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FRENCH ON THE JOB.

Congressman French has again proven his devotion to the interests of the people of Idaho and the great west by the introduction of a bill in congress providing for the extension of payments for water rights from ten to thirty years. The bill reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act appropriating the receipts from the sale and disposition of public lands in certain states and territories to the construction of irrigation works for the reclamation of arid lands," approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, be amended so as to extend the number of annual payments required under said act in the payment of water-right charges from ten to thirty upon projects completed, in course of development, or hereafter to be developed, where no annual payment has already been made, and where any annual payment or payments have been made extending the number of annual payments for the amount unpaid to three times the number of annual payments due, upon the approval of this act.

Senator Borah has again risen to the occasion and demonstrated that he possesses the courage of his convictions. The giving out by Dave Mulrane of the statement that the senator was to take the stump for Taft looks very much like an effort to injure him. Idaho is progressive, and while most of the progressive Republicans will remain within the party there is no denying that some of them will not vote for Mr. Taft, and Senator Borah would undoubtedly injure his chances of success by attacking them and the "Bull Moosers," most of whom are going to support him. While it is regrettable that he cannot make a fight for the head of the ticket, every person who has his future at heart will endorse the course he is taking. He has his own interests to look after and it is not the part of wisdom to mix in the political tangle we are in nationally.

Idaho has received a distinguished honor in the unanimous election of Former Governor Brady to the presidency of the Transmississippi Commercial congress, and the congress did itself proud in choosing Idaho's greatest booster. The great west owes him a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts for its development and the people of this state are pleased that his valuable services have been so fittingly recognized and are to be continued on even a broader plane than heretofore. His election was a deserved compliment and at the same time an evidence of the wisdom which governed the deliberations of the congress.

The Kooskia Mountaineer very pertinently suggests that Addison T. Smith should not be blamed for the shortcomings of Senator Heyburn.

Bettering the Home Lighting.

That the house is equipped with electric lights is not all sufficient. In many cases the wiring was done before the new metal filament lamps were even dreamed of and, consequently, some very radical changes are necessary if the occupant is to get the full benefit of the new lamps. In nearly every home the lighting could be improved with very little trouble and forethought.

In the first place, nearly everyone burns incandescent lamps long after they have seen their best day. It is a fact that the old carbon filament electric lamps deteriorate very fast in value after the first few hundred hours although they continue to use up the valuable electric energy. Thus [illegible] at 16 candle power when new, at the end of four hundred hours would be giving out about [illegible] candle power. This is very far [illegible] good economy, inasmuch [illegible] light bulbs are [illegible] to exchange those [illegible] more light is required, such as the dining room, the living room and the kitchen. These lamps cost more, it is true, but they will give three times the light of the old carbon lamps for the same amount of current.

In purchasing new lamps for the home there are three things to understand. You must know the "voltage" of the electric circuit, the "wattage" of the lamps and the kind of lamps you want.

Metal filament lamps are the very latest development in electric lighting for the home. They give a clear, penetrating white light which is very pleasant to the eyes. In order to get the best results the question of "voltage" must be considered. "Voltage" means electrical pressure, and if the house voltage is 110 the lamps must be rated the same. Lamps of too little voltage will last but a little while on high voltage lines and lamps of 150 volt rating when used on a 110 volt circuit will give very little light because the pressure is too low. An inquiry at the electric light company office will supply this information and all lamps purchased should be of the same voltage rating.

Lamps are also rated in wattage. The wattage of a lamp expresses the amount it will consume when operated on a circuit of the proper voltage. The candle power of a mazda lamp is about four-fifths of its wattage. It is hard to establish a definite rule for determining the proper wattage of lamps for residence use, but generally an allowance of one-half to three-quarters of a watt per square foot of floor space will be found adequate if metal filament lamps are used; the allowance will have to be from two to three times as great if carbon lamps are used. Rooms with dark wall paper, tapestries and furniture will require a higher allowance than those with a light colored interior.

As an example, say it is desired to illuminate a room containing 200 square feet of floor space and having fairly light colored furnishings. For this room we would require 200 times one-half, or 100 watts of electrical power. If we use metal filament or Mazda lamps, we accordingly would use for this room either one 100 watt lamp or preferably four 25 watt lamps. It is understood, of course, that these lamps should be equipped with suitable shades or reflectors. Several small lamps are to be preferred to a single large one, because they can be placed in different parts of the room and thus give more uniform illumination throughout the room. If, upon inquiry, it is found that the voltage of the circuit is 110 volts, the lamps would be ordered as follows: Four 110 volt 25 watt metal filament lamps.

