

RANDOM SHOTS

The Herald never officially pays any attention to anonymous letters, no matter what they say, although we always read them with considerable interest. Therefore, unless the man who signs himself "A Taxpayer" will forward his name, we can't discuss the stuff he writes officially.

However, old kid, we don't mind admitting that there are times, believe us, when we're just as sick about some of the things you mention as you ever were.

TODAY'S BEST STORY.

One of the visitors to the Lions club dinner last week told this one before the festivities began:

A colored man purchased a mule of another colored man, under a guarantee of perfect health. The mule was good enough, as mules go, but he stumbled a good deal and finally it was borne in upon the purchaser that the animal was blind. Thereupon he hot-footed it to the man who sold him.

"How come you-all say that mule's in good shape?" he demanded. "He's blind as a bat, can't see nuffing."

"That mule ain't blind," said the seller, resolutely.

"How come he runs into the barn door, and bumps his head against de wagon, then?"

"Man," said the former owner of the animal, "dat mule ain't blind—he just don't give a damn."

Down in Omaha, a young gentleman yelet Bochner has been arrested simply because he had a quantity of moonshine hooch in his possession. But so strong is the spirit of criticism, represented by the old Omaha Bee attitude toward the police, that even the good people of the city are admitting that in this particular case, the cops pulled a Bochner.

TELLING THE WORLD.

(Blair Pilot.)

To Whom It May Concern: I want to correct the report that I had left my husband, Allen Compton. I did not leave him, I came here to my old home, Polo, Ill., with my husband's consent, to help care for my aged invalid mother, Mrs. Deeling, during her last days and expect to return to Blair in the near future and again take up my residence there with my husband, Mrs. Allen Compton.

HINT TO MAIL ORDERS

She had purchased some goods on the credit system, but shortly afterward her finances gave out and the payments to the dealer ceased.

In due course came a letter from the firm demanding the money. This is her reply:

"Dear Sirs: In answer to your letter, I have not received same, as I do not live here now. Yours,
"NANCY WOTO."

April 27 has been set aside as Raisin day by Fresno, Cal., which has mailed us a set of "suggestions" for observing the day appropriately. The little booklet contains a number of recipes, but before hopes are raised too high, we hasten to explain that the recipes cover only stewed raisins, raisin pie, raisin bread and cinnamon toast.

A lot of good men made their annual visit to church Sunday. And not one of them reports any ill effects.

We've dieted down to fit one of the new tweeds, but the weather ever since has been unfavorable to wearing it.

Probably we'll never look as devil-may-care as Doc Jeffrey, but we're not sure that we want to.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Pat: "Have you christened your new baby yet?"

Mike: "We have."

Pat: "And what do you call it?"

Mike: "Hazel."

Pat: "Sure, bad cess to ye, with two hundred and twenty-three saints to name the kid after, ye had to go and name it after a nut."

Gawge Snow of Chadron quotes a grocer friend as trying to explain the meaning of "ambition" to a young son, and in drawing the parallel which he thought the boy could understand, he said: "Why, son, a grapefruit is only a lemon that has had a chance and took it."

The Last Galley was brighter than usual this week, there being none of Leo Lloyd's poetry to mar it. He tells of a man in a restaurant who gargled his soup so loudly that a deaf man out in front yelled: "Run for your lives, the dam is broken."

Paddy Miles probably wouldn't appreciate that soup joke. The Elks vaudevillians say he's sensitive on that point.

Al Gavin discovered this one and is entitled to due credit: A buxom colored lady proposed purchasing one penny's worth of insect powder. The druggist politely explained that this wasn't practicable, that the cost of wrapping would exceed the amount of the purchase—but the customer interrupted: "Jest blow it down ma back. Who tote you to wrap it up?"

A BEST SELLER.

(Empeco News.)

