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MORE THAN A BROAD CHEST IS NEEDED TO WEAR STAR

MAKING THE BIG CITY SAFE FOR YOU

Problem of Policing Congested Centers Has Resulted in Specialists.

(Written for Andover News)
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A new set of stories of One Thousand and one Nights might be written, with each tale dealing with a different phase of the myriad duties of the New York and other big city police. A disciplined force of twelve thousand men, functioning through the New York departments with marked uniformity in its smoothness.

Whether it is dealing with a husband who has progressively poisoned his wife, or it is in recovering for little Miss Six-Year-Old her lost puppy, the organization works with precision and along certain definite well-laid-out lines.

The pawnshop Squad not only checks all the money-lenders' pledges in search of stolen property, but also regains lost articles; the finders of which have pawned them. Does your conception of a policeman in his relation to the public fit in with the facts? Do you imagine him merely a forbidding embodiment of the eternal "Thou Shalt Not" or do you see him a Big Brother, with a ready friendship for those to whom that is best fitted. This latter is the correct picture of the modern policeman—of New York, at least. The human side of the police is often on exhibition.

Kind-Hearted Cops

The poor mother of Joey is a case in point.

Four months before Joey had been born his father had deserted a distraught wife. After Joey was born she found work, and for two years she and Joey fared, if not well, at least fairly well.

Then came misfortune—no work, no money. Starvation followed.

When Joey had been without food three days she staggered to the Morisania Police Court with him.

She left her baby, warmly wrapped, on the court steps. She walked away—that was desperation.

She couldn't drive the thought of Joey from her mind.

Mother love was stronger than even desperation.

In twenty minutes she was back at the court-house steps. Seeking Joey!

The policemen who had been set to watch for her possible return had to arrest her. Vagrancy was the least charge they could make. The law is the law.

Joey and his mother were reunited. And here comes the thing that surprised. The very policeman who had arrested her came to her in the station-house with a gift of \$29 that had been subscribed by themselves and their fellows in the station. The law is the law—but humanity is something else again.

In describing this one incident I have told the story of hundreds. Warm hearts beneath the blue coats and the shining shields.

There are thousands of men in this country who will testify that when they were down-and-outers they received their fresh upward starts at the hands of men in blue. Big brothers?—yes, big hearted brothers!

Many Departments at Work

The variegated character of the things the police do, from utilizing aeroplanes in several services, to keeping their men in the ranks of the active Anarchist organization, furnishes a whole series of interesting stories. There is, for instance, the tale of the Narcotic Bureau, which under Dr. Carlton Simon, the only white man who has been admitted to the great Chinese secret society, the Hip Sing Tong, is constantly at war with the drug habit, whether Chinese or whites practice it. This is dangerous duty, for the drug fiend, reckless of all consequences and with his slight moral sense completely blunted by the narcotics, is often armed, and is as irresponsible as an insane person.

It was the Homicide Bureau, whose specialists turn the limelight of their expert knowledge on every murder, that solved the Golden-Supper murder thru one of the strangest clues ever developed.

So there was the detective work in that case that one of our men noticed a white duck waddling up from a pond with a wide patch of red on its breast. The red was hu-

National Grange Favors Local Control for Education

DECEMBER MILK AT NOV. PRICE

Dairymen's League Announces Prices Will Not be Changed.

New York, Nov. 23.—The producers' price of class 1, or three per cent, milk for December, will be the same as that of November, the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association announced today. This class of milk sold last month for \$3.07 per 100 pounds.

The price is on the surplus milk classes, as recommended by the board of directors are:

Class 2-A (milk-cream) \$2.10 plus skim milk value; class 2-B (plain, condensed and ice cream), \$2.25; class 2-C (soft cheese), \$2.15; class 2-A (evaporated, sweetened condensed) \$1.80; class 2-B (milk powder) \$1.75; class 3-C (Swiss and other hard cheeses of similar type), \$1.65; class 4-A (butter and American cheese) prices to be determined by average wholesale price of butter and cheese during December.

