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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

Disaster follows the German dirigibles as closely as it does the French and American airplanes.

A genius comes to the front with the seedless apple, but the seedless raspberry is still afar off.

All is not gold that glitters. A New York woman wants a divorce because her wedding ring is brass.

A girl lately died from eating too much ice cream. The majority of girls would die rather than own it.

Bathing suits are to be rendered sanitary. This is difficult because the sea cannot be boiled between swimmers.

A bumper wheat crop is promised this year. All of which goes to show that political hot air has no effect on crops.

A Connecticut man says he has been struck by lightning every seven years. Probably he means political lightning.

Naturally the Summer Girl who tans expects to have a much happier vacation than the Summer Girl who freckles.

Philadelphia anglers claim that he caught a fish with a diamond ring in its stomach. This brings the number up to 1,466,782.

A California man claims to have caught an eight-legged fish that barks like a dog. Still, they claim California whens are harmless.

A man was arrested for refusing to kiss his wife—that is, this complaint was made along with another about his refusal to pay bills.

A New York man wants everybody to keep a snake in his home. If the N. Y. man's happiness depends on this want, he'll die unhappy.

We have it from John L. Sullivan that the pugilists of today are not what they used to be, but in John's day typewriters were scarce.

"Man," says an uplift person, "is the only animal that smokes." Likewise he is the only animal that holds political campaigns. Poor man!

The weather man's prediction for the week is "generally fair." It is characteristic of his prophecies that he always leaves room for hedging.

A Cleveland man who chose the life of a crook has lost a legacy of \$32,000 because of it. People with rich relatives should behave themselves.

A physical culture expert tells us that crawling on all fours is good for the health, but that would be carrying the Darwinian theory too far.

New York woman has, at various times, annexed three husbands, all of them in the oil business. And then they say that woman is inconsistent.

A western girl has been awarded a judgment for \$28,828 for breach of promise. Probably the \$28 is for the ice cream and soda water she didn't get.

A new French aeroplane has wings that can be folded, but the average aviator is satisfied if the wings only stay where they belong while he is flying.

Judging from the number of Turkish islands he has annexed in the last few months, the king of Italy must be thinking of going into the real estate business.

The French detectives say they are on the track of Mona Lisa, but Lisa cannot displace in this country both baseball and a presidential campaign.

A gypsy queen who died recently in England at the age of 101 was an inveterate smoker, but it is hardly edifying to see a woman of that age rolling a pill.

"Boop," says a Boston doctor, "should be at least six years old before it is used." Evidently he aims to become the idol of every American schoolboy.

The report that prunes are selling in New York for a nickel apiece reveals the startling fact that some persons eat them deliberately and without coercion.

The new Illinois Automobile is designed to be moved herself the way the woman does. When it is moved it is moved in the best way.

ALWAYS BARGAINS IN THE STORES.

Newspaper readers who see only the news columns are far from getting the whole news.

The advertisements are essentially a newspaper in themselves. No news dispatch from Washington or London comes home so closely as the things affecting home life that are being done in our stores day by day.

Business has its events, its crises, its opportunities, like the bigger life played on the national stage. When a merchant, after a tussle with manufacturers and importers, gets a block of goods at a low price that has a high value, it is an event far more intimately connected with home life than most of the news that newspapers print.

When he finds that through his own error of judgment, or because of seasonal conditions beyond human control, he has overstocked, and must close out to turn his goods to cash, that too, is a public event more important to the housewife than some far off earthquake or fire with all its tragedy.

Discriminating buyers know very well that there are always bargains in every store. There are many conditions that compel merchants at various times to offer goods at prices below their real worth. No human mind can estimate just what kind of goods the public will take to. The over stock on certain lines often consists of the most substantial goods, which did not sell because not showy enough. Notes must be paid, and new stock must be put in, and the result is a profit for the wary trailer of bargains.

Years ago, the customer had to come around and dig special values out by her own persistence. Today the advertisement writer saves her all that bother, and she finds in her favorite newspaper a full directory of special values.

Wherefore newspaper readers who take the pains to go through the advertising columns, almost invariably find things meeting their needs, to be had at a lower price for some good reason.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PICNIC.

