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ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOHN

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His garner; but the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable.—St. Luke 3:16-17.

While not exactly a wire puller, Calvin is confessedly of the wiry type.

One of the strangest things in this world is how the upper classes love unclassical music.

Another comforting thought is that the girl who can never trust a man again generally can.

Little boys who do not believe in Santa Claus grow up to be hard-boiled politicians who scoff at idealism.

Almost any day we expect to hear that they have dug up out of Tut's bone pile a perfectly preserved religious controversy.

Another nice thing about being a nobody is that you can put your money in the bank instead of using it to maintain your position.

For sure enough contempt watch an old cornob pipe smoker give a tea hound smoking a cigaret in a modish holder the once over.

Bermuda has no automobiles. The average life of pedestrians should be quite long there—especially since they do not have to listen to Ford jokes.

A carbolic acid bath strikes us as being just about the proper sort of treatment for the executive office before the new incumbent takes charge.

Even if a man has a distinct understanding before marriage that he is to be boss, afterward his wife seems to consider it nothing but a scrap of paper.

The Review of Reviews says that the republican party must stand on its own record. That's a mighty flimsy thing for a big-footed animal like the elephant.

The meanest man is the fellow who smokes a good grade of cigars and cigarettes and then keeps a line of inferior grades for friends who "quit smoking" January 1.

A big of embryon chicken heart has for many years in the Rockefeller institute, been kept alive and growing larger each year. The full meaning of that which we call life still eludes the deepest thinker, yet torrents of shallow words pour out in its description.

It is universally admitted that ministers of the gospel are poorly paid. They are peculiarly situated. They are not even in a position to form a union. The modern tendency however, is practical, and they, as well as others may yet benefit by the reminder that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

A Chicago judge is determined to break up the custom of steering a girl with one hand and an auto with another; also the habit of riding three in the front seat. Wish he'd do sompin' about hanging a log out of the Ford, too, especially when it's a masculine leg with the pants needing pressing and the foot large.

The reported sale of U. S. guns and airplanes to Obregon should make Lenin and Trotsky realize that Secretary Hughes' friendship is worth working for. Mr. Hughes may be slow to make up his mind about a friend, but once recognized he will go through fire and water for him.

Americans who are familiar with President Coolidge's literary style and habits of thought will not be surprised to learn that he believed in terse direct party platforms and has no use for catch phrases and idle rhetoric. At the same time, we do wish he would quit using the split infinitive.

KEEP IT GOING

Put this question squarely up to yourself: "Do I want to live in a settlement where there is no church or minister, not a single Bible, or do I prefer to cast my lot with a community wherein the church is the dominating factor—and the church attendance always 100 per cent?"

Perhaps you will say that in civilized Christian countries these two extremes are never met. But to answer the question honestly with yourself, wouldn't you be happier, wouldn't you feel more secure, in the church community? Isn't it exactly the sort of place you would select for your family?

If you are a regular church goer you know why you prefer it. If you are a passive Christian and an intermittent church goer, you will admit that the standards of life are higher in a Christian community, the ideals finer. And even if you never enter a church form one year's end to the other, you are probably open minded enough to recognize the truth of these facts.

You approve of the church, applaud its work. But do you go and help out in that work as often as you can? Should you not logically support the institution which your reason tells you makes for your own security? If you have no denominational preference, shop around, visit the various churches. Then pick out the one that suits you best—either for its fellowship or the sermon that the minister preaches. You will always find a welcome in church.

"HE'S A POLITICIAN"

One handy phrase comes readily to the lips of self righteous critics when they wish to condemn some appointee or aspirant for office. Like any other standard jest, it always takes well.

"Oh, he's a politician," they say. Let it be admitted that politicians occasionally run for office and that they are sometimes elected. What does that prove? What is a politician?

The primary definition of a politician is one engaged in politics. Politics means the administration of public affairs. A politician, then, is one who has had some experience in administering public business. If more than this is implied it is because language has become perverted by misuse.

Public service in America needs men and women trained by experience—politicians, if you please. Nor machine politicians, not party politicians, not party errand boys or puppets for bosses, but clean, capable individuals who see in politics the possibilities of a reputable, useful professional career.

It is no legitimate criticism of a man to say he is a politician. On the contrary, it may constitute merited praise. If he is a gang politician or a dishonest or otherwise undesirable politician let his critics say so. Unless they say that they make no point.

Public affairs not uncommonly suffer for the absence of real politicians. We need more, not fewer politicians in office. Provided, always, they are politicians with ability, courage and the right point of view.

SEVERE PENALTY

A girl from the West Virginia mountains begins serving 34 years in prison for moonshining. The sentence was seven years and \$6,000 fine and costs. Unable to pay the fine, she faces the prospect of working it out at 60 cents a day.

What do you think of the proposition of making a young woman work 27 years for \$6,000 as part of the American system of justice? Government, which should always be the model example, frequently is the worst.

