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PROGRESSIVES AND OTHERS.

It is perhaps idle to speculate at this stage upon what would have happened if the Liberal leaders had done in 1924 what they are probably very willing to do now. In the general election of that year there were returned, sixty-five members who were neither Liberal nor Conservative. The great body of them were Progressives. A coalition between the Liberals and moderate Progressives was then possible, perhaps on terms that would have thrown protectionist Liberals into the Conservative camp, but which would probably have left the Government with a safe majority. The Liberal Government let the opportunity pass, and when it appeared to the people last year it regarded the Progressives as political enemies who must be opposed. The result was that three-cornered contests were numerous, accounting in part for Conservative gains, while forty Progressives fell by the wayside. Enough were left, however, to hold the balance of power; and, while they made it possible for the Mackenzie King Government to carry on, yet in the end they brought about its downfall.

It is probably safe to assume that the Liberals will not be as eager in the coming elections to oppose Progressive candidates and provoke three-cornered fights in western constituencies. That there will be Progressive candidates may be taken for granted, in spite of the action of those members who formed the "Ginger" group in the last House, who split the group and caused the resignation of Robert Forke as leader. Members of both old parties would be glad to believe that the Progressive movement has reached and passed its climax, but the electors of the West may think quite differently. The Farmers' party has just showed its strength in the province of Alberta; and though it was the Progressives from Alberta who rent the group in Ottawa, there is no reason to assume that there will not be a contingent from the prairies in the next House, with whom the old parties must reckon.

The West does not want a high tariff. Perhaps on the other hand it does not want Mr. Mackenzie King, and the Government which went down under the shadow of the customs scandal. An alternative aim would be a group again holding the balance of power. There will be Liberal and Conservative members from the West in the next House, but we are not yet quite done with the Progressives; and, aside from such issues as the customs scandal, even they have more in common with the Liberals than with the Conservatives.

It is, of course, idle to predict the outcome of the elections. The alleged constitutional question in relation to the action of the Governor-General projects a new issue into the contest. As far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned, the chief issue should be the Bill of Rights drawn up at the Charlottetown Conference last year; and every candidate of whatever party should be charged to stand behind it, even to the point of defeating a Government, rather than be a mere partizan without sufficient backbone to assert the rights of the Maritimes, and accept the consequences. By standing together on Maritime issues our representatives would best serve the people of the Dominion, which cannot be part pro-poor, part decadent and yet call itself a nation.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

If ever the Royal Society's medal for literature was well awarded it is the one which was presented to Rudyard Kipling last night. Kipling has worked more magic with the English language than any writer of this—or any other—age. He served his literary apprenticeship in newspaper offices in India; he painted a picture of India in his early fictional works such as had never been attempted before, and the like of which has never been approached since. Others have essayed to depict Anglo-Indian society and a few efforts have been made to portray the native, but none has achieved the truth, characterization, and, above all, atmosphere of the master craftsman. Anglophiles object to his sturdy Imperialism and a coterie of critics in the United States hold up their hands in horror because his plot structure will not always stand the test of Poe's Philosophy, but Rudyard Kipling continues in his own inimitable way—and probably can command a higher price for a short story than any author past or present.

SENIORITY OR SELECTION?

It appears that the hoary old question of seniority or selection as the basis of promotion of officers has been the mainspring of the recently frustrated plot in Spain. The discipline in an Army where such could occur stands self-condemned, but the question itself is one debated over and over again in all countries.

In the British and Indian regular forces both selection and seniority are employed. Until he is promoted lieutenant a young officer may be requested to go without trial and without stigma—he just is not cut out for the profession of arms. Before he is promoted Captain he must pass examinations and if he fails his promotion will be regarded. Similarly Majors must pass for tactical fitness to command. Otherwise, except for brevets on account of special services, usually in the field, and a general relaxation of strict regulations on active service along with acting promotions granted while holding certain appointments, promotion is by seniority up to lieutenant-colonel. After that it is by selection, pure and simple, with possibly a slight tendency to admit seniority as one factor to be considered.

No system is perfect but, except when personal questions intervene, there is little or no complaint amongst British officers, yet this may well be because of the just and impartial manner in which the responsible officials at the War Office and the India Office conduct promotion.