As the boy who tended the newsstand was absorbed in reading a book, I hunted around until I found the magazine I wanted and then approached him. When I spoke to him he did not raise his eyes from the page but held out his hand for the coin and dropped it automatically into the till. I said:

"Where's the change?"

"What did you get?" he replied, still without looking up.

I told him.

"How much is it?" he asked.

I said I did not know.

"Can't you read it on the cover?" he inquired crossly.

Thus admonished I searched the cover until I found the price mark tucked away in the hair of the pretty girl picture. When I told the newsdealer he tossed the change over the counter. One of the coins rolled on the floor, but I recovered it while the boy read on.

Curious to learn the nature of the book he was reading I glanced over his shoulder at the title.

It was called "The Science and Art of Salesmanship."

Alliance Elks to Have Privileges of New Omaha Club

Exalted Ruler E. O. Strand, B. P. O. E. No. 961, and Secretary Percy H. Cogswell of the Elks club at Alliance, have been asked by Exalted Ruler H. S. Daniel of the Omaha Elks lodge, to advise all Alliance Elks that they will have the privileges of the new million dollar Elks club building, to be erected in Omaha.

Mr. Daniels has sent to the officers of the Alliance Elks lodge a copy of a prospectus, which outlines the entire plan for the Elks new home in this city.

There will be a campaign by the Elks lodge in Omaha, April 24 to 29, to sell \$1,000,000 worth of mortgage bonds for the erection of the building, which will adjoin the Fontenelle hotel. This campaign will be conducted among Elks only, by an organization of 408 men. The bonds will also be available to all Elks in Nebraska, according to Mr. Daniel's letter to Strand and Cogswell.

There are about 14,000 Elks in Nebraska, and when this building is finished it is the intention of the Omaha lodge to have a big Nebraska opening day on which all Nebraska Elks will be asked to come and see the new club. This club will be the finest club house of any description between Chicago and the Pacific coast.

A call to all the members of the American legion in Nebraska to lend their moral and financial support to the national campaign for funds to decorate "the holy acres of American soil overseas," on Decoration day, May 30, has been issued by the state headquarters of the Nebraska department. How the Nebraska quota is to be raised is left to the discretion of the local posts.

"Memorial day is approaching, the day sacred to those who died that America might live," says a statement. "It is the honor and a privilege of the American legion to decorate on this day the graves of our comrades who fell on foreign soil. While thousands

of communities throughout the country are honoring the soldier dead in their midst, the distant graves in France and England, Italy and Russia are the legion's peculiar care.

"It is requested that Nebraska raise from the members in its department a sum equal to five cents per member in good standing on December 31, 1921, and that no post contribute less than \$5. For the last two years it has been the custom to collect a fund from our membership for this purpose and the response has shown that the policy is popular.

"With all letters of transmittal which should be sent through the Nebraska department headquarters, it should be stated that the sum is for the graves' decoration fund.

"Those who cherish some grave overseas and cannot place their tribute

upon it in person, are welcome to the assistance of the legion's decoration committee in all foreign fields, who will personally visit the grave and give it special attention. Such requests and funds must be sent to national headquarters, however, and not later than May 10, giving the name of the dead, rank and organization, serial number, grave number, lot number, name of cemetery and date of death.

"The American legion will accept and administer contributions from the public, but this should not reduce the amount donated by legionnaires. We have an individual obligation to our dead."

Most liquor is consumed on the Atlantic seaboard. So that's what makes the west wild.—Richmond News Leader.

ON SECOND THOUGHT

Patient—"Doctor, I've known you so long now that it would be an honor for me to pay your bill, so I've rung a handsome legacy for you my will."

Doctor—"You don't mean it—I am overwhelmed—by the way, just let me take a look at that prescription again."

—Banter.

The average American's understanding of Scotch to-day is limited to hooch, mon.—Philadelphia North American.

Wet wash calls received before 8:30 will be returned by 2 p. m. 10 lbs. for \$1. Alliance Steam Laundry.

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American Legion Notes

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