The prices in some of the surplus classes are slightly higher than in November.

man blood and part of the body, together with clues that solved the mystery, was found in the duck pond.

Every heartstring must respond to the work of the Missing Persons Bureau. The story of the runaway girl who is found in time to save her from a lifetime of sorrow; the story of the victim of aphasia who is recognized and restored to waiting loved ones; the story of the "Wandering Boy" of the song who is discovered thousands of miles from home and is sent back to the sorrowing mother; stories the Missing Persons Bureau might tell if its work were not confidential.

In the Radical Bureau the Bomb Squad has the ticklish task of preventing the "practical" Anarchists, whether organized or individual, from attempting to use infernal machines or bombs. The other day the police radio receiving station caught and relayed the first radio fire alarm in history.

Collecting Lost Babies

The Safe and Loft Squad, part of the Protective Bureau which is engaged in preventing depredations by criminals, spent five months recently watching the operations of the last "Mob" of known safe-crackers.

The result was that the "veggs" were caught in a body.

A few years ago a class of burglars known as lofts, workers were accustomed to break into manufacturers' lofts on Saturday nights, pack up the goods over Sunday and then haul them away on Sunday night. The Safe and Loft Squad has made this so unprofitable that it is several years since such a leisuely job has been reported.

Automobile theft was formerly organized on a large scale, but a special squad has stopped the wholesale stealing. It occasionally uncovers a small band engaged in this work—one of the greatest achievements having been the discovery of an automobile graveyard—a deep place in the East River, where fifteen cars had been run overboard to get rid of them.

In conclusion let me cite just one little item of statistics. On a recent Sunday the Coney Island police, besides shepherding a crowd of 500,000 visitors to that resort, collected, fed, entertained, guarded and restored to their parents, no fewer than 160 lost children. And some of them had been lost on purpose in order that the parents might have a good time unhindered by little ones whom they knew the police would take good care of.

Musical Freeman Co. Coming to Auditorium

Musical Freeman, formerly with the Al. G. Fields and Neil O'Brien Minstrels, will appear at the Auditorium with a vaudeville company, for three days, beginning Dec. 8, 9 and 10.

Krama, the mystic marvel will appear with the above company and give demonstration of her mystic powers. Krama is known as the girl with x-ray eyes. She will tell you all about your business affairs, your love affairs, etc., etc. She will answer all questions free of charge. Don't miss this big attraction.

WELLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IS DESTROYED

Wellsville's three and four story brick high school building located right in the heart of the business section of the village on Main street, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday morning with a property loss estimated at \$150,000.

The alarm was sounded at 1:20 and in only about six minutes the local fire department had streams of water playing on the burning building, but the entire building was a mass of flames from basement to ceiling. The Wellsville department fire hose, being somewhat aged, took this time to go to pieces. The firemen would not much more than get the water nicely going on the fire when a length of hose would break and the stream would have to be shut off and the line repaired by replacing lengths of hose.

Finally Fire Chief Graves became convinced that they must ask help so summoned by telephone the Scioto and Andover departments. Both made record runs to get to the assistance of their neighbor in the hour of their need. The Andover boys, who they had only just nicely got to bed from a little fire of their own at home, had streams of water on the burning building in 25 minutes from the time our fire alarm sounded, calling them to duty. The Scioto department, only four miles away, got to Wellsville a little ahead of Andover.

The cause of the fire is generally believed to be of incendiary origin. Two Wellsville boys have been accused of setting the building on fire with the use of kerosene oil. This is the fifth recent fire in Wellsville that has all the marks of having been set on purpose.

At 12:30 night officer, McNulty, who makes the rounds of the entire building each night, ringing in registered alarm clocks at some 11 different stations throughout the building, found everything in usual condition, no unusual heat, and not a smell of smoke. Within an hour a fire was

burning briskly in the basement and up thru the three floors, while dense black smoke rolled out from the roof.