The Duchess and the Duke.

It was indeed strange. The Duchess was a little fish, about finger length, pale nile green, with pearly opalescent bands and checks the same. Rainbow colors flickered all over her as she moved, and she was so delicate that, when you held the little globe up against the light you could see her slender little backbone and all the crooked little ribs like silk threads reaching out into her fins. She was a perfect little dream of loveliness.

One of my little girls found her one day left in a boat to die by a horrid old fisherman. She carried her home in a pickle bottle and gave her a nice globe to live in. Then she was quite happy and never seemed to miss her old home in the creek. Her appetite was good and she took plenty of exercise. "Fish food"—the kind you buy at stores—suited her very well, but her chief delight was wee scraps of meat, about pin-head size. She would stand on her head to pick them up from the bottom and then stand on her tail to swallow them. It was very funny.

But school was over, vacation time came, and while her mistress was away the duchess came to me to board. That is how I came to know her so well—and how she came to acquire the Duke. Notice that word acquire. It's a good word to remember and means a whole lot later on.

The Duke was found in the self-same boat and brought home in another pickle bottle. Pickle bottles are fine to save little fish and such things in. We keep them for that. The Duchess at first paid little attention to the Duke. He was scarcely a third her size but a sprightly little fellow and certainly began at once to pay her very marked attentions. Soon she began to reciprocate, and for days at a time they sailed about side by side. I suppose they had a fish wedding in the presence of a La Belle or a d'Or in the adjoining globe. In a week there were four little bunches of eggs in the bottom of the globe.

Now here is the sad part of her story. Next day the Duchess refused to eat. She lay stupidly down below, close to her eggs and every time the Duke came by she would make [illegible] with a weapon she showed marked objections, and at last, making a savage dash just as I almost succeeded in rescuing him, she seized him by the head and swallowed him. That is how she acquired him at last.

But worse was to follow. He only lasted her two days. The third day I offered her some nice fish food, and she only smelt of it. Then standing on her head she deliberately devoured her own eggs and contentedly sank down and died. Poor, pretty, wicked little Duchess. I gave her to the chickens.—Prof. Hoxie in Our Dumb Animals.

Oatmeal As An Article of Human Food.

The highly nutritious properties of oats are generally recognized by feeders of all kinds of young stock and work animals, says Prof. J. S. Jones, state chemist. There is no question but that this cereal should be more extensively used—than at present—by the average family as an article of human food; particularly is this so if in the family there are growing children, and adults whose employment demands muscular development. In protein, or muscular forming material, whole oats are fully as rich as wheat; in fat and ash, energy and bone forming material respectively, they are richer. In the preparation of oats for human consumption, the hulls as a rule are removed; the oatmeals of the market are therefore decidedly richer than the whole oats in protein and fat but slightly poorer in mineral matter. By chemical analysis it has been found that rolled oats, when steam cooked contain 12½ digestible protein, 6.7 per cent digestible fat, 1.4 per cent digestible mineral matter and have a fuel value of 1759 calories (heat units) per pound. Rolled wheat similarly treated, contains 8.5 per cent digestible protein, 1.2 per cent digestible fat, 1.1 per cent mineral matter, and has a fuel value of 1511 calories per pound.

It is to be feared that frequently oatmeal is not as thoroughly cooked as it should be previous to serving. Digesting experiments have demonstrated that for ease of digestion a period of four hours cooking has decided advantages over [illegible] hour period. When well cooked, oatmeal should be placed in the front rank of breakfast foods.

Why He Was Brusque.

When Daniel Webster was secretary of state he visited England, and while in London the American minister took him to call upon Lord Brougham. They found the nobleman immersed in business, and his reception of the distinguished American was exceedingly brusque and indifferent. The minister was naturally very much mortified, and, asking Webster to excuse him a moment, he drew Lord Brougham aside, when the following whispered conversation ensued:

"My lord, do you know who Mr. Webster is? He is secretary of state of the United States."

"Why didn't you say so?" was the reply. "I thought he was that confounded fellow who made the dictionary and turned the English language upside down."—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A Real Patriot.

General Ramsay Potts, praising patriotism at a dinner in Chicago a few years ago, said:

"I like to hold up as a patriotic example young Si Hoskins.

"Si once decided to enlist. He burned with a desire to serve his country. So he applied at a recruiting office and was duly punched and prodded, trotted up and down, jumped over chairs and tables, etc.

