

LET'S NOT
BOAST
ABOUT IT

SOMETIMES we boast of our "Christian civilization." Then comes, perhaps, a story like that of Martin Tabert. Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tabert, had spent the twenty-two years of his life in the immediate vicinity of the home farm at Munich, N. D. He was untraveled and not learned. He knew, for example, that murder, theft, assault, embezzlement, arson and the like were felonies and that one guilty of any of these crimes was in danger of punishment.

What he did not know was that in one State, at least, "beating his way" on a passenger train without a ticket was the most heinous crime in all the calendar—a crime so awful that for it he could be arrested, thrown into jail, fined, and on the same day, in default of payment while the money was actually on the way from his parents in North Dakota, be "sold" for \$20 into the most horrible slavery, to toil from dawn until dark, hip deep in the slime and cold water of a turpentine swamp. He did not know that the sheriff of Tallahassee, Fla., could and would do these things to him.

Martin found out all these things in a few short days. He fell by the wayside when he attempted to work, was sick in the swamp, when the foreman of the gang to which he had been "sold" called him out in sight of all the other "convicts" and there beat him with a great strap with an iron buckle, beat him so that two days later, on Feb. 1 of this year, he died from his wounds.

Martin probably didn't know these things, because after the beating he never regained consciousness, and the first his family heard was when the Putnam Lumber Company wrote that Martin "had been given a Christian burial."

This tale is so terrible that it sounds untrue. Folks just can't believe it. Nevertheless, the Florida Legislature, on investigation, found that the reports were true, even in their worst.

Now, probably, that sheriff who returned to the family the envelope containing the money to pay Martin's fine will be punished. And, because of the noise which has been raised, the fiend Higginbotham, who beat Martin until he was unconscious, will get a year or two in a nice quiet penitentiary for the murder, and possibly the Florida system of leasing convicts into slavery will be modified, even abolished.

Possibly, other States which have convict leasing systems almost as bad will be compelled by the tide of indignation to reform. Let's hope so. But let's not boast of "our Christian civilization" for a few days, at least.

MORE
CHAMPS,
MORE!

JUST as soon as they get the championship for endurance dancing settled, we shall insist upon decisions as to the endurance championships at gum chewing, cigarette smoking, salad eating, face painting, hair bobbing, stocking rolling, jazz horn blowing and other sciences supporting the scientific theory that our civilization is descendant from monkeys. All other human affairs may well be held in abeyance until these matters of vital importance are settled.

After they are settled, and our form of civilization gets upon a sound, progressive basis, some endurance championships of minor importance ought to be discovered.

What girl can wash mother's dishes the greatest number of days?

What girl can do the most washing of the family clothes the quickest?

What girl can habitually get up the best meals?

What girl can bake, sweep and scrub the longest?

What girl can save mother the most steps?

We say that contests for such championship ought to be. No, we are not going to offer prizes and publicity for such contests. Simply, anybody else who wants to start something along this line, at the risk of not unearthing contestants enough to decide anything, will get our kindest words of approbation for courageously tackling enormous adverse odds.

VOLSTEAD
AND
HIS FAME

ANDREW VOLSTEAD, retired from Congress, hangs out his shingle again as a lawyer in Minnesota. Because his name is on the Volstead act, he will be remembered long after all his contemporary associates in Congress will be forgotten. He may persist on as a legendary character.

Volstead has been the target of a lot of ridicule and hatred from the wets. They seem to think that he personally screwed the lid on John Barleycorn's coffin. Yet it is was only by chance, as chairman of a committee, that his name was attached to the Volstead act. He lent his name to a vast movement. The public, however, always singles out some one individual as the goat for a situation.

Questions

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Answers

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Did General Grant change his name?

Yes he was first named Hiram Ulysses Grant, but through some error he was appointed to West Point as Ulysses Simpson Grant.

How do cyclones move?

In general, in an eastern or north-eastern direction. Occasionally a cyclone veers to the north or the northwest, but this is rare and does not continue for any length of time.

Is Ben Turpin, the movie comedian, cross-eyed off the screen?

What are the average weights and volumes of coal?

Anthracite coal, 1 cubic foot, 55 to 65 pounds (1 ton 34 to 41 cubic feet). Bituminous coal, 1 cubic foot, 50 to 55 pounds (1 ton 41 to 45 cubic feet).

What is the cause and nature of the disease trichinosis and how may it be prevented?

Caused by eating meat of infected swine and its severity depends on the number of parasites consumed. It may begin with chilly sensations, or a distinct chill, and there may be a slight fever of varying intensity in the course of the disease. Digestive disturbances are common, causing constipation, diarrhea. These may appear several hours or days after the infected meat is eaten, or they may be entirely absent. Next to these

symptoms, those affecting the muscular system are the most important. In all cases they begin with sensations of general lameness of the muscles. This is followed by swelling, firmness, and great tenderness of the invaded muscles. Mastication, deglutition, and respiration are rendered difficult. Swelling of the eyelids and of the face, appearing usually on the seventh day, is quite characteristic. The disease lasts from five weeks to four months. The mortality varies in different epidemics, and has been as high as 30 per cent. Meat infected with trichinosis is made harmless by thorough cooking.

Where does the smoke given off by an aeroplane while "writing" in the sky come from?

A smoke pot made of tar, a certain amount of resin, and solidified alcohol.

What are good reflectors of light (visible rays)?

According to the Bureau of Standards the following:

Selenium (Amorphous), 20 to 25 per cent.

Galena, PbS, 40 to 45 per cent.

Molybdenite, MoS₂, 45 to 50 per cent.

Pyrites, FeS₂, 50 to 60 per cent.

What causes "clubroot" in vegetables, and how can it be cured?

An ectworm known as "radicococcus heterodera," which attacks the roots of the vegetable and induces the disease which causes the swellings. The only way to prevent it is by sterilizing the soil with the steam process which, of course, is only done on a large scale. There is no cure for it after the vegetables are once infected.

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"BERTIE AND BETTY" IT WILL BE AFTER TWO "NOES", ONE "YES"



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LONDON, April 23.—All Britain, which was so pleased when Princess Mary became the wife of Lord Lascelles, is tickled to death over the marriage set for Thursday of Bertie and Betty.

"Bertie" is the Duke of York, the second son of the King of England. "Betty" is Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, youngest daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.

The nicknames are what they call each other.

The royal Britisher is pleased not only because once more one of the king's children is choosing a Briton as a life partner, but also because the 28-year-old duke had to pop the question three times before his girl.

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party when Lady Elizabeth was 6 and Prince Albert 12.

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