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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

Nominated for whatever niche there is for professional workers is the little group of government officials whose job it is to find office space for federal departments, agencies, commissions, boards, committees and divisions. The worries of the space finders were negligible in days of old when farmers could plant what they pleased; when John Doe could sit down and have a heart to heart talk with his boss without the latter being hauled up before a board on charges of coercion, and when leaning on a shovel or raking leaves was a personal exercise done in one's own yard or garden.

But not so today, for new thousands of clerks, stenographers, theorists and economists have come to Washington to teach new tricks and ways of doing things by economic planning and regulation. That is why the space procurement officials of the Interior department are having such a difficult time of it and thus qualify as professional workers.

An idea of the size of their problem is found in these figures: Although more than 120 buildings in Washington are owned and occupied by one government agency or another (a total of 12,845,613 square feet of floor space) the space finders have had to rent 118 buildings, or 3,250,000 more square feet, to quarter the planners. And there is still an acute shortage. The capital just isn't big enough. Even the Social Security board had to move most of its activities to Baltimore.

The wage-hour administration is the latest of the major problems. The space finders can't even find a suitable building to rent for the thousands of employees that will be needed by this newest agency. A commission appointed to find space for other commissions has reported, incidentally, that by 1947 an additional 8,808,056 square feet of space will be needed—if the expansion of government activity continues at its present pace.

Washington gossipers are saying that the 500,000 monopoly investigators, which is now getting under way, may be exciting. Some of the brain busters want it so. But it would not be fancy, as Chairman Q. Mahoney wishes. Business men have offered to cooperate fully with the investigators, and will be prepared to offer

actual facts. And the facts won't be what some of the brain busters had hoped they would be. Incidentally, the gossipers are saying, too, that the investigators are going to ask the new congress for a 3,000,000 fund to go deeper into the question of alleged monopolies.

Treasury experts are busy trying to figure out ways to collect social security taxes from farmers employing helpers and housewives employing domestics. The program was given serious thought in two recent meetings. Both were to pool ideas for amending the act to cover more people. The method still favored, according to reports, is the one that would require farmers and housewives to buy special stamps to be affixed to cards carried by workers.

Election sidelight—A minister in a mid-western city closed his church for an indefinite period just before the election. He said the congregation argued so loudly about politics that no one could hear his sermon.

THANKS FROM MR. LOUIS

To the Editor of the Fulton Patriot: Through the medium of your paper I would like to express my deep appreciation to the voters of Oswego county who gave me their fine support for re-election on Tuesday, Nov. 8th.

Such a goodly number of votes backing a public officer lends strength and support to any service effort such officer may take up. It is my desire to conduct the work of the office on the basis of best service possible for the people of the county and state, having in mind at all times majority rule of representative government, and at the same time having in mind consideration for the rights and needs of minority groups. As I have stated in the past I will have a listening ear to the voice of the people. I much prefer to work with the counsel of the people than to stand on my own personal judgment. I welcome communications from my constituents during the legislative sessions relative to all pending legislation.

Very sincerely yours,
Ernest J. Louis.

Most Costly Capitol Buildings

The largest and most costly capitol buildings in the United States are: New York, \$25,000,000; Pennsylvania, \$11,033,400; Massachusetts, \$9,575,000; Nebraska, \$9,500,000; Wisconsin, \$7,203,826; Illinois, \$4,500,000; Missouri, \$3,775,000; Texas, \$2,747,698; Iowa, \$3,298,000; Kansas, \$3,200,000; and Minnesota, \$3,770,000.

Supplies World With Nickel

The Sudbury district in the province of Ontario, Canada, produces virtually the whole of the world's supply of nickel, a metal that is an essential component of all steels used for armaments, says Collier's Weekly.

The Work of Poets

All good poets, as well as lyric, compose their beautiful poems not as works of art, out because they are inspired and possessed.—Plato.

Ukulele Is of European Origin; Known for Ages

The ukulele is essentially a small guitar with four strings and was introduced to the Hawaiians in the latter part of the Eighteenth century by Portuguese sailors. So far as known, the guitar itself is of European origin, observes a writer in the Indianapolis News.

In the Royal library at Stuttgart, Germany, is a manuscript dated 1180 A. D. which contains a representation of the instrument. The Hawaiians imitated and modified the smaller guitar of the Portuguese and popularized it under the name "ukulele." The same instrument, particularly adapted to the wistful minors peculiar to the native music of Hawaii, became an instrument of jazz in the United States.

"Ukulele" is a native word, being derived from "uku" (flea or insect) and "lele," (to jump). Thus "ukulele" literally means "jumping flea," a name no doubt suggested by the motions of the fingers of the players over the instrument. The most common English pronunciation of the name is "yoo-koo-lay-le," although "oo-koo-lay-lay" more nearly approaches the Hawaiian pronunciation.

Hawaiian ukuleles are generally made of koa, a fine-grained wood obtained from the native tree called "acacia koa."

Angler Fish Does Not Swim

Many fish prey on others of their kind, but the Angler-fish does his fishing with "rod and line"—and he "patented" the idea long before man thought of it. Also known as the fishing frog and sea devil, the angler-fish is fairly common in British waters. The rod and line consists of a long filament, almost thread-like at the end and "baited" with a small flap. This bait looks like a tiny fish moving about in the water. When a codling or herring comes along it grabs the bait. At the same moment Mr. Angler-fish gives the line a jerk and opens his great mouth. That is the end of the codling or herring. The Angler-fish is an ungainly fellow. He doesn't swim, says Pearson's London Weekly. His fins have developed into a kind of legs and he just shuffles along the sea floor.

