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PETER RESCUED FROM PRISON

Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in prison; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And he went out, and followed him.—Acts 12:5-9.

Bad luck is always happening where there is shiftlessness.

You can get squirtless grapefruit by buying those having no juice.

Trouble with paying taxes is they refuse to stay paid long enough.

The long talking record should go to the boy and girl on a street corner.

Even if the seeds never come up the catalog shows you the pictures of how they would look.

A man doesn't amount to much in politics unless he has been named as a presidential possibility.

Thieves got \$2,400 which an Alabama farmer hid in his well, proving his confidence was not well placed.

Perhaps a Washington doctor, robbed of 12 ounces of valuable perfume, was going to attend an oil scandal.

Our contention is that when a golfer's widow marries another golfer she deserves her poverty and loneliness.

After the various unions and clans have finished selecting nominees for the democratic party, maybe the democrats will be given a voice.

A congressman says there is much more drunkenness in Washington than in Paris. But let's not be discouraged with Paris. The French may get prohibition yet.

By Mexico's new income tax law, returns must be filed every month. Let us give thanks, brethren, that we do not live in a country where every month is March!

Mr. Hughes had no idea he was going to see fight films when he went to that McLean dinner. What did he expect to get into at McLean's—an old fashioned prayer meeting?

One day last August, The Journal said: "We like summer, and hate to see it go; and sometimes we fear it isn't going." Well, it went. The question now is, will it ever come back?

Pierpont Morgan stabilized the French franc by the simple expedient of throwing \$100,000,000 into the breach, and impressionable editors think that's news. A hundred million dollars in time would save the credit of nine nations.

Judge William S. Kenyon declined to quit a life time position for a year's job in Washington, even though the latter offered greater remuneration per annum. The trouble is that no republican can look forward to but one "per annum" as secretary of the navy.

Congress led people to expect that there would be a special 25 per cent tax reduction effective by March 15, but congress didn't deliver. Congress never did anything so grudgingly as it is in consenting to any serious tax reduction at all this year. It was too much to expect that it would rush through a measure to reduce even the 1925 taxes.

Political observers are almost unanimous in the opinion that Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin has determined to be a candidate for president as an independent republican. The senator's plan is, according to his friends, to hold a convention of independent republicans and all others interested after President Coolidge has been nominated at Cleveland. At that convention an independent ticket will be nominated. The convention will not restrict itself to dissatisfied republicans. Doors will be open to members of all parties.

The latest news from Washington always seems to be the worst.

The only reliable sign of spring is when winter goes away and fails to come back.

Hugging is quoted lower today, hugs being so plentiful many of them are given away.

By wearing two pairs of old socks at the same time you may hide the holes in both pairs.

The higher up the position a man holds, the lower down he is if he betrays the trust.

Conan Doyle says the world is too material. If it is material it's a nice piece of goods.

In St. Louis, a man of 76 married a woman of 74, this being the first sign of spring in St. Louis.

That backbone of winter is said to be broken, but its hind legs deliver a few kicks once in a while.

A Paris dentist was fined \$5,000 for kissing a patient, no doubt first telling her it wouldn't hurt.

Theories are nice handy things to have around, but you may be injured when they are exploded.

Two Marion, Ohio, men had a fight over a horse trade, this being a quaint old American custom.

Taking all the furniture out of the front rooms will make the bill collectors think you have moved.

The joy of planting bulbs at this season of the year is that you don't know what they are going to be.

A man got drunk in South Bend, Indiana, and stole a locomotive. That is how powerful Indiana stuff is.

It won't be long before time to organize a Sons of the World War Vets to fight for their father's bonus.

Peed hubby a little home brew. Being too sick to work next day he can stay home and beat the rugs.

Supporters contribute money to campaign funds in America, but in Mexico they contribute ammunition.

The ex-kaiser is planning a rose garden, which is one way to get your flowers while you are living.

We haven't seen Bryan lately, but he is getting plenty of exercise kicking hats out of the presidential ring.

A government is a system of checks and balances which tend to become check books and bank balances.

A Chicago girl who inherited \$700,000 is engaged to a plumber who couldn't make that much in a month.

What's become of the old fashioned health alarm about digging your grave with your teeth? It was a good one.

A St. Louis woman has legally adopted her son-in-law, and driven another nail in the mother-in-law joke's coffin.

The most heavily insured woman carries \$3,000,000 and lives in Chicago, where everyone should be heavily insured.

Frank Vanderlip says Senator Wheeler is "the new St. Patrick" who will drive the snakes out of America. He may. But "the new St. Patrick" must watch his step for he's going to encounter scorpions that the old saint never dreamed of.

In the case of Attorney General Daugherty the republicans sense an element of political danger, in what ever course the president may adopt. If Coolidge accepted the advance of Senator Lodge and other leaders in congress and forces Daugherty's retirement he will antagonize a considerable faction whose spokesman is National Chairman Adams. If he permits Daugherty to remain he invites the criticism that he lacks decision and allows himself to be victimized by elements in the administration for whose original selection he is in no sense responsible.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS

More religious books are being read by Americans now than for a generation past, according to an article in The Continent. More Standard publishing houses are issuing religious books and these are appearing in larger editions. More people in public libraries are calling for religious books than ever before in our time. In fact we are as never before a nation of readers of religious books.

