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### OBEEDIENCE

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live.—Deuteronomy 8:1.

Only a few more shopping months before bathing suits.

Experience is a great teacher, but never went to school.

By the time a fat woman gets all dressed it is too late to go.

Lower sugar prices are being predicted by several leading optimists.

Of course quadrupeds have some advantages, but the best dancers bipeds.

There is just one fellow worse than a quitter and he is the fellow who is afraid to start.

No one gets the best in giving and receiving. It is simply a Christmas plan adopted years ago.

Imagine the surprise in Cincinnati when an explosion turned out to be a bomb instead of a still.

A big wind storm did a lot of damage in Houma, La. Oh, that reminds us, congress is in session.

California university has built a \$1,000,000 stadium. They say it looks like a million dollars.

Some men imagine they are very important until it is too late for them to amount to anything whatever.

Waynesville (Pa.) boy stole a train to go to a football game. He was downed on the ten-mile line.

Grover Bergdoll has filed suit against an American for damages to his feelings. Why not sue America at large.

Don't blame the poor congressmen overmuch. How would you like to have 100 million bosses telling you what to do.

The situation is that the league of nations is a closed incident and Senator Lodge won't let Mr. Hughes play with the bungstarter.

The president's decision not to appoint any candidate for judge who is involved in a controversy is a nice, polite way of eliminating politicians.

There are poor children whose parents are perhaps unable to provide for them this glad time. Then there are the widows and orphans. Remember them.

A nameless magazine came to our desk one day this week with an invitation to tell the publishers what to call it. After looking through it, we suggested they call it off.

Presidential aspirants are worrying over a dark horse appearing and giving them the horse laugh. Better a dark horse before a nomination than a white elephant later.

The republican national committee just can't get over feeling that the southern postmasters ought to have something to say about nominating a republican candidate for president.

A New York man attempted suicide because his girl kept him waiting. It's a good thing that all men don't take that situation seriously—there would be a husband left alive.

Three dead and wounded marked the opening of the new Japanese room at a Chicago cafe. The well known Roman holiday was a Sunday school picnic compared to our celebrations.

There is a big field for Luther Burbank in the chicken business. We have an idea that any man that can breed a strain of chickens that will fly out of the reach of swift moving automobiles will lay the foundation of a great fortune.

Vanity often is instrumental in the announcement of hasty decisions that turn out badly. Men like to be recognized for their aptitude for quick thinking and quick decisions. But 99 per cent of our important decisions can be reserved for another time—say the next morning—with-out injury to any interest or cause.

### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The health of a community is an almost unerring index of its morals.—James Martineau.

And now the German marks are mere "scraps of paper."

You can't have your Christmas funs and Christmas funds, too.

You have waited too late to shop early. Shop now and enjoy the rush.

A hen is the only living creature that can sit still and produce dividends.

A bachelor is a bachelor because he is either too wise or too foolish to marry.

Fifty years ago today people were just as surprised to find Christmas was so near.

If politicians could choose all the judges it would lessen their work in freeing all the crooks.

Stiff collars are going out of style. Men are wearing soft collars now to protect the girls' necks.

Something tells us that Santa Claus is going to look at our house as if he thought it was vacant.

Now they say there are about 1,000 fake dentists at large. This number will seem very small.

A million dollars may be spent fighting New Jersey mosquitoes, which is less than a penny each.

A Spokane football player will recover from a broken neck, but will miss necking parties six months.

A Texas aviator was arrested for flying while intoxicated. A few drinks and he went up in the air.

Terrible news from London. A doctor has a serum to make men tireless. These serums make us tired.

News from Paris. They stop the phone service if you get mad at central. One way to abolish phones.

Before marriage a man acts like a bear. In that he hugs afterward he acts like a bear in that he growls.

People these days may be divided into two classes—those who pay for motor cars and those who dodge them.

Remember the poor children of the city. Christmas comes but once a year. Let them feel the good cheer also.

Merely as a compromise, we suggest that everybody be allowed to vote for the bonus on his income tax blank.

We don't believe many of the girls would want to marry a man who could pass a mental test during his courtship days.

A New York man cast fifty-three "hot dogs" in a contest. And for the price of that many a fellow could get a lot of regular food.

In West Virginia a man named Jack Frost has been given ninety days in jail for having moonshine in his possession. An open winter is expected.

One thing that might help keep America safe for Americans would be to raise the percentage of grandsons among those who are proud to call her "My native land by birth."

What with our ointment to make the hair stay combed and our horn-rimmed spectacles, it's rather a setback to our smugness to read where we as a nation, are without proper culture.

Among the discouraging experiences of a helpful man's life—and it happens pretty often—is to find, after he has done all the heavy work in connection with rearranging the furniture, that all she wanted was to see how it looked that way, and that she believes she liked it better the other way after all and guesses he'd better change it back now.

### "WHERE MEN ARE MEN"

One day recently, the Daily Journal published a brief new item about a former governor of an eastern state in which it was told that he and his wife had agreed to separate, after living together for forty-two years. It was stated that the husband is "a lover of the great open spaces where men are men," while his wife prefers "civilization" as it is in the cities. This difference, as to place of family abode is said to be the cause of separation on the part of presumably otherwise sensible intelligent people.

Former Governor Osborn of Michigan, the man referred to in the news item, is woefully mistaken if he, as is asserted, holds to the view that in the "great open spaces" is only "where men are men." By "great open spaces" he means, presumably, where population is sparse, as compared with the human congestion that is in cities. That out in the country where human beings are few and far between, there is more of freedom, more of opportunities for living the "free and easy life" for which he longs and for which he sacrifices a home that for nearly half a century has been maintained. Consequently this man prefers to cast aside married life and go in search of that Utopia "where men are men."

