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"For Each Other—Not Against Each Other."

Birthday Party for 'Old Mac' Leap Year Carnival Dance Tomorrow Nite

The McGregors of Placerita canyon, recently held a birthday party in honor of W. Harris McKean, better known in Newhall as "Old Mac." A few of his intimate friends were present and also his niece, Miss Elberta Willis, of Los Angeles.

Mr. McKean was born in Washington County, Mo., Jan. 2, 1832, moving to Dallas County, Iowa, in 1848. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California and started mining in Placerville, then called Hangtown. He mined in all the great camps of the early days and came to Placerita in 1893 where he has since made his living prospecting. He has witnessed many changes in civilization's progress, from the "covered wagon" to the auto. He is hale and hearty at 93 years of age and altho his eyesight was affected some years ago by a mine accident he still retains a good memory and fine health, prospect of many years more. He is still happy and can eat and relish

Hap-a-lan's first dance of the new year will be held tomorrow nite, Saturday, January 5. It is to be a leap year carnival dance, to be given by five of Newhall's captivating young ladies. To miss this dance would be worse than having to celebrate the Fourth without firecrackers.

After spending considerable time and effort to secure a suitable crew of melody purveyors for the occasion, the young ladies were very fortunate in being able to make arrangements with Foster's orchestra, a brand new one to this vicinity and said to be a real live-wire bunch of musicians.

As this is to be a leap year affair bachelors are warned to guard themselves against the wiles of the fair sex on this particular evening. It is said that proposals made to the tune of a beautiful waltz, are very hard to refuse.

Jury Acquits Eichenhofer

One of the most interesting cases which has been heard in Judge Miller's court was the case of the People vs. C. Eichenhofer, heard Wednesday. The defendant was arrested and arraigned by County prohibition officers on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor.

The case, for various reasons, has been dragging along for some weeks, finally culminating in the acquittal of the defendant by a jury.

The jury consisted of Curtis Leuman, Ray Biscailuz, Herbert Ball, A. G. Thibaudeau, Charlie Moore, A. H. Wilkie, D. Q. Bowman, R. C. Tooker, A. B. Wertz, Bob Anderson, Mrs. Ralph Carr and Mrs. Millie Harker.

Attorneys Fischer and Firman represented the defendant while Deputy District Attorney Clarke appeared for the people.

Heated arguments between the opposing attorneys kept up interest in a case that had a tendency to drag. Judge Miller was very generous in allowing objections to testimony by both coun-

Chamber of Commerce Will Meet January 9th

Next Wednesday nite, January 9th, is the regular date for the Chamber of Commerce meeting and it is desirable that enough members turn out for a good session.

It might be well if we all look back and view our work with the organization for the past year. How regularly have we attended the meetings and offered suggestions for improvements in our town? Have we in every way possible boosted our civic organization and stood back of it? A Chamber of Commerce in any town is made by the people for the people and is a medium through which they may act co-operatively to bring about better conditions. To have any kind of success members must keep up enthusiasm and be continually on the watch for anything that will improve our town.

Those who have acted as officers the year have been

three good meals a day.

Save Your Old Papers and Help Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts will conduct another paper drive, and are very anxious that all their friends and those interested in the Boy Scout work will save all their old papers and magazines, which some of the boys will collect some time in the near future.

The Boy Scouts are making an effort to get their own place of meeting and are trying to make money for this purpose. The Scout work is one of the best developers of character for the boys, that there is and no one can give to a better purpose than to that which will benefit it.

New Local Meat Market

A meat market will be opened tomorrow, Saturday, in the store room next to the Newhall Bakery, by C. Maddern and J. Bemis, who invite their friends to call on them at their new location. The gentlemen will conduct their business on a price standard that will assure quality goods at the lowest price possible.

Newhall's new telephone office, next to Russell's Restaurant, was opened to the public on Jan. 2.