Language of the Gems

Moss—Agate—Health, prosperity and long life. Amethyst—Prevents violent passions. Bloodstone—Courage, wisdom and firmness in affection. Chrysolite—Frees from evil passions and sadness. Emerald—Insures true love, discovers false. Diamond—Innocence, faith and virgin purity; friends. Garnet—Constancy and fidelity in every engagement. Opal—Sharpens the sight and faith of the possessor. Pearl—Purity; gives clearness to physical and mental sight. Ruby—Corrects evils resulting from mistaken friendship. Sapphire—Repentance; frees from enchantment. Sardonyx—Insures conjugal felicity. Topaz—Fidelity and friendship; prevents bad dreams. Turquoise—Insures prosperity in love.

End of the Century

The year 1900 was the last of the Nineteenth century. The Twentieth century began with January 1, 1901. A century begins with the beginning of the first day of its first year and does not end until the close of the last day of its 100th year. The first century consisted of the years 1 to 100, inclusive; the Second century began with the year 101 and ended with the last day of the year 200.

Back Slang Prevalent

The British Tommy in the war was addicted to back slang and used the word "murr" so often and constantly that many did not notice it was back slang for murr.

Airplane to the Moon

An airplane which could circle the earth in three days and 19 hours, at 200 m.p.h., would take 50 days to reach the moon, 27 years to Mars, 53 to the sun, and 195,000,000 years to reach the star Betelgeuse.



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DORIS DENE'S COLUMN

Mature Lover Must Protect the Girl He Wants to Marry.

DEAR DORIS DENE: I am thirty-six years old and am about to divorce my wife on the grounds of desertion. We are parting on amiable terms however and are both satisfied with the arrangement we have made.

Now I have fallen in love with the girl aged nineteen, who helps with my office work and also acts as day-housekeeper in my home. She is the girl I want and when I proposed to her she told me that she couldn't marry me because of the difference in our ages. She likes her young boy friends, her parties, dates, etc. I agreed with her that she should have some fun before settling down. I know once she did settle down she would be a fine wife and a good mother.

I look fairly young and am interested in many forms of enjoyment besides parties. The girl in question won't let me take her to a show or anything of the sort. Do you think I will overcome her objections to marriage? I know she is growing fonder of me daily. I am deeply in love and would make any sacrifice which would lead to her happiness.—H. K.

ANSWER—The man who is deeply and tenderly in love with a girl much younger than himself has a double difficulty to deal with. He must on the one hand follow the natural dictates of his heart, and propose to the lady; and he must not forget, on the other hand, to protect the girl he loves from making a mistake out of her inexperience and youth.

It is perfectly human that a suitor should rejoice in the fact of seeing his affinity daily and welcome the signs of her greater love for him.

Sometimes the girl in the case knows her own mind so definitely that her much older sweetheart can rely on her judgment to make the right decision. If she is the quiet, steady, sober-minded sort of girl who is honestly anxious for a home and for the responsibilities of marriage—she may marry the man twenty years older than herself and make a success of the job. But when a damsel indicates plainly to make the right decision. If she is the quiet, steady, sober-minded sort of girl who is honestly anxious for a home and for the responsibilities of marriage—she may marry the man twenty years older than herself and make a success of the job.

Because you are looking so eagerly for signs of the sort you want, H. K., you are able to discover indications that your sweetheart is going to make an excellent wife and a perfect mother, once she has settled down—if she isn't ready for the matrimonial undertaking she will be a disappointment to you and her married life will be a bitter disillusionment to herself. Cease trying to convince her that you are her best hope of happiness. Your more mature brain and your greater depth of experience may make it possible for you to sway the feelings of your lady entirely in your direction but if her mind and heart are not truly won over to marriage the result of your victory will be bitter defeat.

DEAR DORIS DENE: I was married a little over a year, and my husband was good to me. Then suddenly one night he came home to tell me that married life didn't suit him and that he wanted to be free. I pleaded with him not to leave me but he went. When he was sick in the hospital I went to see him and he treated me as a friend. He has now filed suit for divorce. Sometimes I think his mother is responsible for this situation. I still love him. What can I do?—B. H.

ANSWER—Whether your mother-in-law was somewhere in the background directing her son's movements or not, it seems obvious that the man you married was a bad matrimonial investment. For no man in the world could be weak enough to let his mother ruin his marriage—not if he loved his wife as he should.

It is no infrequent occurrence for a man to marry without ever having given a serious thought to what marriage meant. He has simply decided that he is sufficiently in love to want one particular girl around the house all the time. Having achieved this he is literally amazed to discover that all sorts of rules and regulations have come into effect since he murmured a few unconvincing words to a parson.

However heartbreaking a wife may find her husband's desertion she can count herself lucky if she makes her discovery about his brand of devotion, early in marriage—while there is yet time for her to free herself of a hopeless entanglement and begin life over again.

If she's wise she'll accept the fact once and for all that some men are not suited to marriage—that they blunder into it—with only the vaguest intentions of good—and that unless they discover their mistake in time, they can ruin the lives of their wives and children. If your husband, B. H., has told you the truth and you are convinced that he is simply unable to stand marriage, take his decision as final and make up your mind to get something out of life more satisfactory than the job of trying to make a weak irresponsible husband stick to a marriage contract.

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