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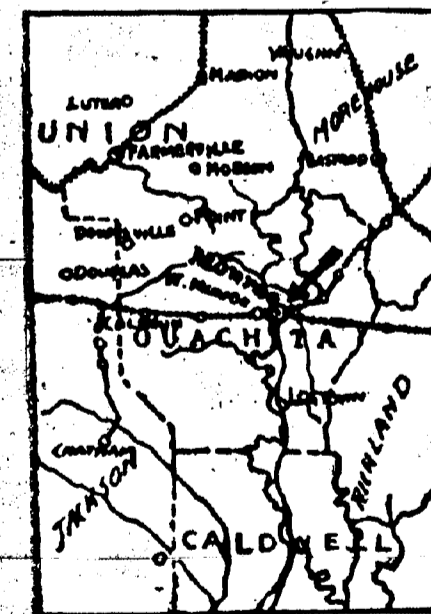
This is the place which Mary and Joseph saw crowded on the Holy Eve. The inn, where they found room in the stable, stood on the site of that church directly facing us across the square.

A COOPERATIVE CITY

LOUISIANA TOWN WELL RUN FOR GAIN OF PEOPLE.

Not Only Public Utilities, but Amusements of Monroe, Are Controlled—Good Profit Realized on the Work.

Monroe, La.—Monroe is looking for new fields to conquer... The citizens of Monroe enter a theater directed by the mayor and his assistants...



market house, a city hall, a free traffic bridge, free wharves and warehouse... The city council took the liberty of using \$100,000 of the reserve fund for the purpose of building and equipping a street railway...

HER "BOY" A TREASURE.

His Acquaintance Proves of Value to American Women.

An American woman who had gone to live in Shanghai was compelled, soon after her arrival, to entertain some important business associates of her husband's... "Now, boy," she said impressively, "I entertain three gentlemen at dinner to-morrow, very fine gentlemen. Must be nice, everything."

THE LETTER OF THE LAW.

Sheriff Had Provided Exactly What Judge Called For.

The Hon. John Steel was a sheriff in Missouri. A new county judge was elected, and Steel, thinking to pay the judge a delicate compliment, selected for his first panel of jurors every fat man in the county...

Crushing a Critic.

School superintendents among their many duties, are expected to report on the personality of the teachers in their district. It is not always easy to get "a line" on that quality of a teacher...

Had Confidence in Himself.

It is recorded of the earl of Mansfield that he once dismissed a servant, but wrote for him a "character," as follows: "The bearer, John —, has served me for three years in the capacity of coachman. He is an able driver and a very sober man. I discharged him because he cheated me."

New Profession.

First Tramp (in the suburbs)—Say, Bill, I've got a regular job and it ain't work, nuther. It's just like a regular profess, and I'm gettin' big fees. See that tenner?

The Servant Question.

The proud millionaire entered his garage haughtily. "Francis," he said, "you took out the new 60-horsepower Limousine again last night without permission. I'm afraid I'll have to get another chauffeur."

Failure of a Triple Alliance.

Pluto was boasting of his three-headed dog. "Well, it will get left," answered his daughter's suitor. "I have only one pair of pants."

COAST DEFENSE WEAK

ALARMING REPORT OF CONDITIONS BY ARMY EXPERT.

Gen. Murray, Chief of Artillery, Lays Stress on Necessity for Improvement—Submarine Mines Should Be Perfected.

Washington—Both the coast and the field artillery are greatly deficient in both personnel and material. Neither is in even approximately proper condition for instruction in time of peace, much less in condition for reasonably efficient service in war...

THEN HE WANTED TO SLEEP.

Mrs. Bloombumper Had Found Cure for Husband's Insomnia.

"My husband is dreadfully troubled with insomnia," said Mrs. Bloombumper. "He wakes up about 2 o'clock every morning, and then he can't go to sleep again. He tosses about until daylight, and grows and fusses so that I can't get any sleep myself."

How They Vote in Paris.

In Paris only one-fifth of the voters go to the polls and cast their ballots, said R. G. Graham, an American who has lived in Paris as a business man for several years past. "This is not because they cannot vote, but because they do not care to. Everybody in the city is interested in politics, but when the time to vote comes few care to go to the polls."

KNIFE MAKES BAD BOY GOOD.

Incorrigible New York Lad Becomes Model Pupil After Operation.

