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Bulgaria has conferred upon the allies the Order of the Double Cross.

Why not put on a campaign in South Carolina for less hog and more harmony?

The Swiss are suspicious of the Kaiser's designs, but they can't make William Tell.

At last accounts Governor Slaton had not been lynched since his return to Georgia.

Bryan's announcement that he will accept no more political honors may be entirely superfluous.

Here it is almost the middle of October, and still there are no signs of fall in Constantinople.

The Ticks family has fallen into disfavour, all except Polly, who continues to be a general favorite.

Now that automobile poisoning has been added to the list of new perils, the lives of editors will be in constant danger.

Now is the time to sow your grain, but we would caution you, sonnie, to leave out the tares. This is a prohibition state, you know.

The Kaiser says that beer is indispensable to the army. Well, some million or so Germans have found all the beer they need in this world.

The man who perpetrated the falsehood, "the female of the species is more deadly than the male," may at this minute be at the front throwing gas bombs at the enemy.

Wouldn't it be funny if the Grand Duke should suddenly turn up and sidewise naughty Bulgaria? His dismissal, after all, may have been a sort of Dr. Rabbit bluff.

Captain Hobson and the Colonel would make bully team mates. If they could find no foes brave enough to fight them, they could furnish a dandy Roman holiday by turning upon each other.

A Charleston tiger by the name of Crews had a thriving trade in mellow booze. But the governor hit And put him out of biz. And now Crews—good news!—all booze eschewed.

THE COUNTY-TO-COUNTY CANVASS

Some of the newspapers have started again the old agitation to put an end to the biennial force known as the state campaign.

In late years the campaign preceding the primary election has fallen to the level of a second-rate circus. The mud-slinging, Jim-swinging necker after political emoluments and honors loads up his batteries with a foul assortment of falsehood, abuse and punk platitudes.

We cannot say that we favor a discontinuance of the joint meetings altogether. It would be best perhaps if the next state convention of the Democratic party would abolish the county meetings and order one joint debate in each of the congressional districts.

This is the condition of things that puts a premium on incompetency and actual wrongdoing, and it is high time for the state to wake up and clear the way of political trash and undergrowth.

Not satisfied with the numerous and easy means now at our command to snuff out the spark of life, some wise fellow who knows it all has added another guaranteed way of exit.

A doctor out in Chicago was overcome by the poisonous vapor escaping from the gas engine of his automobile while tinkering with its intricate machinery.

The remedy is the same as in cases of asphyxiation. But it is better to avoid the disease by taking plenty of precautions. If an automobile happens to get stubborn, you can't twist its tail and make it go as you would a balky horse.

An ounce of prevention is worth a score of undertaking establishments.

HISTORIC BELLS The recent trip of the old Liberty Bell to the San Francisco exposition illustrates the deep veneration that centers about historic landmarks.

Around this cracked symbol of a nation's independence are woven the best traditions of a great and mighty people, and as long as our institutions endure the old bell will be held in sacred reverence.

Somehow the ringing of bells appeals to the imagination the world over, and nowhere is this more true than in many countries of Europe.

The celebrated bell of St. Patrick in Belfast is rectangular, and is ornamented with inlaid gold, precious stones and filigree work.

The simple peasantry of Europe loves it chimes, but the war has still ed many a molten tongue whose silver peals will be heard no more.

THE GRASSHOPPER WAR The Red Man was as pronounced in his militarism as any sword-clanking Junker of these modern days of disgrace.

In the folklore of the Chippewa tribe there is a musty old legend that wise men employed to illustrate the folly of useless wars, and the origin of the mythical bloodfest known as the "grasshopper war" is about as sound and reasonable as the most carefully worded analysis given by the most astute political students in explanation of the conflict that has set Europe ablaze.

According to Red Deer, a once famous chief retired from the active list of fighters and oslerized into story telling. There were once two Indian tribes whose domain was separated by a small river. The children of both tribes were accustomed to mingle freely in their plays and games.