The Camp Fire Girls met at the home of Gladys Thibaudeau at 7:30 P. M., Monday.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by LaVon Harker. Then followed the initiation ceremony, new members being the Misses Florence Harker, Helen Thompson, Naomi Cooke, Colina Chaix, Iris Gleason and Thelma Bricker.

After the initiation Mrs. Thibaudeau served refreshments.

While waiting for the old year to silently step aside for the year 1924, officers were elected and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon, January 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 at the home of Mrs. Densmore.

New Year's day at the L. G. Goodknight ranch in Soledad canyon will be long remembered as a day of good cheer and feasting. A big turkey dinner, with cranberry sauce, mince pie and all the rest of the trimmings that go to make up an elaborate feast, was enjoyed by a number of guests, including: Lieut. B. F. [Billy] McFarland and wife, Maj. Herschel W. Goodknight and wife, R. V. McFarland and wife, Logan G. Goodknight, V. K. Shackleford and wife, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wasson, of Valley View ranch and Mr. M. A. Sternburgh, of Soledad. After dinner games and target practice were enjoyed.

witnesses for the people, consisted of the arresting officers and the County chemist.

After hearing arguments of the attorneys for the defence in this case we are of the opinion that the Wright Act is too pliable and spongy to be of any great value as a prohibitive law.

Mrs. S. A. Miller Passes Away

Mrs. Martha Miller, wife of S. A. Miller, passed away in a Los Angeles hospital Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1924 after a short illness.

The deceased was born in Germany and came to this country when a young girl. She grew to womanhood and was married in the east. Later they came to California and four years ago came to Newhall.

Besides the husband there are two children left, a son Ernest and a daughter Mrs. Arthur England of San Francisco.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock from the Little Church of the Flowers and Rev. Evans will officiate.

As we go to press, a mountain fire is eating its way across the Elsmere hills, just south of Newhall. Information as to who set the fire is now in the hands of Jesse Graves who never wastes any time in bringing careless campers to account.

neglect of their own affairs. A town MUST have a live civic organization to progress rapidly and the interest of the people makes the backbone of the organization.

Local Boys Badly Injured In

As the result of a head-on collision on the highway near Castaic, last Saturday evening, between a Ford coupe, owned and driven by H. J. Heinrichs, of Newhall, and a Hudson "six," operated by Elmer Peterson, said to reside in Hollywood, Heinrichs suffered two broken ribs and numerous cuts and bruises about the body, while Curtis Leuman, who was riding in the coupe received a broken collar bone and several bad cuts about the head. Bob Andington, the third occupant of the coupe, suffered a badly lacerated hand. No one in the Hudson was seriously injured. Heinrichs' car is practically a wreck and how any of the three occupants of this car escaped death is a mystery.

The accident was caused when Peterson, driving the Hudson, attempted to pass another car, without having an open road ahead.

Peterson was lodged in jail and next day given a 90-day suspended jail sentence with the understanding that he shall make complete settlement for damages. Judge Miller also revoked Peterson's operating license for a year.

The Band of Gold
By a Canyonite

On a dark December day we climbed
O'er the hills above our home;
The bare, brown hills, now gashed with
roads
Where the feet of the homemakers
roam.
And, turning, we spied from our eerie
high,
A band of gold at the edge of the sky,
Where the wide Pacific passes by,
And the fleet ships go and come.
Now here's a woman we would pro-
claim
To the ears of a lonely Some;
Tho' your skies be dark with portend-
ing storm,
And your weary foot findeth no home,
You may ever see from your hill so
high,
A band of gold at the edge of the sky,
Where oceans of peace forever lie
And the thot-ships go and come.
'Tis not for those on the lower planes
Who suffer and strive and roam,
Who spend their strength for a tarnish-
ing gold,
That the guerdon of beauty doth come.
Oh! Give us always the vision so high,
Our band of gold between earth and
sky,
Where depths and heights surpassing
lie,
And the full ships reach their home.
—Hollywood, Jan. 1, 1924.

