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THE ROUTING OF GRAIN.

The routing of grain was one of the subjects discussed by the Western Canadian Development and Unity League in Vancouver recently. Mr. Frank A. Walker, a farmer of more than forty years' experience in the Edmonton district, had something to say about the "pernicious system" of mixing grain that had grown to the great disadvantage of the farmers. He said Marquis wheat could be taken to the head of the lake and No. 2 mixed with it, and the wheat sold as No. 1. He said the man who did the mixing made four cents and the farmer lost four. As soon as the Canadian wheat crossed the border it was lost sight of by the Inspection Department, and could be pumped full of poorer American wheat and yet sent out with the Canadian certificate. The remedy for this situation, he said, was the use of Canadian ports.

Another speaker, Mr. James Robinson, a member of the grain board, made some interesting observations on the same subject. When asked why of the \$2,000,000 bushels of wheat going through Lethbridge not one was sent West, he replied that it was a case of where the owner wanted it to go. The further report of Mr. Robinson's remarks, as it appears in the Edmonton Journal, is not less interesting. We quote:

"Continuing he explained that in the case of wheat controlled by the wheat pool the farmer had no say in the route, the pool sending it the way it thought best. He divulged some information to the gathering when he said that the pool had tried to secure control of the Prince Rupert elevator. It had thought of asking for the Halifax elevator but found that the freight rates were too high. If you think of it, that shows you the chance you have to build up the western route, make the shipping cost less than the market half a cent through shipping by Buffalo that where the wheat would be sent and one would have to show some financial advantage before it would be deflected to the west. I do not know of a single farmer who is interested in building up cities," said Mr. Robinson, himself a farmer for years. He is thinking of getting the most for his grain."

That is to say, the farmer is not thinking at all of the building up of Vancouver, or Montreal, or Halifax, or Saint John, or of American seaports. He is thinking about the price he can get for his grain. The same thought is in the mind of the wheat pool, and we are told this influenced it in the matter of turning down the port of Halifax. The solution of the problem of the ports is a national policy which will insist that for the very largest possible extent the trade of Canada shall be done through Canadian channels.

THAT \$150,000.

Hon. W. E. Foster announces that about \$150,000 will be spent this year to erect the new train shed which was promised last year. There was a time when the people of Saint John were assured that a railway station would be built at a cost of about a million dollars. That was quite a number of years ago, and they have been waiting patiently for action ever since. Everybody expected the proposed train shed to be provided last year. The citizens were willing to forego for the time the erection of a new station in the Government would go ahead with a policy of harbor improvement which was even more necessary. No announcement regarding new harbor work is made, but we have once more the assurance that something will be done to the railway station. It may be, when the estimates come down, that we shall find ample provision made for improvements at the port, and if that should happen the people will be content to wait some time longer for the new railway station, although they certainly would not be content to go on without the expenditure of that \$150,000, or whatever sum is necessary to provide the train shed, without which all passengers are put to great discomfort, whether going or coming, during stormy weather. Much has been said of doing justice to the Maritime Provinces and their ports. When the estimates come down it may be hoped such appropriations will be provided for as will prove that Ottawa has had its ear to the ground.

PUNISHING THE CRIMINAL.

The city of Winnipeg has suffered of late from many crimes of violence. Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Police Magistrate, is not one of those who believe mild measures will meet the situation, and he recently sentenced two very youthful gunmen and store bandits to five years in the penitentiary and twenty lashes, ten during the first month of their incarceration, and ten at the end of six months. A third member of the gang, less guilty, was given two years without the lash. These young men had staged three store robberies, at gunpoint. One of them was addicted to the use of drugs. On the same day, in another court, a man was given five years for robbing three stores, using a revolver to intimidate the victims. An associate had already been given three

years. During the trials counsel for the prisoners assailed the jail as a maker of criminals, and made much of the story of a man who had been hanged for murder, and who made a statement in which the jail was described as a school for criminals. The judges, however, took the ground that citizens should be able to go about their business without fear of robbery or worse, and the criminals must therefore pay the penalty. Their crimes were not committed in the heat of anger, but were deliberately planned. Winnipeg will be the safer for its citizens because its judges take a sane view of criminal responsibility.

