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THE FLORIDA HORROR.

At the close of last year the seers foretold some of the terrible events that would be witnessed on the earth during 1926, and much of what they prophesied has occurred. weather scientists predicted a coo and short summer, and they were right. The seers who told us that we would have terrible earthquakes and hurricanes in certain parts of the earth, with great loss of life, prophesied aright, for several coninents have suffered. The Azores and Japan were but recently visited by awful earthquakes and tidal waves, and now the coast of Florida has been devastated by a terrible hurricane that has left only horror in its wake. How puny is man before a tornado sweeping over sea and land at the rate of 130 miles an Lands are smitten with death and destruction as the winds and waves heat unmercifully upon them And before it all, the Christian world must bow and say that "God move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

CHICAGO DRAINING THE LAKES?

balanced and shows careful paration. It condemns the conversion war. of water for the Chicago drainage canal. It sets forth as one of the eal moving motives of Chicago in neisting that the drainage be condeep water port on a gulf-to-the- employed on a schedule of takes system. If the city could divert hours a day or less, though only a sufficient amount of water for a fifteen years ago the eight-hour canal to the Mississippi Chicago group numbered fewer than ten per would probably have little difficulty cent. of the total, according to in obtaining from congress the study of Prof. Norman E. Richardnecessary money to deepen the son, of Northwestern University. channel for larger vessels.

Chicago drainage canal lowers the the foremost problems as well lake level from four to seven inches. one of the greatest opportunities of The Chicago sanitary district has it- this generation. self compiled some argures. It Hours passed away from the desk seeks to explain the fall in lake or the workbeach need to be levels in recent years and its state- as intelligently as are the working ment admits that 5.2 inches of the hours if beneficial results are to b fall are due to the diversion. When obtained. "The creation of leisure we consider that a fall of one inch has brought the educator face to reduces the carrying capacity of the face with a new responsibility." ordinary freighter of the lakes and says Prof. Richardson. "To deter-St. Lawrence from 50 to 100 tons mine the aims ,material, methods on every trip, we get an idea of the and organization of educational reeriousness of the situation. It is creation is one of the most challengetimated that the entire lake fleet ing problems which schools of edu suffers at the rate of one complete cation now face." trip a year by the reduction

Mr. Baker, former secretary of war, estimates that the present di version causes a loss of \$3,000,000 each year. This is to shipping alone and does not include the damage done to property along the way, such as for instance the injury to docks and so forth at the Thousand Islands and St. Lawrence river.

The article emphasizes still morthe fact that this withdrawal of the water from the lakes is a sheer economic waste so far as power is conerned. There is no doubt that one of the phases of Chicago's insistence has had to do with the power of the Desplaines river. Engineers estimate hat for one horse power develope n the Desplaines from water divert ence and this could be gone withou interfering with navigation.

Mr. McKay concludes his article

BIGLE THUUGHT FEAR THE LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and truth .- Jos. 24:14.

with this statement: "The Illinois to the north. The negro has found of this province, of states equally important, or of the children. nation as a whole, or over the protests of a friendly, neighbor whose co-operation is essential to any further development of the Great Lakes as a highway for commerce and a

source of power?" People generally in Northern New York are alert to the seriousness this water diversion situation, marks the Watertown, N.Y., Times. Especially those persons at the Thousand Islands and along the Lawrence generally are deeply concerned. The natural changes of river level are serious enough their best but they can be borne when it is known that it is simply the working of nature. However, when man's hand intervenes it is different matter.

WARFARE AGAINST INSECTS.

The United States harbors within its borders no fewer than 600,000 named insects and thousands which have not been sufficiently identified to be named. These interesting caused by the "Gulf Stream" which facts are made public by Dr. Austin sends one of its great branches H. Clark of the Smithsonian Insti- northward from the Gulf of Mexico. tution, regarded as the leading bug There is obviously no possibility of authority of the country. He says making the vicinity of such an that new bugs are being card-in- ocean sandbank safe for navigation. dexed at the rate of 6,000 a year Ocean steam vessels are quite able authenticated by the Audit Bureau of and that in 500 years the task will to keep away from it, but sailing not be complete.