The first indication of the fire was when Earl O'Dell noticed the street filled with smoke. About the same time Officer McNulty saw the smoke. It was coming from the high school building and smelled strongly of kerosene. An alarm was immediately sent in and the department had streams of water on the fire in six minutes, but the fire was running up the hallways and spreading under the roof. The building was doomed. The fire, however was kept to the one building, although the Baptist church on one side and the Congregational church on the other side were but a few feet away.

In speaking of the work of the Andover department, the Wellsville Reporter says:

"Certainly Wellsville is thankful that our neighboring village, Andover, has a new pumping engine and the Andover boys are quick to respond to the call for help. The Andover department had been called out to a fire of their own, earlier in the evening, by the burning of a shack near the Maple Grove in the east end of the village. The pump was out to this fire, but not put into use, and the boys had barely returned from their work there when the alarm was again sounded. When in Wellsville, they made a quick getaway, the pump coming down at a 40-mile clip in less than 25 minutes, followed by three cars of fire fighters, who all turned in and did their best in helping to keep the fire under subjection. Wellsville citizens are appreciative of this valuable service."

Arrangements are being made to continue the work of the high school by use of generously offered halls and assembly rooms of various religious and fraternal organizations. It is hoped to be able to open school Monday.

Farmers Getting Wise as To Who Pays for Roads

Suggest Raising Money From Road Users by License, Gas or Property Tax.

Users of state roads should support their upkeep and pay from 50 to 75 per cent. of the cost of new construction. This is the avowed opinion of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation and, according to E. V. Underwood, secretary of the federation, the farm bureau organization is prepared to fight for it. The federation suggests raising the money by taxation thru license, gasoline or a personal property tax. Further issues of state or county bonds for road construction are opposed by this organization on the grounds that an unfair share of the tax falls on farmers and property owners.

Delegates from every county of the state, meeting in Syracuse re-

cently, were unanimous on the subject. The following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, 30 per cent. of all the income from real estate in the state of New York is absorbed in taxes and

WHEREAS, the farmer is paying more than his share of the state and local taxes and

WHEREAS, all state bond issues are paid principal and interest by the General Property Tax which only reaches one-third of the wealth of the state,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we are opposed to any further issues of state or county bonds for road construction and recommend that the users of the roads be taxed thru licenses, gasoline, personal property tax or otherwise in an amount sufficient to provide for the entire upkeep and from 50 to 75 per cent. of the cost of new construction.

Have You Tuberculosis? Wait! Are You Sure?

Science has discovered that the germs of tuberculosis enter the bodies of seven out of every ten people during childhood. You are probably already infested. You are in no danger from tuberculosis so long as you keep well and strong enough to resist the attack of the germs.

There is an organized war against tuberculosis, carried on by the Tuberculosis Associations. Its object is to keep you strong and well, and to stamp out the disease so that others will not be infested. This war is financed by the annual sale of Christmas Seals.

Indirectly they may have been the means of saving yours. Help in this work. Buy Christmas Seals. You not only protect yourself, but you help others not so fortunate. Buy Christmas Seals, and buy as many as you can.

Now is the time to buy Christmas Seals. They can then be used all thru the month of December and let your correspondents and business houses know that you are back of the work of the local health committee in their work.

Fayette Cleveland of Cuba has been granted \$3,000 compensation for the loss of a foot due to freezing, Feb. 5, 1923. He was driving a livery rig and was thrown from the sleigh and lay for several hours in the snow.

KISSES BRIDE THEN SUICIDES

Prominent Canistota Farmer Shoots Self With 12 Gauge Shotgun.

Hornell, Nov. 23.—Bert Whiteman, prosperous farmer residing about two miles from Canistota, walked into his bride's bedroom yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and kissed her. He threw his arms around her and said: "Don't worry, Fannie. Don't bother to get any dinner." Mrs. Whiteman had been taken ill earlier in the morning with a sick headache.

