

MAY RECEIVE FEDERAL PLUM



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It is reported from Washington that Francis B. Loomis of Ohio is to be made commissioner general to the Japanese exposition to be held in 1912.

LAST OF OLD TRIBE

REMNANT OF SENECA INDIANS IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA.

Strange Heathen Rites of Small Band "Wood Faces" Drive Out Evil Spirits—Weird Ceremony for the Patient.

Muskogee, Okla.—Up in the northeast corner of the state there is a small band of Seneca Indians on a reservation of the same name.

Among them there is an old order known as "The Wood Face." Those who belong to the order can call in the "Wood Faces" in case of sickness.

Arrived in one of these hideous masks, together with rattles made of turtle shells fastened together at the outer edges with small stones inside.

It appears that this organization has been in the tribe for many generations, the modes of procedure differing sometimes, but following the same general character.

Hard-Bolted Egg Romance. Nashville, Ind.—Miss Ethel Fitzpatrick, daughter of William Fitzpatrick, near Elkhartville, and John Wooster of Cleveland, O., ended a romantic courtship by marriage.

Some time ago Miss Fitzpatrick etched her name on an egg, which was sold to a huckster and turned up in a cafe at Cleveland.

Wooster ordered hard-bolted eggs, and, noticing the etching, he carried the egg home and communicated with Miss Fitzpatrick, who answered the note.

Carried License Five Years. Toledo, O.—James Wall, a machine molder, procured a license from the probate court July 12, 1903, authorizing him to wed Mrs. Mary Bishop.

RETURNS FROM LONG JOURNEY.

Canadian Police Back After Visiting Northern End of Continent.

Seattle, Wash.—Shaggy as Esau, muscled like gladiators and as tough as rawhide, five men, trudging behind 20 dogs, dragging five toboggans, filed through the streets of Dawson City a few mornings ago, fresh from the uttermost rim of the earth.

Every man came back in the pink of condition, but four of the dogs were missing. One, Old Dan, slipped from the teams and returned from a point 200 miles north of Dawson alone.

The men started with 1,500 pounds of food and other material and 300 pounds of dog supplies. This lasted them until well near the end of the outgoing journey, with no other replenishment than one caribou killed half way over.

The snow was very deep, and on many of the rivers the water covered the ice, having surged up from the springs in the river beds, owing to the mild winter, so the trails were not so favorable as last year and such good time was not made.

OLD LANDMARK IS GONE.

Last of the Alexander Hamilton Trees Falls Before the Ax.

New York.—Alexander Hamilton's famous group of 13 trees has ceased to exist. The only one that had been left standing for some time was felled the other day and with their destruction has passed away one more of New York's historic landmarks.

The trees stood in an open plot of ground that will soon be utilized for buildings, facing Convent avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets.

Catches Fish Wrapped in \$5 Bill. Shelburne Falls, Mass.—While fishing in Bruckland brook Arthur Spencer caught a ten-inch trout wrapped in a five-dollar bill.

The bank note probably had lodged in the brush bordering the brook, and in landing the big trout the line caught the bill, which was pierced by the head of the fish.

This story is authenticated by reliable witnesses.

PERILS OF LIFE IN TROPICS.

Animals and Reptiles Alike Invade Rest and Comfort There.

The perils of daily life in the tropics are almost inconceivable to dwellers in other climes. In a Borneo village, a man and his ten-year-old son were sleeping in their house inside a mosquito netting.

HOTEL MAN HAD A CONSCIENCE.

His Letter, with Enclosure, Surely Proved the Fact.

Whoever says that hotel men are without conscience will have an adversary in a young advertising man. He was at one place up in the mountains the other week and determined to stay all night.

Next day he moved on to his next stop, and upon his return to the city was surprised to find a letter from the proprietor of the house where he had spent the night.

Squirtgun for Chickens.

Everyone who ever stole a hen knows that chickens will set up an awful cackle when you grab one around the leg and try to put it in a bag. Also that nothing is so conducive to the unrest of the farmer's dog as a squawk from the hen coop.

An Upper Berth.

