in constructing the deep waterway southward from Joliet.
4. A bill introduced by United States Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri is now pending in congress, providing for the issuance by the United States government of bonds to the amount of \$500,000,000, the money to be spent in constructing this deep waterway from the lakes to the gulf and other meritorious projected river improvements.
5. It is intended to ask the Sixty-first congress to pass a bill providing definitely that the United States government undertake the construction of the deep waterway from the point where the Illinois work will end, to the Gulf of Mexico.

In the afternoon, following the address of President Taft, Clifford Pinchot, head of the government forestry department, made an address on the conservation of the nation's natural resources.

In the evening the delegates to the convention were entertained at a stag smoker by the Progressive union of New Orleans. This evening all the delegates and the ladies accompanying them were the guests of the Progressive union at the New Orleans Opera house, where "La Juive" was given by the French Opera Company.

His Politics at Home.

A political canvasser called at a home the other day and inquired as to the political affiliations of the man of the house.

"Oh, well," said the housewife, "he's everything. He's nice when he's away, and he's not so nice at other times."

"But about politics," said the canvasser. "Is he a Democrat or a Republican?"

"Well, it depends on who he is with," said the lady. "If it's policy to be a Democrat when he's with Democrats, he's a Democrat, and when he's with Republicans he's a Republican."

"I understand," persisted the canvasser, "but between ourselves, what is he at home?"

"Oh, at home he's a perfect terror."

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The first Biblical illustrative art consisted in the symbolic frescoes of the Catacombs.

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Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Vigilance is the price of safety.

Treat the cow kindly; this requires no cash outlay.

It's hard to make a man believe he owns a poor cow.

The cow and the hen have kept starvation from many a door.

Use the milk pails and cans for no other purpose than to hold milk.

Yearly cow tests are becoming more and more popular; try them yourself.

Twenty acres of corn put into the silo will supply 30 head of thrifty cows for a year. Try it.

You cannot grow a good crop of grain and a good crop of weeds on the same ground in the same season.

The farmer who gets the best results from the cows is not in the habit of supposing everything to be right.

When the rain makes the ground soft, dig out all the brush in the patch of useless ground and plant fruit trees. They will soon grow into money.

A little brain work in planning short cuts in dairy work will save an immense amount of time and big work and time is money on the farm, as it is elsewhere.

The farmers of Kansas plant 9,000,000 bushels of wheat every year, from which they harvest about 74,000,000 bushels, most of which is ground up into flour in the home mills.

"Dry-land" alfalfa is merely the common alfalfa which through continuous culture without irrigation on arid land has acquired more or less drought-resisting qualities.

As a rule, it is better to set out fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines, perennial roots and bulbs in the fall than in the spring. Of course, the work often can be done as well in the spring as in the fall, but many times the soil and season are unfavorable, and the proverbial spring rush comes on so quickly that the job must be slighted.

If the soil in which the plants are to be set has been prepared and the holes dug, set out the plants as soon as they are unpacked, but if the soil is not prepared, immediately prepare a deep trench, set the plants in it—spreading them out well—and cover the roots deeply with fine soil. If the soil is dry, moisten it so that it will not extract any moisture from the roots.

For setting out trees, shrubs and any plants at any season, spare no time and labor in preparing the soil and digging spacious holes for the reception of the roots of the plants, for upon the successful starting of the roots depends to a very large degree the future success of the plant. Previous to setting, cut off any injured or decayed roots and settle plant in the hole prepared for it, so that none of the roots will be bent or cramped.

Two or three weeks' time will be required to complete the blanching of the early celery varieties, and the boards must be kept in position until the crop is removed from the ground, after which they may be used again. If the celery is allowed to remain in the boards too long, after it has reached a marketable stage, it loses in weight and flavor and is liable to be injured or even destroyed by the attacks of blight.

Silage to keep well must be cut so that it will settle evenly. The leaves must not be in one place and the coarser parts of the stalks in another. It must be thoroughly mixed, and nothing will do this mixing so well as a man. The silage must also be packed tightly next the sides of the silo, so that it is where it is likely to lie so light that it will permit the air to enter. The top of the silage should be composed of corn that is as green as possible, as this will decay and seal the whole, thus keeping out the air. Too dry silage can be improved by adding water at the top.

