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FOUR TAKE EXAMINATION FOR HIGHWAY POSITION

The Six Year Term of Charles Russell of Lake Forest Expired Last Fall

Four men from Lake County went to Elgin Thursday to take the examination prescribed by the state highway department in an effort to qualify for the office of county superintendent of highways. There were applicants from all over the state who were seeking the same position in various counties.

Those from Lake county who took the examination were:
Charles Russell, the incumbent.
Andrew Seifert, Waukegan
Merton J. Douthitt, Waukegan
W. L. Studer, Libertyville.

Under the new state law it is necessary that before the county board can appoint a man to the position of county superintendent of highways it is necessary that there be a competitive examination so that other engineers can have an equal opportunity to seek the position. It is provided that the incumbent also must take an examination after each six-year term.

Charles Russell's term expired last fall. Since that time he has been holding over, waiting for the state to hold the examination provided for by law.

M. J. Douthitt, one of those who took the examination, is city engineer of Waukegan, having held the position for a number of years. Andrew Seifert is assistant in the office of Mr. Russell.

Just when the state will submit a report of the standings of the four candidates is not known but inasmuch as the county board meets next week it is expected that no time will be lost.

According to the life insurance men William J. Bryan is not likely to be a candidate for President much after 1950.

After hearing a jazz orchestra perform, it is exceedingly difficult to believe that prohibition is being rigidly enforced in Illinois.

It undoubtedly adds to a man's personal popularity to have him enter as a presidential candidate, as he gets such a round of applause when he withdraws.

The people who want to repeal prohibition still find it rather convenient to have their help turn up Monday morning.

Mr. Hoover does not know whether he is a republican or a democrat. The ordinary citizen never gets into that unfortunate predicament, as he always knows how his father and grandfather voted.

MEXICAN IDEA OF CREATION

Maya-Quiche Scripture Resembles in Marked Degree That Handed Down by Other Peoples.

The true indigenous civilization of Mexico—the Maya-Quiche, so named from its foremost peoples, still numerous and robust—has its authentic scripture in the Quiche tongue, the Popol Vuh, unearthed by Padre Ximenez about 1675, and printed in full, with an interleaved French translation by the Abbe Basseurde Bourbourg in 1865, according to an article by Charles Johnston, in the Atlantic monthly.

The scripture's cosmogony begins with universal night—what the Sanskrit scriptures call the night of Brahma—when darkness was upon the waters. Then follows the development of worlds, first formed like thin cloud-wreaths in the abyss, and gradually hardening into hills and plains, under the formative will of "the Creator, the Moulder, Heart of the Heavens, Heart of the Earth." Then beasts and birds are formed. But, although they have voices, they have no articulate speech; they can not invoke their Creator, or call upon the Heart of Heavens in prayer.

Therefore the Divine Powers set themselves to make man, who can pray and praise the Creator, so the Divine Powers may receive adoration from their handiwork. Two races are made only to fall; men formed of wet clay, who melt and dissolve, and the manikins, whose hearts are hard and who can not worship. At last a race, intelligent, reverent, full of a penetrating wisdom that sees all things in the heavens as well as on earth, is brought into being. This perfect race renders praise and glory to the Creator.

SPEED OF EPIDEMIC VARIES

Diseases Travel According to the Modes of Transportation in the Regions Afflicted.

The speed at which an epidemic—whether it be of influenza or any other infectious disease—spreads depends upon the rapidity of the usual means of transportation. In his presidential address at the congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Simon Flexner said:

"In eastern Russia and Turkestan influenza spreads with the pace of a caravan, in Europe and America with the speed of an express train, and in the world at large with the rapidity of an ocean liner; and if one project forward the outcome of the means of intercommunication of the near future we may predict that the next pandemic, should one arise, will extend with the swiftness of the airship. Moreover, not only is this rate of spread determined by the nature of the transportation facilities of the region or the era, but towns and villages, mainland and island, are invaded early or late or preserved entirely from attack according as they lie within or without the avenues of approach or are protected by inaccessibility, as in instances of remote mountain settlements and of islands distant from the ocean lanes or frozen in during winter periods."

Tin.

Tin is a mineral the same as iron and lead. It is not made in the sense that brass is made of other metals. The principal countries that supply tin are the East Indies, the islands of Banca, Billiton and Sumatra, the Malay peninsula, Australia, Bolivia and Cornwall, England. Most of the ore from the East Indies and the Malay peninsula is obtained by washing alluvial gravels. There are also mines in Saxony, Bohemia, Russia, Spain, Portugal and Japan, but the total output of these countries is insignificant. The presence of tin deposits in California, Texas, South Dakota, and North Carolina has been known for a long time, but up to this time there has been no mining on a commercial scale.

Islanders Pay No Taxes.

Those who have read "Westward Ho!" remember Lundy Island, which lies in the English channel. It is one of the best known of the many island "monarchies" that surround Great Britain. It is a delightful little jewel that was once the haunt of pirates and smugglers. It was once captured by French pirates, and later fell into the hands of Turkish privateers. While the island may not be the real paradise of man, it is actually owned by the Heaven family. A clergyman by that name rules over a kingdom of 1,200 acres and fewer than 500 souls. No one can dwell on this island without the consent of the owner. It is declared, in the deed from the British crown, to be forever free from taxation.

Ostend Manifesto.

On the eighteenth of October in 1854, the Ostend manifesto was drawn up. The slavery leaders in the United States were in favor of annexing the island of Cuba. In President Polk's administration \$100,000,000 was offered Spain as a purchase price, but refused. President Pierce sent Buchanan, United States minister at London, to Ostend to confer on the question with Mason, minister to Paris and Soule, minister at Madrid. The manifesto of Ostend was the result. This extraordinary document declared that the Union could not be secure unless Cuba was annexed, and that Cuba, if not annexed, would become Africanized and "endanger" the United States. The advent of the Civil war ended the controversy.

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