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Maybe the pessimists got that way because so many people owe them money.

The Chinese are beginning to think that the League covenant is one of those covenants openly arrived at and openly sneezed at.

Some morning a careless contender in Manchuria will wake up and find he's got that railroad they're quarreling over on his hands.

Business men say we must cut down the overhead. Yes, as the condemned man said mounting the scaffold, if you don't you go in the hole.

It is downright foolish for China and Japan to fight over a railway line in Manchuria. If it was a tax-free bus line, some justification might be offered.

Slashing salaries without rhyme or reason will do nothing save increase the demand for a square deal. After all, the fundamental need of the people is more jobs.

The problem of the disposal of used razor blades is again becoming acute. A Hollywood art model used one in an assault on her employer and got into considerable trouble.

If a man did built a better mousetrap than his neighbor so that the world started making a path to his door, it is more than likely that he would be suspected of bootlegging.

It is nice to be thankful for little things. For instance, words come from the composing room that our favorite linotypist is glad because the editor has a new ribbon on his typewriter.

"I'm preparing a talk on one of the new books," a young lecturer informed us yesterday. "I've decided pretty well what I'm going to say and all that now remains is to glance through the book."

If Gandhi comes to America, we can't present him with keys to any of our cities. The sage of India has no pockets, and he would have to hook a key over his ear, which wouldn't be at all dignified.

Arkansas's new 90-day divorce law and the quick-action statutes of other states no doubt will lead divorce lawyers of the future to talk about "timing" just about as much as football experts now do.

Surgeons are now working on a plan of nerve control that will enable a man to instantly control his emotions. It seems of doubtful value. If thoroughly successful, a man might as well kiss his wife as the stenographer.

Our society editor gave a graphic description of the bride's going-away costume in describing a recent fashionable wedding. The proper going-away costume for a groom nowadays is a suit of overalls and a pair of hitch-hiking brogans.

An enraptured theater manager in Cleveland advertised Jackie Cooper last week as "the boy star with heaven in his face." We saw the picture and were very much impressed with his performance, but our recollection is that he had chewing gum in his face.

There are persons still living who remember when auction bridge was going through the same stage of controversy, rivalry of "systems," and the general turmoil that contract now finds itself in. And history records that auction survived and so did society and, in fact, most of the contenders.

Within the past twelve months more than 12,000,000 Chinese have died as the result of drouth, famine, floods and starvation. That's equal to ten per cent of the population of the United States. Find, if you can, any folks among your acquaintances who are worrying about conditions in China.

The Texas Weekly, a sprightly and well-edited publication, is authority for the statement that last year the people of the United States spent \$50,000,000 for half-pint bottles of soda water—just plain soda water. It would be far more interesting to know just how much they spent for pint bottles of ginger ale to kill the taste of bad liquor.

CORN HUSKING CONTESTS

Those who live outside of the corn belt of the American middle West may have read with some surprise that 50,000 people attended the recent National Corn Husking Contest at Grundy Center, Iowa. Perhaps none were more surprised than those whose boyhood was spent in the corn belt and whose memories of corn husking center around some of its less engaging features.

The development of corn husking into a national sport that rivals major football games in color and pulling power is an interesting story. In 1924 Mr. Henry Wallace, Iowa farm paper editor and son of a former Secretary of Agriculture, conceived the idea of making a sport of corn husking. Mr. Wallace called attention to sports as a great safety valve of the American people. "Why should we not develop a strictly rural sport, and so dignify and enliven the tasks of the farm?" he asked.

Corn husking contests became popular at once. The growing interest reached a high point in this year's national contest. More than 10,000 automobiles were counted in the parking fields, while airplanes and news reels "talkies" gave an up-to-date atmosphere to one of the oldest of corn belt tasks. The contestants were the winners from eight state contests, which had eliminated all but the best of the champions in more than 300 county contests.

It takes a high degree of skill and endurance to win a corn husking contest. To pick and husk more than thirty-two bushels of corn from standing stalks in eighty minutes, as Orville Welch did to win the national contest this year, is no mean feat of skill and endurance. That means picking and removing the husks from at least forty ears a minute for the eighty minutes of the contest.

