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WHEAT FARM IN TANAMA VALLEY

terior of Alaska would fill a book. How we ran down a monster black bear in mid-stream with lour bunks aboard the river steamer a river steamer; the everyday trials | Yukon, and we were well across Lake in our work; the wading and actual La Barge before I awoke. Several swimming of swamps, and the con- little incidents occurred to break the stant attendance of the "little singer." the Alaska mosquito: methods of bathing: floods on the Tanana river—these our bridge game, we rushed out to disare only a few of the occurrences that befell one of eleven engineering parties on this herculean government project, writes George Mayo, assistant | upon the swimmer and in a moment United States engineer.

The first 400 miles of railroad, the part only of the great system that now is to be a reality, has fts fuitial point at Seward, a thriving town on the southern coast of Kenai peninsula; follows the now inoperative Alaska ing town, is the market place and dis-Northern railroad around Turnigan tributing point for a placer district and Knik arms, and then follows the that turns out from \$3,000,000 to \$4,-Susitna and Chultina rivers to Broad | 000.000 annually. Then, too, it is the pass, from where the projected rail- agricultural center of the Tanana valroad runs down the Nenana river to ley region, where, despite the general its junction with the Tanana, and up idea to the contrary, large crops are this river to Fairbanks.

of the line, where our work lay, we and oats. took a coast steamer from Seattle to | The country along the Tanana river Skagway on June 3; over the White has a weird sort of monotony. On the

SEASON'S experiences with through White pass, Bennett, Caribou, a locating crew on the first down into Whith Horse in the ghostgovernment railroad in the in- ly midnight of an Arctic day. .

Down the Yukon.

It was 4 a. m. when we tumbled into tedium. We heard one morning an outcry on the forward deck. Leaving cover a huge black bear swimming not far ahead. With the helm shifted a little the steamer bore down directly had passed over it. Running aft, we saw the bear bob up unharmed, and, after shaking himself like a dog, swim

serspely on his way. We arrived at Fairbanks on the aftermoon of June 15. Fairbanks, a thrivgrown of potatoes and other root prod-In order to reach the Fairbanks end | ucts, besides a great deal of barley



GOLD TUNE IN ALASKA-

pass and Yukon railroad to White | south side the country is one vast flat. Horse, and from there by river steam- mostly tendra, swamp. In this latier down the Yukon river and up the | tude the ground seldom thaws beyond Tanana river to Fairbanks.

row that it seemed as if we were trav. I ran. thrown back from both shores. The elad and tilting down from snow-capped summits. Little waterfalls trickled down every slope,

glaciers on its shores, is almost de-

mous White Pass and Yukon railroad. the train started the heavy climb al. of smoke. most immediately. There were places on the climb, where looking down an Often in the evening we would pad enormous depth, we could see the tum- | die out to a bar in the middle of the bling Skagway river, like an uneasy stream, build a smudge of drift, and streak of molten silver, and then, look- | take a hurried plunge in the lev Ta ing up, met only the overhang of a nana waters. We would be nearly eat granite cliff, with the glare of snow- en alive by the persistent little "bugs" covered peaks across the canyon. We | before we could get back into our shortly tipped the summit and rushed | clothes and to camp.

a few feet in depth; consequently As the days went by the more won- there is little or no subdrainage. This derful grew the scenery. At times we is the swamp country through which would pass through a channel so nar | our portion of the preliminar, line

erring a great deep and green river. | A great deal has been written of the and the echoes from the screw were | Alaska mosquito, but nowhere have I seen accounts of the little insects exshores were precipitous walls, spruce | aggerated. During the period from May to August it was necessary that one wear constantly a head net that drooped from a stift-brimmed hat to We touched at Ketchikan and a bottom taken in and securely tled Wrangel, and at Juneau spent a part | around the chest. To protect one's of a very pleasant afternoon. Skag- hand one had 't wear heavy canvaway, the breatning place for many '97 g untlets, which wer tied tightly and '98 pioneers who crossed the Chil- about the wrists. The little pests coot and White passes, and which lies | would sting right through an ordinary at the extreme end of Lynn canal, a cotton shirt, so I found it necessary | ried?" narrow channel with many small to wear an additional flannel shirt. At lunch "on line" we would build a smudge, and, somewhat relieved at Leaving Skagway on the world-fa- least from the attack of the "buga." would eat our sandwiches in a bath

