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Bob's Dry Cleaning Co.

DINNER STORIES

Tenderfoot Bride—Is it healthy out here?

Cowboy—Healthy? Say; they had to shoot a couple of people to start a cemetery.

Marie—Can you drive with one hand?

George (excitedly)—Yes.

Marie—Then pick up my glove.

Nellie—Did she make you feel at home?

Jimmy—No, but she made me wish I was.

He—You grow more beautiful every day.

She—You exaggerate too much, Jack.

He—Well, every other day, then.

Farmer—Hi, there! Can't you see that sign, "No fishing on these grounds?"

Rastus—Cose I kin see it; but I ain't so ignorant as ter fish on no grounds. I's fishin' in de pond.

"And what are you in for, my poor man?"

"Ninety years. I was a high-school teacher and I told my pupils there wasn't any Santa Claus."

Johnny—Pa, what branches did you take when you went to school?

Pa—I never went to high school, son, but at grammar school they used hickory, beech and willow.

Mr. Smith—When you stay out late does your wife go after you?

Mr. Brown—No, she waits until I come home and then she goes after me.

Teacher—Willie, tell me in as few words as possible the story of George Washington cutting down his father's cherry tree.

Willie—Applesauce.

Need to Advertise.

Gastonia Gazette.

No matter what may be said about the Florida boom, one thing has been clearly demonstrated and that is the value of state, national and municipal advertising.

Foils were once wont to ridicule the idea of a State's advertising its virtues and resources. They said it was money thrown away.

Look at Florida. Millions of dollars and thousands of people are flowing into the State because of the advertising. Florida's name is on every lip and the word "Florida" stares at you from every printed page. Newspapers and magazines are full of Florida advertising.

If western North Carolina should advertise as Florida has done the same results would be felt. In fact, the process has started, and they tell us that Asheville and Hendersonville real estate is selling like Florida lots.

The whole state of North Carolina needs to learn to advertise. Of course, we all remember what Irvin Cobb said about the state and the boom in Florida is justification.

USE PENNY COLUMN—IT PAYS

ICE CREAM

Our New Mechanically Refrigerated Autopolar Fountain

keeps ice cream in the most perfect condition. With this new automatic refrigerating device, it is possible to hold the temperature to the zero mark if desired, and this insures all ice cream and drinks in the best of condition.

Pearl Drug Co.
On the Square Phone 22

Let Your Next Battery Be An EXIDE Use Only the Best

Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—In the old days of the development of the west, eastern capital wasn't a bit popular with the very pioneers who strained all their powers of persuasion to get it into the enterprises they were engaged in promoting.

They had to have it, but when they got it they accused it of hogishness.

Capital, in turn, accused the westerners of trying to play it as a sucker. There was a good deal of ill feeling between them. If the capital had been foreign the feeling would have been lots worse. It would have had its own government back of it, clamoring for justice.

The western Americans would have demanded that their government tell the other government to go to a warmer climate. Possibly it would have done so. Which would have been very unpleasant.

JUST now the United States is engaged in financing the world, as the east financed the west, here at home, forty or fifty years ago.

Doesn't it stand to reason that the rest of the world is going to feel toward American capital the

same way that the west felt toward eastern capital those three or four decades back? Only more so, at least so far as Europe is concerned.

It isn't quite so bad in fields like South America. South Americans haven't got the complex that they "saved civilization" and ought to be paid for it. Even so, they're suspicious of North American capital, fearing economic, and perhaps political domination by it.

BUT Europeans, at the same time they accept American money, because they must, are resentful of it. They're used to investing their capital, to exploit others, not to having others invest it, to exploit them.

Not only do they dislike it financially, but their pride's hurt.

Besides, they're exceedingly grouchy over Uncle Sam's insistence on a settlement of his war loans. Now he's buying up their industries, which they don't want to lose. He's buying them up wholesale, too. His foreign investments aggregate almost as much as his war claims, and these are around 12 billions, as everybody knows. He started buying bonds. Now he's buying stocks. From a creditor he's becoming owner.

LAWLESSNESS.

Asheville Citizen.

In explanation of American lawlessness, it is often said that this is a young country where pioneer customs and traditions are still powerful. Writing in the Saturday Evening Post, Richard Washburn Child, effectively exposes this fallacy, pointing out that Australia and Canada are also pioneer countries, but countries where the British standard of abiding by and enforcing the law prevails in a way that puts the United States to shame. In all parts of the earth, in lands old or new, the law is established and does prevail, as it does not prevail in the United States.

It is sometimes said that the astounding criminal record of this nation is largely due to the evils of unrestricted immigration over a long period of years. That argument falls to the ground when applied to such a State as North Carolina. Here the small percentage of our foreign-born population is one of our most frequent boasts, yet here, as our judges are always telling the grand juries, we have a record of a homicide a day.

Discussing the prevalence of crime, Judge Oglesby recently stated in his charge to the Buncombe County Grand Jury, his belief that the widespread lack of respect for constituted authority in this country is the primary cause of America's ignoble fame as a lawless nation; a disregard for authority in home, school and State.

Other students of social conditions comment upon the multiplicity of laws, the technicality of court procedure, which render easy the acquittal of criminals. Jurists like Chief Justice Taft, have made special studies in England of the British system of jurisprudence and come home with numerous recommendations for improving the American law courts. Still crime increases and still the leaders of opinion look for remedies.

Penal reformers assert that the ancient theory of vengeance on the criminal is one of the chief reasons for America's criminality; they argue that most of the prisons and convict camps are schools of crime and that there can be no checking of the crime wave until reformation rather than retribution becomes the principal motive in punishment.