Corn husking contests have developed to be the great middle western farm sport. To hold a successful contest requires the co-operation of everyone in the rural community. Each husker must have a wagon and driver. A judge accompanies each wagon, two gleaners to pick up the corn the husker misses—he is penalized for this—and from one to three officials to keep the enthusiastic crowd from interfering with the husker. Then there are officials to look after the parking, weighing and computing. All told, from 150 to 300 people take part in staging a corn husking contest. Usually business men from near-by towns join with farmers in managing the trial.

A community that stages a successful corn husking contest thereafter feels itself ready for anything. The pride of achievement leaves upon it a mark that is not soon erased. Corn husking contests are an important contribution to the rural life of America.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The pleasing custom of using living, outdoor trees as Christmas trees is becoming more and more popular every year. We hope to see some trees in our town this Christmas decorated with colored lights connected to the house circuit, so that everybody can share in the jubilation of the Christmas season.

Nobody knows, so far as we can find out, where the idea of a decorative tree as a symbol of Christmas originated. But like many another ancient custom, the source of which is lost in the dim past, it is a beautiful and time-honored custom which arouses sentimental reflections and happy memories in the mind of everyone, no matter how old, in whose youthful life the Christmas tree formed the center of the family gathering on Christmas Day.

But the feast of Christmas and the Christmas tree imply very much more than merely pleasant recollections.

There is no race or religious creed which does not believe, in some form or other, in a divine promise of a better world. Science may never be able to prove the existence of God; but the faith of the truly religious is not a matter of proof. No one can live very long in this world without discovering that the forces which make it, from generation to generation, a better world to live in, and which are steadily making human beings more kindly and tolerant toward each other, are not the forces which come from within the human soul and that spirit of tolerance, of kindness, of "peace on earth, good will to men" is, to all Christians, a spirit flowing directly from the Heavenly throne. And what we celebrate at Christmas is the manifestation of that spirit on earth.

Culbertson is getting the ballyhoo, but you can't count out a resourceful chap like Lenz just yet. Now, we are informed by Mr. Lenz, Mrs. Culbertson, whom her husband calls the best bridge player in the world, is a former pupil of Mr. Lenz.

SHOOTING ISN'T SAVING

It was back in the days of sleigh bells and lap robes. "Son," said the farmer to his boy, "we've got to make this robe last another year. Prices of buffalo skins are getting all out of reason. Seems uncalled for, too. Plenty of buffalo left out on the plains."

But Father was wrong. Almost overnight the buffalo had vanished. It had vanished because of guns. The passenger pigeon followed. The fur seal likewise fell prey to guns until it so nearly disappeared that only radical measures have effected a partial restoration.

Now, game preservation bodies all over the United States are hopefully declaring that a like fate shall not befall the many remaining species of wild fowl and game animals. Yet, with few exceptions, these advocates of continued sports are either willfully or thoughtlessly overlooking the most obvious reason for the decrease of game—guns. It seems curious that hunters should aim in pretty much every direction but the logical one while searching for practical measures to save the game, but the reason for their confusion is not deeply hidden.

Some 7,000,000 sportsmen are reported to have entered the lists against America's remaining game this year. Each is estimated to have spent on the average more than \$40 on his outfit and hunting expenses. Manufacturers of such equipment are drawing something like \$307,000,000 annually out of the hunting field. Both hunters and equipment makers are organized to shoot, not to preserve. From their point of view, restrictions on gunning savor of oppression.

Yet, because of the gun, buffalo robes are a moth-eaten rarity today, and most "sealskin" comes from muskrats. It would seem reasonable, therefore, to paraphrase an old adage and call to the attention of such sportsmen the fact that they cannot have their game and shoot it too. Recognizing this, defenders of game and of more temperate sport are now subscribing to lower bag limits, shorter open seasons, a great national and state system of inviolate sanctuaries, long closed seasons on vanishing species, a total prohibition of "baiting" game to kill it and the use of live decoy birds.