Odds and Ends

Another One

An Aberdeen man went to London to consult a heart specialist. "You're in a grave condition," said the specialist, "and you may drop dead at any moment. I advise you to go straight home immediately." The Aberdeen man took his advice, and got the first train. At every station where the train stopped, he got up and dashed along the platform, getting back to his compartment out of breath. When this had happened several times, to the amazement of the other occupants of the compartment, one of them asked him why he was doing it.

"Well, it's like this," was the reply. "I've been to London to see a heart specialist, and he says I may die at any minute. I'm just booking from station to station."

A New Excuse

(Greenville Picayune.) A Kansas banker who had defrauded his institution out of a couple of hundred thousand dollars explains that he didn't take the money for himself. He robbed the rich so that he could furnish money to the poor and keep them from making half a cent through shipping by Buffalo that where the wheat would be sent and one would have to show some financial advantage before it would be deflected to the west. I do not know of a single farmer who is interested in building up cities," said Mr. Robinson, himself a farmer for years. He is thinking of getting the most for his grain."

Samantha Is Dead.

(Bangor Commercial.) Announcement of the death of Miss Marietta Holley means little to the younger people of today but means a flood of recollections to thousands of older people who have laughed over the adventures of Samantha Allen at Saratoga, the Cent's Fair, the World's Fair and elsewhere. Miss Holley died at the age of fourscore, but probably most of the appreciative readers of her sketches of country life and satires on the world of fashion supposed that she had long ago been gathered to her fathers. The explanation is that she began writing at an early age and was by 19 years when she wrote that old familiar letter to her nephew, Babbalanja, which was among the first sellers more than half a century ago.

Pony's Smart Act.

At Minden, Neb., Merle Jacobson was puzzled by his pony eating grain when he went into the barn in the morning, knowing that no one had fed the animal. He watched one day and saw the pony reach across the partition between himself and the next horse and bite him. This caused the horse to snap at him and drop a mouthful of grain into the pony's box. The pony would then eat that grain and repeat the process.

The Same Old Bars.

(Manitoba Free Press.) We had the case of the wolf in the Manitoba legislature yesterday; the Manitoba wolf. He eats sheep, lambs, poultry, and, like members of the legislature, is common to all parts of the province. Persons who kill wolves get a bounty from the government, in addition to what they can get for the skins. The skin of a wolf is said to be worth around \$10; when it appears in a seal skin coat a few months later it is worth about \$100. The man who kills a wolf brings the hide to certain persons in the municipalities; these cut the ears off and keep them and arrange for the payment of the bounty. The fellow is then handed back his wolf skin, minus the ears. It will be seen that a lot depends on the ears. Hon. Neil Cameron, of Minnesota, speaking in the system of paying the bounty, said that in his district, an Indian turned in a number of skins and when they were examined it was found that the ears were not grown on; they were sewn on. And a fine bit of sewing it was. It would fool almost anyone. It seems the Indian must have arranged to get hold of a supply of ears or to have manufactured ears and keep sewing them on the same hides and calling around and collecting the bounty.

Will Know This Week.

Modern young woman: "I'm to be married, aunt." Old-fashioned aunt: "Oh! And who is the happy man?" Modern young woman: "I don't know yet. I've thinned them down to six, and the final draw takes place on Thursday."

Just Fun

THE pessimist sees the cloud to the silver lining.

THE more dishwater a wedding ring sees the longer it seems to last.

GOING to jail is much like a vacation. The enjoyable part is getting back.

NOTHING is so spurred as second hand experience. Every fellow has to find out about Florida for himself.

PRODUCER TO CONSUMER.

CITY Youth: What's that the calf is licking?

Cow Farmer: That's rock salt, my boy.

CITY Youth: Gee whiz! I've often wondered how corned beef was made!

—TIT-BITS.

OUR idea of futile effort is a bowler trying to get a better look at a book between his knees while he flies his shoes.

IT should be the ambition of sweet sixteen never to become sour sixty.

MEN ARE LIKE THAT.

