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March, so far, has been lovely.

The roads are getting better right along.

Spring has the appearance of remaining a while.

What about April? Don't give us any March weather in April.

Do you know what Lent means? There are a lot of people that don't know.

Don't worry about the South. The people down there have minds of their own.

A proposed expenditure of 13,205,000,000 gold francs, as against 19,100,000,000 in 1913.

President Hoover has asked everybody to obey the prohibition law. We're all glad that's settled.

It is a shame that some of the very best teachers are prohibited from teaching because they are married.

The first will in the English language was the will of a chandler, who bequeathed candles to various churches.

A dinosaur trial has been found in New Jersey. Why not bring Senator Heflin along to chase it to its lair?

A man suing for divorce charges that his wife kissed him only when she wanted money. What an affectionate woman!

A Kansas boy won a gold medal in an oboe-playing contest. But he may grow up to be a useful citizen in spite of that.

Whether you follow the teachings of Newton or Einstein, when the stock market breaks a lot of people come down to earth.

The House agricultural committee got promptly to work on the farm relief legislation. It sent out 1,500 invitations to participate in the hearings.

A New York doctor has discovered that the blonde's blush is hotter than the brunette. The dispatch didn't say, though, that he found what made 'em blush.

A London banker says he would like to run a humorous column for one day. Anybody who ever overdrew his account can realize how funny a banker can be.

It was after a notable oratorical effort by Foreign Minister Briand, an operator of the first rank, that the French chamber voted almost unanimously for the Kellogg pact to renounce war.

March 19th was W. J. Bryan's birthday.

President Hoover is a busy man, don't you know.

Tom Heflin was stoned in a Missouri town where he went to speak.

The floods are receding very fast, so the farmers can get down to hard work.

Governor Weaver is holding his own, and don't forget it.—Hurrah, for Weaver.

Among cattle and beasts of burden the tail is a weapon of defense against flies and other insects.

Motor coaches with sleeping accommodations are placed in service between Buffalo and Cleveland.

Another bank closes because of frozen assets. Really, it will be a relief when this winter is over.

That schoolgirl complexion is all right in its place, but it can cause an awful lot of trouble on father's coat.

Who remembers the good old days when parents used to rear children without asking what they thought about it?

The ways and means committee of the House got its tariff hearings finished last session. But not all its preparatory work.

A new monoplane of the Royal Air Force of Great Britain has a capacity of more than 1,000 gallons of fuel in the wings.

Our schools are right up to top notch and everything denotes a splendid success of everything about the school's government.

A University of Chicago student is going to Borneo to study savage life. Why doesn't someone tell him about Chicago's loop district.

President announces intention of withdrawing government oil lands, except those now under lease, from commercial exploitation.

The American Home Economics Association is working out an efficient arrangement of kitchen facilities. Has father been complaining.

The run-from-fumble has been abolished in football. The next step is to get the players to wear rubbers and carry umbrellas.

A theatrical man says drama producers are paying 1928 costs and drawing 1908 receipts. He forgot to add with Stone Age shows.

In the recent election in Chicago six aldermen were defeated. Moral: Even an alderman should learn to stand up once in a while.

The first campaign of the Mexican insurgents found them beaten and repulsed in the east but victorious in the north and west.

A pipe line is suggested for bringing "embassy" liquor from Baltimore to Washington. Wonder what kind of metal they think can stand the test of the regular run of "embassy stuff."

A New Hampshire woman who has celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday attributes her long life to the use of smoking tobacco. Evidently the old girl's slogan is a pipe a day will keep the doctor away.

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The report from Berlin that a "Holy League" of Europe's dethroned kings and all the uncrowned monarchs and their successors in the families of the Romanoffs, Hohenzollerns, Hapsburgs, and others in being sounds as pathetic as it is fantastic. Apparently the Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, is the prime mover in the organization. And he evidently is convinced that now, if ever, is the time for all ousted monarchs to try to regain their throne and re-establish themselves in the hearts of their countrymen.