Pasture lands receive too little attention from the majority of farmers. If the pastures thrive and produce good growth, all right, and then, if they run out, and grow up in weeds, the man thinks he hasn't time to look after and improve matters. These conditions are often allowed to exist till the land has to be broken up and put to grain of some sort in order to fight the weeds successfully; and while he realizes it, such lands have lost their owners two to three dollars an acre every year; they were left to run as they might. The "stitch in time" saves all this trouble and loss.

In a recent experiment to determine the relative value of oats as feed for horses, six mature grade Percheron geldings were fed on a basal ration of clover and timothy hay, three receiving oats and the other three corn as a supplemental ration. Estimating the corn to be worth 40 cents per bushel, oats 30 cents per bushel, and hay \$8 per ton, it was found that the average cost of food per hour of work was 3.3 cents for the corn-fed horses and 4.54 cents for those fed oats. The use of corn for the production of other grain for a period of 48 weeks was found not to be detrimental to the health of work horses, and they endured hard work during the hot weather as well as those receiving oats.

A distinct advantage in winter dairying is that during this season the farmer is not so busy with other work, consequently he can give more time to the care of the cows, the milk and the cream than is possible during the busy season of the year. When winter dairying becomes more generally practiced the subject of winter feeds will be given more attention. Of these, silage is one of the most important, since one acre of good silage material will yield as much feed as three acres of pasture.

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Machine Counts Uncle Sam's Money

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam is now too big, too prosperous and too much in a hurry even to count his money, and instead of counting his coins by hand he simply runs them through a sort of hopper, operated by electricity, and an automatic register shows how many go through. The coins fall into a bag and are tied up and sealed, the government guaranteeing that the correct number are in the bag.

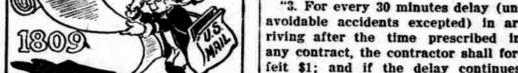
The machine can make no mistake, hence Uncle Sam feels safe in making his guaranty. In this way all the money is now being counted out at Washington, to go to the subtreasuries and banks throughout the country. The treasury does a great deal of counting of money, and for the purpose women are employed rather than men, as it has been found after long experience that the women make fewer mistakes. Hence the operators who sit at the electric machines and pour the silver stream into the hoppers are of the female sex.

But there is one place in the life of the coin where it must be counted by hand, and that is when it comes back to the treasury for redemption. The money then must be gone over by hand to separate the foreign, mis-

plated, worn out and counterfeit pieces, a work that requires very quick precision, and women have been found to do it exceedingly well. Usually they can detect a counterfeit coin by its color as it lies among the others on the table, but if not then, the operator captures it when she tosses it from one hand to another, for there is a false ring in its clink as it leaps into her palm. "It is remarkable," said a treasury employe recently, "how many counterfeit copper cents come in, especially when one calls to mind how little profit there is in making them. Of course, as they are of such small denomination, they can be passed without much chance of suspicion being aroused, as few people trouble themselves to examine a penny. It has been found that most of the counterfeit pennies are made by Italians in New York city, and they put them into circulation to a great extent through peddlers and small store keepers.

There are, by the way, some interesting facts connected with copper cents. The Philadelphia mint during the fiscal year coined more than 1,000,000 cents and more than 72,000,000 nickels. Up to just recently all the cents and nickels have been made in Philadelphia, but according to a new law, passed by congress not long ago, these coins may be made at any of the mints, and as a result the mint at San Francisco last autumn put out 1,000,000 copper cents. Just a very few years ago pennies had no circulation at all west of the Mississippi. In fact California did not recognize them as legal tender, said an official.

Odd Provisions in Old Mail Rules



A GENERAL clean-up of the records of the postoffice department in Washington recently brought to light a list of postal routes existing in the United States in 1809, together with a schedule of the time in which those routes should be covered. The pamphlets were issued by Gideon Granger, who was postmaster general under Jefferson in 1801 and continued under Madison in 1809. They are the earliest records of their kind now in the possession of the department.

In front of each pamphlet is a list of the rules and regulations which governed the distribution of the mails just 100 years ago. They were brief and to the point, and contained some curious stipulations. In addition, the pamphlet contained fines levied upon mail carriers for delivering wet mails and for other shortcomings.

The general rules were as follows:

1. The postmaster general may expedite the mails and after the time of arrival and departure at any time during the continuance of the contracts, he stipulating what he conceives to be an adequate compensation for any extra expense that may be occasioned thereby.
2. Fifteen minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mails at

all offices where no particular time is specified.