Small circles were then drawn in the sand of the river bottom, and it was agreed that each child should have the sole privilege of shooting the grasshoppers that fell inside his ring.

Everything went as smooth as a marriage bell until a luckless grasshopper fell on the line where two circles came in contact. Each side, of course, claimed the spoils. Neither would yield. An ugly dispute arose, fanning into flame old prejudices and grievances, and soon the children of one tribe were fiercely fighting the children of the other.

Rehearing the cries and the shouting, the stolid squaws left their work in the patches of maize to find out the cause of the racket. They, too, could not see over the rightful ownership of the grasshopper, and at once they were lined up on the side of their chosen one.

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A LINE O' DOPE

Weather Forecast—Fair Saturday, cooler in Southeast, Sunday fall, and continued cool.

The high school boys are to be commended for the way in which they entertained the members of the Spartanburg football team yesterday afternoon. They were met at the train, taken to Smith, Garrett and Barton's, where they made their headquarters, and were shown every courtesy possible.

The C. F. Power Cash grocery will be the name a store that it to be run by Mr. C. F. Power, who is well known in Anderson as a grocer of experience. The store will be opened up within the next few days in a store room on the corner of East Benson and McDuffie streets.

The first meeting this season of the Anderson County Teachers association will be held today at 12 o'clock noon in the West Market street school building. Supt. Felton stated yesterday that he expected a large attendance, both of old members and of those who would join the association.

Figures furnished by L. A. Bolt, special agent for the census bureau for collecting ginning statistics, show that the total number of bales ginned in Anderson county up to September 25 this season is 8,187 as compared with 8,624 last year, a decrease of 427 bales.

The receipts at the Anderson post-office are picking up these days and during the month of September they showed an increase of \$430.37 over the same month last year. July and August receipts showed a decrease over the same months last year but the increase in September of this year is enough to pull all three of the months up above an average for the three last year and an increase for the quarter \$127.34.

These figures speak well for the Anderson postoffice and if the increase keeps up within a short time they will be large enough for the local office to be rated as first class. In order to be a first class postoffice, \$40,000 in receipts a year must be shown. It is estimated that the close of the fiscal year, March 31, the receipts will be approximately \$37,000.

There is another phase to this increase in the receipts at the postoffice over those of the same months last year. It shows that business is better, that the people are writing more and that the parcel post packages are on the increase. One can judge lots of times as to business conditions by the amount of money that passes through a postoffice. A rural mail carrier was heard to say once that he could tell when everybody was at work on his route even if he never saw them. If he collected few letters, he knew that they were at work; and vice versa. He stated that on nearly every rainy day his collections were much better.

Capt. P. K. McCully is on the lookout for a hall for the local militia quarters. He states that the one in present use is not large enough and does not allow enough practice. He has several good ones in view and will probably make a selection within the next few days.

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JAPANESE BUDDHISTS PROPAGATING FAITH THROUGHOUT CHINA

Tokio, September 30.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—There is increasing evidence that Japanese Buddhists are to undertake propagation of the faith in China with greatly renewed zeal. The movement is one of several demonstrations with which the Japanese people are trying to emphasize their national spirit, in connection with the forthcoming ceremonies of accession of the Emperor Yoshihito, and the movement is singularly noteworthy because it was through China and Korea that Buddhism came to Japan.

The force of Japanese missionaries in China has already been increased, and the campaign for further missionary work is in full swing. The movement is frankly explained as both religious and political. Japan has apparently come to the realization that her missionaries can accomplish great things in spreading the influence of Japan in China and in impressing in a friendly way the desires of Japanese to increase their prestige there.

The Buddhist leaders, especially the progressives, contend that the propagation of religion in China has been monopolized too much by Christians and denied too much to Japanese. The object of Buddhist propagation in China should be attained, they declare, on the principle of humanity and charity.