automobile has done a great deal to still in peril in its vicinity. There spread the bugs. Bugs are not capa- are not now any large sailing seable of covering great distances un- going ships, but there are sailing der their own power. Most of them fishing vessels, and as a matter of are of the short-legged variety. But course, there are still "perils of the the automobile is changing this. For sea" to cause disaster and evoke instance there might be in Colorado sympathy. For a score of years a bug who had no ambition to leave there has been communication with his native state. But one day curios- Nova Scotia by wireless telegraphy, ity led him and his wife to climb in- but to all appearance the island will to the rear seat of an automobile eventually become a shoal, to bearing a New York state license. perhaps more dangerous than it is in In a few days he is thousands of our own day. miles from his home. He has been deported. So he sets up housekeeping in New York state and raises a family which rapidly increases.

Dr. Clark points out the serious side of this bug business, says the Watertown, N.Y., Times. The loss League. to crops through insect pests enormous. Millions of dollars' damage is done to wheat, cotton and corn crops through various insects. The attempts to check them are not women entered, and the winner was acreage is planted in order to make Toronto, please note. up for the losses caused by the pests. Could they be checked smaller acreage would be needed and the energies could be turned to Loeb and Leopold, the two other chanels.

his insect enemies, no matter wheth-The New Republic contains an in- er he be the mosquito or the boll land has no terrors now. weevil. Some are harmless, some are Chicago annoying while others represent Oraining the Great Lakes?" The distinct economic loss. The federal well government and the state governments are spending millions in this

PROBLEM OF NEW LEISURE.

Sixty per cent. of the industrial workers in the United States ar Chicago. The notable change has Mr. McKay sets forth that the created a new leisure, the effective the utilization of which presents one of

THE NEGRO MOVES NORTH.

The numerical preponderance the negro population in certain Southern states is passing away. This fact is brought out by the United States Census Bureau's latest estimates of population. This the negroes, may , have important social and political consequences

Up to the present year negro have outnumbered the white state of South Carolina for the po 115 years. For the first time

river development project will bear his way northward. His labor is degrees, watching. The issue boils down to needed there as well as in the south this is a single city or a single and he gets better wages. The other state to advance its own pet naviga- cause is the higher mortality among tion schemes to the expense of other negro children than among white

WORST MARINE GRAVE

Sable Island, lying in the Atlantic Ocean many south from the most easterly point of Cape Breton Island, has worst reputation in the world the destruction of vessels at sea. is made up of sand, which is constantly being shifted by the action of ocean currents and tidal waves Since 1763, when it passed French to British control, its length has been shortened from forty miles to twenty, and its breadth has been lessened from more than two miles to about one; the sand hill at one part of its surface is now eighty feet high, whereas it was two hundred feet within the historic

The ocean around this curious island is responsible for its fickle changes, and for its original formation as the result of marine currents vessels, on account of fogs and Dr. Clark points out that the storms, often in combination, are

EDITORIAL NOTES

The good luck of the League Nations continues, Wilhelm Doorn has been denouncing

An explorer in Africa tells of beauty show held in the heart the jungle. Five hundred young being met with success. A larger judged by the perfection of her feet.

The press of the United States is already contemplating the release of light in the freedom it affords. generate youths of Chicago, who Man is in constant warfare with were sentenced to ninety-nine years in prison for murder. Jail in that

A German metal baron testifies he paid a United States politician bribe of \$441,000 for the release of seized funds of \$7,000,000. They upholster their nests over there now it seems, instead of just feathering them, says the Hamilton Specta-

Business is so good the Massey-Harris Company, Ltd., and the Massey-Harris Harvester Company, Inc., have called for payment by lot, at 1021/2 with accrued interest, on strike?" Oct. 15th, of \$400,000 of their tenyear 8 per cent, sinking fund de- you?"-Vikingen, Oslo. benture bonds due Oct. 15th, 1930

The Oswego Palladium-Times in noting the destruction of everything old, enquires: Why must everything be brand-new? We have too much ameness in our architecture, as we have in our dress and furniture Which is one reason why Americans go abroad in such numbers.