DINNER DIPLOMACY

An unpleasant incident which is said to have struck a discordant note at the formal White House dinner to the diplomatic corps last week, having been the subject of Washington gossip for several days, has taken a surprising turn now with suggestions that it might lead to the retirement of the Belgian ambassador.

Tradition and formality regulate the order of precedence and the seating arrangement at state dinners. Inability of certain ambassadors to be present, or some other unexplained cause, seems to have shifted the order on this particular occasion so as to make Dr. Otto Weidfeldt, the German ambassador, the logical dinner partner of the Baroness De Cartier de Marchienne, wife of the Belgian ambassador. The baroness, it is reported, became aware of the situation in advance and expressed her opposition to such an arrangement. The result, according to one version, was that some arbitrary

change was made, although the German ambassador still sat next to her; the baroness ignored him and kept her conversation aimed in other directions than his. The incident, regarded by some as an affront to one of the president's guests and therefore to the president himself, has been the subject of a great deal of Washington speculation.

Recalling a somewhat similar occurrence during the administration of President Wilson, observers have pointed out that on that occasion a request was made for the recall of the offending individual, an attaché of the British embassy. The failure of Lord Grey, then the ambassador from Great Britain, to accede to this request resulted, it is said, in his never being received at the White House thereafter, and his retirement soon followed. In the present instance it appears to be the wish of the White House to forget the occurrence. Its possibilities lie in the attitude of Dr. Weidfeldt.

One readily takes the White House attitude that such an incident is altogether too petty and trivial for notice. It would be a pity if a woman's tactless act were to ruin or impair a diplomatic career. Yet governments have changed their en-jobs abroad for reasons no more grave. A diplomat is his country's representative across the dinner table as well as the conference table, and diplomacy seems as much in order in the one place as in the other.

THE TAXPAYERS WIN

There no longer seems to be any doubt there will be substantial reduction in income taxes in this session of congress. There are confessions in the several plans presented, but all of them are agreed on very considerable reductions in the lower schedules, at least. So far the people have won a distinct victory. Public response to the Mellon plan and to President Coolidge's recommendation has convinced most members of congress that tax reduction should be made generous and should come first.

The differences in the plans submitted pertain almost wholly to these phases of reduction that have to do with the cost of living. In some respects this is even more important than lowering of income tax bills. Retaining high surtaxes affects everyone because these taxes add to the prices of nearly everything the public has to buy. They are laid on the backs of the consumers. No one escapes this form of taxation.

SILLY GIRLS

Is a silly girl more popular than the intelligent girl? This momentous question (don't be sure it isn't momentous) was discussed recently by young ladies at the University of Chicago.

There's a popular accepted belief that a frivolous girl is more attractive to men than a girl inclined to discuss the Einstein theory in preference to the latest movie sensation. This belief, of course, is based on the supposition that men seek the company of women during leisure hours when they want companionship that'll be a complete change from the monotony of hum drum business.

A frivolous beauty undoubtedly is more alluring than a homely high-brow. Beauty compensates considerably for ivory brain. But an intelligent beauty has the field to herself—a combination supreme. And deliver us from a homely woman who is also silly.

The final answer, of course, is in the law that water isn't the only thing that seeks its own level. Personality and intelligence also seek their own level.

The appeal of the so-called silly type of femininity is mainly to the silly type of men. The intelligent girl appeals primarily to the intelligent man.

The law slips a cog frequently, when the leading actor wants to gratify personal vanity by comparison. For instance, a beautiful woman can get a thrill by associating

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with women of lesser charms and observing her superiority in this particular. So with mentality, there's a natural elation and satisfaction when anyone discovers that his brain power is superior to his associates. Such is the psychology of the intelligent man attached to the "nobody home" type of feminine beauty. He's gratifying his vanity, rather than worshiping the girl.

Our associates are mirrors in which we can see our own images. Like attracting like—or our own weaknesses, like attracting unlike to gratify vanity.

HAND OF FATE

A noted surgeon, Sir Frederick Treves, died recently in England. It's revealed that he performed or directed 1,000 operations for appendicitis losing only one patient—his own daughter. All the other operations were successful.

Fate is like lightning. One never knows where it will strike. However fate's uncertainty and irony are what make life really interesting. Existence would become monotonous if everything were cut-and-dried and the road forever paved with roses.

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION.

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, plaintiff vs. W. B. Spence and John R. Heller defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued by James Robertson, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, on a transcript of judgment, wherein Bank of Waverly, a corporation, obtained judgment against the said W. B. Spence at the September A. D. 1921 term of the District Court for Lancaster county, Nebraska, in the sum of \$503.12, with interest at 3% per annum from November 18, 1921, costs amounting to \$45.73 and increased costs, and levied upon corn belonging to the said W. B. Spence in 619 located on the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 12, Range 12, Cass county, Nebraska; that I will offer for sale on said premises to the highest bidder for cash on the 1st day of February, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., said corn as levied upon as the property of said W. B. Spence or so much thereof as is necessary to satisfy the amount of said judgment now in the aggregate of \$548.85, and costs \$45.73 and increased costs. Said sale will be held open for one hour.

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