A professor in the university of Berlin who came over here a year ago was much surprised the first time when he traveled in a sleeping car to be asked by the porter for his berth ticket.

Ruskin as a Chess Player.

Many people may have overlooked the fact that Ruskin loved the game of chess. Some of his letters reveal this interest. He was at one time a constant visitor to Manklyn's & Cooke's entertainment, where he once played a game with "Psycho."

Never Too Old.

A Welsh paper tells of a family in Wales where the father is 83 years old, the mother 82 and the youngest of three children, all unmarried and living at home, is 45.

Perplexed.

Larry—Phwat do yez think that mon wid th' shaving-mug face sits to me? Donny—Phwat? Larry—Phoy, he hod th' audacity to say his face was a mirror av moine.

SOURCE OF ALL REAL POWER.

Inherent Capabilities the Foundation of Commanding Position.

One hears it said that the rich compel the poor to work. To this Clemenceau has most wisely replied: "The rich do not compel the poor to work, nature compels them to work."

DROVE DOG AWAY FROM HOME.

Animal Was Jealous of Master's Affection for His Wife.

"This here season bears hard on dawgs," said the sailor.

"It's the weddin's," the sailor explained. "Dawgs is tender-hearted. When a master or mistress marries, they feel the estrangement."

"Wunst I got married in Cadz, I had a little dawg at the time, and after the weddin' I naturally, to keep down expenses, moved over across the street to my father-in-law's."

"You never see nothin' like that dawg's jealousy. I couldn't so much as squeeze my wife's hand without drivin' him half wild."

"One day, though, he caught me with my wife on my knee. He give me one look, turned, left the room without a sound. He went and got his bed."

Paid Well for His Lodging.

Turned away at first, but afterward given shelter, a tramp who came to the home of Daniel Bretano one night a short while ago saved the life of his host's wife and prevented the destruction by fire of the house in which he was stopping.

The tramp asked lodging for the night and was refused. He returned and Bretano relented, providing a mattress for the stranger on the kitchen floor.

At two o'clock in the morning Mrs. Bretano arose and going to another portion of the house slipped and fell, upsetting a kerosene lamp, which exploded and set her clothing afire.

Constable Arrests Mayor.

Seaford, Del., has a municipal muddle that would do for a comic opera plot. Mayor Robinson and Constable Steen could have the comedy leads and townfolk, bailiffs, process servers and aldermen could make up the chorus.

Is It Worth While?

Women who complain of being bored with so few interesting things to think about should take up some of the subjects for investigation that are being proposed.

Fame.

"The boys in this town must have heard all about me before we moved here," boasted Tommy on the day after the family's arrival.

MEANT GOOD TIMES FOR ALL.

Mrs. Homer Clay Washington Was Not Talking Against "Society."

There has never been any difficulty about securing Mrs. Homer Clay Washington of Maple Court, when one more woman was needed for washing or scrubbing, so that when two postal cards failed to bring her to the Morse residence one winter Mrs. Morse went to see what could be the trouble.

"I suddenly is powerful glad to see yo', Mis' Morse," said the hostess, "an' is de family all to'able well?"

"No, as well as we should be. If you had come to help us out," said Mrs. Morse. "Why didn't you come when I wrote you? We thought you must be ill."

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CRIMINAL.

Vicarious Punishment a Common Thing in the East.

The numbers of aged men among the prisoners in the jails of India is said to be very large, and the explanation is this:

It is a common practice, when a theft is brought home to a man by the police, for him to get an old father or uncle to take the blame on himself, or he puts up a younger brother to do so.

"This is a custom which prevails more or less in all Oriental countries. The judges and the people seem to argue in this way: 'Somebody has committed a crime, therefore somebody must be punished. Now the law is no respecter of persons, and one person is the same as another; therefore, it can make no difference to the law who is punished. So, if the law punishes some person for the crime, it makes no difference if he did not commit the crime, the law has been vindicated.'"

Tangled Up Again.

Mr. Makinbrakes was offering his sympathy to a neighbor whose house had been visited by the fire fiend.