JINKS: So your friend is poverty-stricken?

Binks: Yes, absolutely penniless. He lost his health in getting wealth and lost his wealth getting health.—Japan Advertiser.

ONE of the hardest jobs you can undertake is to try to have a big time with money you forgot to save.

CONSIDER the unhappy fat man who bought two tickets for perfect comfort and found them on opposite sides of the theatre.

NOT EVEN A CAR DIED.

"I GAVE that beggar a nickel and he didn't even thank me."

"You can't get anything for a nickel nowadays."—Boston Transcript.

WHEN a man appeals to your intelligence, he is prepared to do Jesse James' work in a smoother way.

HIGH FINANCE.

FIRST crook: "What's your business?"

Second crook: I'm the fellow that sells the railroad station to strangers.

What's yours?—Kansas City Star.

TEACHER: "Why, Jimmie, is it true that your mother has diphtheria?"

Jimmie: "Yes, ma'am."

But don't you know you mustn't come to school? You might get it from your mother and then give it to the school."

"No, ma'am; it's only my step-mother, and she never gives me nothing."

AN absent-minded professor climbed into the bathtub on Saturday night and then said to himself: "What did I get in here for?"

MRS. DEMPSEY must have "fired."

Jack. He is accused of saying he wants to fight.

HOW ABOUT UP HILL?

"On the level, not so good, but you should see her coast."—Awgwan.

Dinner Stories

IT WAS the bridegroom's third matrimonial undertaking, and the bride's second. When the clergyman on whom they had called for the ceremony entered the parlor, he found the bride and groom waiting for him. He made no effort to rise, so, as he opened the book to begin the service, he directed them, "Please, stand."

The bridegroom looked at the bride, and the bride stared back at him, and then both regarded the clergyman, while the minister voted their decision in a tone that was quite polite, but very firm.

"We have generally sat."

IN A RECENT election a colored man happened to be elected justice of the peace in the backwoods of Georgia.

His first case was one in which the defendant asked for trial by jury. When the testimony was all in and the argument had been concluded the justice seemed somewhat embarrassed. Finally one of the lawyers whispered to him that it was time to charge the jury.

Looking at the jury with a grim, judicial air, the judge said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, sense is in the small case, I'll be charge y'll dollar an' a ha' a-piece."

THE officer of the day, during his tour of duty, paused to question a sentry who was a new recruit.

"If you should see an armed party approaching, what would you do?" asked the officer.

"Turn out the guard, sir."

"Very well. Suppose you saw a battleship coming across the parade-ground, what would you do?"

"Report to the hospital for examination, sir," was the prompt reply.

Other Views

FRENCH-SPANISH CO-OPERATION.

(Madrid Epoca.)

The financial situation in France is a serious one and peace with the Riff would mean a relief from budgetary strain which could not lightly be dismissed. Yet, in spite of this, the leader of the French government has not hesitated to repel every proposal of a separate peace, and has even, in order to display every shade of distrust and every appearance of double dealing, gone so far as to refuse to receive Captain Canning.

INDEPENDENTS IN PARLIAMENT.

(Windsor Tribune.)

Real independence, red-blooded and solidly founded on conviction, would be of immense value in parliament. On many occasions the people have thought, at election times, that they have secured it. But almost invariably they have discovered in short order a tendency on the part of independentists to gravitate to the government.

It is so in the present parliament. Most of them are already out-and-out supporters of the government, and for the few exceptions it is only another step.

Why Not Fix Puncture First?



From the World-Herald (Omaha, Neb.)

Poems That Live

FOR MUSIC.

There be none of Beauty's daughters
 With a magic like thee;
 And like music on the waters
 Is thy sweet voice to me.
 When, as if its sound were causing
 The charmed ocean's pausing,
 The waves lie still and gleaming,
 And the lull'd winds' seen dreaming;
 And the midnight moon is weaving
 Her bright chain o'er the deep,
 As an infant's sleep.
 So the spirit hovers there
 To listen and adore thee;
 With a full but soft emotion,
 Like the swell of summer's ocean.
 —Lord Byron.