Mrs. Cholupus evidently looks well ahead. Wisely—in view of Hollywood tendencies—qualifying her prediction by the clause, "if the romance between them continues as it has started," they get off the mark sharply in California—she prophesies that her daughter Pola Negri may be married to Rudolph Valentino next March. Rudolph's prospective mother-in-law then proceeded to state that she would like the grandchild. After all, we should miss a lot of pleasure if we never counted our chicks before they were hatched.

"Next week" has a better sound than "this month" especially when "possibly" or "probably" is added. We may be impatient, but we should like to see the Maritime Rights Commission getting busy. For one thing, it will give us a chance to watch the candidates for general election throw themselves into the fray and prove their right to champion our cause.

If Joyce Hawley of bath-tub notoriety be correctly reported and if her next express her true sentiments, she need not be disappointed. It is a hard nut, but it will have done her a power of good. Her reported utterance is: "Tell all foolish little stage struck girls that notoriety of the sort that has come to me has done any one any good. It's bad and it hurts."

We condole with Alex. Duff, of the Lakeview Golf Club, who twice in three weeks held out in one. Never have we done this, but once we held a Royal and the expression on the faces of the other players, as they pushed over the kitty, was not congratulatory.

Odds and Ends

Pen For a Statue

(Christian Science Monitor)

Passers by one of the city of London's busy streets were surprised one day recently to see a medallion looking procession making its way along. The Lord Mayor of London, led by the city marshing two sheriffs, the sword bearer and the mace bearer, were looking for the church of St. Andrew than the average sightseer, they managed to find. The occasion was the annual placing of a new quill pen in the hand of John Stow, John Stow was a city tailor of the sixteenth century who fancied his pen more than his needle. His "Survey of London" was a standard work of his time. To commemorate his good works a statue of him with a quill pen in his hand was placed in the church mentioned, which is an extremely ancient structure standing at the junction of St. Mary Axe and Leadenhall street.

They Fooled Him.

(Fergus News-Record)

It is said that a Fergus fisherman got a big trout in the Grand river and wouldn't tell his friends where he caught it—but they fooled him. They just walked along the bank till they found the hole in the water.

Wouldn't Have Believed It.

(Kincaid Review-Reporter)

What would you have said five years ago if someone had predicted that girls would be hanging around barber shops?

Hard on the Climate.

(Montreal Gazette)

A modern hotel, fully equipped with up-to-date conveniences, is to be built at King's Bay, Spitzbergen. This should be welcome news to those who may desire to escape the rigors of the Canadian summer, vintage of 1926.

Pilgrims from Arabia, India, Persia and Iraq to Mecca are expected to go in automobiles as soon as political conditions permit resumption of the journey.

More than 1,000 passengers, 236,000 letters and 12,000 pounds of freight were carried by a civil air line between Perth and Derby, Australia, in the past year.

Brides of England are wearing wreaths of brightly colored spring flowers instead of orange blossoms.

Why He Turns a Deaf Ear



Uncle Sam: "Nix on that philanthropic stunt. I'm as open-handed as any man, but that partner of yours gets my goat—and too much of your cash."—From The Bulletin, Glasgow.

POEMS I LOVE

"Going For Water," by Robert Frost.

NO MORE authentic poet lives in America today than Robert Frost. He has transmitted to posterity the very fibre and feeling of New England in powerful poems like "The Death of the Hired Man" and "Home Burial." He has interpreted with startling realism the souls and emotions of lonely people. Sometimes he is cryptic, but he can take a theme which most writers would pass over as inconsequential, and breathe the breath of life into it. Homely subjects appeal to him. He is as much a nature poet as Wordsworth.

The well was dry before the door, And so we went with pail and can Across the fields behind the house To seek the brook if still it ran;

