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### THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil.

—I Timothy 6:9-10.

Sharp eyes will scratch a key-hole.

Plenty of prosperity in Plattsmouth.

Most women are window dressers of a sort.

People who don't look before they leap land in disgust.

Going riding alone on a beautiful night is wasting gasoline.

A serious shortage of people with nothing to say is reported.

Many a pink complexion hides a blue girl green with envy.

Those not careful about what they get into find it is trouble.

Boys leave the farm because they hate to plow through life.

Some politicians are just one damn mistake after another.

A burglar can open almost anything except a bank account.

An autist should be sure he has the right and then go ahead.

A good looking wife is worth more if she is a good cooking wife.

Advertise your wares Mr. Merchant and keep the buying ball rolling.

How many city youths have home-making as their ideal of happiness?

The average man has a better average than the average man thinks.

Permanent waves and summer resort romances last about six months.

Choose your words carefully, because you may have to take them back.

A few of the men who married in June admit rolling pins and dishes bounce.

Every man want to make the world safe for something—chiefly himself.

We are training for our vacation trip by giving dimes to everybody we meet.

They caught a famous Oklahoma bandit in Missouri, possibly because he couldn't show them.

The established fact that opposites attract may be why poor girls like to marry rich husbands.

Reading a man's palm to determine his future isn't as sure a way as asking his neighbors.

It must be awful to be a genius and have to sit around thinking up new ways to act strange.

A good shimmy dancer has the advantage of being able to rock the baby to sleep standing up.

Lawyer claims a New York cop beat a woman in a dispute, but we still claim it can't be done.

Staying up all night may make you as wise as an owl, but owls have no sense during the day.

Tomatoes once were called love apples. So this may be why they are best taken with a grain of salt.

Habit elings; the old timer who worked his way through college is now working his son's way through.

Maybe Jack Dempsey has lost his punch as one sport writer says, but just the same no fighter has found it.

The formal notification of John W. Davis of his nomination will take place at Clarksburg, West Virginia, his old home.

It is going to take a democratic candidate of great strength to defeat Adam McMullen, the republican candidate for governor. Please put this in your pipe and smoke it.

### "THIEF CATCH THIEF"

"Set a thief to catch a thief" for a long time has been a more or less popular dictum. In these latter days, in practice, the phrase appears to have been slightly changed to read, "Set a crook to catch a crook." That may account for the employment of crooks now and then, here and there, to "investigate" alleged or suspected wrong-doing.

The trial and conviction of Gaston B. Means, until recently employed in the United States department of justice, on charges of conspiracy to violate the liquor laws, and his sentence of two years in the penitentiary at Atlanta, and the payment of \$15,000 in fines, is a case in point, proving the fallacy of employing other than the most reputable persons to investigate alleged wrong-doing, with a view to bringing the guilty to justice.

In this instance the antecedents of Means were well known before he was given government employment. Although he had been tried and acquitted on serious charges, previously, the court record carried evidence that he was not, at least, above suspicion. Being employed by the government, his methods of operation must have been known to his superiors, at least to those immediately responsible for his employment. If he was employed to do "dirty work" to "get" those against whom there was more of prejudice than of justified suspicion, then are those who employed him censurable, their official conduct to be condemned by all who believe in "fair and square" dealing, and especially when the matter deserving of condemnation affects the character of reputable people.

The Means case is particularly conspicuous, because the government was first the employer and later the prosecutor, and because of the official prominence of those who were more or less dragged into the proceedings, although the evidence was not convincing as against those named by the defendant as being responsible for what he did, and the jury so decided.

The Means case is not the only one in which the government makes a bad showing in the matter of employing "crooks to catch crooks." Men may be honest when given employment in the government service, and "go wrong" when they see how easy it is for others to violate the law and escape detection and punishment. In such instances those responsible for the employment and assignment to duty are not to blame. But when it is known that a man is "crooked," the government service is the last place in which he should be employed. Even honest, reputable men, sometimes are severely tested in their contacts with crime and criminals; "crooks" more likely, will become their allies, aiders and abettors, rather than their detectors and exposers.

In reputable private business, "crooks" known to be such, are not given employment. Is the government any less reputable than private business? If it is, then it is time to drive from official positions those who employ disreputable people to do "dirty" work, which, under no circumstances the government is justified in having done.

### WHERE WILL IT END?

She who was Marguerite Clark, famous stage and screen star, but who, for six years past, has been the wife of a mighty lucky husband, Harry Williams, of Patterson, La., writes that she is playing her greatest role; that she finds happiness in raising chickens, working among her flowers, and attending to household duties. "I believe," she says, "I could find similar happiness if I had to work hard in a smaller home."

A good many heads of city homes are being convinced that there must come a return of woman's ideals to something like Marguerite Clark's, or there will be a crash, moral and domestic. In such homes, the children are coming to care less and less for the home life.

It is so, go all the time. Dances, joyriding, theatre parties, one-piece bathing parties, card parties, cigarettes, face paint, lipsticks—a continual urge for "thrills."