The Best of Advice

—BY CLARK KINNAIRD—

THE SUNSHINE PELLETT.

LUTHER BURBANK having learned the rules of right living directly from the Nature he knows so much about, tells friends on his seventeenth birthday that the secret of longevity and happiness is constant communion with Nature and the adherence only to loving thoughts. "As you hold loving thoughts toward every person and animal, and even toward plants, the story of the rivers and the hills, and as you are helpful and of service to the world in whatever place may be yours to fill so you will find yourself growing more happy each day, and with happiness comes the stable health that is the thought of disinterested philanthropy in lieu of salts or carcase. There can be no doubt of the close relationship of the emotions and the digestion. Whatever success attended the late Coues' "Every day in every way I am growing better and better" crusade can be attributed to this connection.

FEAR, anger or pain end greatly to interfere with the digestive processes and may be the cause of profound digestive disturbances. The stomach, the intestines and the glands which secrete the digestive fluids are always adversely influenced by unpleasant emotions.

It is often asserted that the healthy person never realizes that he has a heart or stomach, and this, Nature teaches us, is as it should be. These organs perform their functions best when they are wholly unconscious of their existence.

persons who pass on those who sing before that organization pronounced her voice "extraordinary," the home folk looked her in three recitals, and netted \$2,500 each, enabling her to go to Europe for expert teaching. For a year she studied in Milan. Representatives of the Metropolitan heard her there and signed her for leading roles. She has appeared so far in "Rigoletto" and "Linda."

Many thousands over the country are now familiar with her voice as a result of radio appearances.

GRACE: "How did your mother know you had been spooning in the park?"

"Joan. 'Jim and I sat down on a bench that had just been painted and I didn't get a bit of paint on my dress.'"

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The Very Idea!

By Hal Cockburn

GRANNY.

SHE was settin' by the fireside, and her gaze seemed far away. It didn't quite surprise me 'cause I'd seen her off that way. I just kinda sat and watched her, but she didn't know I knew that the thoughts that she was havin' sorta turned her feelin' blue. Little tots, with cheery voices played around about her heels, and she thought that quickly struck me was in good spirits, and his attitude looks all wrong. But, how about the people who paid fares ahead of you? Betcha some of them irritated him. Friendliness makes his job sweeter. Be fair when you pay yours. It's a good thing a barber doesn't illustrate his funny stories with cuts.

The shortest bedtime story I know of is: "Mamma! I wanna drink of water."

If a wife declares she'd never marry again if something happened to her husband, she might feel that way because she thinks there is not another man like him—or because she's afraid there is.

DOCTOR—Why did my coming make you so mad?

OLD LADY—I was thinking about the money I've spent on apples.

FABLES IN FACT

AT ONE TIME HE WAS WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A VERY SUCCESSFUL OWNER OF A LIVERY STABLE PERIOD PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER TOWN RENTED HIS STEEDS COMMA AND HE FINALLY STARTED TEACHING THE ART OF HORSEBACK RIDING PERIOD ALL WENT FINE UNTIL THE YOUNGER ELEMENT BEGAN PATRONIZING HIS STABLE PERIOD AND THEN IT WAS THAT HIS PUPILS STARTED FALLING OFF PERIOD.

WHY SPOIL THE FUN?

(San Francisco Bulletin.) The Duke of Abercorn told a very good story at a public meeting in the north of Ireland some time ago which had the merit of being true. An armed Sinn Féin on the run, having crossed the Six Counties border at Strabane,

was arrested by the Ulster specials. Such an important capture necessitated an armed guard at the barracks. Now, as bad luck would have it, all the specials were fixed up to participate in an important football match that very afternoon. The difficulty was solved by some genius suggesting that the prisoner be asked to referee the match—which he agreed to do. The result was he was kept under observation all the time, and no one's pleasure or enjoyment was interfered with. It is only in a sporting country like Ireland that such an incident could occur.

Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

MRS. JAMES HOLT, of Duke street, West End, celebrated her 108th birthday.

ADAM SHAND, a local florist, produced the first green carnation seen in the city.

THE sworn inquiry into the affairs of the Rodney wharf was begun.

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