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RECLAIMING MARSHES.

Mussolini's reclamation of 5000 acres of the Pontine Marshes is to be followed by a further drainage of 1600 acres. Still the world may withhold its applause for the moment. The tract probably includes 200 square miles and the permanence of the work already accomplished is still to be tested. It is part of a large similar expanse known as the Campagna di Romana which extends a hundred miles. In this region, where the craters of extinct volcanoes form lakes, the low lying plains have yielded to cultivation better than the Pontine Marshes. The Campagna was formerly well inhabited, but failure of a portable water supply depopulated it. The planting of eucalyptus trees has helped to redeem parts of it and in the autumn herdsmen descend from the mountains to take advantage of the fertility afforded by certain sections.

The Marshes, however, have been a graver problem. With little natural fall to the land, stagnant water poisons the atmosphere. About 300 B. C. the censor Claudius laid out the Appian Way, which runs through part of the Marshes and to this extent an early start was given the work of improvement. The consul Cethegus, 150 years later, made what is believed to have been the first attempt at drainage, but he was only partly successful. Historians have suggested that Julius Caesar might have accomplished the project had his plans not been frustrated by his murder. Since then many undertakings have been started and a few have made headway.

In feats of this kind the ancients had an advantage over modern times in the cheapness of slave labor.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS.

Nicholas Murray Butler is right when he calls attention to the lack of men of vision for educational leaders. A number of well-known American colleges have been getting new presidents. Others are looking for new presidents and having trouble to find them. It is not sufficient, with youth what it is today, and the world changed as it has been changed, to call a man to the presidency of a college because he has been a good preacher or is a good teacher. The new college president must face squarely the problem of what the college can do for the young man and young woman. He must also know what it can not do. It is far from enough for the college merely to teach a boy and girl a few things or many things. The college has the big job of furnishing atmosphere—the atmosphere of study, of enthusiasm for learning, of inspiration. And it must furnish the atmosphere in which character will develop and grow.

Big jobs furnish new college presidents.

RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

The feat of Babe Ruth in poling out three homers in a single World Series game reminds us that this has been a year prolific in new records. In sport and other fields, many marks long sacred have yielded to the pressure of new contenders.

And while discussing records, we must not forget the extraordinary performance of Miss Iris Tree, actress, now playing in Philadelphia. When interviewed recently, Miss Tree, daughter of Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, made a thoughtless reference to her husband. It had not been known therefore that Miss Tree was married. Not only was it revealed that this is true but also that she has been married for 10 years.

In a year remarkable for new records let us not overlook that of the woman who kept a secret—and of her own marriage—for a solid decade.

Hon. Charles S. Hyman, who died at London, Ont., recently was for many years prominent in politics on the Liberal side. He started out by defeating the late Sir John Carling, a Conservative cabinet minister in London in 1891. Some years afterwards he was appointed Minister of Public Works in the Laurier cabinet, holding the office for three years. In private life Hon. Mr. Hyman was a leather manufacturer, and at one time had extensive business connections in New Brunswick. He was the owner of a tannery which was operated at Benton, York County, for some years under the name of S. Arscott & Company.

At Kitchener, Ontario a few days ago, a young man named McNeill was sentenced to three months imprisonment for the theft of \$32,000 from the Galt branch of the Bank of Montreal. The young man was employed in the bank as current ledger keeper. In passing sentence the judge referred to the salaries paid by banks and to the temptations placed in the way of junior clerks. He held that the crime in this instance was not premeditated as McNeill was weak physically, owing to the circumstances before his birth, the evidence showing that his mother had got a severe strain occasioned by the death of her father six months before the birth of the accused. A far fetched excuse for the display of leniency one would think.

Henry E. Dixey wants women to "assume the ask of cleansing the stage." We don't expect him to get much action. There was a time, we recall, when it was confidently predicted that giving women the ballot would cleanse politics. And now look at the darn thing!

"Mrs. Dempsey," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "charges her husband was given something before the fight," and it is also the opinion he was "given something after the fight." Then, too, he was given something during the fight. Jack seems to have been at the receiving end most of the time.

Lady Astor says Dean Inge is "a gloomy man whose god is a gloomy god." That may account for a lot of things we haven't quite understood. A gloomy man linked up with a gloomy god can certainly spread the gloom on thick.

"Airship travel," says a critic of flying, "has not yet been rendered absolutely safe." Well, will this gentleman please enumerate for us a few of the methods that have been made absolutely foolproof?

Theatrical producers complain of a lack of attractive chorus girls. Evidently the prophets were right when they predicted this year's peach crop would be a failure.