"I know just what an inconvenience it must be to you, Mr. Markley," he said. "I've never been burnt out of house and home, but some boys were playing in my back yard once, and they set my dog kennel on fire. Singed all the hair off a Scotch collie I owned. I remember now, though, that he was just a worthless cur. Still, you feel kind of sorry when such a thing happens, even if you don't lose anything worth mentioning."

Stood Their Ground.

"Hello, Throggins! The last time I saw you, I think, you were in a peck of trouble. Some fellow had bought a suburban lot alongside of yours and put up a livery stable on it. Is he there yet?"

"No, he's gone away, and taken the stable with him."

"Then he worked his little scheme all right, did he? Made the property holders in the block pay him a big price to get out?"

"Not at all. We bought the lot from him for about half what he paid for it. He was glad to get away."

Opportunity Is Seized.

One characteristic of the American is shown in his cheerfulness under difficulties, and another in the prompt readiness with which he turns mishaps or just incidental unforeseen happenings to his advantage.

An Objection.

"Why don't you explain to your constituents that you are making a sacrifice of personal income to remain in office?"

Breakage.

"Why do you want more laws?" asked the obstructionist. "Haven't we had more than enough for all practical purposes?"

INCREASE MARGIN OF LEISURE.

Trend of Modern Life Emphatically in Right Direction.

One of the most valuable assets of progress is leisure. The use of leisure is the test of man's capacity to enjoy liberty, to enlarge his opportunities and to capitalize his capacities.

The trend of modern life is further to increase the margin of leisure. The working day has been shortened in many cases from 12 to 9 hours, and in not a few to eight. The time for instruction and education of the young tends to lengthen rather shorten. The disposition is for men to retire earlier from their life pursuits, says the Wall Street Journal.

SUSTENANCE FOR THE PRODIGAL.

"Husks" Are Still Used as Food Along the Mediterranean.

Are the "husks" of the parable of the prodigal son still extant in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean? Consul General Ravindral, writing from Beirut, says that they are, and that they are now called "carob" or "locust beans."

It is a common practice, when a theft is brought home to a man by the police, for him to get an old father or uncle to take the blame on himself, or he puts up a younger brother to do so.

"On account of the abundant sugar contained in carob, the latter forms a nutritious and fattening food for horses and cattle. I am informed that a considerable quantity of this cattle food is exported from Great Britain to the United States."

"One variety of the carob is called in Cyprus 'apostolike.' This, however, is not so named after the 'apostle.' It means that the tree is 'sent (by God)'—i. e. self sown."

Kindred Spirits.

Nothing is more certain than that our manners, our civilization and all the good things which are connected with civilization have, in this European world of ours, depended for ages upon two principles, and were indeed the result of both combined: I mean the spirit of a gentleman and the spirit of religion. The nobility and the clergy, the one by profession, the other by patronage, kept learning in existence even in the midst of arms and confusion, and while governments were rather in their causes than formed.

Should Have Been Cool.

A Massachusetts congressman who was on board the train which was wrecked at Hyde Park, Massachusetts, says that when the shock came one of the passengers was pitched over the contents of the water cooler, which tipped over and soaked his clothing with ice-water.

A Subtle Difference.

Mrs. Blank, wife of a prominent minister near Boston, had in her employ a recently engaged colored cook as black as the proverbial ace of spades. One day Mrs. Blank said to her:

"Matilda, I wish that you would have oat meal quite often for breakfast. My husband is very fond of it. He is Scotch, and you know that the Scotch eat a great deal of oatmeal."

"Oh, he's Scotch, is he?" said Matilda. "Well, now, do you know, I was thinkin' all along dat he wasn't doo like us."—Woman's Home Companion.

Kangaroo as a Food.

Twenty or 30 years ago the back country squatters, in order to destroy kangaroos, used to dig huge pits at the corners of their paddocks, fencing yards of calico along their wire fences and then drive the kangaroos into the pits, clubbing and shooting them. In those days kangaroo skins were of no value; now that they are almost extinct, there is a great demand for them. The flesh of a young kangaroo is by no means to be despised, and kangaroo tail soup is a delicacy now hardly to be obtained.