He walked outside, placed a 12 gauge single barreled shotgun against his head and discharged the gun by pushing the trigger with a stick. His head was blown from his shoulders. Despondency brot on by ill-health and a tragedy which entered his home a year ago, were assigned by Coroner M. G. Burch as reasons for the act. Dr. Burch issued a certificate of death by his own hand.

One year ago his wife while eating fried chicken at the fair ground, swallowed a small bone. In an effort to dislodge it, surgeons operated. She failed to survive the shock.

In August Mr. Whiteman married Fannie Jones. Their home life has been happy and pleasant.

Shortly after Mr. Whiteman left the bedroom his wife heard the report of a gun. Electrified she hurried outside but before reaching the door she saw blood trickling beneath the door onto the floor. She sensed what had happened and summoned neighbors.

Mr. Whiteman was 52 years old. He has been a lifelong resident of this section. At one time he was president of the Dairymen's League Steuben county branch. He was also active in the Grange.

Besides the wife he leaves to mourn his loss his mother, Mrs. Agnes Whiteman of Canistota, a sister, Mrs. George Slocum of Canistota and a brother, Melden Whiteman of Clarksville.

Funeral services will be held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Rev. H. L. Somers, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting

The Parent-Teachers' Association met at the school building, Tuesday evening, November 25. The following program was given:

Musical Selection, Cannons orchestra Talk: "Shall the Country Child Have a Fair Show in Education?"

Reading Mrs. Watson Miss Wright Talk: "The Rural School Bill," Mr. MacGowan

Song, "June Night" Louise Folsing This excellent program was enjoyed by all present.

After this a business meeting was held in the study hall. The officers for the following year were elected. President, Mrs. W. F. O'Connell. Vice Pres., Mrs. Common. Secretary, Mr. W. W. Palmer. Treasurer, Miss Ruth Taylor.

Refreshments were served after which the meeting was adjourned. There was quite a large attendance.

WANTS THOROUGHLY TRAINED TEACHERS

Unanimously Opposes Move for New Department and Member of Cabinet.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 22.—Emphatic opposition to establishment of a national department of education with a representative in President Coolidge's cabinet was one of the outstanding actions taken by the National Grange in its closing session here. The vote was unanimous.

Other important declarations of the session on educational matters included:

More thoroughly trained teachers for rural schools.

Plain, practical and serviceable rural school buildings, with proper sanitary equipment, but without extravagant expenditure of funds.

Instruction in Agriculture.

Ample playgrounds always to be provided for in the arrangement of new school buildings.

Indorsement of vocational training and especially increased instruction in agriculture with the wider understanding that a farm experience shall be considered necessary equipment for all those who attempt to teach any branch of agriculture.

Stressing the necessity for making the spirit of rural school teaching point toward country life instead of away from it.

Opposition to extreme centralization of authority in schools and as far as possible leave the direction of school matters in local interested hands.

Reclamation Plans Opposed.

The question of further reclamation, irrigation and colonization projects in the far west was disposed of by a strong resolution opposing any more work of this sort or artificial stimulation of agricultural production until it shall be apparent that the country is in need of increased agricultural acreage and a larger production of foodstuffs.

Additional action was taken to spread the idea of co-operative marketing, and further opposition to any transfer of the work from the Department of Commerce. This was pointed out as one of the most vital issues before the country at the present time.

Fire in Andover

An alarm of fire at about midnight Monday, called out the Andover fire department to the little house on Grove street, recently occupied by Menzo Mead. The house has been vacant for some time and was too far gone when the fire fighters arrived to be saved. But they did good work in not letting the blaze spread to valuable property adjacent to it.

The loss is meager.

The people who would buy what you would like to sell—or who would sell what you'd like to buy—are, of course, readers of the classified ads.

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