Skirts may be longer in 1936, as someone predicts. Those who are maids now will be mothers then and start the younger generation off on a new tack.

The alleged Nashwaak Road scandal which was started in a newspaper office has evidently decided to remain there.

There is a champion "hog-caller" out West who can make himself heard three miles. What a horn he'd make for some of our road hogs.

New York's receptions being what they are, no doubt three or four bands will be on the dock when the Queen comes in, to strike up "Sweet Marie."

When Mr. Ruth connects, there is rarely any serious demand for a recount.

The British coal miners are apparently determined to give England a real Winter.

One way to make the outdoor temperature rise, these days, is to start the furnace.

Ben Hur won the race without any volunteer advisor. There were no back seats on chariots.

When times seem to be getting hard, raise all wages, say the economist. No wage earner objects to that.

It is a wise dictator who knows when to stop dictation.

JURY NOW OUT

Retired at 2.55 in Suit of Grace vs Moore et al—No Order Yet for New Jury Panels.

In the suit of Bertha E. L. Grace vs Geo. B. Moore and John F. O'Connor P. J. Hughes, K. C. for the defence and J. B. McNair for the plaintiff completed their addresses to the jury this morning. Mr. Justice LeBlanc then charged the jury. He resumed after recess for lunch completing his charge at 2.55 p. m. when the jury retired.

This action is for \$10,975 for injuries which resulted in the death of William F. Grace, who was struck by a car driven by O'Connor and owned by Moore.

No instruction had been issued to Sheriff Hawthorne up to this afternoon for new jury panels for the case of James McGillicuddy who is out on bail in connection with the death of Rose Miller who died after being struck by his car at Central Kingsclear. Mr. Justice LeBlanc cannot proceed with the case at once having to go away but the case may come on later this month or in November.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Add Dictionary: Humility, n. A flat tire.

Pope was right. We first endure and then embrace short-haired women.

A Vociferous Minority.—Headline. There isn't any other kind of minority.

If apes descended from man, as now claimed, they must have been the neighbors' children.

"A French professor says the consumption of salt has lowered human intelligence." That's right, knock the one thing that is cheap.

Funny notion our forefathers had—founding towns along rivers, so posterity would have to build bridges.

Every now and then somebody steps to the front to repeat that old saying that money talks. Guess it's a rumor.

It can be said for many babies of today that they have pretty young mothers what with bobbed hair and so forth.

We might as well believe anything the scientists tell us about the spots on the sun, so long as they don't call them freckles.

Four wives are as many as a Turk may have hereafter under a new prohibition law. Assuming human nature is much the same in Turkey as elsewhere, there is likely to be some bootlegging in wives over there.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF THOSE LEAVING

(Continued from page one.)

Appreciation of Miss LeBlanc.

The Board passed a vote of appreciation of the services of Miss Estelle LeBlanc who is retiring as Assistant Superintendent. Regret was expressed because of the severance of her connection with the Branch. The resignations of Miss Nutter and Miss LeBlanc both go into effect on the 15th inst. Friday next.

The Board considered suggestions from a Branch Institute concerning revision of the constitution of District Organization. The decision was that no changes be made and that the constitution continue as passed by the last Provincial Convention.

Resolutions Perferred.

The resolutions passed by the Provincial Convention in Fredericton in June last were discussed and the secretary was instructed to forward them to the various Provincial Departments concerned, with requests to be advised of any action concerning them.

Best Wishes To Miss Nutter.

Before the close of the session Mrs. Flemming the vice-president, on behalf of the Advisory Board expressed appreciation of the services of Miss Nutter as Superintendent. Mrs. Flemming in her remarks also expressed the regret of the Board that Miss Nutter had seen fit to resign her office and best wishes for the future.

Miss Nutter made a feeling reply thanking the members of the Advisory Board for their expression of good will and also for the cooperation which she always had experienced in the work.

LAST OF OLD TOWN CRIERS RENDS THE AIR

London, Oct. 14—Forty-eight fully extended leather lungs shattered the rural peace of the little Hampshire village of Pewsey this week, when twenty-four surviving English town criers competed for the national championship. The color and romance, as well as noise were lent to the scene by the criers' gorgeous robes, quaint headgear and brightly polished bells.

WARN 'EM.

When radiators radiate The frosty nights they mitigate But autumn days, as like as not They get the place too cockeyed hot!

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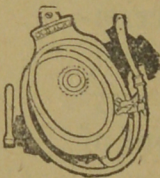
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