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AMERICA'S ELDER STATESMAN.

Linking the present with the past, Joseph Cannon has a most useful place in the congress of the United States. Forty-four years in national affairs is a record not often equalled. and few men, in or out of public life, maintain the hearty interest and hale constitution of this veteran elder statesman. Back in 1872, Uncle Joe was sent to congress from Illinois with the same vote that elevated Gen. U. S. Grant to his second term as president. In the twenty years that followed before Uncle Joe was temporarily retired, he saw the rise of the Granger party, an insurgent movement of 1,500,000 farmers backing measures to curo the railroads and trusts, to prevent discrimination in rates and prices, and in all ways to further the interests of the farming class. He witnessed also the exposure of the whisky ring; the currency act somtimes known as the "crime of '73"; Grant's veto of a bill to inflate the currency; the Sioux wars; the disastrous financial panic of 1873; the Tilden controversy; railroad strikes and riots throughout the country; resumption of specie payments; a third term movement for Grant which was defeated by Garfield; a bill suspending Chinese immigration for 20 years; the beginning of civil service reform and the rise and fall of numerous radical and independent parties.

In all American history since those days this man has had his part, and with what strange feelings must be regard the eternal recurrence of the same situations. In spite of the seeming newness of many national problems, most of them must have come to the attention of Uncle Joe and the people of those other days, who may have thought that they had solved them, unthinking that they would rise again. From the procession of time this old man emerges, admitting that he is a standpatter, which some one has defined as one who believes there is a future, s not believe in trying to haul it int the present by the neck.

There is room for such a man as this in the national councils. May Uncle Joe Cannon live to realize his hope of more than half a century in congress.

The Voice of the Farmer.

Iowa newspapers are claiming that Henry C. Wallace, editor of a farm journal at Des Moines, has been selected by Mr. Harding as the new secretary of agriculture. The certitude with which this is asserted is not backed by any public announcement from Mr. Harding, and poor, indeed, is the western state that has not a contender for this office, Nebraska entering the lists with C. H. Gustafson, president of the Farmers'

Whomsoever may finally be chosen for the cabinet position, it will be a man of similar type. One has only to review the qualifications of another leading contender for this place to realize the sort of man who will sit in the chair made famous by "Tama Jim" Wilson. This other one is W. F. Therkildson, also a practical farmer, operating two farms in New Jersey, and specializing in seed production. In a recent number of the Christian Herald is to be found an article in which Mr. Therkildson discusses the need for new methods of marketing as the first farm problem. Here is what he says:

My opinion is that the present methods of marketing are antiquated and in no way equal to the task of properly supplying the great mass of the consuming public. Regardless of the efforts and desire of every one to see better conditions both of production and marketing, present methods have certainly proved inefficient. Otherwise, why do we face lowest prices that the farmer has received in a long time, and on the other hand face a consumer's price that is equal to the highest of the war-time figures?

The interests of farmers everywhere are identical, and the fact that Mr. Therkildson is from the east in no way prevents him from speaking what is in the minds of farmers everywhere. Mr. Therkildson sees, too, that the Issue is not up to one class alone, but to the whole of industry, as is shown in these words:

What are you going to do, Mr. Business Man? Are you going to sit idly by and see this producer of the fundamentals of existence take the only course open to him—that of producing less food for a sopulation which is constantly increasing? Or are you going to recognize him as a fellow business man and make it reasonably easy for him to secure the money and materials with which to operate?

These principles in other days might have been onsidered heretical and radical, but today are recognized as part of a larger wisdom in which ies hope of national progress and well-being.

Fiume Goes to Italy.

