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POLITICS AND PROHIBITION

POLITICS and prohibition do not mix, any more than politics and any other form of law enforcement. The Government can no more have an efficient department if its existence is dependent on the turn of the political wheel than the city of Indianapolis can have an efficient police department under the same condition.

This controversy over the proposed removal of Bert C. Morgan, Federal prohibition director for Indiana, is an example of the working of politics in this department. There are arguments on both sides of the question.

It appears that Senator James E. Watson is seeking to remove Morgan because he does not approve of Morgan political-ly. That Morgan has been active politically while at the same time trying to hold down his job as prohibition enforcement officer is well known. He even was a candidate for State office.

We are not saying that Morgan is not an efficient officer. We are holding no brief for Senator Watson and his manipulations. But we do contend that there has been too much politics on both sides for the good of law enforcement.

“DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY”

NATHAN LEOPOLD and Richard Loeb are guilty of murder by their own formal admission in court. They have abandoned the one plea that might have saved them—the contention that they were insane when they deliberately killed little Robert Franks.

Their own counsel admit they were not insane, else they would not have entered pleas of guilty. Insanity could have been the only conceivable extenuating circumstance.

The two young murderers are now planning to throw themselves on the mercy of the court. Their attorneys are going to argue and witnesses are to be heard to show “degree of responsibility.”

These two boys deliberately planned one of the most cold-blooded and one of the most deliberate murders in criminal history. They thought they were sufficiently bright that they could get away undetected. They were suffering from over-developed egos. They had the opinion that a super-intellectual could do no wrong.

“Why,” one of them explained, “this was no different from the act of an entomologist who impales a beetle on a pin.”

It is hard to understand how there can be any question as to degree of responsibility.

OLYMPIC GAMES FUNDS

AMERICAN athletes are making a wonderful showing at the Olympic games in Paris. They are doing credit to America.

But Americans, at least some of them, are a little slow in giving the athletes the financial support necessary to carry on.

The American Olympic committee has charge of the raising of funds to pay the expenses of America's representatives in France. Each State has been given a quota to raise. Indiana's quota is \$10,000.

Only a part of this \$10,000 has been raised. The remainder must be obtained within a short time if Indiana is to be counted among the States that have given their support to the Olympic games.

The amount is not large and it should be subscribed within a very short time if everyone will do his part.

ON BELONGING TO A PARTY

ID YOU ever stop to think what it means to belong to a party?

If you have a horse or a dog or an automobile that is yours, you know it belongs to you. It belongs to you because it is yours.

Well, that's just what it means when you admit that you belong to a party—we're speaking now of political parties, for this is presidential year and we can't get entirely away from politics.

Men used to say they were Democrats or Republicans, and that they belonged to the Democratic or Republican party. Most of them were so bitterly partisan that they wouldn't vote for their best friend if he happened to be running on the ticket of the other party.

Most newspapers were party organs. It was their custom to plead with their readers to vote the ticket straight, to put a cross under the eagle or rooster, as the case might be, and “let 'er go at that.”

Partisanship ran so deep that a man who scratched his ticket was regarded as a traitor to his party—if he got caught at such devilmint.

Times have changed, fortunately. Many voters no longer think they belong to a party in the sense that a dog or a cat belongs to its owner. Some of them have actually come to think that they belong to themselves and have a perfect right under the Constitution and statutes to vote as they please.

And some have come to think that it is better to belong to themselves, to be free, untrammelled souls politically and instead of belonging to one party to be free to look them all over, have all that's worth having in all parties belong to them and to take what seems to them best.

They have come to understand that belonging to a party and voting the party ticket blindly makes them servants of a party, slaves of the bosses who control the party and hand-pick its candidates.

We know of a man who addressed a meeting at a church one night. The minister asked him what church he belonged to. He replied that he didn't belong to any; that there was so much good in all of them that he feared if he belonged to but one of them he might miss all the good in all the rest of them.

The man who owns himself and belongs to no party is free to take his pick of the best that is offered. And it's a rather comfortable feeling to own yourself politically, even though you are more or less of a slave otherwise.

Of course, there is some compensation in belonging. You don't have to do your own thinking.

THE STRANGE THING about it is that those warring Fleischmans did not use their yeast to cure marital troubles.

THERE ARE NOW enough spending Americans over in London to make that English war debt look easy.

2 DIPPERS ARE SEEN IN HEAVENS

North Star Is at Tip of Handle of Little One.