New York.—Dr. William H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, and Dr. John J. Cronin, assistant chief medical inspector of the board of health, say it has been demonstrated that surgery can transform a bad boy into a good one. Such an achievement was the result of an operation performed recently upon a pupil from a school on the lower East Side, whose name is withheld.

Jerome Jones' Gift.

Chief Justice Mason and Jerome Jones who lived opposite neighbors on Corey Hill for many years, each subscribed for a history of Norfolk county, after having resisted the importunities of the canvasser to have portrait engravings, \$100 each, by compromising for a copy only of the work. It came in two volumes "bound in calf."

Surgery Without Scars.

Scarless surgery is numbered among the most recent achievements in medical science. It is explained that in making the first incision the scalpel does not cut the skin at right angles with the surface, but passes through it at a slant. After the operation is performed a rigid dressing of wool and glass is applied to prevent contraction and as much pressure is brought to bear on the wound as is safe. According to foreign advices the London surgeon who conceived the idea and successfully put it into practice is unable to meet the demands for his services.

Lost on His Winnings.

Towne—Lushley won a lot on the election, didn't he? Towne—No, he lost considerable. Towne—Why, he told me he had ten bets and won them all. Towne—Yes, and each one was for a bottle of whisky, and so he lost two weeks' pay and his job, almost.

PRESERVED HER LANGUID CALM.

True Aristocratic Indifference Shown by New York Woman.

During the performance of "Martha" at the Metropolitan opera house, in New York, at a time when Caruso was caressing the top of the proscenium arch with his liquid notes, something like a flash of white light shot from one of the upper boxes of the orchestra. A lady in the box from which the flash seemed to have started languidly placed her hand to her throat and said to a gentleman at her side: "How annoying!"

The gold fastening of a diamond necklace she wore had parted, and the string of gems, probably a score of them, worth \$10,000 or more, had fallen into the lap of a lady in an orchestra seat and thence to the floor. The gentleman in the box, when the situation was explained, calmly arose, stepped to the rear, called an usher and whispered some instructions to him.

In the meantime the lady upon whom the string of diamonds had descended was following the performance and the music.

To her came the usher after an appropriate interval. He inquired in a whisper if anything had dropped from the boxes. The lady drew aside her skirt and pointed to the necklace on the floor. The usher picked it up, carried it back to the box and the incident was closed.

STUTTERING COSTS MAN A HOME

When Cabin Burned Samley Ran for Help, but Couldn't Say Fire.

Knatch, Ont.—A man who stutters and could not tell the neighbors that his house was on fire, Sidney Samley lost his cabin the other night. Samley lives on the outskirts, where neighbors are few and far between, and when his house jumped in a dream and upset the lamp there, was no one about to help him extinguish the flames.

When he saw that the fire was getting the best of him he ran a quarter of a mile to the home of Henry Sager and pounded on the door. When Sager came out Samley began to stammer. He was, in fact, so excited that all he could utter was "B. B. B."

Sager looked out but a hill and some woods cut off the blaze from view, and he concluded that there was a fire in progress at Samley's home. Summoning his two sons, they grabbed their guns and rushed to the rescue. Samley wanted them to bring pails, but he couldn't say bucket any easier than he could "fire," and when the party got to the burning cabin all they could do was to take out some of their neighbor's belongings.

\$60,000,000 A YEAR TO JOHN D.

Rockefeller's Income Officially Stated by Close Business Friends.

New York.—From authority that should be absolute John D. Rockefeller's annual income has been told for the first time authentically. It will be \$60,000,000 when the year 1906 closes.

Henry H. Rogers and John D. Archbold were talking with a prominent financier when the subject came up of how fast the oil king's millions were piling on one another. Said Mr. Rogers: "I know for a fact that Mr. Rockefeller's income this year will be \$50,000,000."

Doctor Finds New Use for Candy.

Kansas City, Mo.—"It is like a drink of whiskey," said Dr. G. O. Coffin, when asked if eating candy did not accelerate the heart action. "The doctor himself was eating a great confection, and a man talking to him remarked that just before retiring the night previous he had eaten some sugar candy, and that when his head was on the pillow he could hear his heart palpitating."

The Jungle's Dread Tale.

Bombay.—The annual casualty list of the Indian jungle, published by a native paper, shows that 2,045 human beings were carried off or killed by wild beasts; 21,797 were fatally bitten by snakes; that tigers killed 782 persons and 30,683 cattle; that leopards slew 401 humans and 91,232 cattle, while wolves accounted for 153 persons and 4,845 cattle.