An increased desire on the part of ministers to do their work as well as it can be done is given credit for some of the present quantity sales of religious books. This has produced some demand for commentaries and other direct homiletical helps but especially has it called for practical works on the pastoral phases of the minister's activities. Similarly, the improved organization of the program of religious education in Protestant churches has increased the writing and the sale of books telling of how work has been carried on in church and community schools and also of books tending directly to inform the minds of religious educators on pedagogical bases and methods.

Not only are we reading more religious books now, but we are reading a different sort of religious book. While the old time favorites continue to have their appeal, the books now most in demand include such general topics as the following: Books of religious controversy, works of assurance and inspiration, and books in general emphasizing the firm basis of faith. The type of book most largely in demand is that which appeals to the heart of man as coming from one who has drawn near to the heart of the Eternal, and been able to interpret the divine in terms of assurance.

HARD TO PREDICT

Nearly all of us could make quite a bit of money now and then if we could "dope out" business conditions several months in advance. For instance, a man buying or building a home might be able to save a lot of cash if he knew whether prices later were going to rise or fall.

Prediction of business conditions formerly was as uncertain as predicting the weather months ahead. But now it is becoming almost an exact science.

The stock market rises or falls from three to six months in advance of general business conditions. If the gamblers think hard times are coming, stock market prices fall, anticipating depression. Similarly a bull market, with prices shooting upward means that the gamblers are betting on good times ahead.

These prophetic movements in the stock market, of course, are the long-range tendencies. Trouble is, an outsider watching the market is apt to mistake a temporary setback or advance for long-range tendency. Then, too, even the most crafty of market speculators often guess incorrectly.

Another semi-scientific business barometer is the production of pig iron. Many experts think the iron output rises or falls about six months ahead of general business conditions also anticipate general business trends. They reveal how manufacturers and retailers are "betting" on the future. But this form of prediction is too uncertain to place bets on, for sometimes freight movement is heaviest just before a smash. This was the case on the eve of the hard times that started about four years ago. Freight traffic had been big, most people believing that money would grow on trees forever.

The latest scientific business barometer, according to the Harvard committee on economic research, is advertising in newspapers and magazines.

Some experts, however, think that advertising forecasts prices changes rather than sales volume.

Lots of advertising means a general belief that times are going to be good. Newspaper advertising is more accurate in this respect, being closer to the people. Magazine advertising in a general way reflects national conditions, while newspaper ads are more confined to the local situation.

MATERIALISM

Are Americans mistaking comforts for civilization? Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton, has raised that question. He says that Americans are making this mistake, that they are becoming parasites in the civilization of which they are a part simply because they have learned to depend for material comforts on the product of other men's minds. Material prosperity, no matter how great, must be supplemented by a "living, intellectual life in the broader" if the United States is to survive as a civilized nation, nation. Dr. Hibben says.

Dr. Hibben is not the first to give



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warning that the spiritual, the intellectual life, must be more emphasized. Woodrow Wilson pointed to that as the road away from revolution. Materialism there must always be; there can be too much of it. Without materialism mere intellectual life could not survive, but materialism can be utilized to promote and give opportunity to intellectual life.

However, in the constant endeavor for material success many Americans do get off the track and they do seek material comforts rather than intellectual enjoyment. That, however, is not true of all, and Dr. Hibben's fear for the future probably is somewhat overdrawn to make it more effective.

For the real "intellectual enjoyment" and progress it is unfortunate that it is apparently so necessary to devote so much time and energy to material things. Yet if Americans in the pursuit of material success would not permit themselves to be too deeply engrossed in the material, the mixture of material and spiritual would be of great good.

Man cannot live by bread alone. He cannot live for the spirit and the intellect alone. Life began to become a struggle for material things when the first parents were put out of the Garden of Eden. Yet there can be a judicious and happy mixture of materialism and the intellectual life.

KEEP THEM PRIVATE

The United States senate will make a mistake if it recedes from the position it took in 1916 and again in 1921 and supports the house in an amendment to the revenue law making federal tax returns public.

From the viewpoint of the government itself nothing would be gained by such legislation. It would not reduce unlawful tax evasion nor permissible tax avoidance, for it would not go behind the return itself, but merely authorize the publication of returns as they are filed at the internal revenue offices.

As regards the individual taxpayer the suggestion that his income tax blanks be made accessible to any or all who may wish to see it is wholly indefensible. Aside from the public utilities and other semi-public industries which directly or indirectly touch the great majority of people, business in the United States is conducted by private enterprises who in their business pursuits are entitled to privacy.

The income of John Jones is in no sense the business of his neighbor, John Smith, nor anyone except the internal revenue bureau in the district in which that income is taxable.