The roar of 7,000,000 guns is loud. Perhaps it will be even loud enough to awake many of the gunners to the folly of wasteful shooting.

A NATIONAL STOCK TRADING

Self-examination, which is so much in evidence nowadays in American life, is no new experience. There was a time when American audiences seemed to like nothing better than to hear their own idiosyncrasies pointed out to them by distinguished foreign lecturers and publicists. It became a form of entertainment, like reading detective stories. Then came the debunking stage, when writers turned into molders of clay feet for national heroes. Again the aim was entertainment, rather than truth.

The new self-examination is a much more searching experience. It is the gift of a cessation from the excesses of a boom period in which it got crowded out of the day's work. Living then was too much concerned with financial evaluation. Service? The word found a place in the codes of ethics of business and professional organizations, but in practice it sometimes meant self-service, with the sole purpose of material enrichment.

The magazines are now exploring other values which have nothing to do with the Golden Calf. Selfishness and greed stand exposed in newspapers which formerly hailed fresh heights in the quest toward material rewards. Editors must be responding to the tastes of their readers in furnishing this pabulum. Publishers who have their ears to the ground, as well as the magazine editors, report the same inquiry, their readers demanding serious works for study in place of detective fiction.

Already the heaven is at work in civic life through the various investigations into bossism and the growing revolt against gangsterism. It is re-examining the bases of the economic order. Hitherto the great American contribution to western civilization has been rated as mass production. Production to what end? There was too little thought of that—of the economic circle of which production is merely the first segment. Mr. Gerard Swope's plan is only one result of the new business excoigation which is at last taking into account the whole economic process.

So we see the United States looking at the national sign. "Stop! Look! Listen!" Let us hope that it will find a new perspective along which to set its social course.

"WHAT THREATS?"

Senator Moses has not distinguished himself as a man of diplomacy. Indeed, he sometimes has seemed to lack the rudiments of diplomacy. But now that there are rumors of reprisals for some of his impulsive utterances, he is evincing a restraint that in a statesman of his characteristics is almost heroic. When he is reminded of threats by the insurgents in answer to alleged threats by him, he innocently asks, "What threats?" A cat after a canary dinner could not be less self-conscious than the senator seemed when he asked this question.

His mild wonderment is enough to make one ask whether the senator may not, after all, be a much misrepresented person. Maybe he did not call a certain class of western statesmen sons of the wild jackass. Maybe he never has heard that these statesmen may oppose his re-election as president pro tem of the senate. If not, then of course he could not have threatened to deprive the western members of committee chairmanships. So everything is lovely—if the western senators will only see it that way.

POLITICS IS NOT FOR CURCH

It would be a good thing for the country if more clergymen would take the stand Rev. Joseph A. Vance took when he told his audience at the First Presbyterian church that it is not the duty of the church to mix in politics, but to build up character. That is what the church is for if it has any mission at all.

Dr. Vance says that "when a church gets more concerned over lobbying with state legislatures, city councils and even the United States congress" than it does with character building, "we have a nation that is woefully lacking in that type of citizenship which respects law and gives moral solidity to the nation." The experiences of the United States in the last fifteen years and its present condition of ethical decline back up the doctor's statement conclusively.—Detroit Free Press.

A muckraking reporter of the New York Herald-Tribune has discovered that Vassar College was founded on ale—old brown October ale; that Matthew Vassar, and his father before him, operated a large brewery at Poughkeepsie. Verily, "from what base uses we do ascend."

Phone your Want Ad to No. 6

LOUISVILLE HIGH TO HAVE STRONG QUINT

Louisville, Dec. 4.—With six letters among the 30 reporting for basketball at the Louisville high school, prospects for a strong combination are good. Coach Robson's quint has already turned in one victory this season, beating Springfield, 13 to 8, in the opening game of the year.

Veterans back are Johnson, Sundstrum, Masters, McNealy, Jackman and Merriam. Randall, a newcomer from Kearney, is also on the first string.