The matter of baths was difficult

His Unsteady Night,

this column. So here it is: night-a girl caller-who worked for paratively low temperature at which a family further down the street. And the woman of the house overheard | flame, kerosene does not ignite, but this conversation-it was about "fel- smothers or extinguishes the slow. lera," as usual:

"I seen Joe out with you last night," accused the caller

The other girl admitted it. "He's your steady feller now, ain't he?" pursued the first speaker. "I guess be is—that is, on Thursday

"Aw, I seen him with you on Satur- appears. day night, too."

"Yes, but he ain't never steady on Saturday sights."-Cleveland Plain

Kerpsens Extinguished Fire. Kerosene to extinguish fire was re

of cotton. Now a cotton hale is sub A woman of East One Hundred and | jected to a very heavy pressure; wa-Eleventh street is touting her servant | ter will penetrate it but an inch or so. girl as a real humorist, and asks a whereas kerosene will go clear to the place for one of her jeux d'esprit in center. A fire in a cotton bale does not blaze, but simply smolders and The girl had a caller the other eats it way into the bale. At the comcotton burns, and where there is no creeping fire. After the fire is extinguished the bands are removed from the bale and burned portions of the cotton stripped off. It is said that the use of kerosene has practically no detrimental effect on the cotton, and after it has been spread out and aired for a few days all odor of the oil die

Rivers' Sources Differ.

The springs of the Missouri, which proceed southeast to the Gulf of Mexico, and those of the Columbia, which flow northwest to the Pacific ocean are only a mile apart, while there of

recent dinner by Miss Sybil Baker, who was chosen queen of Rose Festival, at Portland, when reference was made to the wonderful excuses inrented by the rising generation. One morning the teacher of a pub

lic school in a western village was glancing over her pupils, when her eye suddenly fastened on little Wil-He Brown.

"Willie," said she in a stern voice, 'didn't I tell you not to come to school without having had your hair combed?"

"Yes, ma'am," was the rather meek ful rejoinder of the youngster. "Well, then," demanded the teacher, a little more severely, "why didn't

you do it?" "Because I couldn't comb it, Mis Mary," was the startling rejoinder of "We lent our comb to the Smiths last night and they didn't bring it back."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Limits of Delsarte. Friend-Does the Delsarte system teach you haw to act when proposed

Mr. Smith, in the Amen Corner, Of-

fered Suggestion to Help Out Cer-

tain Young Minister,

One Sunday morning a certain

young pastor in his first charge an-

"I will take for my text the words,

At this misquotation an old par-

The young preacher said nothing

"And they fed 5,000 men on five

He waited a moment and then, lean-

"And could you do that too, Mr.

"Of course I could," Mr. Smith re-

"And how would you do it?" said

"With what was left over from last

Sunday," said Mr. Smith.-Advance.

Unavoidable.

who was here about a year ago," said

"Only what was wished on me

mum, by one or two hard-hearted

Sizing Up Father.

ing such foolish questions this morn

"I was just wondering why you ever

Please Remember.

parental care ever falls to the lot of

a single member of the insect tribe.

In general, the eggs of an insect are

destined to be hatched long after the

Mr. Meeks-Now, dear, you know

why you have no right to call me an

HE SHOWED HIM.

"You didn't know that girl was mar

"Not until I was printing a kiss on

her lips and her husband showed me

that I was making a typographical

His Courage Failed.

"Yes, I did, dear, and he agreed with

"Then he said I might marry you?"

the point of asking him. I just said

A Work of Art.

stock in that fake gold mine, Hiram?"