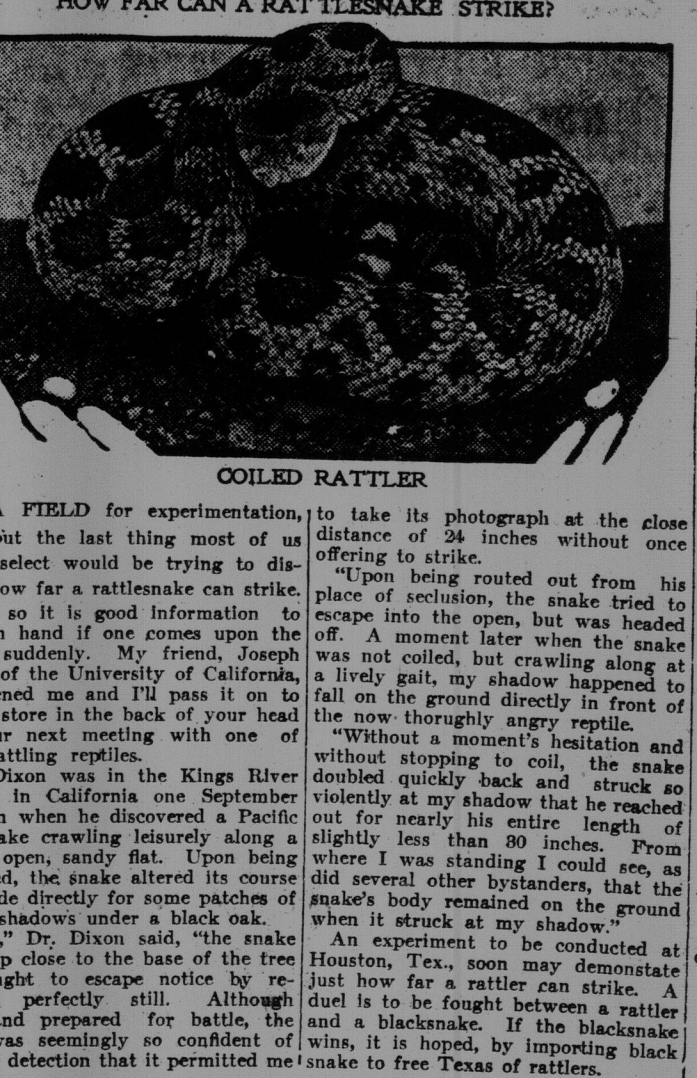
Not loth to have excuse to go, Because the autumn was so fair (Though chill) because the fields were ours,

Each laid on other a staying hand To listen ere we dared to look, And the hush we joined to make We heard—we knew we heard—the brook.

A note as from a single place, A slender tinkling fall that made Now drops that floated on the pool Like pearls, and now a silver hiss (Poem reprinted by special permission.)

Queer Quirks of Nature

HOW FAR CAN A RATTLESNAKE STRIKE?



COILED RATTLER

AS A FIELD for experimentation about the last thing most of us would select would be trying to discover how far a rattlesnake can strike. Even so it is good information to have on hand if one comes upon the rattler suddenly. My friend, Joseph Dixon, of the University of California, enlightened me and I'll pass it on to you to store in the back of your head for your next meeting with one of these rattling reptiles.

Dr. Dixon was in the Kings River Canyon in California one September forenoon when he discovered a Pacific rattlesnake crawling leisurely along a barren, open, sandy flat. Upon being disturbed, the snake altered its course and made directly for some patches of broken shadows under a black oak.

"Here," Dr. Dixon said, "the snake coiled up close to the base of the tree and sought to escape notice by remaining perfectly still. Although cold and prepared for battle, the snake was seemingly so confident of escaping detection that it permitted me to take its photograph at the close distance of 24 inches without once offering to strike."

"Upon being routed out from his place of seclusion, the snake tried to escape into the open, but was headed off. A moment later when the snake was not coiled, but crawling along at a lively gait, my shadow happened to fall on the ground directly in front of the now thoroughly angry reptile."

"Without a moment's hesitation and without stopping to coil, the snake violently at my shadow that he reached out for nearly his entire length of slightly less than 80 inches. From where I was standing I could see, as did several other bystanders, that the snake's body remained on the ground when it struck at my shadow."

An experiment to see the distance of which a rattler can strike, A duel is to be fought between a rattler and a blacksnake. If the blacksnake wins, it is hoped, by importing black snake to free Texas of rattlers.

DINNER STORIES

IT WAS the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi and she watched with growing alarm as the driver continually put his hand outside the car as a signal to the traffic following. At last she became exasperated.

"Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours and watch where you're driving. I'll tell you when it starts raining."

TWO men who were "something in the city" were lunching at their club one day.

"Oh," said one, "my partner formerly used always to oppose my views, but now he agrees with me in everything."