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Registration of Voters

A. G. Thibaudeau, deputy regis-
trar of voters for Newhall precinct,
announces that the new registra-
tion books are now open. In order
to vote at any future election,
every citizen must have registered
since January 1st, 1924. An im-
portant change in the Presidential
Primary Law, provides that no
voter will be permitted to take
part in the May primary for nom-
ination of Presidential delegates
unless he or she has stated party
affiliation at the date of registra-
tion or has recorded a change of
party 30 days prior to election.
The recognized political parties in
California at this time are, Republi-
can, Democratic, Prohibition and
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Important Conference

The First District California
Congress of Mothers and Parent-
Teacher Associations will hold a
conference, Thursday, January 10,
at the Methodist church, corner of
Palm and Ivy avenues, Monrovia,
from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Presi-
dents' council at 10. Round Ta-
bles of all departments at 10:30.
Monrovia P-T A will present a
short play. Miss Orpha Jean
Shoutz, former referee of Juvenile
Court, will speak on "Juvenile
Protection." State President,
Mrs. Hugh Bradford, of Sacramen-
to, will speak at 2:30. Usual par-
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Mint Canyon Juleps

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith and little daughter Florence spent the Holidays with their cousins the D. B. Hilton family at Long Beach. From there they visited in Santa Ana and San Pedro.

The U. S. G. Johnsons held a family reunion at their home in upper Mint on New Years Day Charles Petty of Fullerton enjoyed his Holiday vacation at the home of relatives in Mint.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crist and daughter Miss Dorothy of Los Angeles were entertained with a dinner at the home of friends in Mint on New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Markwell, daughter Kathleen and Mrs. Markwell's sister Miss Whelan of Los Angeles were New Years visitors in Mint.

Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Petty of Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. [Name obscured] of Anaheim, and [Name obscured] of Anaheim, were [Name obscured] dinner at the home of the Doctor's sister in Mint last Sunday.

Mr. E. A. Smith and family attended the Rose Tournament at Pasadena, after which they with a number of friends enjoyed a turkey picnic dinner. They "aint telliu" who ate the most.

Miss Corrine Robertson, teacher at Sterling, is now comfortably located in bachelor style in one of the buildings formerly used as the office for the P. C. B. plant. Her sister, Miss Irene is assisting her in keeping house.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ross and kiddies Betty and Norman Jr. left Sterling on New Year's Day to be with the former's parents for a day at Monrovia before leaving for their new home at Ryan where Mr. Ross will continue in the employ of the P. C. B. Company. Mr. Ross was for several years superintendent of the mine at Sterling and it is with deep regret that the community loses this estimable family. They will be greatly missed by those who came in daily contact with them and the best wishes of the community go with them. We hope that the mine will soon be running full force and that Mr. Ross will be back at his old position.

A Watch Party was held at the home of Wm Dodrill's "Castle Oaks" last Monday nite. About thirty ventured out altho the weather was very inclement. Games were played and broadcasted music entertained for some time. A little before midnite rugs were rolled back and dancing was enjoyed until the wee sma' hours. Wienies were roasted in the two great fireplaces and sandwiches, salad, cake and coffee were served. The children amused themselves with toys under a Christmas tree in the den. The spacious living room was an ideal place for dancing. Mrs. Dodrill presided at the piano while Tony Held, held the drumsticks.

Miss June Dodrill returned to her school in Whittier after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Osterholt and kiddies visited old friends in Mint while enroute to Del Sur for a few days visit.