"Then came question time. All sorts of questions were fired at Si, and his answers were most satisfactory. Then came the stern inquiry:

"'Have you ever served a jail sentence?'

"'N-no, sir,' Si stammered; 'but,' he added hastily, 'I'd be very glad to do a medium sized one if it's necessary.'"—Los Angeles Times.

Swords and Beards.

At one time in England all "gentlemen" wore swords as well as beards, and their habit of drawing these weapons to settle the most trivial disputes is said to have had much to do with the cut and styles in beards. During this sword wielding period all "blades" wore their beards cut and barbed in most outlandish shapes, trying to convey the impression that they were bad men, who had been in many terrible sword combats.

More Than One.

The witness testified that he had been knocked down by a motorcar and that the chauffeur, who was joy riding, had given no warning of his approach.

"Do you mean," asked the judge, "that he didn't blow a horn?"

"No, your honor," replied the witness; "I think he'd had too many."—Argonaut.

Tainted Money.

Pat and Mike were discussing the affairs of a [illegible] company, and the latter exclaimed: [illegible]

"Do you think old Rossman's money is tainted?" [illegible]

The Sacred Codfish.

The sacred codfish carved in wood is to be seen on the walls of the hall of representatives in the statehouse at Boston. It occupies a place of honor between two classic pillars immediately opposite the desk of the speaker. Bostonians aver that this is the original sacred codfish of the old colony and that it has had a place in the halls of the lawmakers of Massachusetts for over 150 years. It is a relic of the assembly hall that gave way to the present statehouse. The following is the origin generally assigned to it:

One Captain John Welch of Boston was the creator and carver of the famous fish. In his time he was held to be a wood carver of no mean ability. He established himself in Dock square in 1747. A member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company, Welch rose in time to its captaincy. He was called on to contribute to the decoration of the colonial assembly hall, and as at that period codfish was the colony's main article of export Welch conceived the notion of immortalizing it.—Harper's.

Youthful Authors.

Although it was not published until a year or two later, it is probable that Keats wrote his famous "Ode to Autumn" in his sixteenth year, and, indeed, all his five great odes, among the greatest in any language, before he attained legal manhood. He died at twenty-five, so that all the great masterpieces which came from his pen may be regarded as the production of a boy. Robert Burns wrote that scathing satire, "Holy Willie's Prayer" which he had barely passed his youth, and indeed, the whole of the poems in the famous Kilmarnock edition, a copy of which sold some little time since for £550, were written before he was twenty-five. But even the precocity of Burns was put in the shade by that of Chatterton, who committed suicide in a fit of despair in a London garret when he was seventeen. He wrote the whole large volume of the Rowley poems when he was a schoolboy at Bristol.

An Underground Canal.

Between Worsley and St. Helens, in the north of England, is the most remarkable canal in the world. It is underground from end to end, and is sixteen miles long. In Lancashire the coal mines are very extensive, half the country being undermined, and many years ago the Duke of Bridgewater's managers thought they could save money by transporting the coal underground instead of on the surface. The canal was constructed and the mines connected and drained at the same time. Ordinary canal boats are used, but the power is furnished by men. On the roof of the tunnel are cross-pieces, and the men do the work of propulsion by lying on their backs on the coal and pushing with their feet against the crossbars on the roof.—Argonaut.

Thrice Wrecked in One Week.

In 1887 as the schooner Albatross was driving across the Banks in a murky storm she met her end from a low lying berg. Of her crew of ten only two escaped, having cut clear the dinghy and launched it safely. Next day they were picked up by the fishing schooner Energy, making for the Newfoundland coast. Driven south by bad weather, she sighted, two days later, the steamer Liddesdale, with a load of cotton. She agreed to take the castaways, and in closing with the Energy sank her, but saved her crew. Thirty-six hours later the Liddesdale herself went ashore near Cape Race and became a total loss. Thus the two men were wrecked three times in one week—berg, steamboat and rock.

The Servian Swineherd.

In any Servian village there is only one swineherd, and he tends all the pigs of the community. In the morning he goes through the streets blowing his horn, and the pigs come out of their own accord and fall in behind him and follow him to the pasture. At night he brings them home, and they disperse to their sties in the same orderly way as they pass the houses to which they belong. They require no attention and no singling out.

Domestic Science.

She—Here is a woman who says the only girl to marry is one who has been taught domestic science. He—What sort of education is that? She—It's the sort that turns a kitchen into an experimental laboratory and makes the garbage can a retort of waste tissues and discarded calorie.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Graduates.