The curtain has been rung down on the farce of Finme. It was raised on the first act when Woodrow Wilson, as dictator at Paris, decided the port should go to Jugo-Slavia as its "window on the Adriatic." The first act witnessed the indignation of the Italian populace, which only a short time before had changed the names of streets to honor the American president, had stood in drenching rain to hear him utter words the meaning of which they could not comprehend, and whose disappointment equalled the exuberance of its welcome. D'Annunzio is "discovered" as the second act opened, carrying on an opera bouffe government in "defiance" of Rome: operations which followed remind one strongly of some of those "wars" of the Middle Ages, wherein mercenaries marched and countermarched, but never struck a blow, True, some

blood has been shed, but not much. The Italian troops were instructed not to fire unless they had to, and Fiume fell, with scarcely a shot fired, and if Jugo-Slavia looks out on the Adriatic it will be through a window over which Italy may draw the curtains at any time. "Italia Irridenta" has been redeemed, the councils of the great at Paris have been set aside by other councils held since, and we have another illustration of what we escaped by not being involved in the politics of Europe through the League of Nations. A few more of these examples and the "senatorial oligarchy" will be provided with a magnificent monument.

A Plea for Coasting.

Who cannot remember his joy as a child when Santa Claus brought him a bright new sled? It does not always happen that nature provides a bountiful snowfall as it has on this holiday season, and great must have been the glee of the boys and girls who found a coaster among their presents this Christmas. Into this atmosphere of pleasure the cruel death of 8-yearold George Jensen, crushed on his sled beneath the wheels of a speeding automobile, has brought the cloud of tragedy.

A motorist, not pausing for safety at a street intersection, but driving ruthlessly across St. Marys avenue in a heavy touring car, struck this happy lad and drove swiftly away. That he did not stop to attempt to save this childish life by carrying the boy to a hospital, but fled instead, is confession of guilt.

This is a deed to rouse the indignation of every parent. One has only to look out his window and watch the children at play in the snow to realize the havoc that could be wrought by a single careless automobile driver. The manly pride of the boys guiding their sleds down the hilly paths is good to see. Joy such as theirs is all too rare in this world, and it is unfair to deprive them of this healthful sport. Accidents of various degrees of seriousness are bound to occur, of course, but such heartrending casualties as that caused by careless driving can be

Parents may warn their children of the necessity for care, but against the disregard of all precautions by adults nothing has thus far been done. It may be possible to reserve certain blocks for the exclusive use of the children in coasting time, but until something such as this is done, the idea of safety first will be best impressed by each man in a car remembering his own days of real sport and taking thought of his successors on the slide.

When Henry Ford Slipped.

What part the general fear of shortage in the supply of various necessaries of life, including coal, had in running up prices cannot be accurately measured at this time. It must be true, however, that the eagerness of the public to make sure of having adequate supplies before a shortage or other unfavorable developments caused prices to rise, had considerable effect on the

Not even purchasing departments of the great corporations were free from this panicky rush to make sure. An example of this was given by George H. Cushing, secretary of a wholesale coal association, in his testimony before the senate investigating committee. Actuated by the ear that there would not be coal enough to go around, firms with plenty of money were said by their unchecked competitive bidding to, have made it impossible for the average con sumer to get anything like a reasonable price. Mr. Cushing said that Henry Ford sent 10

agents into the field to buy coal for his plants. Three of the Ford agents entered into direct competition with each other, not being aware of the situation. The first is said almost to have completed a bargain at \$9 a ton, when the second bid \$9.50, and the third raised the price to \$10. The first Ford agent then, according to Mr. Cushing, bid \$11 and thus secured the coal for Mr. Ford at \$2 a ton more than would have been necessary. The order was so large that the loss to Mr. Ford ran into hundreds of thousands, but the loss was also felt by the public, which had to bid against the price set by such a farcical blunder.

A Mighty Good Start.

Perhaps the action of the appropriations committee in dealing with the sundry civil appropriation bill may not be taken as final, but t is a mighty encouraging sign. Cuts in the bill reduce it to a little less than half the total asked for in the estimate. A purpose to put the administration of the government on a pre-war. basis is indicated, and to this the taxpayers will say amen. Many extensions and expansions of the pay roll were tolerated under the guise of war necessity; these have no reason for existence now. A great many experiments undertaken then have proved useless, and their continuation means needless expense. The committee has ruthlessly swept these into the discard. It also has put a veto on a number of requests for the continuation of activities that have merely meant expenditure without adequate return in service. From whatever point the report is viewed, the effect must be to encourage the people to hope for a full redemption of the promise of economy in governmental expense.