The schedule:
Dec. 4—Eagle, there.
Dec. 11—Springfield, there.
Dec. 16—Plattsmouth, there.
Jan. 5—Holy Name, there.
Jan. 15—Papillion, here.
Jan. 19—Avoca, here.
Jan. 22—Elmwood, there.
Jan. 29—Gretna, here.
Feb. 2—Avoca, there.
Feb. 5—Weeping Water, here.
Feb. 9—Holy Name, here.
Feb. 10—Elmwood, here.
Feb. 26—Papillion, there.
March 3 and 4, regional tournament.
March 11 and 12, county tournament.

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Floyd M. Saxon, deceased. On reading the petition of Ruben B. Saxon praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1931, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed and recorded as the last will and testament of Floyd M. Saxon deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate and the administration of said estate be granted to Ruben B. Saxon as executor;

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1931, at two o'clock p. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that 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. Witness my hand, and the seal of said court, this 27th day of November, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Joseph P. Murphy, Margaret Murphy, his wife; Bradford J. Murphy, Margaret Murphy, his wife; Catherine Wonder, Charles J. Wonder and Ershal Murphy;

You and each of you are hereby notified that Humphrey F. Murphy filed his petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against you and others for partition of the SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 11, Range 12, in Cass County, Nebraska; you are hereby required to answer said petition on or before the 4th day of January, 1932, or the allegations in said petition will be taken as true and partition made accordingly.

HUMPHREY F. MURPHY, Plaintiff.
D. O. DWYER, Plaintiff.
W. L. DWYER, Attorney, n16-4w

NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska.

F. W. Klusmire, Plaintiff.
vs. Claus Speck, et al., Defendants.

To the defendants: Claus Speck, Bess Speck, Edwin L. Scott, Freda Scott; the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estates of Edwin L. Scott, and Freda Scott, each deceased, real names unknown; and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to Lot twenty-two (22), in Section twenty-eight (28), and Lot twenty-nine (29), in Section thirty-three (33), all in Township twelve (12), north range fourteen (14), east of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska; being an Island in the Missouri River, and commonly referred to as Speck's Island, now known as Klusmire's Island, real names unknown;

You and each of you are hereby notified that F. W. Klusmire as plaintiff, filed a petition and commenced an action in the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, on the 26th day of October, 1931, against you and each of you, the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of the court quieting the title to Lot twenty-two (22), in Section twenty-eight (28), and Lot twenty-nine (29), in Section thirty-three (33), all in Township twelve (12), north range fourteen (14), east of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska, being an Island in the Missouri River, and commonly referred to as Speck's Island, now known as Klusmire's Island, in plaintiff as against you and each of you, and for such other relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, or the allegations therein contained will be taken as true and a decree will be rendered in favor of the plaintiff, F. W. Klusmire, as against you and each of you according to the prayer of said petition.

F. W. KLUSMIRE, Plaintiff.
W. A. ROBERTSON, Attorney for Plaintiff, n16-4w

NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska.

Henry Trout, Plaintiff.
vs. James O'Neal, et al., Defendant.

To the defendants: James O'Neal, Mrs. James O'Neal, first real name unknown; James O'Neal, Mrs. James O'Neal, real name unknown; Matilda A. Conwell, widow; Bell Conwell, W. H. Conwell, also known as William H. Conwell, Mary E. Jones and husband, A. J. Jones; George Conwell and wife, Obigail Conwell, also known as Gilly Conwell, B. J. Conwell, real name unknown and wife, Mattie Conwell, the heirs, devisees, legatees personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estates of James O'Neal, Mrs. James O'Neal, real name unknown; James O'Neal, Mrs. James O'Neal, real name unknown; Matilda A. Conwell, widow; Bell Conwell, W. H. Conwell, also known as William H. Conwell, Mary E. Jones and husband, A. J. Jones; George Conwell, and wife, Obigail Conwell, also known as Gilly Conwell; B. J. Conwell, first real name unknown, and wife, Mattie Conwell, and G. E. Conwell, real name unknown, each deceased, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to Lots 5 and 6 in Block 44, in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, real names unknown.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Henry Trout as plaintiff, filed a petition and commenced an action in the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska, on the 26th day of October, 1931, against you and each of you, the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of the court quieting the title to Lots 5 and 6 in Block 44, in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, in the plaintiff as against you and each of you, and for such other relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, or the allegations therein contained will be taken as true and a decree will be rendered in favor of the plaintiff, Henry Trout, as against you and each of you according to the prayer of said petition.