The rapidity, rush and daring of business life in these days are nothing compared to the rapidity, daring and sophistication of youth. A good many fathers are anxiously asking what will become of the rising generation; where will all the "thrill" lead to; when will the social breakdown come?

All that fame, public applause and big pay could give, Marguerite Clark had, but she finds her greatest happiness in working, in her home, and the home is the foundation of civilization.

How many city youths have home-making as their ideal of happiness?

### FOR A BUSINESS REVIVAL

As a result of the nomination of John W. Davis, business conditions in the United States almost certainly will return quickly to normal. They have been slightly below normal for some time, because business has had no means of ascertaining who would be the choice of the democratic national convention, but has been fearful—and with what seemed to be good reason—lest its choice be a man whose candidacy and probable election would be injurious to the sound interests of the country.

"Business," in this sense does not mean great wealth; it means every group or individual that owns or operates any enterprise, great or small, whether a railroad or a small shop and includes every man whose living is dependent upon sound financial conditions in the country, from corporation president to mechanic in a car bar.

Business in this sense is very sensitive, and business has been afraid; afraid of McAdoo, afraid of middle west radicals, afraid of all ultra-progressivism, just as it is represented publicly by what used to be the Old Guard of the republican party. And although it is afraid of ultra-conservatism, which is represented privately by the interests that still want to centralize the money power in New York, it would have looked with at least a speculative and kindly eye upon Coolidge, who is an ultra-conservative, rather than upon several of the candidates who were most prominent before the convention.

John W. Davis is a conservative-progressive. That is to say, he is not an ultra-conservative, not entangled in the Old Guard's net; but he is in no sense a radical progressive. The wild theories advanced by the middle west radicals find him wholly unresponsive, just as the "predatory interests," as Mr. Roosevelt used to call them, find him without a joint in his armor.

He is not in business in the popular sense, because he is a lawyer. But he is a modern lawyer of the highest attainments, which means that he is thoroughly familiar with business; that the business of the nation as a whole is as important in his eyes as is the business of a small store important in the eyes of its owner.

Apart from the many splendid qualities which equip Mr. Davis to serve the nation as president, he is wholly to be trusted by business, great or small, by employers and employees, throughout the United States. Therefore, a speedy revival of business is to be expected.

### WASTEFUL FASHIONS

The chief wrong with the American dry goods industry at present, according to the National Wholesale Dry Goods association, is too much fashion. An association bulletin explains that retailers are buying from hand to mouth because fashions change so rapidly that they do not take a chance on having a large stock left on their hands by the next shift in public taste.

It would not be nearly so bad if, as taste shifted in any particular section, the same styles were still saleable in other sections. The big trouble nowadays is that fashions change almost simultaneously throughout the country. This is the result of the widespread publicity given them by the newspapers, fashion magazines and other periodicals.

Consumers, no doubt, are often slow in buying or buy in smaller quantities than they might for the same reason. They, too, do not want to be left with a stock of clothing unwearable because it has suddenly gone out of style.

All this is natural development from the viewpoint of both industry and human nature. But it certainly doesn't speak any too well for national sense.

Why change fashions so often, when there would be enormous savings and perhaps no loss of attractiveness in wearing the same kind of plumage a little longer? Some way should be found to accomplish such a reform either by the clothing industry or by organized consumers. Women's clubs have done something, yet the situation is now more serious than ever.

### FARM DRIFTERS

Discontented middle-western farmers used to drift from state to state, then into Canada, as if drawn like the compass needle.

The lure of western Canada is on the wane. Canadian government closes a number of land offices it maintained for a quarter of a century in our western states to entice farmers north. One of these, in Omaha, closes its doors after sending 50,000 farmers across the border. They took 54 million dollars with them. Where do the drifting farmers land now? Cities, apparently.

### "DEATH RAY" DOESN'T KILL

The famous "death ray" announced by a British inventor seems to have fizzled out. The British Air Minister announces that it fails to fulfill the promises made for it. In the course of the tests, one of the government experts placed himself directly in the path of the ray, only ten yards distant, and was not scorched, withered and abolished according to specifications. In fact, he showed no signs of injury or discomfort.

So that's that! The mysterious death ray, blighting invisibly, remains a scientific nightmare of the future. In the meantime, there has been demonstrated in this country a ray that does blight and blast, without any question. There is nothing mysterious about it. It is merely a solar heat ray, immensely intensified and directed at will—a sort of combined burning glass and searchlight capable of carrying concentrated heat rays to a great distance. It is credited to a young California inventor. He is said to have set fire to trees several hundred yards away and to have burned holes through plates of half-inch steel and melted chunks of iron in less than a second.

This device is limited by weather conditions. It requires sunlight. It should be a great defensive weapon for the great American climate belt. It should also have valuable commercial use in any section blessed with ample sunshine. The inventor says the application of his ray can be perfectly controlled and used for such homely purposes as boiling water and cooking eggs. This is worth while, war or no war.