The Buddhist views have been set forth in a memorial which has been presented to the government and to every member of the Diet. It points out that the Western powers, realizing the great importance of grasping the mind of the native population for extending their rights and interests in China are giving every protection to their missionaries. For the extension of her religious propagation the Buddhists emphasize the fact that Japan is in a very convenient position geographically. Nevertheless neither government nor publicist seems to have attached any importance to the matter. The attention of public-spirited men has been too much concentrated on the material side of Japan's interests; not enough men have turned their attention to the spiritual side of Japan's interests, represented by the extension of religion in China.

The memorial goes on to affirm that the past efforts of the Buddhists have not been appreciated, and have proved of little avail. Enormous sums of money had been expended in erecting religious headquarters in China and in sending missionaries to that country. Noble leaders had penetrated into the far interior and not a few had perished there as martyrs to the cause of Buddhism.

In conclusion the manifesto appeals to the government to help "the great work of propagation, believing it certain to lay a strong foundation for the establishment of permanent peace in the far east and the happier relationship between the Japanese and Chinese peoples."

A good deal of interest has also been created by a manifesto issued by the Nichiren sect, the most radical and zealous sect of Buddhism. The tract is couched in unusual terms and bears the heading: "Japan will soon be destroyed—Sound the alarm!—Sound the Alarm!"

The Japan Evangelist which is the organ of the Christian workers here, publishes a translation of the tract with the comment that it sustains the reputation of the Nichiren sect, that it possesses "zeal without knowledge." The pamphlet declares: "The people of Japan are proud of their heavenly origin, but, behold, before the God of Christianity, the holy emperor who is a great god and holy, and the one lord in the universe, is slandered as a 'child of sin,' and is regarded as being without any authority in the sphere of morality."

The manifesto continues: "It is a fact true that Christian thought which threatens to destroy and grind into the dust our incomparable and supreme Japanese nationality is now spreading throughout all classes? Truly this is a step that reveals the spiritual downfall of the Japanese str. If there is in us a drop of loyalty to the emperor how can we be indifferent to the presumptions of these heretics? The true followers of our national saint, Nichiren, perform his vow in which he said: 'I will be a pillar of Japan. I will be eyes for Japan. I will be the great aid of salvation of Japan.'"

The tract concludes with a trumpet call to protect the nation by a deeper study and truer practice of Nichiren's doctrines.

Columbia, Oct. 8.—The secretary of state has issued a charter to the John F. Bennett company of Charleston with a capital of \$20,000. The officers are: John F. Bennett, president and treasurer and Thomas B. Bennett, vice president and secretary.

Papers of domestication have been filed with the secretary of state by the Nichols Contracting company of Atlanta.

The Taylor-Waters company of Columbia has filed notice of an increase in capital from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The company does a general contracting business.

Serbia Severs Relations Nish, Oct. 8.—The diplomatic rupture between Serbia and Bulgaria is complete. The foreign office handed the Bulgarian minister his passports.

The Buying Power of \$15.00 IF \$15.00 is the price you want to pay for a suit or overcoat, you will find that here it's buying power is vastly greater than usual. For at \$15.00 We Offer MICHAELS-STERN Suits and Overcoats that look and wear for better than the average \$20.00 garment. Just come and see. B.O. Brandt Co. "The Store with a Conscience"

WILL START NATIONAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

Movement Opens With Convention at Chicago October 14th.

New York, Oct. 8.—It is announced that preparations are practically complete for the opening of the National Missionary campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement along similar lines to that which was carried throughout the county a few years ago. The first of the conventions, which are to be held in the leading cities of the country, will be in Chicago, beginning October 14. In all there are to be seventy-five big conventions throughout the country, culminating in a national missionary congress in Washington next April.

The home and foreign missionary agencies of the United States are co-operating in the campaign, and some of them are throwing the entire strength of their organization into it to the exclusion of other forms of missionary inspiration and education for the next year.