The indictment of lawlessness is indisputable; the proposed remedies are numberless, and most of them may contain a grain of truth needed for

our national salvation. Evidently the problem of American crime is no simple one; it involves ideals, convictions and practices in the home, in the schools, in the churches, in the courts, in business and in the everyday business citizenship.

Defends Tenants.

Monroe Enquirer.

The Charlotte News says: "Forty-three per cent of the farms of North Carolina are operated by tenants, as big a curse to the social life of the State as it is a blight upon its agricultural prosperity."

The foregoing statement is a libel on a great number of prosperous and good citizens of North Carolina, and doubtless the writer thereof himself lives in a rented home.

Why and how is a tenant a curse to the social life of the State and a blight upon its agricultural prosperity?

True, a man may be unfortunate who does not own his own farm, but does that make him an undesirable citizen?

Is he and his family pariahs, even if they do work hard to produce farm products for their own use and for others who are not farmers?

There are many good business men among farmers in North Carolina, because of high taxes, find it more profitable to rent lands upon which to farm rather than to own real estate.

Why does not The News say of the clerks, workers in shops and cotton mills here in North Carolina, and who are renters, that they, too, are a curse to the social life and a blight upon prosperity?

Let's be fair to the tenant farmer and not abuse him. Many do not always remain tenants, and it is infinitely better that they are at work at gainful employment than loafing or begging.

Too, it should be remembered even if everybody in this land of ours theoretically is born free and equal, many there are who must hustle to make it an actuality.

Washington, D. C., is to have a memorial clubhouse as a permanent tribute to Susan B. Anthony, probably the most famous of the pioneer workers for woman suffrage in the United States.

At seventy-three young women attending a county teachers institute at Atchison, Kas., sixty-seven had bobbed hair.

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They have more plies of Cord They are thicker

You pay no more for a Hood—So why buy a lighter weight tire? Very few tires have as many ply of cord as the Hood.

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Ritchie Hardware Co.

YOUR HARDWARE STORE

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Auto Supply & Repair Co.

PHONE 228

POSING THE MEXICAN JUMPING BEAN.

Pathfinder.

What makes the Mexican jumping bean jump? This is one of the questions which the Pathfinder receives daily. The National Geographic Society has just issued a bulletin on this interesting subject. A man may be unable to lift himself by his bootstraps but a tiny worm in an American insect can not resist itself without the aid of its feet, but, as if to make the more difficult, performs the act house four times as big as itself, using the house along. This is the story of the celebrated Mexican jumping bean, or "bruncho" bean, as known in our Southwest. The Mexican jumping bean may be seed of any of the three or four

members of a family of swamp trees, listed officially under the ponderous title of euphorbiaceous plants, when infested by a full grown larva of the small gray tortricid moth. When the plant is in blossom the moth lays an egg in one part of the flower. That part of the flower grows with the rest, but instead of becoming a pod for the seed of the tree, it turns into a home for the insect. The egg soon hatches into a worm, which occupies not about a fifth of the pod or shell.

When the seed pods drop during the summer the husk splits into three parts—two containing seed. The third is what is known as the jumping bean. The latter is a triangular brown pod about the size of a peanut kernel, with two plain surfaces and one curved surface. As soon as the pod falls from the tree the worm or larva inside coils up, then, lets itself

go suddenly, like a catapult, giving a forward motion to the pod. Sometimes it rolls from side to side, and sometimes moves fairly consistently in one direction by leaps and jumps.

"Late in winter the larva cuts a circular door through the seed walls, strengthens it with silk and transforms to pupa. The moth soon after pushes its way through this prepared door. The jumping bean is not the only growth in which insects make their home. The cherry gall on oak trees, or oakapple, is another example."

As a result of disastrous forest fires in California last year, 10,000 acres of public land and forest have been closed to the public and camping and smoking restrictions have been placed on another several million acres of forest land.

OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS

C'MON! YA'LL HAFTA GIT OUT! I CAN'T CARRY NO LOAD LIKE AT! MIGHT JUS AS WELL CARRY A PLANNER N' BE DONE WITH IT. WE'LL HAFTA FIX UP SUMP'N WITH WHEELS ON IT.

NOW IF WE JUS HAD A OL PHONOGRAF IN THERE STD OF TOD WITH A MOUTH ORGUN.

NUH-NUH! THER'D HAFTA BE SOMEBODY IN THERE T'CHANGE RECORDS N STUFF. WE'D NEED A PIANA BOX FER THAT.

A HARD TUNE TO CARRY.

MOMN POP

BY TAYLOR

WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW?

NO GAS! THE TANKS BONE DRY—WE'LL HAVE TO BE TOWED I GUESS.

HERE COMES A FARMER—MAYBE HE CAN GIVE US A LIFT.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU CHARGE TO TOW US TO THE NEAREST GARAGE?

WELL IT'S OUT OF MY WAY BUT I'LL DO IT FOR \$3.

WHEW! THAT'S HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

HEREAFTER

HEREAFTER YOU SHOULD SEE THAT YOU HAVE PLENTY OF GAS BEFORE STARTING OUT.

YES—THIS IS A NEEDLESS EXPENDITURE FOR US.

GIDDAP!

HERE'S YOUR \$3—WE WERE LUCKY YOU CAME ALONG—WE RAN OUT OF GAS.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU NEEDED GAS?—I HAVE A CAN OF IT IN MY WAGON I WAS TAKING HOME FOR THE TRACTOR—YOU COULD HAVE HAD SOME.

AWK!

EVERETT TRUE BY CONDO

THE MANLY

ART OF

SELF-DEFENSE