Also the Lieutenant-Governor.

As suggested several weeks ago, Mr. Harding has declared his intention of inviting Governor Coolidge to sit in with the cabinet after March 4 hext. This will add real dignity to the office of vice president, giving its incumbent a definite place in the executive branch of the government, He has no share in the legislative, his position as presiding officer of the senate being entirely divorced from the law-making function of that body. This applies also to the lieutenant-governor of Nebraska, whom it is now proposed by some to clothe with the new dignity of additional duties, Just what form these will take is not as yet disclosed, but several members of the approaching general assembly have declared an intention to do something to lift the office above its present character of fifth-wheel. The experiment seems to be worth trial and results may eventually justify the attempt.

The fuel administration under Dr. Garfield cost the government less than \$5,000,000, but the Lord only knows how much it cost the people.

Depends on what you consider a "contro-versy" when deciding between the judges and the

Hurley may have been a "man's" town, but t will be a better behaved one in the future.

Some of Omaha's innumerable hills ought to be safe for little coasters.

Candidates for mayor are blooming-early,

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We wish you the merriest Christmas, and bright;
The happiest New Year, and sunny;
A day of enjoyment, a year of delight;
And that ain't a bad wish—for the money.
FRANK AND MINNA ADAMS.

DR. JOHNSON or somebody said that surgical operation was necessary to get a joke into a Scotchman's head; but the Glasgow Herald, reporting the existence of a London detective named Leonard Jolly Death, conjectures that it was probably an ancestor of his who was drowned in the butt of Malmsey wine.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. (From the Grand Rapids Herald.)

Dr. A. Deadman, Gaylord, escaped injury when he leaped from his car, as it became stalled directly in the path of an onrushing Michigan Central train.

It would not be uninteresting reading to know what the winners of all the Nobel prizes did with their windfalls.

WHAT ABOUT DISPENSING WITH THE REAR COLLARBUTTON? Sir: Having made continual use of a sugges tion appearing in the Line some years ago, I should like to hear what others think was the most useful thing ever printed in the Colyum. The suggestion referred to was the one which

stated that the quickest way to find a cuff on a shirt was to hold the shirt up by the other cuff, when the one sought would be at the lowest extremity of the garment. CLASSICAL WHO'S WHO.

"The face that launched a thousand ships"—Did it have paint on cheeks and lips, Such as the modern dame equips?

I'll say it did!

If Helen lived and vamped today,

Would Trains horses to stay. Would Trojan horses come to stay Where motors now make Boul Mich gay? You tell 'em, Kid! IRI

BOSTON woman complains that school seats have worn out three pairs of pants (her son's) in three months. "Is a wheeze about the seat of learning too obvious?" queries Genevieve. Oh, quite too, my dear! THEIR RELATIVES ARE ARRANGING TO

RANSOM THEM. (From the Omaha World-Herald.) Joe Stecher and Mrs. Stecher are at the Fontenelle hotel and have been since Sun-day evening, and as Joe is under the care of Dr. Dishong, they are apt to remain there for some days.

ONE is usually mistaken in such matters, but we visualize Mr. Imer Pett, general manager of the Bingham Mines, in Salt Lake City, as quite

THE JOY OF SHARING. Sir: I have never made the Line, but I want to share with you the delight of knowing that Carl Hahn, the song-composer, has written a "Rain Song" and appropriately dedicated to Mrs. H. O. Drought. Also, I ordered a T-bone steak at a meek and not gaudy cafette, and after attacking it I asked the waitress for a sharper knife. "Sorry miss," she answered, after a brief absence, "but they are all in use." Now, what kind of steaks do you think they were?

BLANCHE.

To a Publisher. I sent thee late a mirthful tome, Not so much honoring thee As giving it a hope that there It could not smothered be; But thou thereat didst only frown

And sent'st it back to me; Since when it looks and seems, I swear, Not like itself but thee! BOTULINUS. THEY'RE OFF! Sir: What position in your letter file, respect written letters land, as they end thusly:
"HEL NO"?