On Saturday, July 27th, the big Democratic picnic and dance will be held in Roselle Park, Roselle. This is the finest park in the country, and it has been put in first class condition for this big event. The Bensenville band has been engaged to furnish the music. E. H. Frele is the leader, and he is on to the job, and his men are up and a coming, playing all kinds of appropriate music. Pfingsten's famous orchestra will furnish the dance music. The orators for the occasion will be Hon. E. F. Dunne, candidate for governor; Hon. J. Hamilton Lewis, candidate for United States senator; Hon. Harry Woods, candidate for secretary of state; Hon. Gilbert Grinnell, candidate for state's attorney, an unknown Irishman from Elgin, Bert C. White, chairman of the DuPage Co. Central committee, will introduce the speakers. The famous Cook County Democracy and the Democratic organizations of Kane, Will, McHenry and DuPage counties, are invited. This looks like a Democratic year. AT LEAST THE PEOPLE ARE COMMENCING TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES. The rule of the boss is over, and the third stage of Lincoln's prophecy "you can't fool all of the people, all of the time" has arrived. Trains leave Chicago on the Elgin division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, Union depot, at 8:15 and 10:45 a. m., and at 1:55 p. m., returning leaves Roselle at 5 and 6:30 p. m. for Chicago. Trains leave Elgin for Roselle at 6:15, 6:35, 7:23 a. m. and 12:35, 4:40, 6:15 p. m. Returning leave Roselle 6:20, 7:21 and 12:38 o'clock a. m. to Elgin. Come any way you want to, but come. Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with the candidates. Everybody welcome. Speaking begins at 2 p. m. Refreshments on the grounds. Games of all kinds. Everything possible to make you enjoy an old-fashioned picnic has been arranged.

LONG RIDE FOR FIVE CENTS.

Can Now Ride from La Grange to Maywood for Single Five Cent Fare.

Beginning Monday, July 1, the County Traction Co. and the Suburban Railway Co. accepted transfers from each others' lines. By this action it will be possible for a passenger to ride from the west end of Maywood to La Grange or Riverside or any of the other towns in that direction for a single fare of five cents.

This action was taken on the request of a number of citizens of Forest Park and Oak Park, and it means much to Maywood and Melrose Park as it can be rightly called the first step towards bringing about a local zone in the west suburbs which can be traversed for five cents.

At the same time that the transfer arrangement goes into effect the Suburban Company which was recently bought by Mr. Schmidt the president of the County Traction Co. will put in service 15 of the most up-to-date type of cars.

For a person to travel for the single fare from Maywood to LaGrange it is necessary to transfer at Lake street and Harlem avenue or at Madison street and Des Plaines avenue and again at Harlem avenue and 18th street where the LaGrange car connects.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Goat That Leads Sheep to Slaughter



KANSAS CITY, MO.—The goat is not a beautiful animal in the face. He hasn't a sweet disposition. He isn't playful. He won't cuddle. But he has his uses.

Frank E. Essex of a local grain and milling company, who raises thousands of sheep and goats on his farm near Raytown, says a goat is the most contrariwise animal ever invented. Everything goes contrary with him—like Mrs. Gummidge. But like Mrs. Gummidge he has a pretty good heart if you can get on the right side of him.

Mr. Essex has one particular goat on his place that is the best and the worst goat that ever lived. Sometimes Mr. Essex gets so all-fired mad at him that he longs to take a club and kill him. But every time he raises his hand to slay him he thinks of the many kindnesses the goat has done him, and his heart relents.

The goat, Mr. Essex admits, is not pretty to look at. He is bald, he has a wicked eye and his whiskers are full of cockleburra. His disposition is so mean that he spends all his time

thinking up things to do which his perverse mind tells him Mr. Essex doesn't want him to do.

"But, really, I hadn't ought to knock that goat," Mr. Essex said. "Sheep, you know, haven't a lick of sense. If it wasn't for that goat I don't know how we'd ever get them into a stock car. But the goat knows how. Frankly, I don't believe he does it to help me—I think he does it because he knows the sheep are going to the packing house to be made into broth, and it fills his wicked heart with gladness.

"Anyway, this is what he does: When the car is placed and the chute run down to the pen he takes the lead and marches up into the car, and around the car and back to the door, where he stops. There he places himself in such a way as to block the exit, leaving only enough room for the sheep to enter. They crowd in until the car is full, and then the goat leaps nimbly out and we shut the door.