As the New Year is rapping at our door and in its usual courteous manner wishes us all health, wealth and happiness, how many of us stop to think in what way we can better our community that all may benefit by the action and be happier for so doing. No doubt we are all making resolutions and saying "this year I am going to stick to my resolutions" and quite likely they'll be as different as the number of people who make them. Yet in this respect, perhaps the residents of Mint Canyon would be the exception for we believe the voice would be unanimous for building a school house large enuf to accommodate the community and where entertainments may be held. Mint Canyon district voted \$1300.00 in bonds to build a new school house on a different and more suitable site the coming summer. Now then why not construct a building that may be used for many years to come. A community building is quite necessary and adds dignity to a community. The extra expense and labor that must necessarily accompany an improvement of this nature may be defrayed with entertainments and in various legitimate ways. Mint Canyon is growing rapidly and we are optimistic enuf to think it has a great future like every other locality in Southern California. Our people are pro-

gressive and we can show it by erecting a large, substantial building. Let us think and talk it over among ourselves and perhaps our people can have an early meeting that this subject of interest may be furthered. Mr. and Mrs. Mint Canyonite, this is your community and the success of this enterprise lies wholly with you and upon your co-operation. What will you do?

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SAN FRANCISQUITO

Mrs. C. A. Small, teacher of the San Francisquito Canyon school, decorated a beautiful Xmas tree at the Ruiz home which was loaded with gifts. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mitchell and family spent Christmas day at the Ruiz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their daughter of Laguna have been up at their newly purchased ranch, cleaning things up.

The many friends of Miguel Ruiz will be surprised to learn of his marriage to Mary Senela, at Piru, December 24. After a short trip they returned to Mr. Ruiz's home in San Francisquito. Saturday evening about 30 relatives and friends gathered at the home of E. R. Ruiz and at ten o'clock, to the "melody" of different instruments, they all marched in on the newlyweds. The guests brot a bountiful supper which all enjoyed. Mrs. Lupa Dominguez, of Piru, made a beautiful wedding cake. After an evening joyfully spent the guests departed.

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Our Wednesday matinee has been discontinued until after the improvement on our building is finished.

L. M. Pardee of Breckenridge, Texas, his mother Mrs. Julia Pardee and Norman Pardee of Inglewood, were visitors at the Russell home Monday.

Christmas Inconsistency

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TWO men were finishing their Christmas shopping late one Christmas eve.

"Let's call a taxicab," said one. "We have so many bundles and it is starting to rain."

A little boy offered to get them one. He only had to go a few steps before he found one. And he held the door open wide for the two men as he had seen carriage starters and automobile starters do.

He had been looking for odd jobs that evening. His Christmas money was not very much, and he did want to get just a few Christmas presents to give away. He had already made some. If he could only get ten cents now he would have enough. That would buy his mother's present. He wanted to get her a pink carnation. He had seen such beauties, and they were ten cents apiece.

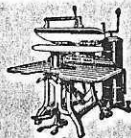
One of the men paid no attention to him. The other fumbled at his pocket. "Here, don't be silly, you'll give the child bad ideas," said his friend. "He really didn't do anything. He will think he can beg for anything. That's a bad influence you're exerting," he muttered on, as the man who had fumbled at his pocket drew forth a shiny ten-cent piece and gave it to the boy, whose pale face and dark eyes lighted up in joy.

Later they stopped in at a restaurant to have something to eat. The man who had reproved the other for the ten-cent tip to the boy handed the waiter a large tip in advance, which was the waiter's only attention.

"Well, get your service, and explained, "and then, too, it's Christmas time."

But the friend who had been reproved said: "You don't think you're exerting a bad influence by any chance, do you?"

And the boy bought the carnation and went home, successful and happy, but the waiter snubbed the next customer because he failed to get an exorbitant tip.



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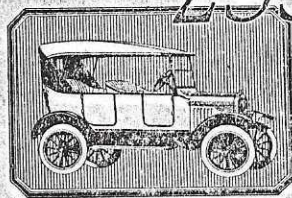
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Community Presbyterian Church Notes

The subject of the New Year's sermon will be, "The Untraveled Country." There will be special singing.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson is, "A Chosen Leader and a Chosen Land."

The Golden Text is, "In Thee Shall all the Families of the Earth Be Blessed."

The new officers will take up their work in the C. E. Society on Sunday evening.

Let us make this a great year for our church by helping all departments.