Legislation which would make public all federal income tax returns could serve no useful purpose. Neither the interest of the government nor of private business could be promoted by such publicity. Instead, large incomes, if the facts were made public, would be a source of discussion and complaint and probably of an ever increasing amount of radical legislation to destroy them and to present their accumulation in the future. Private business is already suffering from too much restrictive legislation. The fact that publicity of income tax returns would greatly increase it is perhaps the strongest argument against such publicity.

YES, IT IS AN OIL YEAR

"The stage is set for a big year in oil."

No, the line is not taken from a humorous column. Neither was it penned or typed—by a political observer who thought he would be funny in order to interest readers. It does not refer to any recent revelations in Washington. The writer of it probably had forgot Albert Bacon Fall overtopped Teapot Dome and took the drippings away in a satchel. It was nothing to do with Edwin Denby, Harry Daugherty or other members in good standing of the Grand Oil Party, however strange it may seem that these names should escape in any discussion of petroleum.

The assertion on the contrary, was by way of beginning a serious article on the oil situation in which it is shown that the industry promises to enjoy a banner year. Waldon Chace is the writer, and he is writing for The Magazine of Wall Street. He reveals that the consumption of oil is greater than the production for the first time in nine months; that no new pools of magnitude are in sight which would be likely to flood the oil market; that, while there are large crude stocks, gasoline stocks are declining, that there is a strong upward trend in crude and refined prices; and that automobile manufacture is likely to increase to an enormous extent during 1924.

That is all very fine, and the article is interesting enough. But it is insisted, nevertheless, that Mr. Chace might have pointed to the political situation also as proof of a banner oil year ahead. Those confirmed city folk who have not thort of kerosene once since they left the old farm in their youth will be doing little more in 1924 than talking of oil. In the presidential campaign petroleum and the uses to which it was put during the Harding administration will take the place of such ancient issues as the tariff and the full dinner pail. Every orator will shriek oil from the hustings, and every man and woman in his audience will be thinking of oil. Kerosene has become the most popular topic of conversation in America. A special senate investigating committee does nothing but discuss it day after day and week after week. It is the curse of the republicans and the hope of the democrats. It chases cabinet members out of office and sends newspaper publisher ill to Palm Beach. And the worst of it is that the oil storm, far from abating is gathering strength with every hour. There is no predicting to what pitch of violence it may attain before the summer is over.

Yes, Mr. Chace is precisely right. The stage is set for a big year in oil.

On the dome of the national capital, which is alluded to by the facetious as the House of a Thousand Scandals. Why not erect an oil can couchant?

ORDER OF HEARING

on Petition for Appointment of Administrator
The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Sena James, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Guy James, Opal Hartsook and Clyde James, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to N. D. Talcott, as Administrator.
Ordered, that April 15th, A. D. 1924, at 10:30 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 petitioners 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 semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.
Dated March 22, 1924.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.
CHAS. E. MARTIN,
Attorney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The state of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the county court.
In the matter of the estate of Frank J. Lillie deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on April 1, 1924, and on July 1, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m. each day to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 1st day of April, A. D. 1924, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 1st day of April, 1924.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 25th day of February, 1924.
ALLEN J. BEESON,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The state of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the county court.
In the matter of the estate of J. H. E. Egenberger, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on the first day of July, 1924, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 31st day of March, A. D. 1924, and the time limited for payment of debts is six months from said 31st day of July, 1924.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 28th day of February, 1924.

ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.
W. G. Kieck, attorney for estate.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Hans Sievers, Administrator of the estate of Helene Hilbert, deceased, for license to sell real estate to pay debts.
Now, on this 23rd day of February, 1924, comes Hans Sievers, administrator of the estate of Helene Hilbert, deceased, and presents his petition for a license to sell the real estate of the deceased, to pay debts and allowances, and it appearing from said petition that there is no personal estate in the hands of the Administrator to pay the allowance made by the county court for the support of Henry Hilbert, the surviving husband of the deceased, which is a debt against said estate as provided by Section 1223 of the Compiled Statutes of 1922, and the expense of said administration, and that it is necessary to sell the whole or some part of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of such allowance or debt and the costs of administration.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged that all persons interested in the estate of said Helene Hilbert, deceased, appear before me, James T. Begley, Judge of the District Court, at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska, on the 12th day of April, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any there be why such license should not

be granted to Hans Sievers, Administrator of said estate, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as may be necessary to pay such allowance or debt, together with costs of administration.
It is further ordered that notice be given to all persons interested by the publication of this Order to Show Cause for four successive weeks in the Plattsmouth Journal, a legal newspaper published and of general circulation in said County of Cass.
By order of the Court.
JAMES T. BEGLEY,
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The state of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the county court.
In the matter of the estate of Ad R. Bastor, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the county court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on the 7th day of April, 1924, and the 7th day of July, 1924, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 7th day of April, A. D. 1924, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 7th day of April, 1924.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 29th day of February, 1924.
ALLEN J. BEESON,
County Judge.

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