By DAVID DIETZ
Science Editor of The Press

BY now, I am sure, you have learned to find the north star without difficulty. If so, you will be able to find the Little Dipper at once. The Little Dipper, as we shall see later, forms the constellation of the Little Dipper.

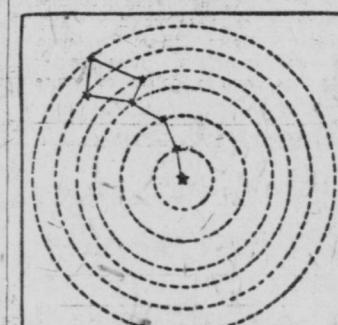
However, you must pick a night when the moon is not very bright to find the Little Dipper. That is because some of the stars in it are very faint, and when the moon is bright they are hidden in the glare of moonlight. You must also pick a station where ground lights such as lamps, for example, do not interfere with your vision.

The Little Dipper occupies only about half as much space in the sky as does the Great Dipper.

Polaris, the north star, is at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper.

The next star in the handle of the dipper is a small fourth magnitude star. If you look sharply, you will notice that it has a greenish tinge. The Arabians named it Yildun.

The third star in the handle is a faint fourth magnitude star, as is also the star at the juncture of the



THE DIAGRAM SHOWS HOW THE STARS FORMING THE LITTLE DIPPER APPEAR TO REVOLVE AROUND THE NORTH STAR.

handle and the bowl of the dipper. The star at the outer edge of the dipper's bowl will hold your attention.

It is a bright twinkling star of second magnitude, though not quite as bright as Polaris itself.

It has a distinct reddish hue and glows in the sky like a brilliant little wood.

The Arabs named this star Kochab (pronounced ko-ka-b), which means “the star of the north.”

The other two stars in the dipper are both faint stars. The star below Kochab is a third magnitude star, the remaining star in the bowl is a fifth magnitude star, the smallest star in the dipper.

Astronomers have adopted the system of naming the stars in constellations after the letters of the Greek alphabet, calling the brightest star “Alpha,” the first letter of the alphabet, the next “Beta,” the second letter, and so on.

According to this system, Polaris is known as Alpha, Kochab as Beta, the star below Kochab as Gamma, the star at the juncture of the bowl and handle of the dipper as Zeta and the star below Zeta as Eta.

The four stars in the bowl of the Little Dipper serve as a convenient chart for comparing stellar magnitudes.

That is because Kochab is a second magnitude star, Gamma a fourth magnitude star, Zeta a fifth magnitude star and Eta a sixth.

The two stars, Kochab and Gamma, are frequently called the Guards or Wardens of the Pole.

This is because they circle about the North Star as the dome of the sky appears to turn, just as though they were placed there to watch over the North Star.

Shakespeare makes use of this fact in “Othello,” where he is describing a great storm at sea at night when the waves were unusually high. He writes:

“The wind-shak'd surge with high and monstrous mane,
Seems to cast water on the burning Bear
And quench the guards of th' ever fixed pole.”

In the northern part of the world where the Little Dipper is to be seen low in the northern sky, it is indeed might seem, during a great storm, as though the waves were dashing over the Little Dipper.

NEXT ARTICLE: THE LITTLE BEAR.

By DAVID DIETZ

Nature

Lupine, one of the great flower and forage plants of western America, was supposed by the ancients to be wolfish, hence its name from “lupus,” Latin for wolf. When they decided to lay out famous Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, they found little more than shifting sand dunes. Lupine seed was sown in that sterile ground and the roots of the spreading plant knitted the soil together and converted the whole into the solid ground that is so beautifully covered now.

Sister's Steady

“My daughter, sir, sprang from a line of peers.”

“Well, I dove off a dock once.”

Detroit News.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

By HAL COCHRAN

There's a magic little word that makes a fellow want to eat. It's a word that never can be overplayed. Every time that you may hear it, it suggests a wholesome treat, and the little word I think of is homemade.

You appreciate the foodstuffs that are purchased at the store, and they satisfy the appetite, 'tis true. But the grub that makes you happy, makes you holler for some more, is the food that mother cooks herself for you.

Apple pie that fairly savor of the finest kind of taste is the kind that makes you hungry when you're not. It's the brand that mother bakes you and no portion goes to waste, for the pie, from start to finish, hits the spot.