One wonders on just what grounds the grand duke believes there is any chance whatever for a return of the exiled kings of their thrones. Certainly there is no sign in Russia that the Romanoff dynasty is ripe for revival. Nor is there the slightest evidence in Germany that the Germans want the Hohenzollerns back. And no one but a dreamer would believe seriously that the Hapsburgs have any chance of returning to Vienna.

It merely shows how difficult it is for royal exiles to abandon the notion and the hope that the good old days are not gone forever. And it also suggests their inability to grasp the profound psychological changes that have taken place since the World War. A "Holy League" of crownless monarchs may sound very impressive to its members, but to the rest of the world it will merely sound futile and foolish.

MR. HYDE AND THE FARMERS

Like all Missourians, whose loyalty to their State is happily not questioned anywhere, we want to see Mr. Hyde, the new Secretary of Agriculture, get acquainted with his clientele. It is a numerous and somewhat expectant clientele, one that an automobile agent from Trenton, Mo., might have hesitated to take on.

We think Mr. Hyde introduced himself effectively over the radio one night last week. He was the chief speaker upon the American Farm Bureau program.

"I want to work with you," he said.

That must have struck a sympathetic chord among farmers everywhere. There have been plenty of people who wanted to work them—we are afraid they are worked pretty regularly every four years; but not many people work with them.

It looks promising, we think. Promising for Sir Arthur, and promising for farmers.

PROBLEMS AWAIT HOOVER

Among the important problems awaiting the attention of President Hoover is the matter of oil conservation—a problem that is as weighty as any, although the general public has given it little thought.

The Federal Oil Conservation Board, appointed by President Coolidge, submitted its report on the present situation recently. It remarked that the oil industry had eliminated much waste and had done much to save our oil; but it emphasized the fact that the country is still exhausting its oil reserves at a dangerous rate. We consume 72 per cent of all the oil used in the world, and we produce 65 per cent of world production; yet our total oil resources are only 18 per cent of the world resources.

Eventually this might easily lead to a serious situation. The matter demands, and undoubtedly will get, the earnest consideration of our new engineer-President.

In a straw vote conducted by the American Nature Association to choose a national flower, the violet is running last. The violet stands for modesty.

OIL AND DIPLOMACY

The United States has within its borders and under its control some 18 per cent of the world's known oil resources. It is producing, often at loss, approximately 72 per cent of the world's total output of petroleum and its derivatives. That is, the United States is exhausting its oil supplies, while other countries are conserving theirs.

This has become one of the major subjects of modern diplomacy. It admittedly has in it the germs of war. For instance, Mr. Ludwell Denny, formerly connected with our State Department, has written a book about it. Some of the reviewers thought its title, "We Fight for Oil," would just as well have been "America Fights Britain." Mr. Denny believes that oil will in time bring the two great English-speaking powers into bitter conflict for supremacy. It is, he says, a rivalry in which the greater experience of Britain in empire has already bested us. Our own government plays oil politics, but in Mr. Denny's opinion it does not do it very well. He thinks that when we wake to discover ourselves compelled to buy oil from Britain at her price, as Mr. Hoover feared some time ago that we would have to buy rubber, the Kellogg treaties will not amount to much. Nor does the World War, which had economic rather than political causes, suggest that they will.

Mr. Hoover was for two years chairman of the Oil Conservation Board appointed by Mr. Coolidge to study the question. He resigned only when he left the Cabinet. That board went into the world oil situation thoroughly. It is still in the field, its new chairman being Secretary Wilbur. Mr. Wilbur is a close friend of Mr. Hoover. It is therefore significant that when Mr. Hoover entered the White House one of his first official acts was to announce that except when such leases are made mandatory by Congress no more oil fields belonging to the Government will be leased. Moreover, Mr. Wilbur announces that the board will inquire at once into the status of the 20,000 outstanding permits to take oil out of Government fields. It will not surprise people who are familiar with the subject if the President very soon moves for Federal legislation to control the output in private fields. Europe is a heavy buyer of oil in the United States. Conserving her own resources, she is helping us exhaust ours.