### LIGHTNING AND FOREST FIRES.

Thirty-three forest fires started by lightning in the Klamath National Forest in California, some of which assumed serious proportions, is an unusual record. But it shows what the Government Forest Service has to fight against in its efforts to conserve our timber. These forest fires not only greatly reduce the area of available timber each year, but often cause loss of life and are a heavy drain on the Forestry Department's resources.

Fires from other causes, such as carelessness of campers and settlers, can be prevented by education and by watchfulness. But lightning is different. There is but one way to guard against it—by lightning conductors. It might be worth while for the Forestry department to experiment, with a view to finding out what is possible along this line. Lightning rods protect a given area around them. The waste from forest fires is so costly that if rods can prevent some of it, the experiment would be worth trying.

### RADIO HELPS YOUTHS

Radio keeps many potentially bad boys good. The number of juvenile court cases in America dropped almost 42 per cent in the past year. Radio deserves a large portion of the credit.

It diverts youthful energy into placid channels. Crime, after all, is to a considerable extent just a matter of misdirected energy. Grownups, as well as children. Many professional criminals would become good citizens if shown that they'd make more money if they'd apply to legitimate work the energy, time, brains and scheming they devote to trying to get something for nothing.

### FORGET POLITICS

They forgot all about their municipal election this year in Grimeland, N. C. Even the politicians were asleep on the job and neglected to provide candidates. It's a town of 500.

Strange to say, things are going along as well as ever, with former officials continuing in office.

Be a good thing if the nation could forget politics a bit more. Our many months of ferment make business timid. The uncertainty that accompanies presidential elections, in effect, the largest single item in cost of government today.

### CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

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# Glacier

Go to Glacier Park this summer and refresh your soul. Here the Rockies surge and toss in the wildest and grandest confusion of mountain grandeur in America. The mountain sheep peep at the edge of space and the Blackfoot Indians pitch their tepees where their fathers have lived for centuries.

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Come in and let me help you plan a wonderful vacation tour.

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## FUNERAL OF WRECK VICTIM IS HELD AT OMAHA THURSDAY

Mike Freyer, One of the Men Killed Sunday at LaPlatte is Buried Yesterday.

From Friday's Daily—Because of the critical condition, the wife and daughter of Mike Freyer, one of the victims of the auto accident last Sunday morning at LaPlatte, have had the report of his death kept from them. The wife and daughter are both at the Clark county hospital and in very serious condition the reports from there state. The daughter, Bernice, has grown much worse while apparently unaware of the fact that her father had been injured so seriously and suffering so much herself has been kept from all news of the real facts of her father's death. The wife of Mr. Freyer, was also kept from the real facts of the case and while inquiring for her husband was informed by the attendants that he had gone back to work. The death of Mrs. Freyer was at one time reported, but the latest reports states that she is still alive although in critical condition. The funeral of Mike Freyer was held yesterday from the Immaculate Conception church in Omaha and the services very largely attended by the friends of the family who have been greatly shocked by the death.

## MINERS FORCE MEN TO LEAVE THEIR WORK.

McAlester, Okla., July 18.—About a hundred miners, most of whom were armed, today overpowered guards at the Kall India mine at Cambria, on the Pittsburg-Latimer county line, and without apparent violence, forced a nonunion mine crew to leave their work. Homes of several miners were searched and guns found were confiscated. No open labor trouble of serious proportion was known to exist in connection with the operation of the mine. It had, however, been reopened recently on a wage scale the same as in 1917, in defiance to the opposition of miners' union officials. No arrests have been made.

William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Workers party of America, says Senator La Follette's message to the La Follette convention was "the most reactionary document of the year." There is just no pleasing some people.

### LEGAL NOTICE

To — Bearing, real name unknown; John Doc, real name unknown; and John Doe Company, a corporation, real name unknown, Defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1924, Henry Klemme filed his petition in the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska, against you and each of you, the object and prayer of which petition is to recover damages against you and each of you, in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and costs of suit for damages to plaintiff's car on or about May 6, 1924. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 11th day of August, A. D. 1924. HENRY KLEMME, Plaintiff.

### GOING TO STORM LAKE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thygeson and family will leave Sunday or Monday for Storm Lake, Iowa, where they expect to spend a few days. They will make the trip in their car.—Nebraska City Press.

Let F. G. Egenberger figure your life and income insurance in the New York Life Co. 3d. 2w

### SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. By virtue of an Execution issued by James Robertson, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of court house, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following property to-wit: and transcript thereof filed— Lots seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9), Block seventy-five (75), in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Max Preis, defendant, to satisfy a judgment of said court recovered by Hartman Furniture Company, a corporation, plaintiff against said defendant. Plattsmouth, Nebraska, July 7th, A. D. 1924. E. P. STEWART, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by James Robertson, Clerk of the District Court, within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 16th day of August, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of the court house, in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following property, to-wit: Lots eleven (11) and twelve (12), in Block one hundred twenty-three (123) in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of A. H. Shindelbower et al, Defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court, recovered by The Livingston Loan & Building Association, Plaintiff against said Defendants. Plattsmouth, Nebraska, July 16, A. D. 1924. E. P. STEWART, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

A. L. TIDD, Attorney.

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