"You and Bilgewater were boys together?"

"Yes. There was a time when we were satisfied with a cream puff between us, but now he wants a baseball franchise and I long for a private yacht."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Impatience.

In all evils which admit a remedy impatience should be avoided because it wastes that time and attention in complaints which if properly applied might remove the cause.—Johnson.

Helpfulness.

To be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, is to know the glory of life.—Hugh Black.

Power of Words.

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The Hotel Hoodoo Room.

"We used to have a room in the old Fifth Avenue hotel that was known as 'the suicide room,'" said a former clerk. "Of course the name was no office secret, but whenever one of us rented that room to a stranger we never felt quite comfortable about him until after he had left the hotel. Now that the old hotel is gone there can be no harm in mentioning that the number of the room was 500. I don't see how even the most superstitious person could get a hoodoo out of that number, and nobody ever refused to take it so far as I know, but it is a fact that of the twenty-five suicides that took place in the Fifth Avenue hotel during fifty years, seventeen occurred in room 500. The last that took place was that of a young woman, who drowned herself in a bathtub. You will find that in any big hotel that has been running for any length of time there is a room that has a hoodoo of some kind on it."—New York Sun.

Filing an Alibi.

Parson White's precautionary measure of protecting his chicken coop with chilled steel bars was futile, for that very night four more of his choice Leghorns disappeared, leaving the severed bars as the only visible evidence of the theft. However, his suspicions pointed toward his next door neighbor, whom he had seen prowling around his yard that day, and accordingly he had this suspect up in the police court the next morning.

"If the prisoner can file an alibi I'll let him off with a suspended sentence," announced the judge at the end of the evidence. "Can you file an alibi, Ham?"

"I guess I can," eagerly rejoined the suspect, "if it ain't any harder den Pahson White's chicken coop bars."—San Francisco Star.

Grace Knives.

There is a curious class of knives of the sixteenth century the blades of which have engraved on one side the musical notes to the benediction of the table, or grace before meat, and on the other the grace after meat. These knives usually went in sets of four, representing a four part harmony of bass, tenor, alto and treble. They were kept in an upright case of stamped leather and were placed before the singers according to the adaptation of each one to his particular part. As may be supposed, the inscription was usually in Latin. The following specimen is taken from actual knives of the period: "Pro tuis beneficiis Deus, gratias agimus tibi" (For thy good gifts, O God, we thank thee).

A Witty Reply.

It was during one of the recent strikes. An old man, evidently a striker, who looked rather seedy and down at the heel, went up to a trio of young strikers who were standing at the corner of the street and asked if one of them could lend him a match. One of the young men, thinking he would have a joke at the old man's expense, handed him a match and with a serious face said to him:

"But when will I get it back?"

"After the strike," was the quick though unexpected reply.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Quickly Settled.

Mamma, on hearing that her sister had received a new little girl, said to Lillian, her young daughter, "Lillian, auntie has a new baby, and now mamma is the baby's aunt, papa is the baby's uncle and you are her little cousin."

"Well," said Lillian wonderingly, "wasn't that arranged quick?"

Noisy.

Lawyer—Now, sir, tell me, are you well acquainted with the prisoner? Witness—I've known him for twenty years. Lawyer—Have you, I must now ask, ever known him to be a disturber of the public peace? Witness—Well—er—he used to belong to a fife and drum corps.

One Thing Lacking.

"She has violet eyes, rosy cheeks and a lily white throat."

"Yes. She'd be all right if she didn't have a voice like a raspberry bush."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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[illegible] his friends are glad to have him with them again.

Special Meetings.

Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) will be held in the Odd Fellows hall Sunday, Sept. 1. There will be two public meetings to which the public is cordially invited. President Melvin J. Ballard of Portland, Oregon, will be the principal speaker at both meetings, held at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. No collections taken.

Gunpowder.

The explosive nature of gunpowder, which is made of charcoal, sulphur and saltpeter, is due to the fact that when fired the charcoal and sulphur are burned at the expense of the oxygen in the saltpeter, much heat is developed and large quantities of gas are produced. This gas exerts great pressure on the sides of the gun; hence its disruptive or propulsive effects. When gunpowder is fired in a gun the explosion is not instantaneous. The expansive force of the gases produced acts on the shot all the time it is moving along the barrel and gradually increases its velocity. If the explosion were so sudden as to be practically instantaneous the greater part of the forces would be exerted mainly on the sides of the chamber containing the powder and not, as is actually the case, on the shot.