"Pshaw! They all say that."

an' it did have a gilt edge.'

pestiferous kind, deacon.

sheep ob mah flock.

Egbert-What is?

"In that right?"

more life it has"

"Th' feller who was sellin' it said it

"But, by tracky, he showed it to me

Matter of Color.

ob yourn do seem to be one ob de

Deacon Flatfoot-Dat's what he

Anent Cheese.

Bacon-it's funny about cheesa.

"It never gets on its last legs."

Guess Too Much

Parson Srowball-Dat youngest boy

"How'd you happen to buy so much

"Why-er-no. I didn't quite get to

me heartly."

you were a fine girl."

was gilt-edged."

Mrs. Meeks-This paper says no

tramp. "I was in these parts."

"I believe you are the same man

ing over the pulpit and looking at the

at the time, but the next Sunday he

announced the same text again. This

loaves of bread and two fishes."

loaves of bread and 2,000 fishes."

nounced nervously:

corner said audibly:

time he got it right:

amen corner he said:

the housewife.

to do yet?"

man in the world?"

married him."

parents are dead.

Insect, I hope

"No, indeed, my dear."

George Washington, lan't be?"

judges."

Bride-"Yes! I studied that part carefully." "Did you use it?"

'And they fed five men with 5,000 "I used it with three or four whom rejected, and I did it beautifully, I know; but when dear Tom proposed I ishioner from his seat in the amen forgot all about it."—New York Week "That's no miracle—I could do it ly.

HELPFUL ARTICLE.



"Maybe so, mum," replied the "Modern inventions are great." "And you haven't found any work "Yes; before long it will be the correct thing for a child to take pocket adding machine to school to help in the solution of mathematical problems."

Interurban Prejudice.

"Mother, is my father the greatest "Is this a through train?" asked the impatient man from New York. "Yes," replied the conductor. "It "But he's a greater man than makes only one stop between here and Philadelphia." "Certainly not. Why are you ask

"That's a good idea. It gives a man who has started for Philadelphia a chance to think it over."

The Query Discourteous. "So glad to see you again, dear, And I've got such a lot of news for you. Did you know I was interested in business now?" said the first sweet young

"Whose?" asked the second, and then the conversation lagged perceptibly.

Discouraged.

"How did you happen to leave your last boarding place?" "The landlady had such mournful eyes."

"I don't understand you, "She always bent them upon me when I asked for a second helping."

Engineering Trlumph. "Why are you studying that dachshund so intently?"

"I consider him an architectural triumph of Mother Nature's," explained the bridge builder. "See how nicely the stress is calculated to the span. Judge.

No Help Then. "Hints on courtship abound. Every magazine will tell you how to win a wife. Anybody will gladly post you on the etitquette of love making."

"What's on your mind?" "But after a man's marries he has to shift completely for himself."

Settled. "Our minister has received a call

from somewhere at a higher salary. and I understand he is at home praying for guidance." "What does his wife think about "Did you speak to father about me, it?"

"Oh, she's packing up."

His Gait. "That old sea dog at the banquet last night seemed to be continually steering for the wine on the side-

"Yes, I noticed he had quite a list to port.

Force of Habit. "What's the matter with this ho tel? I can't get any answer to my

"Sorry, sir, but you see all the bellboys have made a rush to the front."

Uninformed. "What were the Seven Wonders of

"I dunno," answered Mr. Rufnek,

am, parson. He shore am de white "I never could remember much about what I saw in a dime museum or a sideshow."

Had Been to New York. "A Washingtonian has discovered way to remove the bones from a "Sure thing; the older it gets the "Huh! I'll bet there are New York.

knowing it."

ors who could do it without the

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF

BAAL.

LESSON TEXT-I Kings 18:30-39. GOLDEN TEXT-Jehovah to far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15:29 R. V.