Speaking of the retirement of Lieut.-Gov. Cockshutt annd Mrs. Cockshutt the Hamilton Spectator says they most graciously fulfilled the exacting duties of their office and retire with the good will, the affection and gratitude of the people

turn has just died. If he left a book of reminiscences recording the truth, it would be more interesting than the memoirs of many a more important man, remarks Hamilton Herald

The moon is to disappear, but not for a few more moons, Astronomers say it is moving away and some centuries hence it may be a mere speck in the sky like other planets. Still, there's nothing to grow wildly excited about. The moon's recession from the earth is about seven feet a century, and the increasing length of our terrestrial day, as the weary earth grows old and slow, is onethousandth of a second a century. Maybe we can accustom ourselves to the changes.

Another farm institution is passing-the threshing bee. A new invention which threshes grain as it cuts has-made hundreds of threshing machines useless. But it has cut out one of the happiest of farm institutions. The farm folks enjoyed the bees and we can recall the biggest and best meals the housewives provided. For the youth on the farm the threshing season was a continuous pienie.

A Great Language

What is sometimes referred to as one of the defects of the English language is possibly one of its glories. It refuses to be bound, by hard fast rules for either spelling or pronunciation. The people who use it are a free people, and they not infrequently show their independence by disregarding Both the grammarians and makers of dictionaries.

An English paper points out that the Prince of Wales in a recent address at Oxford put the stress on the first syllable of "pursuit," spoke of "die-rection" and "acoosites," and "used "laboratory" in one instance with the emphasis on the "lab" and in another with the accent on the "or." The writer acquired his first interest in history from a teacher who talked a good deal about the "Penin-soo-lar War," with the accent on the "soo," and it was never charged against him as a crime. Efforts have been made to standardize "gladioli," but people who put the accent on the "o" have as much right to do so as those who insist or stressing the "i."

It is little wonder that foreigners find difficulty in mastering the English language but those who have been brought up on it seem to de-

Wit and Humor

"Now what?" "Why didn't Noah swat both flies when he had such a good chance?" "You go to bed, young man."

"Mandy, what fo' yo' goin' in dat beauty parlor?" "Go, 'long Big Boy; ah's goin' to git me a permanent straight."

"You call these safely matches!" shouted the customer to the store-

"Well isn't that safe enough for

"Mabel and I have decided that our happiness is the biggest thing in the world, sir," said the ardent ""How changeable you are," repli-

ed the father. "Only yesterday you told me you wanted to marry her.' -Passing Show, London. Not Enough A bishop noticed a small boy play-

ing in the gutter. "What are you doing, there, my little man?" he asked. "Making a kerfeedral."

"A cathedral! And where is the "Oh, I ain't got enough mud to

ing their seeds, the golden rod and ragweed have their day.

By the dusty roadside, along the

cent heavy migration of the negroes its focundity.

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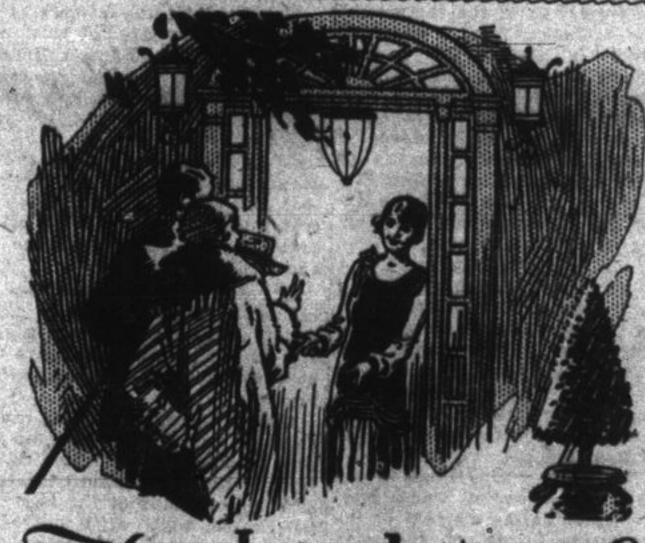
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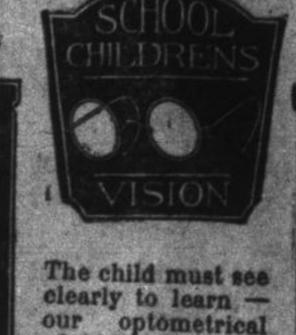
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