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As been in more or less general use for a quarter of a century. In addition, to which the chorus responded with ape inderstanding."—Frankfort, Ind., Times. understanding."-Frankfort, Ind., Times. Whereupon the editor kissed his family goodbye and took the veil.

THE SKATER. An orange disk hangs above the etched willow Ice stretches blackly before; Clearly the steel o'er its smooth surface cutting Rouses a faint encore. Balanced, the skater with airlest gesture

Outward or inward at ease Swoops as the swallow or heels as the curlew Past the dark, flying trees. Envying neither the stars in their courses Nor time's nor eternity's flow, The skater's a mortal glimpsing perfection Of rhythm, wheeling so. ABD-EL-KADER

THE programme of a concert on the Imperator included "Saxophone solo, Sextet from Lucia." Of course, if it has to be done on a saxophone a solo would be least terrible. NO. 68, COUNTING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

(From the Goshen, Ind., Democrat.) Albert E. Compton, 68, a former well known Elkhart taxi driver, went to Cali-fornia last summer and told his friends he was going into the movies. A communication from him yesterday informed them of his appearance in a mob scene. NOT BEFORE.

Sir: It is a copy of an ordination sermon of 1823. Printed on the last page are several "medscal Recipes," given either by or for the minister. Of course, they have no value today, but you may be interested in a sample: "Fill a barrel with green mullen leaves, then with new cider, drink it out for the phthisic or asthma, after it is worked."

H. T. S.

. A NEAT card from Publisher Knopf wishes us a prosperous New Year, and we wish him the same, although it looks like a lean year for new books. Old books are doing well. Walter Hill tells us he, never had so good a year as this last

The Second Post. (Received by a wholesale grocery house, from an Italian customer Gentlemen: My wife waats me to suggest that you observe one of our Italian customs by remembering her with a bit of Christmas cheer. As she is the only wife I got I trust you will help

A HINT FOR LOZ. Sir: The manager of the McKinnon Hotel in Miami exacts a 10-cent tip from a guest when he asks for information regarding sailing of a steamer, and a similar gratuity when he calls a taxi. This is "\$peeding the parting guest" with a vengeance.

N. T. C.

ANOTHER sign of a mild winter is reported by R. F. S. The majority of the houses in Med-ford, Wis., are without a coat of paint. TO MEET MISS SHANKS.

Sir: I think Miss Flossie Legg of Omaha should make the acquaintance of Miss Daisy Shanks, of Antigo, Wis.

H. G. G. H. G. G. OPEN SEASON IN DELAWARE. [From the Georgetown Republican.]

Get your marriage and gunners license at THE esteemed sun is coming north. If we vere master of our movements we should meet it half way.

B. L. T.

Try Nearer Home.

An expedition, sent out by the Museum of Natural History, has traveled to Asia, and will remain there five years in search of the missing link between ape and man. Why go all the way to Asia, when Washington is so easily accessible? Paper Shortage Relief.

Russia wants a billion dollars' worth of American machinery and other materials for reconstruction. If she pays for it in rubles the paper shortage will immediately end.— Tacoma Ledger.

Can't Somebody Head Him Off? Fiume being settled, nothing seems to remain for Colonel d'Annunzio but to come to the United States and lecture about it.—Boston

That's Reasonable Explanation.

The boy chess player, Rzeschewski, probably learned to concentrate while learning to write his own name.- Now York Telegraph.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, senitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bos, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will set make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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THE WILL TO BE STRONG. To continue good health, private or public, something more than pro-tection against disease is required. A health department might clean up, vaccinate, quarantine and an indivaccinate, quarantine and an individual might use the services of the
mest skilled physicians and results
might still be disappointing. In addition to all the activities before
mentioned, it is necessary that there
be a high degree of physical vigor.
The old Greeks and Spartans knew this and they developed co-operative and competitive games as a means of

and if our lawmakers wish to build more pen-room, 10 to 15 years in the pen is a good way to start.

Let us buy our liquor legally, then the stills will soon be out of business. It's the only way to settle this liquor question and there will be mare satisfaction among the people and more employment also.