"How do you account for it?" asked the other.

"Don't know," said the first. "I'm not sure whether I convince him, or only make him tired."

A CERTAIN musical composer of much talent and popularity—we will call him Jiffers—has a happy avocation of his own work, as his friends all know.

So lightly does he estimate Jiffers' composition that some of his friends were much startled the other day when he said gravely:

"Did you ever notice that the names of all the great composers begin with 'M'?"

"M!" ejaculated his astonished audience.

"Yes, M," said the composer. "Mozart, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Moszkowski—and Me!"

THE longest vacation we ever read about was that of the couple out west who have been divorced for 25 years and are to re-marry.

THE bravest man in the world is a bachelor serving as judge at a baby show.



The Very Idea!

By Earl Cockburn

PIPE AND BOOK.

YOU kin guess perhaps a million things that women like to own. They have their fads and fancies as soon as they are grown. The seed of great desire for things is very quickly sown, and 'mong their wants you'll always find most everything that's known.

The latest style in dresses and the nifty type of shoes. As soon as things are advertised there's little time they lose. From bric-a-brac to neckties and socks; for things like that they'll roam. They get a thrill from new things for their person, or their home. But men—well, men are different and I guess it's just as well. They aren't so keen about the things that people sell. Perhaps it's 'cause around their home they spend most of their lives, and leave the fads and fancies to the picking of their wives.

Ya take the average fellow and he seeks real peace, of course. But things that he's desiring come from quite a different source. Just bring him forth a worn-out book and pipe that's true and tried, and stick 'em in a cozy nook and say, he's satisfied.

Parents are welcome to this friendly tip: The best way to induce a youngster to go to bed is to let him stay up a little longer.

It isn't safe to refer to a man as a "fellow with good stuff in him." Every body would follow him to see where he gets it.

"It took six weeks for me to learn to drive my car," said Dolly. "And I'll give for all my plans. Wasn't it, by golly."

NOW, HONESTLY—

Isn't that nice—you have a new auto. You've joined the great army of drivers. You've deserted the ranks of pedestrians.

Where you used to cuss auto drivers for having no regard for pedestrians, you have now turned to the sort of driver who deserves cussing, yourself? No matter where you are heading for, it's easy to go half way when it comes to consideration for the man who walks.

Give and take is a great idea—take your time, and give the pedestrian a chance.

Husband (who has been teaching wife to drive new car)—Now, are you sure you know what to do when the engine gets hot?

Wife—Why, certainly—just strip the gears.

It seems that mama's yearning capacity is always a born jumper. She jumps ahead of papa's earning capacity.

FABLES IN FACT.

HE USED TO BE A CONDUCTOR COMMA AND BE A JUST NOW COMMA AND HERE'S WHY COLON A FRESH FELLOW GOT ON HIS CAR COMMA ASKED FOR A TRANSFER AND STARTED WISE-CRACKING ABOUT CONDUCTORS IN GENERAL PERIOD BUT THEY GOT ANOTHER CONDUCTOR COMMA SO THE CAR'S STILL RUNNING PERIOD.

Just Fun

WHY LAWYERS GROW GRAY: A YOUNG foreign-born man was being tried in court, and questioning by the lawyer of the opposite side began: "Now, Lasky, what do you do?" "When you work, of course," said the lawyer.

"I work," said the lawyer, "what at?"

"At a bench," said the lawyer, "where do you work at a bench?"

"At a factory," said the lawyer, "what kind of a factory?"

"Brick," said the lawyer, "you make bricks?"

"Yes, Lasky, I make bricks," said the lawyer, "what do you make in that factory?"

"Four dollars a day," said the lawyer, "No, no; what does the factory make?"

"A lot of money, I think," said the lawyer, "what kind of goods does the factory produce?"

"Ah," said Lasky, "good goods."

"I know, but what kind of goods?" said the lawyer, "The best of what?"

"Of what?" said the lawyer, "Of good goods."

"Your honor," sighed the lawyer, "I give up."

A LECTURER says that the next generation of women will be both homely and dumb. Be careful about telling a woman she is ahead of the times.

WHEN making Sunday the day of rest, be sure to give the stomach a rest too.

MAY—The photographers never do me justice.

RAY—You want mercy, not justice, dear.

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