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WHO CAN WITHSTAND GOD

For as much then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ: what was I, that could withstand God?—Acts 11:17.

Microbes, say experts in Cincinnati, are being eradicated. Well, it's the microbes' fault.

Scientists decide man is the ape's cousin. We heard a girl say he was the gnat's eyebrows.

This 1924 looks like a bad year for celebrities, but then every year is bad for celebrities.

There's one nice thing about movie celebrity scandals. We are always getting brand new ones.

A Plattsmouth can call his motor car "The Covered Wagon" because it has a mortgage on it.

Indications are that 1924 will be a humdinger, except for those who make it a ho hum dinger.

A city lady says there is no dog in dog biscuit so why should one expect a chicken in chicken pie.

Personally, we have had a good many ups and downs in our life, but we never had a campaign manager.

There are fewer burglars now. No need to break house when one can print stock certificates and break suckers.

The more vices you quit on the first of the year, the more quickly you can get the Christmas presents paid for.

Vanity is the quality that makes you buy things you can't afford, to keep the neighbors from thinking you can't afford them.

We feel sorry for the women who have had such a hard time learning to play bridge well. Just about as soon as they had along came mah jong.

Since the war more widows than spinsters have married in England though there is a surplus of two millions of the latter. Nothing like knowing how.

Lord Ripon recently deceased, held the proud record of having shot more than 19,000 birds in one year. What sportsmen some of those British lords are, to be sure!

The state right plea of Governor Ritchie of Maryland in his inaugural address is indeed a slogan that has excited great comment not only in Washington, but throughout the country at large.

Sir Auckland Goddes comes to America to tell us that he is not the British ambassador any longer. We'd been told so before, but there's nothing like getting the truth from a man's own mouth.

Mr. Bryan says he is for a Florida man for president, but he won't say who the Floridian is. Somehow we can't believe Mr. Bryan would desert the man he has been in for so many previous campaigns.

Having learned that the word "news" has its derivative in the first letters of the words north, east, west and south, we rejoice in the good judgment of the corner of the word in now calling it "snew," or "wens" or "sewn."

The rights of the people by state is one of the propositions to be met by the people of the states in the future, and should be the leading question in the coming presidential campaign. General and former Governor John M. Palmer of Illinois, insisted to his dying day, it was the only thing for the people.

The death of Ex-Senator W. V. Allen is mourned by all who knew him. He was a friend of the editor of the Journal, and the fact that he was born in the same county (Madison) in Ohio, that familiarity had grown to a great extent. He was a big man, not only in intellect but also in stature. While in the U. S. senate he at one time spoke 14 hours. He had many friends in Nebraska and enjoyed a national reputation. Peace to his ashes.

LINES TO REMEMBER

In the dream of Nebuchadnezzar it was only the feet that were part of iron and part of clay; but many of us now are getting so cruel in our avarice that it seems as if, in us, the very heart of us were part of iron and part of clay.—John Ruskin.

All we demand of congress is that it be statesmanlike.

Washington has a crime wave; a real crime wave, not congress.

A man is old when he begins watching himself for symptoms.

As we understand it, no gentleman with hootch need be lonesome in Hollywood.

Many a boom being launched now will be responsible subsequently for a tidal wave up Salt Creek.

Here's Leap Year news from London. Prince of Wales is preparing for a trip to South Africa.

Uncle Sam spends 78 cents of each dollar he gets for wars, past and future. Blessed are the meek.

It is remarkable how little stock in hereby disputations the prayer meeting crowd seems to take.

It has just about gotten so up North and out West that a novel isn't popular if it is fit to read.

Judge Landis must decide if a player's wife is a necessity. The judge is married. So that's decided.

A chaplain in congress is a fellow who, after taking a look at the law-makers gets busy and prays for the country.

About all a new year signifies is that you must get busy and earn the money to pay the tax on what you earned last year.

Another reason why husbands are not uniformly courteous to their wives is because few women could survive the shock.

Many students of the book of etiquette are surprised to learn that one doesn't say "Here's how" when lifting a cup of eat.

A Danish prince has renounced his claim to the throne of Denmark in order to marry an American girl. Of course, anyone would.

Old people are very often lonely for the very good reason that they have gotten so cranky that nobody can get along with them.

One of the strangest things in this world is why a good looking man with a lot of money will risk everything by living in Hollywood.

According to professional reviewers everybody made more money last year, but even professional reviewers don't know where it all went.

Here's the ticket that can win: For president—Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland; for vice president—Governor Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska.

It is still to be determined whether or not the congressmen who think they look like Napoleon outnumber those who are convinced they resemble Daniel Webster.

The taxpayers will be better off with state rights, which they have lost by a monkey business in politics. Centralized power must be subdued to save the common people.