Not many of us know that there has been a great fight between Britain and the United States for the oil fields of Mesopotamia, Russia, Persia, Venezuela, Columbia, Spain, Argentina and Mexico. Mr. Hoover knows it. Mr. Denny says in his book that the competition in Venezuela, now the second oil producing country, has been truly sensational. He thinks we do not know about it because we are not internationally-minded. This is precisely the quality which is considered by many people in this and other countries to be Mr. Hoover's chief qualification for the presidency.

The American Bar Association thinks we must move through Congress to limit the oil output of the United States. Unless we do so, it fears, we will find ourselves outwitted by the other Powers in one of the most important of international spheres. The country will probably feel, particularly since Mr. Hoover withdrew the Government oil fields from development, that we at least have in the White House a man who understands the situation perhaps better than any other American.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

One evidence of the era of good feeling now at Washington was the kindly suggestion that Senator Copeland of New York, Democrat and a physician, in a call upon Mr. Hoover, said that the President's office was too warm and needed better ventilation. Shall we look next for a Democratic proposal in Congress that the change become effective in the present administration?

MOBBING THE COURTS

The Anti-Saloon League is preparing plans for an enforcement drive against the big cities. What- ever is needed in the way of additional money, increased enforcement staffs and more Judges will be provided, but the feature of the attack on which the league apparently places special reliance is the presence of women in every courtroom where a prohibition case is on trial.

Dr. McBride evidently feels that an explanation of this tactic should be offered. So he graciously says that it is not intended to "antagonize the courts or to be unfriendly or critical, but to let the Judge see that the women are present and following the administration of justice as he (the Judge) dispenses it." That is, of course, Dr. McBride's subtle way of saying that the women will be on hand to see that the Judge does his duty. For, warming up to his subject, he declares that "the time when Judges can make a laughing stock of the law by imposing small fines and other utterly inadequate sentences upon violators is now passing. Soon it will have passed entirely."

That is straight talk which nobody can misunderstand. It is a threat to the Judges that if they do not inflict the maximum legal punishment on violators of the dry law the Anti-Saloon League will attend to them in due time.

Here is an unequivocal declaration that the dry law is not to be administered by the courts but by the Anti-Saloon League. In short, legal jus-

ice is to be supplanted by league justice.

Very well. It may be submitted, however, that if the Anti-Saloon League may send its women into the courtroom to terrorize Judges the forces opposed to prohibition may send their women into the courtroom to coerce the Judges to comply with their prejudices. So it will be mob versus mob, with the Goddess of Justice toppled from her pedestal and His Majesty the Law groveling in the dust.

Such a scene may be contemplated where the Judge is craven enough to surrender to the mob. There may be Judges of that stripe. But there are Judges of sterner stuff, and they are in the vast majority. There are Judges with such respect for their office and such little concern for their personal fortune that they would not tolerate the presence of either men or women in their court on any mission of censorship or coercion. There are Judges who would send such agents of terrorism to jail for contempt of court, and their action would have the sanction of law, the seal of justice and the support of intelligent public opinion.

The Anti-Saloon League's latest campaign is a mixture of anarchy and madness.

The Indianapolis News observes that increasing the prohibition law penalties may be the work of a contractor's lobby eager to promote the building of more federal prisons and bootleggers' fortifications.

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The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the County Court.
In the matter of the estate of David G. Habbington, 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 19th day of April, 1929, at 10 o'clock a. m. of 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 19th day of April, A. D. 1929 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 19th day of April, 1929.
Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 13th day of March, 1929.

A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.
(Seal) m18-4w

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Golda Noble Beal, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1929, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the south front door of the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate, to-wit:
Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, in Block 33, and Lots 5 and 6, in Block 63, in the City of Plattsmouth, and Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block 6, in Dukes Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska—
The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Mrs. Sampson, first and real name unknown, et al, defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by Louis Ackerman, plaintiff against said defendants.
Plattsmouth, Nebraska, March 15, A. D. 1929.

BERT REED
Sheriff Cass County,
Nebraska

NOTICE

To Rosie Brown, non-resident defendant:
You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of December, 1928, Virgil Brown filed a petition against you in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have wilfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause, for the term of two years last past. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929.

VIRGIL BROWN,
Plaintiff.
By— W. G. KIECK,
His Attorney.

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