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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

A genius in California has succeeded in developing a seedless tomato, but the odorless onion still is afar off.

Our notion of a true philosopher is one who can take a calm and unruffled view of life while seated in a dentist's chair.

A Maryland doctor says that cutting out the tonsils is a serious mistake, from the doctor's point of view, we presume.

Some of the doctors say the adoption of the kilt would be more hygienic than trousers. Yes, but would it be as modest?

"Drink buttermilk and live long," says Prof. Metchnikoff. But where is the joy of living long if one must drink buttermilk?

A vacation would be beneficial to a hard working mortal were it not for the fact that it takes two weeks to recover from it.

Kissing may be dangerous, as our physicians say, but a little danger now and then is relished by the best of men—and women.

The shah of Persia's kitchen utensils are valued at \$35,000,000, and at that we'll bet he can't find a bottle opener when he wants it.

A New Yorker informs us that nobody can be happy on less than \$5,000 a year. Verily, there is a vast amount of unhappiness in this world.

A Cleveland man has invented a steel car "strap" that will not carry germs. While he was at it, why didn't he invent a few seats instead?

The anti-kissing crusade may be all right in its way, but it strikes us that a great deal depends on the age and pulchritude of the kisser.

Cincinnati is proud of its woman teacher in a vacation school who umpires baseball games so fairly the ire of the bleachers is never aroused.

Some people are born famous, some achieve fame, but a girl in Newport won the easy way by wearing an automobile veil floating five feet in the breeze.

"Hobble skirts," says an investigator, "were worn in early Biblical days." Evidently one of the reasons for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The New York waiters who several weeks ago organized a strike have applied to their former employers for work. They found a tipless world a cheerless one.

Some day the art of farming may be so far advanced that humanity will be enabled to eat a blackberry, the substance of which is less than 75 per cent. seeds.

Quoth a woman novelist: "It takes a clever woman to keep out of matrimony." But if a mere man would keep out of wedlock he must be nothing short of a genius.

China insists that if she borrows any money she must be allowed to spend it in her own way. If the lenders do not like that they need not lend it. This seems reasonable.

One of the courts has decided that a woman who steps off backward from a street car has no claim for damages. The wife of the judge who rendered the decision must be slim and observant.

An exchange tells us that France is training eagles to attack aeroplanes. Far be it from us to contradict anybody, but the man who invented that story has all the qualifications of a successful fisherman.

A Chicago judge has announced that he will send to jail for six months every chauffeur who hits a pedestrian and doesn't stop. That's right. It's only fair to give pedestrians a chance to hit back the man who hits them.

The conspiracy to oust the hobble by beginning with the panner not having succeeded, it is now proposed to do the trick by having plaits in the hobble. They seem determined to make woman use more cloth somehow or other.

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EXPRESS RATES.

The express companies, replying to the announcement of reduction of charges made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, assert that the proposed reductions will be unfair and too drastic.

Will they? Apparently one of the fairest discussions of the express situation was printed in April, 1911, by the World's Work magazine, over the signature of C. M. Keys, an expert financial writer.

The amounts paid in express charges are divided about equally between the railroads that haul the packages and the express companies for collecting and distributing same, for running their offices, and for their profits. A veteran railroad man said to Mr. Keys: "What we could get from the public for the work the express companies do would not be much over one-quarter of what we get from the express companies for what we do for them." That is, a portion of the charge is four times too large.

Mr. Keys figured the average payment to the railroads to amount to 9 cents per ton per mile. When the railroads tried to increase their rates in 1910, all they wanted from New York to Chicago was a raise from 1.5 cents per ton mile, to 1.8 cents per ton mile. Mr. Keys claims that the railroads could make a profit at 2 cents per ton per mile, instead of 9. Mr. Keys also figures that the express companies get \$1.22 for each \$1 paid into their treasury.

He figures the average rate of sending a parcel a short distance, say about 30 miles, weighing say 10 pounds, to be 3 cents per pound. An express company doing business around London delivers parcels up to 30 miles for 0.5 cents per pound; 30 to 50 miles, 1 cent per pound; 50 to 100 miles, 1.5 cents per pound.

It looks like this con would have to come down, and the more willingly he parts with his superfluous fur, the better the chance of retaining his hide intact.

PRISON LABOR ON ROADS POSSIBLE.

With the prime object of ascertaining the advisability of employing convict labor on the highways of the state, the good roads committee, which is a body composed of five Senators and five members of the House, conferred with Warden Murphy and inspected the roads in various parts of Will County Thursday afternoon.

Having gathered sufficient information to show that the mass of laws and amendments now governing the construction and maintenance of the state highways is in need of a change in accordance with the instruction "to rewrite, recodify and amend the county and township road and bridge laws of the state," an investigation is being made as to whether convict labor can be used successfully in state road work.

This joint committee is composed of both members of the House and the Senate, appointed by a joint resolution of these two bodies.

All information collected up to the present time is on record in the Springfield office, and this, together with the data collected at Joliet and at Chester will be presented to the general assembly in January and a decision will be made by the Legislature as to new laws.—Joliet News.

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. B. Freie 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.

An Easy One. Al De Mustard—Your wife's costume tonight is charming. It simply bewitched me. De Mustard—You mean it?—And that reminds me of a conversation I had with a friend.

Does the Chautauqua Pay?

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"The Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua," which closed last Sunday evening, furnished a first class entertainment for a week, which the people very much enjoyed, and the entertainment feature alone was well worth the price charged; but there was something about it that was worth vastly more than the entertainment feature considered in itself, and that was its elevating influence.

We are not disposed to be pessimistic, but so far as we are able to observe, a very large percentage of the entertainments which are given by traveling companies are of a low and silly class not worthy of public patronage and yet the literary tastes of the masses, especially the young people, is being educated into a kind of depraved, abnormal condition, until they are not able to properly appreciate the best and most wholesome things. Therefore, the more of clean, wholesome high-minded entertainment and the less of the other kind, the better for the community. The best way to destroy noxious weeds is to plant and cultivate wholesome grain.

Such entertainments as are furnished by the chautauqua, furthermore, cultivate the noble moral impulse rather than the base impulse of many of the entertainments of the present time. There is a sharp competition here and the future of a community will be determined by the result, whether the noble or the base succeeds in controlling the public taste and consequently public sentiment, and, as a result, public action.

Upon the whole, we do not know of an institution, other than the church and its auxiliary organizations, better adapted to please and profit a community than the Lincoln Chautauqua."

Chautauqua Resolutions

- I Am Going— To buy my season ticket today and begin planning my work for our coming Chautauqua.
I Am Going— To talk Chautauqua to every man I meet and urge him to help make this the biggest event we have ever had in our town.
I Am Going— To see to it personally that every man and woman is asked to buy a season ticket for themselves and their children.
I Am Going— To attend every session and urge everybody to come along.

Something for Everybody

- Men's taste differ as widely as their circumstances or personal appearance.
It is manifestly impossible to arrange a Chautauqua program that will for each of the six days give equal pleasure to the individual or satisfy everyone, old or young, rich or poor, learned or uneducated.
Our program will please some people all the time, most people most of the time, and everybody some of the time. Look at the list of subjects for the six big days:
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