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THE STRAW HARVEST.

Saturday was harvesting day for straw hats. The crop has been large this summer. It could be seen flourishing wherever the eye turned. Panamas, Leghorns, sennets, Bangkoks and the various other varieties were visible every day so far as the eye could see. They have slowly ripened under the sun, and now that they have acquired a fine weather tone they are to be cut down and put out of sight in whatever storage place is handiest.

Some of them will be kept by the thrifty until next spring. Others will be left on the counters of the hat stores to be garnered no one knows how. Bleached and reblocked some of them may appear next year. Others will go into rubbish barrels, to the dumps where the old clothes men will salvage them, and if the horse had not virtually disappeared from the streets still others would be used to keep the sun from the heads of the weary beasts in the hot June to come.

The suddenness with which the crop of straw hats appears every year and disappears is one of the marvels of the time. There is no date fixing the dates, but men observe them as though a heavy penalty were provided for the disobedient.

ALFONSO'S SAGACITY.

Alfonso of Spain has some courageous advisers. Otherwise, he would have met the crisis in his country in a different way.

The so-called military revolt in Barcelona, led by General Primo Rivera, was a revolt against the Ministry. Alfonso summoned the Cabinet in Madrid, accepted its resignation and then asked General Primo Rivera to form a new Ministry.

In effect, he said to the revolutionists that as they did not like what had been going on they might try their own hand at running the Government. The King might have temporized. He might have sought to suppress the revolt and punish the revolutionists. If he had followed this course he would have increased the dissatisfaction with existing affairs. His course has brought the malcontents into a position where they must face the facts and deal with them.

The Moroccan entanglements are real, and the prestige of Spain in Africa is involved. General Primo Rivera may know how to get his country out of the mess without loss of natural dignity. At any rate he is to have the opportunity to show what he can do.

YES OR NO.

Schwab, steel chief, hired a mining expert to make a report on a mine. The report was carefully and elaborately prepared. Schwab and his associates called for the expert, but they didn't let him read the report. "All we want to know," said Schwab, "is this: Is it a good mine?" "Yes," said the expert. "That's enough," said the chief.

There is a lot for a young man to learn in this simple story. First, be the kind of expert whose word is final. Second, be able to answer yes or no when you are asked a question—even though that question is a very important one.

The Fredericton Rotary Club had a number of wide awake farmers as guests at their weekly luncheon yesterday. This Club is proving itself to be a real live organization and by interesting itself in Agricultural problems is rendering valuable service to the community. The interests of town and country are eternally interwoven and any movement to promote better feeling and closer cooperation is certain to have beneficial results. Agriculture is New Brunswick's greatest industry and all classes should be vitally interested in its advancement and prosperity. It is a healthy sign of the times to see the young men of the Rotary Club fraternizing with the hardy tillers of the soil.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell is the first Minister of Agriculture in the history of Canada to make an extended tour of the Maritime Provinces. The Minister visited Central and Southern Brunswick ten days ago. He has since motored through the Annapolis Valley and is now in Halifax. Later on he will visit Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton. It is a splendid thing to have western public men inform themselves as to conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

It rather looks as if the report that Mary Minter eloped and got married is untrue. When a reporter looked Mary up, she was washing dishes and there wasn't anybody standing there with a towel, waiting to dry them.

The Fredericton race track is one of the fastest in the Dominion and there is no reason why its record should not be lowered in the great free-for-all tomorrow afternoon.

Nobody should miss the great race at the driving park tomorrow between Single G., Sir Roch and Margaret Dillon. It promises to be the great turf event of the season.

A husband is suing his wife's brothers because they told her he was a cumbell. While on the subject of musical instruments, he accuses them of being an anvil chorus.

Here and there it will be a rather difficult matter to get some fellows to try this truth serum until they find an antidote against the thing going too far.

What gives promise of being the greatest harness race ever seen in the Dominion will be pulled off tomorrow afternoon at the Fredericton Exhibition track.

A newspaper item says the owner of the biggest dairy has retired, but a man doesn't have to own the biggest dairy right now to retire.

One of their Massachusetts friends says Mrs. Coolidge once knitted her husband a necktie. Otherwise their home life has been happy.

If the exhibition is not a great success this year it may be difficult to lay the blame at the door of the weather man.

All attendance records at the Fredericton Exhibition should be broken tomorrow.

A boy in Los Angeles can talk in eight languages. Probably his sister won't even speak to him.

The man who lives by the side of the road nowadays has a house full of dust.

Hope that springs eternal keeps many a dumb-bell in the political game.

Bandits lay in wait for a Philadelphia messenger boy and robbed him of \$50,000. Patience has its reward.

Jack Frost should remember that rehearsing too early makes the show monotonous later on.

Germany is finicky in the matter of obeisance. The inevitable has to be shown to her before she bows to it.

As he grows older Mussolini should outgrow the habit of acting first and thinking afterward.

Buckwheat cakes and sausage have returned to compensate us for the birds that fly southward.

We begin to suspect that those who put the "mad" in old Madrid were some nuts from Barcelona.

There is no excuse for his lack of bananas now that the composer of that song has received \$50,000 for it.

It's brother against brother now in China: A military governor has just executed a flock of bandits.

The coal consumers is a gentleman with a large callous on his neck.

Telling somebody else to enforce the law is easy.

War's home office is the Balkans.

Coming Next Week

The Rhondra, Welsh Choir Singers will appear at the Opera House on Monday evening next under the auspices of the Fredericton Rotary Club. The concert by this famous organization promises to be the greatest musical treat of the season and all lovers of high class music should make it a point to be present.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The man doesn't live who feels at ease in a room where two women are whispering.

Hedge fences are being cut down but billboards are still going up.

Cupid doubtless gets many a good laugh over what is called Platonic love.

Lima Beane says the glory that was Greece is sputtering in the pan.

Frost is the white flag flung out o'er the landscape to herald the surrender of hay fever.

Henry Ford is going to establish a model town. But people don't want a model town; they want the kind they can knock.

We're curious to know what is regarded as small change in Germany the country that sought a place in the sun and ran into midnight.

"Most of our troubles are imaginary" says a Kansas paper. But think of the pleasant things we can imagine, too.

"In the old saloon days" remarked the Man on the Car, "the wife who never knew where to look for her husband now finds him in the garage, tinkering with the family car."

It is almost getting to the point where an enterprising doctor speaks for the tonsils before the child is born.—Ohio State Journal.

He has more patience with reference to the vermiform appendix.

Gaiety Novelty Dance

Novelty dance at the Old Gaiety Dance Hall, Carleton and Brunswick streets, Thursday night. Dancing from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. with music by Northern Maine's Finest Dance and Concert Orchestra. Confetti, balloons, noisemakers, paper hats, etc. supplied.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fredericton Exhibition, Limited, having set aside Thursday, September 20th, as Citizen's Day, Merchants and Citizens in general are requested to observe the afternoon of Thursday, September the 20th, as a half holiday as far as possible. Cooperation of all Citizens is requested. (Sgd.) J. A. REID, Mayor.

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