J. K., KEARNEY COUNTY. building up the physique of the peo-In recent years the Scandinavian In recent years the Scandinavian races have gone farther in reviving the methods of Sparta and Greece than have any other people. Knowing this, we are not surprised when we turn to statistical tables to find that the Scandinavian cities have among the very lowest death rates and that the people of Scandinavian birth and Scandinavian descent in this country have low death rates and low infant mortality and that and low infant mortality and that

they grow tall and broad.

In an article on Swedish athletics written by Eric Bergwell we are told that gymnastics have for a long time been compulsory in the public school curricula. This has been the law so long that the Swedish adults of today themselves had the benefit of this and their parents also went through it in all probability.

However, the encouragement of days from notice, until the rate before the war has been reached and

However, the encouragement of physical development does not stop with the children in the schools. The government builds stadiums in various parts of the country. The athletic meets are supported in part by government grants. The amount of state appropriation for the promotion of sports in 1921 is 150,000 the promotion of sports in 1921 is 150,000 physical parts against agriculture of the promotion of sports in 1921 is 150,000 physical parts against agriculture of the promotion of sports in 1921 is 150,000 physical parts against agriculture of the promotion of start up. If congress should pass a prohibitive tariff against agricultural imports it would be class legis-lation and raise the cost of living for the promotion of sport such as the Swedish National Gymnastic association and the Swedish Central Association for the Promotion of classes of people.
DR. M. V. CLARK.

We might gain much from them when I am very tired, have a head-ache, a cold, and during menstrual periods am miserable. Would you say my golter was the cause of all this, and what would you advise?" We might gain much from them right now by developing and fostering such wholesome winter sports as skating and various games played on the ice, snow-shoeing and skiing. If we could get our people to play out of doors in winter we would have less pneumonia. REPLY.

It is altogether probable that your goiter is responsible. You should have a physician with some experience in goiter cases take care of you.

It's Subject of Experiment. S. L. M. writes: "I have read that removal of the thyroid glands caused insanity. If the sound thyroid re-moved from a person recently moved from a person recently hanged should be planted in an in-sane person would it cure him?" REPLY.

When all the thyroid or an excessive proportion of it is removed the subject develops a peculiar kind of low mentality which is easily recognized. A common name for this condition is cretinism. There are various kinds of insanity. The accepted treatment for persons with the type of mentality present in cretinism (possibly it might be called insanity) is thyroid. This is injected or given: internally. In a few cases the gland has been implanted. This treatment various ductless glands may not be of service in other kinds of insanity.

It's a Money Producer. Mrs. R. H. R. writes: "Any one suffering from neuritis, rheymatism, or injured bursa or any trouble with the shoulder will find a cure by using an electric pad on the sore spot every night for a month. Bind the pad on so as to keep it in place all night."

REPLY. Your remedy will give much re-lief, will cure a few cases, and will bring a good deal of money into the coffers of the electric light company.

Goiter Probable Cause. Mrs. O. F. writes: "I am a house-wife and mother, 87 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weigh 125 pounds. I am short winded, troubled much with headache, and can only lie on my left side a short time, as my heart seems to pound so hard. I have a goiter, which troubles me

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Hartwell, Neb., Dec. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: A Thomas county ranchman says prohibition is begoming more of a farce every day. Indeed, how can it be any different

with a law which the majority don't believe in? The country is full of

moonshine dens and stills he says. Sure, and there will be more of them. Just as long as we are denied the right to buy liquor, bootlegging will be upheld. If people believed in prohibition those dens would not be there. Real men that

used to fight the bootlegger are his best friends now. Prohibition is making crooks out of honest men. He says stronger laws, 10 to 15

years in the pen would be the solu-tion. Maybe he don't know that our state prison is overflowing now, and if our lawmakers wish to build

To Stabilize Prices.

Sutton, Neb., Dec. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: The demand of labor on Governor McKelvie for

sage is good—but it does not prom-ise any immediate relief from low

prices for crops or to start the fac-tories going in the east. This will do it. Let the legislature pass at once a law restoring the 2-cent a

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money and much of the pleasure of his trip was spoiled.

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REPLY.

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It's Serious Condition.

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