3. For every 30 minutes delay (unavoidable accidents excepted) in arriving after the time prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit \$1; and if the delay continues until the departure of any depending mail whereby the mails destined for such depending mail lost a trip, an additional forfeiture of \$5 shall be incurred, and whenever a lost trip ensues, from whatever circumstance, the amount to be paid to the contractor for a regular trip is to be deducted from his pay.
4. Newspapers, as well as letters, are to be sent in the mail; and if any person making proposals declares to carry newspapers, other than those conveyed in the mail, for his own emolument, he must state in his proposals for what sum he will carry, with the emolument, and for what sum without that emolument.
5. Should any person making proposals desire an alteration of the times of arrival and departure above specified he must state in his proposals the alteration desired and the difference they will make in the terms of the contract.
6. Persons making proposals are desired to state their prices by the year. Those who contract will receive their pay quarterly, in the months of August, November, February and May, in one month after the expiration of each quarter.
7. No other than a free white person shall be employed to convey the mail."

Friends Amused by Taft Bath Story

SPRINGFIELD. He informed them that the president would be out presently, and then, as the mountain breezes were spreading his coat-tails out so that you could play checkers on them, he liked to summon the presidential valet. The president finally appeared on the platform, and explained smilingly but hastily that his program hadn't any notice of a six o'clock reception. The crowd stated that whether it did or didn't he was there, and they were going to have him, and off they rushed him to the Glenwood Springs hotel to show him the wonderful public bath with the town's famous warm springs. Now, a bath before breakfast is a very pleasurable thing to take, but the way the president was to take this did not suit him in the least. The thoughtful people of Glenwood had prepared a specially-constructed bathing suit for the president, and a dozen or so for the members of the party, and the program was that the president was to wade down into the pool on one side, while the multitude watched from the other side. The president positively declined this courtesy, and reluctantly the people of Glenwood Springs gave up their promised presidential pleasure.

Chickens Adopted by a Police Cat

From time to time their pitiful chirps could be heard, and as night came on these increased in frequency and plaintiveness. The chirps came from under a stable in the rear of the station, where the two little foundlings had sought shelter.

Members of the precinct command say that during the evening the cat appeared to be acting strangely. Instead of roaming about the squad room, as was her usual custom, she wandered about the rooms on the lower floor of the station, and occasionally made visits to the basement. No significance was given her queer actions, but many of the policemen wondered why their feline mascot did not visit them and get her usual evening pettings.

The next morning the cause of the cat's strange actions was explained, when the strange little bundles of feathers were discovered, but within a few minutes she put in her appearance.

She immediately started to attend to her motherly duties. The little fellows were true to their adopted mother from the very first.

ADDED TO THE MISFORTUNE

Discovered Auto Simply Acted as Decoy to Bring Other Unscrupulous.

Asa Paine, vice-president of the American Automobile association, said in St. Augustine of the automobile industry:

"Cars are now made to last. The rich man no longer finds his 1907 car unfashionable, like his 1907 coat, in 1909.

"At the beginning of the industry a car was antiquated in no time—so antiquated that people laughed at it.

"They tell a story in Detroit about a dealer who had, in 1900, an antiquated 1895 car. He tried vainly to sell this car. He put lower and lower price tags on it—\$100, \$50, \$10—and finally he put on a tag to the effect that the car was to be given away.

"Even then there were no takers.

"So one evening, desperate, the dealer left the 1895 car in a vacant lot beside his shop, hoping that some one would steal it in the night. But when he came down to work the next morning, not only was the old car still there, but another one of similar pattern had been placed beside it."

Hartless Parent Again.

Beautiful Girl—Gardener, don't make a flower bed there. It will spoil our croquet ground."

Gardener—Can't help it, miss. Them's my orders. Your father says he is going to have this garden devoted to horticulture, not husbandry.

Found!

Knicker—What is your definition of a gentleman?

Bocker—He was evidently my wife's first husband.

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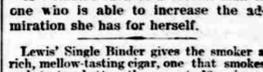
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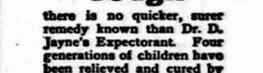
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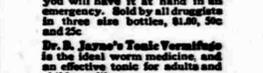
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