"If you could see the wicked gleam in his eye when he has thus trapped his trusting followers and saved his own skin you would appreciate how nearly human is his duplicity.

"Some time when I am vexed with him I suppose I shall shut the door on him and let him go to his deserts. If I don't get his goat sooner or later he will get mine."

Expected Spanking, Acclaimed Hero

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The troubled conscience of Harold Isaac, twelve years old, of 23 Bartlett avenue, led him to make a confession to his mother the other day. He fully expected to be spanked. Instead, he was acclaimed a hero.



Harold went over to Linwood park, ten miles from here, on the annual picnic of the St. Nicholas church. Before he left his mother admonished him not to go near the water. He gave his solemn promise.

The youngster is an expert in the water and the other boys and later he left the picnic grounds and strolled about to Bargaintown lake. Several of his boy chums were sporting in the water. Harold, although he cast longing eyes at the cool water, remembered his mother's warning and his promise. He sat down on the bank as near the water as he could without touching it, resolved not to violate the promise.

A few minutes later, George Kloris, a boy of twelve and his particular "pal," got into deep water and could not make land, despite his game fight. He started to drift away and the other youngsters, badly frightened when they saw he was drowning, scampered ashore, grabbed their clothes and started on a run to summon help.

The drowning boy called to Harold to save him.

Then he could stand it no longer. He kicked off his shoes, plunged and battled for ten minutes and had just succeeded in dragging the unconscious form ashore when some of the other boys returned. Then he led the work boys of resuscitation and was finally rewarded. George opened his eyes and gradually became himself once more and by the time Harold's clothes had dried he was almost recovered. Right there young Isaac made every one of his chums swear that they would not tell about his plunge in the water. They promised and kept "mum." But finally the youngster's conscience troubled him, and he could hold it no longer. He told his mother he had been in the water, and stopped there ready to take his punishment. But young Kloris overheard the confession and told the real story. Now Harold is the happiest kid in town.

Eat? Wasted Time, Say Keep Wellers



CLEVELAND, O.—Why eat? Members of the Keep Well club, who told their experiences at a foodless picnic the other day in Wade park, declared a man can go without nourishment for thirty days and feel like a bear cat, and that it is simple and delightful to exist for eight months on a daily ration of eight quarts of milk.

your a hearty lunch. The menu might be:

- One peanut.
- One orange.
- One lettuce leaf.

"Once I went eight months without nourishment except eight quarts of milk a day," said Brooks. "I gained forty pounds. Since then I have lived on milk for varying periods. Now I am taking two quarts a day, in the morning and evening. The only other nourishment I receive is at 11 o'clock in the morning, when I eat a light lunch of nuts and occasionally an orange. But on Saturday I omit the lunch, because Sunday is a day of rest."

Swingle said that it is easy to go without food for short periods. He said that after the first three days the appetite leaves. He advised, however, that anything but a short fast should be taken under the direction of a physician.

"I went without food for eleven days and could carry a market basket without being tempted to eat," said Swingle.

Swingle said milk and lemons is a diet that is good for tuberculars, under the direction of a physician.

Cat Shatters Governor's Resolution

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Gov. Thomas R. Marshall's resolution to spend July 4 behind the locked doors of his offices in the statehouse were shattered early in the morning on account of the governor's admiration for "Tom," a big, black cat, the capitol mascot.



Tom was not responsible directly for the governor's throwing open the doors of his executive offices. A friend of the Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, knowing that the cat was admired by the governor, imitated the sound of a cat scratching against the door of the private office until Marshall was greeted by a crowd of late arrivals from the Baltimore convention. They gained access to the room to congratulate the governor by imitating the scratching of a cat when loud knocking had failed.

The governor was engaged in dictating his decisions on the numerous petitions for pardons, when a crowd

began to congregate at the doors of the executive offices. Frequent poundings and shouted requests for entrance were unheeded. The crowd was asked to remain quiet. The governor, seated at his desk, with large pile of congratulatory telegrams and letters before him, became aware of the silence in the corridors and believed the crowd had dispersed. Then came the gentle scraping as if of claws against wood, and the governor, desiring the presence of Tom in the room, threw open the doors, only to be greeted by the shouts and laughter of more than a posse of his Hoosier admirers.

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