Edible Dog. (From The Pathfinder.) English bon vivants have been testing the merits of the Chinese edible dog, and they pronounce it very good dog indeed.

The dog is destined from the beginning for the table. Like the edible rat of the same country, it is fed mainly upon vegetable food, which is often delicately prepared and specially devised, in order to give the dog's flesh a peculiar flavor and aroma. The result is something quite different from the flesh of the ordinary dog of the western world.

Another peculiarity of this dog is its lack of the barking faculty. It is said cations does so; but these occasions are rare. Many experiments most of them unwitting, were made with the flesh of dogs during the Paris siege. Newfoundland and St. Bernard dogs were preferred, under the mistaken impression that they would prove more eatable than other varieties. They proved to be detestable in all cases.

Progressive Farmer Movement. (National Banker.) As the value of farm mortgages depends largely on the progressiveness of the farmer and the number of "live wires" in his district the various investments to encourage "corn contests" and other crop-raising by boys are of great interest to investors.

Year by year the productive power of the boys grows in volume, and records and champions yield to high achievements. Last year 334 boys in the 16 southern states alone grew 100 or more bushels of corn on their acres. In Georgia 2,200 bushels of corn were averaged, on 22,000 50 bushels of corn to the acre, while the average of the whole state, according to the old plan of culture, was only 12 bushels to the acre.

ROBBERS ROLED UP M. & O. EXPRESS TRAIN

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Two masked men held up and robbed the Baltimore and Ohio express train from New York for St. Louis near Central, W. Va., and the booty was taken from the mail cars according to reports, is believed to have been large. The train, due to Packersburg at one o'clock, was nearly an hour late when the engineer attracted by a noise from the tender saw two men with automatic shot guns climbing over the coal. They ordered him not to move. One man ordered the engineer and fireman to cut off the engine and mail car and run two miles then the trainmen were ordered off. One masked man took the throttle and ran the train a mile or two farther west. The robbers then went through the mail car looting the registered mail and fled to the hills. A track-walker found the engine and mail car.

Take Up Case. Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Railroad officials here quickly took up the hunt for the Central train robbers. The county officials were informed that the robbers secured about two hundred registered packages, 90 of the packages being unsigned bank notes, whose value in currency is estimated at five hundred thousand.

MARY GARDEN STILL IN PARIS American Singer Reported in Grave Condition—Cancels Tour. (New York Sun.)

News arrived here yesterday from Paris that Mary Garden, the American soprano, is gravely ill there following an operation for appendicitis. Her tour of this country under R. E. Johnston, then usual impresario, was to begin within two weeks. All her engagements have been cancelled and Mr. Johnston said yesterday that he had no idea when a tour could be attempted.

Miss Garden, who spent a part of last winter in this country, although she did not sing professionally, returned in the early spring to France and has been since that time active in the hospitals at Aix-les-Bains. Three weeks ago she was at Aix and those who saw her said that her industry appeared to be agreeing with her as she seemed in excellent health.

She was not only to sing here in concert this season, but was to make a picture play out of "Thais" and some of her most popular operas. She has not sung here for three seasons, her last appearance having been with the Chicago Opera company.

Mrs. Edward de W. Walsh, a sister of Miss Garden, who sailed last week for Paris, will arrive there today. Mr. Walsh said yesterday that he did not know of Miss Garden's illness and had no reason to believe that she was so ill as he would otherwise have heard of it. Miss Garden's family is wintering in France, her father having sailed on August 21. He will be back in November.

Then Pat Got Even. One day when Patrick Mulrooney reached the cashier's desk he had for gotten his number, which was "109." So the cashier, a quick-tempered man, angrily told him to wait till all the others had been attended to, says The Chicago News. Pat was roused. He meant to get his own back. So, the following Saturday, when the cashier called out, "Your number, Pat?" the Irishman's retort was quick: "Twice eleven, six, and seven, four fifteen and solve, sir!"