A prominent educator says the college of tomorrow will be "in complete charge of the students and faculty," a prediction, evidently, that the reign of the football team is limited.

According to a wet and dry map of the United States, published in one of the metropolitan newspapers, prohibition is more effective in Louisiana than it is in Virginia. The man who drew that map had his mind on liquor only.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

When the advocates of government ownership, or of other violent change in the transportation system look at the rail record of the last year, serious doubt arises in their minds of the desirability at this time. For when everything has been taken into account the record by the steam railroads in 1923 was a notable one.

Although equipment and roadway were not in good condition when the year opened, they were restored to an excellent state of repair in the course of the year, and during a period when the roads were carrying the largest volume of traffic in history. At no time was there complaint of insufficient cars, of undue delay in delivery or of poor transportation service.

There has been complaint, it is true of excessive freight charges, but the question of rates and charges is now practically beyond the authority of the railroad officials. It rests almost exclusively with rate making authorities whose duty it is to fix rates at a point where they will be fair to shipper and carrier and will, at the same time, promote the best public interest.

If certain shippers have a legitimate complaint against the rate structure; if their interests have been adversely affected by rates which have prevented the free movement of their goods, many railroads and investors in rail securities have an equally good ground for complaint. For when the final figure for the year is in, it will certainly appear that the great mass of rail stock owners have received an income on their investment well below what might have been received in other fields of investment.

It is contended by some advocates of changes that private railroad management is inefficient and that earnings could be increased, and rates reduced under a system of government ownership and operation. In view of the experience of many countries with government control such a deduction is scarcely warranted. And since the private owners have done so well during the last year in moving the nation's record volume of freight and in reducing expenses of operation, they would seem to be entitled at least to another year or two of grace, under the terms of the existing transportation act.

TACKLING THE CROSSING

If every person who drives on a railroad crossing will keep in mind that his engine may stall and the train may hit him, there will be fewer such accidents to record.

It is a wise idea never to drive across a railroad track without coming to a full stop to look and listen. Stop on the near side of the rails and look deliberately in every direction from which a train might come. Listen to every noise that might be the sound of a train. Then, if no train is visible and none audible, start in low gear and don't shift until safely over. Never change gears when competing with a train. Never wait for a locomotive engineer to wait for you. Above all, never overvalue your time. Be honest with yourself in this matter and do not try to save thirty seconds by betting it against eternity. Funerals these days are very costly. They add a great deal to the cost of living. To avoid a funeral is not only a sign of conservation for those who would have to lose more time following a slow hearse than a driver would lose in a hundred years of cautious crossing. It is against the law to drive an automobile while intoxicated. It is against common sense to drive while animated by an exaggerated idea of the value of time. In other words, a drunken driver is a temporary menace and a fool driver—a perpetual danger.

Flat feet will get you where a flat tire will not.

The locomotive not only has the right of way, but can always prove it.

Gov. Smith of New York says he has had all of the governorship he wants.

Many a boy who was the apple of his mother's eye turned out to be a winesap.

When Dr. Cook gets out of jail he'll probably go South and start selling the equator.

The fellow who always sees your viewpoint isn't worth shooting probably, but you'll like him all the same.

There's so many things going on around here nowadays that a lot of people have to change bath night to Sunday.

Jugoslavia threatens to seize Bulgaria's coal field, and we can only hope that France will approve her in the name of civilization.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Some have an idea that if we are "our brother's keeper," it gives us the right to tell him where to get off and on. Others feel that it only gives us the right to help on or off as the necessity may be.

And both are right. For a brother to acknowledge us as his keeper is for him to imply our duty to tell him where to get off. To be the keeper of a brother and be denied the privilege of ordering him around would result in an early severance of the tie. There is no fun in being the putative boss of another person and lack the authority or the courage to tell him where to head in.

What is conventionally called the craving for power is simply the desire of one man to issue instructions to other men. Many men are born with the police mind. They hunger and thirst for authority to give orders. It was that influence that caused the word "obey" to be put into the marriage ceremony. The old fashioned moralist wanted obedience to his commands, mostly for the good it would afford the obedient, but partly because he enjoyed being obeyed. That was his attitude toward his wife as well as toward the children.

As a general thing his wife being smarter than he, gave him enough obedience to keep his vanity flattered, but did as she pleased when it pleased her to. It is that way today, except that lots of wives do not regard it as necessary to cater to the vanity of their lords. This leaves the ready to cater to their own vanity. Really it is a very good plan. Every man is his own flatterer.

BERGDOLL

The latest report from Germany is that Bergdoll imagines that he is being followed every step he takes by enemies and is even suspicious of his own relatives. That's what a guilty conscience will do.