A Prisoner of St. Kilda.

A romance of St. Kilda is the story of Lady Grange, wife of an eighteenth century Scottish lord of session. She was for some mysterious reason seized and carried off in the dark, she knew not by whom, and conveyed by night journeys to the highland coast, and thence by sea to St. Kilda. There among the few inhabitants she remained for several years a prisoner, provided, however, with a constant supply of food and a woman to wait upon her. No inquiry was made for her, but at last she conveyed a letter to a friend by the daughter of a catechist, who hid it in a clew of yarn. A ship was sent to rescue her, but her jailers got wind of it and transferred her to the island of Herries, where she died.

[illegible] noting the enterprise. The Weiser Engineering Co. are completing working plans for the device which Mr. Hetherington will place before the manufacturers. It is said arrangements are practically completed for installing the device on the Southern Pacific system.

It is believed the invention will in a large measure solve the problem of receiving and discharging mail with safety from rapidly moving trains. It so operates that the mail may be taken on and off simultaneously and the pouches are held firmly in place until released, thereby preventing all danger of rolling beneath the trains.

Public Concert

In Hotel Washington Lobby, Sunday evening, September 1st, from 6 to 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Table de Hote dinner served from 5:30 to 8:00, 75c.

1. March: Chicago Tribune.
2. Intermezzo: My Indian Queen.
3. Waltz: Pansies for Thought.
4. Selection: Woodland.
5. March: Everybody's Doin' It.
6. Meditation.
7. Waltz: Alma, Where do you Live?
8. Trombone Solo: Paraphrase.
9. Silver Threads Among the Gold.
10. Waltz: Kiss of Spring.
11. March: On Wisconsin.

Hotel Arrivals.

(At the Washington)

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—Pearson's Weekly.

Passport to the North Pole.

A passport to the north pole was issued some years ago by the governor of the province of Tobolsk, which stretches along the Russian shores of the Arctic ocean. The official was approached by two men who had been engaged to proceed to the north with an English expedition then fitting out. Their petition was for a passport to the pole itself, but the governor pointed out that the pole was as likely to be in their home province as in any other, that it was extremely unlikely they would reach it and that if they did there were no police there to examine their credentials. At last, however, to satisfy them he ordered the issue of a document allowing them to pass without let or hindrance to the north pole.

Futility of Education.

An eminent physician, at a recent convention of railway surgeons in Philadelphia, said of a safety device that has averted many railway accidents:

"The advantage of this device is now almost universally recognized. Indeed, the railroader who disputes its advantages is as antiquated as the old resident who said:

"'Edication be hanged. There's young Bill Smithers took an engineerin' course in a correspondence school and then put up a sign on his carriage house and hadn't no better sense than to spell "carriage" "garage."'"—Exchange.

He Aroused Them.

When Samuel S. Cellar was preaching in an old log schoolhouse in Johnson county, Missouri, in 1852, his congregation was quite small. One Sunday all were sitting at the desks toward near the puncheon floor. The sermon was monotonous and the old log seats had no backs. Observing the sleepy, downcast look of the congregation, the minister woke them up by shouting, "Arouse, heaven is not under the floor!"

Proof of His Love.

"Artist (doubtfully)—Bill, you says you loves me, but how do I know it to be true?

Bill (cheerily)—Bust me, 'Arriet! Didn't I stand you a tripe supper, a feed of whilks and a pint of stewed eels? What more d'ye want?—London Globe.

An Exchange of Compliments.

Howell—Your head is pretty thick. Powell—I don't think the inside measurement of yours would be any strain on a tape measure.—New York Press.

Lazy Little Pres.

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His Epitaph.

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An Art Opportunity for Weiser. Wednesday, September 11th, the Outlook club will exhibit free a collection of oil paintings, works of art, originals from noted galleries, loaned to the art department of the General Federation of Women's clubs by the Chicago Society of Artists as a traveling exhibit. Beginning Wednesday morning and continuing through three days from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 at night. Place of exhibit announced later.

Bull Snakes as Mousers. A few days ago we overheard a discussion as to the best means of ridding grain warehouses of mice, and then and there learned something new. Mr. [illegible] is building a warehouse at Caldwell, and Mr. Hawkins advised him to place a few bull snakes in the building and mice would not trouble him. He said in the big Minneapolis flour mills bull snakes are used and [illegible] mouse catchers. The snakes [illegible]

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