Homemade bread is baked af-

ternoon and it seldom lasts till night, though a baker's loaf is not as strongly flavored. Is it just that mother makes it in a way that seems just right? What's the reason that you like it best homemade?

Even parents have the habit and they get the homemade thrill. It's a trait that in each living soul is born. Though it isn't to their liking, yet they'll eat their fullest fill, when a youngster in the family pops some corn.

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FANS WILL LISTEN FOR WHU CALLS

Small Boat of Exploration Party Is Equipped With Radio.

By NEA Service

CHICAGO, July 22.—Radio hereafter will keep the world in closer touch with its explorers and adventurers than has any other means of communication heretofore.

First actual example of the efficiency of wireless for this purpose has been shown by contact made with the MacMillan arctic expedition by radio amateurs in Canada and the United States.

Now a second expedition has been started on its way, and complete radio equipment has not been overlooked for continued communication with the world.

The expedition is that of William Hale Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, in search of the much-heralded tree-climbing fish of the south seas.

In a 65-foot auxiliary ketch, the “Big Bill,” the crew of seven is now sailing down the Mississippi on its first leg of its adventurous journey. For two years this little sailing vessel is expected to roll about the south seas in search of the unique fish that has aroused the curiosity of scientists.

To Take Movies

To guard against having to return with any stories of the “big one that got away,” a motion picture camera and an expert photographer are on board. What fish are caught will be taken to the Field Museum here.

Incidentally, Thompson plans to spread the idea that Chicago should be the greatest seaport in the world with the Great Lakes navigable for ocean-going liners. This is in the interest of the Great Lakes-to-the-Sea project which has been agitated for years.

For the two years that the “Big Bill” is expected to be in southern waters, the world will learn of its wanderings through the activity of E. C. Page, its “youthful radio operator.”

Page is an amateur of Evanston, Ill., and was recommended by Capt. A. J. Duken, in command of the expedition, by local representatives of the American Radio Relay League.

Equipment

His equipment consists of a 100-watt transmitter and two receiving sets. He is able to send his messages on waves ranging from 100 to 600 meters, and to receive on wave-lengths of from 30 to 6,000 meters.

The official call of the vessel is WHU.

The radio equipment has been tested and from Chicago Page has succeeded in talking with Atlantic and Pacific coast amateur radio operators.

Besides trying to get in touch

Calling in the Expert

YOU MUST HELP ME, SAM—
FOR SIX YEARS I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IT BACK TOGETHER AND I ALWAYS MAKE A BOTCH OF IT.



In New York

By STEVE HANNAGAN

NEW YORK, July 22.—R. L. Hale, ballyhoo historian of New York, who has told the history of Gotham and its sights to nearly 2,000,000 people in the past fifteen years, comes from Manhattan, Kan.

Smith is the announcer on an excursion boat that sails around the island twice each day, carrying tourists and sightseers from all corners of the country.

“New Yorkers seldom make the trip and few of them know anything about their own town. They take everything for granted,” he declares.

A bachelor of 59, Smith, who lives in mid-town, participated in the Cripple Creek gold rush in 1895 and has been on the vaudeville stage and in minstrel shows. In a fifteen years he has been telling the world about New York, he has worn out three boats, but his voice hasn't been worn in the slightest. Six hours a day

'SHRUNKEN' BASKETS NUMEROUS

Short Measure Costs People Millions.

By STEVE HANNAGAN

NASHINGTON, July 22.—Americans are mulcted out of millions of dollars annually by shrunked fruit and vegetable baskets and hampers.

Just how much the amount totals is not known, as even officials in the agricultural department are unwilling to make a close estimate.

“Unfortunately you can't get thieves to report their ill-gotten gains, so any estimate we would make would not be accurate,” H. W. Sampson, chief of the division of grades and standards stated today.

The gouging is accomplished by unscrupulous merchants who sell their products in baskets below standard size, but so cleverly constructed that the purchaser is unable to detect the shortage by a glance.

Some idea of the extent of the losses through short measure can be gained by the fact that the agricultural department states that 30,000,000 hampers are manufactured annually.

Sampson says that fully one-third of the so-called half-bushel hampers being manufactured are short measure.

The use of the fourteen-quart basket has become universal in certain districts, where it has entirely supplanted the half-bushel size, although many purchasers believe that they are getting a half bushel of produce when they make their purchases,” Sampson stated.

“About 25 per cent of what are commonly supposed to be bushel baskets are short measure,” Sampson declared.

Uniform Size

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