The little folks had their picture taken Monday afternoon. It will be a Christmas tree picture, being taken as near as possible the way they appeared in the program on Christmas Eve. Pictures may be ordered from Mrs. Young at the Drug Store.

CASTAIC NEWS

School opens January 7th after a three week's vacation.

Mrs. Louis Brunner and daughter Mary have returned home after a few days spent in Los Angeles.

A. E. Jones spent a few days in Taft on business.

Mr. Dunn is building a nice new bungalow on his ranch known as the Randall ranch.

Louis Razor spent Sunday with friends here.

Remarkable Increase in Ford Organization

Extension of the Ford Motor Company's sales and service organization during the year 1923 was rather remarkable and is due of course to the increasing demand for Ford products.

There were 432 new dealers appointed during the year, bringing the total number of authorized dealers in the United States up to 9,448, the greatest sales organization ever known.

Authorized service stations also have been steadily increased in order to afford the best possible service to the constantly growing number of Ford owners. At present the Ford service stations total around 22,000.

In foreign countries there are 3,800 authorized Ford dealers and 7,000 service stations.

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ORIGIN OF FLOWERS' NAMES

Great Many Blossoms Bear Names Taken From Human Beings.

A great many of the flowers so well beloved bear names taken from human beings and are recorded in classic legends. Take for instance the hyacinth and narcissus. "Hyacinthus" was beloved by Zephyrus, but returned the affection so coldly that the latter, in anger, threw the quail (hung by Apollo) so that it hit Hyacinthus on the head, causing his death. In his grief Apollo changed the youth's blood into a flower. Narcissus, according to one legend, fell in love with his own image as he saw it reflected in water, mistaking it for the nymph of the fountain. He pined away and died of unrequited love. The flower bloomed from the place where he languished. Crocus is the Greek "Krokos," saffron, to which family it belongs. Saffron is made from the dried stigmata of the purple crocus. The tongue gets its name from the Latin word for a "push," which has similar leaves and flowers.

Queer Clock in Cathedral.
A gallery below the dial across which heathen deities drive in chariots is but one of the remarkable features of the clock constructed in 1842 for the Strasbourg cathedral. Diana drove on Monday, Mars on Tuesday, and so on. Higher up was a second gallery, with a figure holding two bells. At each quarter hour a second figure appeared and struck one of the bells. At the hour an old man walked across, striking the four quarters, and after him came the figure of Death, which struck the hour with a bone.

At noon in the top gallery the Twelve Apostles walked in procession around Our Lord, who at the close made the sign of the cross. While this went on a cock on a pinnacle on the left of the figures flapped his wings and crowed three times.

A famous clock possessed by one of the emperors of China boasted a fully-equipped automatic orchestra playing 40 foreign and 20 Chinese musical selections. A similar piece of ingenuity is owned by a man in England. This clock's "orchestra" consisting of a flute, a cello, two violins, two dancers, and three singers.

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Forest Fires Are Costly

Approximately one-half of one per cent of the territory comprised in the Angeles Forest Reserve was burned over by forest and mountain fires during the 1923 season, according to the annual fire report of Supervisor Charlton.

A total of 4137 acres was burned over, the cost of fighting the conflagrations amounting to \$12,384.05. Fifty-four of the blazes were "man caused," smokers being responsible for thirty-one thru the careless use of matches or disposition of cigar and cigaret stubs. Only five campers' fires, built in dangerous or exposed places or left burning, escaped the vigilance of forest rangers in conflagrations. As were responsible for six of the fires, lightning caused seventeen, and eight originated from "brush burning" parties.

America, Land of Plenty!

America, the Land of Plenty! From the Atlantic to the Pacific; from the sunny Rio Grand to the Canadian border, there are today thousands of acres producing agricultural products which feed the world. From the earliest days of colonization we have been adding to the native crops and stock new varieties. By eliminating the unfit and building up the better grades we now lead the world in quantity production of necessary foodstuffs. However, until our present Federal Department of Agriculture began sending its plant explorers to the ends of the earth in search of new crops, not a single new crop was introduced into this country since the colonial period except sorghum and alfalfa. The navel orange was one of the most important plant immigrants ever introduced.