Following the lesson of last week we bave (ch. 18:1-16) the interesting account of Ahab's search for Elijah and of the prophet's meeting with Obadiah. Verses 5 and 6 suggest the severity of the drought in the land. Ahab's accusation, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel," is replied to by Elijah's challenge regarding a contest between himself, the representative of Jehovah, and the king's prophets representing Baal, (vv. 17-25). In accordance with the stipulations the prophets of Baal accepted the challenge and most miserably failed (vv. 26-29). The place of this dramatic contest was Mt. Carmel (see map) and the time probably B. C. 906.

1. Elijah's Preparation vv. 30-35.

less throng With one brave soul to stand for God 'Gainst millions to the wrong.

—George L. Taylor.

Elijah gave the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 priests of the groves (v. 19) every advantage possible that he might the more clearly unmask their error and make more signal their defeat. Their frenzied cries and selfinjury continued fruitlessly until 3:00 p. m. Then Elijah announces the details which were to remove all possible doubt as to whose champion he was or who is to answer his petition. (a) He calls the people together (v. 36) drawing them nigh to God and challenging their undivided attention after the confusion produced by the priests and their consternation over their defeat. (b) He constructs the altar (vv. 30-31). Any true and lasting reformstion must begin at the altars of God. Restore one in the heart, the home and church and there will return to all unity and strength. Note Elijah's insistence upon an undivided nation. as suggested by the "twelve stones." While any lasting reformation must begin in the individual heart, still if it is true and genuine it will work itself out in the nation. "Israel shall be thy name," The "prince that prevails with God," who had wrought for their fathers, who answered Jacob's prayer, is now about to answer Elijah. This altar was not constructed as a monument to departed one, nor for the ornamentation of the house of Cod. It was in God's first cathedral and for his glory alone. On this altar Elijah

placed his macrifice. Again Israel is to prevail over its enemies, this time those within, not those from without, (c) He covered the altar (vv. 33.34) e. g., poured water upon it to remove all possible accusation of fraud or trickery. The trench "as great as would contain two measures of seed" (v. 32) is equivalent to six gallons. Three times water was taken from the spring, still flowing at this place, and poured upon the altar, twelve jars in all again aymbol-

izing the twelve tribes. H. Elljah's Prayer, vv. 38,37. The great prophet even could only secure through prayer his desired blessing though its purpose was "that this t sople may know that thou Lord art God." His prayer was: (a) Addressed to God; (b) Grounded upon experience. tha; of "Abraham, issae and Jacob; (e) It was for one purpose, the honor of that name; (d) It was to sanction his act in calling forth the drought upon israel as a punishment for the sins of princes, priests and people; (e) It was founded upon the word of Jehovah, to corroborate and to affirm the works done "at thy word;" (f) It was for the conversion of the people. that their hearts might be turned back

to Jehovah once more. Elljah, the man of faith, staked his all upon the Word of God, he gave himself up wholly to the plans and purposes of God, and refled explicitly upon the covenant-keeping God. Those who pray prevailing prayers must be familiar with the promises of Jebovah and be taught by the Spirit of God (I John 5:14, 15; Rom. 8:26, 27; Eph. 6:18).

Elijah's prayer was offered before an aftar on which rested the shed blood of the evening sacrifice. We must offer our petitions in the name of | on them. and through the merits of the blood of him who gave up his life on Calvary at this same hour. (Matt. 27:46 51; Heb. 10:19).

Elijah's prayer was an earnest one but not a noisy one (v. 26) for noise is not alone an evidence of power nor of earnestness. It was brief but persistent (v. 43) and it was not discolored by any tinge of doubt.

III. God's Power, vv. 38-40. We are confident Elijah had never seen fire fall and that he must have realized the awful catastrophe involved if it did not fall. Yet he fearlessly makes his plea and the fire fell. It was not an accidental stroke of lightning. God, the creator, worked upon the laws of nature, his servant, and wrought confusion to his enemies.

The abundance of proof was that not only the offering, but the water and the very stones of the altar were consumed. Risking all, all is won.

What we need everywhere is men who will follow in Elijah's steps in order that the fire of God may come upon us. There remained no longer and doubt. God is God, Beat is a sham So they "fell on their faces," yet it



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