If Bergdoll had been a poor man, if he had not been the pampered son of a wealthy mother, with brewery money at his back and call, he undoubtedly would have taken his place in the American army and done his duty by his country. Possibly he would have been killed in battle or he might have died in camp, in either case being better off than at present. But the chances are that he would have been restored to private life after an honorable military career, and all the remaining days of his life been glad that he had participated faithfully in the defense of the country he was born in and which had afforded such prosperity to his family. Doing the right thing is seldom unprofitable. Usually it is distinctly profitable and soothing. Bergdoll finds himself unpopular even in the country he pretended to love, and to which he fled as a fugitive. He is not wanted in Germany and is wanted in this country only by the courts. How miserably has this young man, well schooled, exceptionally advantaged, wrecked his life. It doesn't pay to do the wrong thing. He didn't lack physical courage, as proved by his willingness to risk his life in his escapades. What he did lack was moral courage. He didn't have the character that actuates men in carrying on when the burden is wearying and the road is rough. His soul was pampered out of him.

JUST MALICE

The rumpus over the affairs of Lieut. Osborne Wood and his brother is at least ninety-nine parts malice against a man who has offended the inquisitors by serving his country with distinguished honor in battle, by attaining world fame as a great administrator to Cuba, by working ceaselessly for the adoption of a proper system of defense, by making possible the army of 1918, and by having the effrontery to seek the presidency.

We have knowledge of the private affairs of General Wood's sons. They may be above reproach or may not; but we think that our senators and representatives have more important duties at this time than nosing into the doings of two young men, who, if they have done wrong, are as subject as any one else to the processes of law. To make their affairs objects of congressional attention is to make congress itself contemptible, and the ignoble purpose is to hurt a great American, nothing more.

THE BOK PLAN

Edward W. Bok gives \$50,000 for a peace plan with the promise of \$50,000 more if the said plan gets by Henry Cabot Lodge. And right on the heels of this comes the news that the United States government takes in something more than \$450,000 for the wherewithal to pump hot lead into Mexicans.

It seems that, if Mr. Bok and Uncle Sam had a conference at all, they

failed to get together on the proper course to pursue.

Only one person in the world knows who won the Bok award, and she's a woman. That, in our opinion, is carrying equal rights a bit too far. To keep a secret has heretofore been man's sole prerogative.

However, since we have given woman the ballot, it may be proper also to give her secrets. But it is quite a long step forward.

The Bok plan, curiously enough, recognizes the League of Nations as an agency of peace. Friends of the league, however, will note that it is just a wink in the dark.

The author of the plan observes that there are several approaches to world peace. Maybe he thinks the league is a path seldom used, and we shall not be embarrassed by having ever to travel it.

Personally, we believe there is a way to get peace, and that is by shooting the stuffings out of everybody who wants to fight.

In the United States an amendment to the constitution requiring senators and representatives in congress to participate as shock troops might have a good effect in staying off war.

AFTER COLLEGE

Star students—Phi Beta Kappa men—of 10 years ago are out in the world and earning an average of \$2,000 a year apiece. The best mixers among their classmates—the ones most active in campus and social activities—are averaging \$10,000 a year. So reports a professor at the University of Michigan.

The star students, nevertheless, probably are more genuinely successful than the mixers. Success is not altogether in money, not by a long shot. Income is not the only outcome.

Not surprising, that students who are "good mixers" have found it easier to make big incomes than men of mental superiority. It doesn't read this way in the platitudes, but personality and influence are as important as natural ability, in getting ahead.

A grouchy or otherwise disagreeable disposition is as much a handicap as being born with something lacking in the upper story. The lovable characters who fail are in the minority. And then their only failure is financial.

LAYMEN TO THE FRONT

It is noticeable in Plattsmouth as in other cities that laymen of the various churches are becoming more active. Much of the work of organization and responsibility for business matters devolve directly upon them, and in addition many are taking a large part in the evangelical efforts.

At a recent meeting in Washington of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Charles L. Goodell, noted Methodist evangelist, attributed the extraordinary increase in church membership during the past two years in large measure to the work of the laymen. He spoke of the growth of the Bible classes and of the personal work on the part of those on the rolls.

In any church it is a sign of a healthy condition when the men and women who compose that church are active. Especially is this true when the men are engaged in active service, for too often this is left to the women of the family. The more one puts into anything the more he receives from it. This is true in any business or in any organization, whatever the nature. It is likewise true of the church. One cannot sustain a real interest without contributing not only money but one's time and talent. The day a man begins to work for a certain project or institution that day he becomes more concerned in its success.

The feeling that all responsibility should be left to the minister is too prevalent. We are right to provide for our churches the best and those most capable of filling the pulpits. The importance of the duties of the ministry can not be over estimated.

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Ordered, that January 24th, A. D. 1924, at ten o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a legal semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.
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ALLEN J. BEESON,
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