The tendency of our present civilization is to make of the farmer and rancher a producer of raw materials only, with the distribution entirely in the hands of the fre-

quently inefficient urban centers. However, there are co-operative organizations which operate greatly to the farmer's advantage. Thru this method the farmer improves both the growing and marketing of his product.

How Sweet to Be Poor!

On a Christmas card we received, are the words: "There is nothing sweet in the city but the patient lives of the poor." Since receiving the card these words have been receiving more attention from our thot than the usual Christmas message. We have been analyzing that message from every angle we know to find the consistency of it and have decided that more study is required than we have given it to discover a truth, a moral or a possible ideal in the sentiment expressed. To begin with, why should such a sentiment be expressed at the Christmas season, the time of all times, when the thot of poverty or unhappiness is to be forgotten and the spirit of love and plenty prevail? In fact, poverty should not exist at any time and every day should be a "Christmas Day" far and abundance is concerned.

We don't see any particular glory in being poor, nor so much piety in being "sweet" about it either.



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on Humanity

"ARCHITECTS OF FATE"

All are architects of Fate,
Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless, is, or low;
Everything in its place is best;
And that which seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these;
Leaving no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art,
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part;
For the gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where gods may dwell,
Beautiful, entire and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Standing in these walls of time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.

With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure,
Shall tomorrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain
To those turrets, where the eye
Sees the world as one vast plain,
One boundless reach of sky.

THE STAGE DRIVER

The Ridge Route proper, consists of approximately 60 miles of the most dangerous paved highway in America. More lives have been snuffed out on this particular stretch of road than on any other of equal length anywhere in the United States. To make the entire trip from Los Angeles to Bakersfield, a distance of about 120 miles, once a week is about all that most autoists would care to undertake. Yet there are about a dozen men who make a round trip between the cities mentioned, 240 miles, at least six times a week. We refer to the stage drivers, to whom we take off our hats as being a bunch of real, red blooded "he-men." These chaps roll over the Ridge at a speed that is anything but moderate, in order to make the trip on required schedule. They go out in all kinds of weather, under all kinds of conditions. They undergo all sorts of hardships day in and day out. Yet nobody ever hears one of them crying or crabbing about what a tough job he has. It is rarely that a stage driver gets mixed up in an auto accident altho the continual strain he is under taxes to the limit his brains, brawn and nerve energy.

Stage drivers get very little sympathy from the public and less appreciation. On the other hand they frequently get bawled out by various forms of inert matter, oftentimes called human. But thru it all, the stage driver rarely

loses his temper. He goes out smiling at dawn and comes in smiling at night. If he's "all in" you'll never know it for he'll never tell.

The stuff that Ridge Route stage drivers are composed of is extremely scarce and worth more than twice what it brings on the market of public service any day in the year.

HAPPINESS

As a general rule, the thing we think we want most only brings temporary satisfaction—and pretty soon we want something else most.

What we really want most is—happiness.

Happiness doesn't come from the outside. It comes from the inside.

Happiness is a mental state. It consists mainly in enjoying the things you have.

Work? Who would choose work as the thing most wanted? But ask the man out of work what he wants most.

Freedom? Pshaw! We all have that. But ask the man in jail what he wants most.

Money? Money, but those who get it with it eventually get it eventually p Health?

us try to keep it until we begin to lose it.

The truth of the matter is we all want happiness and happiness is composed of a combination of things.

And strange as it may seem to most people, money, over a living necessity, isn't essentially one of the combination.

Happiness is just satisfaction with and enjoyment of the things you have till you can better them—health, work, home, family and friends.

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FOR SALE—One 4-burner Perfection oil stove, used four months. Address C. B. Vaughn, care this office.