HENRY TROUT, Plaintiff.
W. A. ROBERTSON, His Attorney, n16-4w

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NOTICE OF Hearing on Guardian's Report and Petition

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Joseph Mauck, incompetent. To all persons interested in said matter: Notice is hereby given that Paul F. Wolph, guardian of said Joseph Mauck, has filed herein his report of his said guardianship and his petition for an order approving said report and previous reports filed here-in on July 22, 1930, and July 21, 1931, and for the order of this court directing investment of the funds in the guardian's hands and the manner and amount of moneys to be expended by the guardian for the maintenance of said ward.

Said matter is assigned for hearing in this court on December 18th, 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested therein may appear and be heard in reference thereto.

By the court. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Florence Rosela Patterson, deceased:

On reading the petition of Lillian Maude Schoeman praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 20th day of November, 1931, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Florence Rosela Patterson, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to William Patterson as executor;

It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that 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. Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

NOTICE OF SALE

By Special Master Under Decree

Daniel H. McClenahan, Special Master, 526 Little Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of the United States, District of Nebraska, Lincoln Division, and in pursuance to a decree of said court rendered and filed on the 12th day of September, 1931, in an action therein pending, to-wit: No. 296 Equity, wherein O. W. Johnson, is Plaintiff, and Carl S. Foster, Receiver of the National Bank of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, is defendant, whereby tax liens on the property herein after described was foreclosed, and the undersigned was appointed Special Master of this court to sell said property and execute said decree, and by virtue of the authority in me vested, I, Daniel H. McClenahan, as such Special Master, will on the 16th day of December, 1931, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon central time, at the entrance to the Court House in Plattsmouth, the county seat of Cass County, Nebraska, at the usual place where Sheriff's Sales are made, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property on which said tax liens are foreclosed, and known and described as follows, to-wit: (1) That part of Sub-lot 1 of Lot 46, an Outlot to Plattsmouth, in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) lying within a distance of 140 feet from the West line of Chicago Avenue, and all that part of said lot, lying a distance of more than 140 feet West of the West line of Chicago Avenue; (2) Lot 28, an Outlot to Plattsmouth, in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Lot 33, an Outlot to Plattsmouth, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4); (3) Lot 60, an Outlot of Plattsmouth, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4); all of the above described property in Section Thirteen (13) Township Twelve (12) Range Thirteen (13) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska; to satisfy first, the sum of \$56.90, costs shown on order of sale, and the accruing costs; second, the amounts decreed to be due plaintiff with interest as set forth in said decree, and the Order of Sale, on the first, second, third and fourth cause of action, and the surplus if any, to be paid to defendant. Said parcels of land to be sold separately, to satisfy the costs, liens and fees against the same. All as provided by said decree and order of sale.

Dated November 10, 1931. DANIEL H. McCLENAHAN, Special Master of the United States District Court, District of Nebraska.

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It looks like sentencing Scarface Al Capone to prison does not mean sending him to prison. When a mere man is more powerful than the courts, merely because he has plenty of money behind him, the American people have just cause to wonder whether or not prohibition is a failure.

A Pajama and Coat

with a smart and slenderizing way!



This stunning Pajama and Coat of specially processed Munsingwear Rayon is becoming to every figure... large or small.

Straight lines and angles are so slenderizing... and this clever Munsingwear Pajama and harmonizing Coat is distinguished by its use of both. Three front panel sections joined by fagotting braid are highly decorative... and a similar panel on the trouser sides makes an ensemble of unusual smartness.

Ladies Toggerly

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