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FOR SALE—Violin, three-quarter size; case and bow. Box 148, Newhall, Calif. D14-2t

NOTICE

There came to my place November 29, 1923, one black mule and one brown mule with halter. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. T. R. Held, Box 63, R. D. Saugus, Calif.

FOR SALE—\$3,000 first mortgage, 7 per cent interest, 3 years. Secured by Newhall Filling Station, Newhall, Calif. Will discount. Address Carl Sischo, 747 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles.

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4-072 c NOTICE OF CONTEST The Newhall Signal 032273

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Los Angeles, California, December 14, 1923.

To: George Lewellyn of 2219 East 81st Street of Los Angeles, California, contestee:

You are hereby notified that Catherine Kane, who gives 2623 Maniton Street, Los Angeles, California, as her postoffice address, did on November 23, 1923, file in this office her duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry, Serial No. 032273, made April 8th, 1920, for NW1/4NW1/4, Section 28, and S1/2SW1/4, Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 14 West, S. B. Meridian, and as grounds for her contest she alleges that you have wholly abandoned said land for more than two years last past, there is no habitable house on said land, and said land has not been cultivated or improved in any manner at all during the last two years. That your absence from said land and your failure to cultivate the same was not due to your employment in the military or naval organization of the United States during time of war.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as being confessed by you, and your further

either before this office, or if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the fourth publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

DUDLEY S. VALENTINE,
Register.
B. B. SMITH,
Receiver.

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(The Newhall Signal)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. LAND OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, November 21, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that Edward A. Rollert, of Saugus, California, who, on January 6th, 1921, made Homestead Entry No. 033740, for SW1/4SE1/4, Section 1, Township 4 N., Range 16 W., S. B. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, California, on the 8th day of January, 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses:
John Haskell, Frederick Haskell, Herschel C. Cutrell, Marshall Cruse, all of Saugus, California.

DUDLEY S. VALENTINE
Register.

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No withdrawals
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Southern Pacific Railway

Effective 12:01 A. M. Aug. 19, 1923 trains will leave Newhall as follows:

NORTHBOUND

Train 35 leaves 8:14 A. M. for Santa Paula and West.
Train 37 leaves 5:18 P. M. for Oxnard via Santa Paula.
Train 49 leaves 12:40 A. M. for San Francisco. Flag stop only.
Train 107, 11:45 A. M. to Fresno, West. Flag stop only.

SOUTHBOUND

Train No. 8 leaves 6:15 A. M. for Los Angeles. Flag stop only.
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LOOKING FOR SINGING BIRDS

Customers Are Zealously Searching Among the Canaries in the Salesrooms.

Canary-bird salesrooms at this season are filled with yearning women straining their ears to detect a singer, pausing now and then to glare at some other customer who is looking for the same bird. Confronted with the hundreds of small cages standing around the wall and with the air filled with a chaos of song, it's no small job to pick out the birds actually singing, says the New York Sun and Globe. The large sign: "No Birds Exchanged" makes the customer all the more tense.

Then, when she's found the singer and the color of the plumage suits, some one else is likely to "listen in" on the same bird. Harried between the doubt it has just the right voice and the fear the other person will buy the bird, she casts dark looks at the intruder. Then, too, there's the attendant who constantly moves among the cages and, detecting a good singer, takes it out of the \$3.58 row and puts it in the \$10 "selected" class.

Desperate after hours of listening and indecision, the customer points to a cage and takes the prisoner home, trusting to luck after all that he's a singer.

Japs Work Backwards.

The Japanese have many ways of "doing things" that are strange to western eyes and western ideas. For instance, their saws cut when pulled toward them instead of when pushed. Nearly all cutting tools are reversed. They back their horses into the stalls. When our clock strikes one theirs strike eleven. Their blacksmiths pry sitting down and when they

want to rest they stand up. There is, however, a logical reason for each of these seemingly queer habits. Pulling the saw prevents buckling. When are you in a hurry—when you put your horse in the stall or when you take him out? was the answer of the man who was questioned about the horse. As to the clock, it seems that the Japanese prefer to know how many hours are left in the day rather than how many have passed. And the blacksmith who sits down works with his feet as well as his hands—literally, he has four hands, and he rests all of these when he gets up.

Common Rushes.

Green rushes, long and thick, standing up above the edge of the ditch, told the hour of the year, as distinctly as the shadow on the dial the hour of the day. Green and thick and sappy to the touch, they felt like summer, soft and elastic, as if full of life, mere rushes though they were. On the fingers they left a green scent; rushes have a separate scent of green, so, too, have ferns, very different to that of grass or leaves. Rising from brown sheaths, the tall stems, enlarged a little in the middle like classical columns, and heavy with their sap and freshness, leaned against the law-thorn sprays. From the earth they had drawn its moisture, and made the ditch dry; some of the sweetness of the air had entered into their fibers, and the rushes—the common rushes—were full of beautiful summer.—Richard Jefferies.

Poor Consolidation.

Scene: A Scottish railway station. Excited woman—Porter, porter— I've lost my luggage!
Porter (calmly)—Oh, weel, m'm, then ye'll no be needin' a porter.

Couldn't Dodge Them.

Tom—I hear you can't meet your creditors, Jack.
Jack—Can't meet 'em! The trouble is I can't dodge 'em.

Raisin Nut Gems.

Two cupfuls flour, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, ¼ teaspoonful salt, 2 tablespoonfuls sugar, ½ cupful raisins, ¼ cupful walnut meats, 1 well-beaten egg, 2 tablespoonfuls melted butter or shortening.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Add raisins and nuts cut in pieces. Add milk and beaten egg and mix well. Stir in butter. Pour into greased gem pans and bake in moderate oven 30 to 35 minutes. This makes about 12 gems.



TWO VIEWS OF HER LAUGH.
When she laughed at him to scorn
He departingly wiggled.
But his joy was full-born
Whenever she giggled.

Defining an Orator.

A negro met an acquaintance of his on the street and was surprised to see that his friend had on a new suit, new hat, new shoes and other evidences of prosperity.

"Hey, buy," he said, "how come you dressed up this way? Is you got a job?"

"Ise got somethin' bettern' any job," replied the other, "Ise got a profession."

"What is it?"

"Ise a orator."

"What's a orator?"

"Don't you know?" replied the resplendent one in surprise. "Well, I'll tell you what a orator is. If you was to walk up to a ordinary coon and ask him how much was two and two, he'd say 'four'; but if you was to ask one of us orators how much was two and two, he'd say: 'When in de course of

ordinar' events' it becomes necessary to take de numeral of de second denomination and add it to de figger two, I says unto you and I says it without fear of successful contradiction, dat de result will inval'ibly be four.' Dat's a orator."—Judge.

Might Delay the Train.

Mr. and Mrs. Cohen visited London for the first time by excursion train. They had been instructed that the return tickets were available only on the train due to leave London at 4:35 p. m.

After visiting the principal places of interest, Cohen suggested that it was time they started for the station.

"Wait a few minutes," said his wife. "Not your hurry?"

"Ve have no time to lose," argued Cohen. "How would ve look if ve arrived a few minutes late and found dot dey had to keep a trainload of pippel vaiting just for us? Goodness! Ve'd never hear de end of it!"

AGE IS HONORED IN KOREA

Youth Is Kept Back From Public Position—Men of Mature Years Are Treated With Respect.

In Korea or Chosen as it is now commonly called, youth does not hold the reins. Youth is kept back from public position and age and maturity are treated with profound reverence and respect. Men and women are complimented upon their venerable and aged appearance rather than upon their youth and beauty. In nearly all eastern countries the laws of the land are made by the oldest people, and a young, ambitious man cannot be endured. It is only within a very few years that a man under sixty was considered of sufficient age to be capable of making laws or judging them. A change, however, seems to be coming gradually and youth will eventually assume the reins, according to indications.

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