Was ever excuse more flimsy, offer with less of reason, than that which is made by the man referred to here? Without knowing anything of the domestic relations of the couple in question, it is reasonable to assume that those relations were amicable, satisfactory, otherwise they would not have continued for forty-two years, especially in a period when the covenant of marriage is so lightly held as is evident by the amazing records of the divorce courts. With those relations there is no concern here and now. What is of interest is the place "where men are men."

That place, there is abundant and unquestionable reason to believe, is everywhere that men happen to find themselves, in the "great open spaces," in the congested cities, in the wilderness and in the jungle. "Men," be it noted, and not mere "animals of a higher order," classified as human beings, here are under consideration. Animals as such, cannot be men anywhere, but men can be men, if they choose, in any place on this mundane sphere.

"Where men are men" is wherever the male of the human species acts like a man, where there are desires and efforts to be men in every sense and manner, and not mollycoddles and worse. "Where men are men" is where there is intelligence and refinement, where there is manifestation of the civility and courtesy, of forbearance, of practice of the Golden Rule, which is just as necessary today as in the time of its promulgation.

"Where men are men" is where they prefer to act like men, to be just a little or very much more than "mere human beings," where they so conduct themselves in every relation of life. It is not necessary that men who are real men, and not counterfeits, should tear themselves away from society, or that they should desert father, or mother, or wife, to go to the "great open spaces," there to be "where men are men." They are not there any more than they are in millions of happy homes, in the cities and towns and in the country—millions of places "Where men are men."

### WHY MEN GO WRONG

An inquiring soul from John Hopkins has been conducting an investigation into the reason why men go wrong. He produces some startling statistics which show that, according to their numbers, just as many college men end in penal institutions as do their untrained brothers. A sheepskin is no insurance that the owner will tread the paths of honesty throughout life, despite the fact that he has less excuse for turning to criminality than one who has an uneducated mind. There is this one difference, however. College graduates rarely serve two terms, whereas uneducated men often return again and again. Once the owner of a trained mind suffers the penalty of wrong doing the logical reasoning his alma mater endowed him with enable him to see that lawbreaking does not pay.

Most of the uneducated criminals are pitifully young, but 40 or past is the age when college men stray from the straight and narrow. The legal profession captures the honors in the numbers of its representatives who are doing penance behind prison walls. The medical profession runs a close second, many doctors being incarcerated for the objectionable crime of dope selling. Dark financial manipulations, cheating others that they may live in luxury and forgery are the commonest crimes committed by college graduates. Few are out-

and-out bandits, confining themselves to such offenses as swindling widows and orphans by selling them worthless stocks or oil wells. A university, it seems, can improve the gray matter but it cannot implant a conscience where one never grew before. And 98 per cent of the college graduates who are languishing behind prison bars are members of some church.

When we come to the ladies, ah! There's a different story. College women almost never go to prison, except occasionally for murder. The ladies will shoot. Jealousy, the investigator states, is almost invariably back of such murders. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," whether she is a bachelor of arts or a humble factory worker. When a woman becomes wildly jealous she is stripped of education, ideals and the civilized veneer of centuries and becomes a living embodiment of her savage primeval ancestors. Then is the time for the man who has trifled with her affections, or the other woman, to set out for the nearest patch of tall timber.

### INCREASE IN CROP VALUES OF NATION

Value of This Year's Crops Placed at \$8,322,685,000 by Department of Agriculture Report.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Larger acre yields and better prices generally of most of the important farm crops of the country, combined with an increase of about 600,000 acres in the aggregate planted area, lifted the total value of this year's crops, \$8,322,685,000 above last year. Value of this year's crops was placed at \$8,322,685,000 today by the department of agriculture in its final crop report of the year. The values were based on the farm price of the crops on December 1.

Corn is the nation's most valuable crop, with a total value of \$2,222,012,000. Cotton ranks second, with an aggregate value of \$1,758,885,000, the value of the lint being \$1,563,147,000 and of cotton seed \$205,738,000. Hay was the only other crop whose value exceeded a billion dollars, its total being \$1,350,967,000.

Acres yields were larger this year than last for corn, winter wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets and peanuts. Smaller acre yields than last year were reported for spring wheat, rye, buckwheat, flax seed, rice, hay and cotton.

Corn yield of corn averaged one bushel per acre more than last year's crop and the price was almost 7 cents a bushel more, while the total production was 3,054,395,000 bushels larger than last year. The area planted was 1,312,000 acres more than last year and the value about \$311,000,000 more.

Winter wheat yields averaged seven-tenths of a bushel per acre more than last year and the total production was only about 14,000,000 bushels less than last year on an area 2,836,000 acres less than last year. The price was 9.7 cents less per bushel.

Yields of spring wheat were 2.7 bushels per acre less than last year, the area was about 1,200,000 acres less and the total production about 77,000,000 bushels less.

The area of cotton picked was about 4,400,000 acres more than last year, but the yield per acre was 12.8 pounds less. Total production is 219,318 bales more and with the price per pound 2 cents more than last year the total value of the lint is about \$400,000,000 above last year's crop.

Hay production is about 6,800,000 tons less than last year but the value of the crop is about \$50,000,000 above last year's on account of higher prices.

### A LOWER TAX FOR ONLY CHOSEN FEW

Representative Garner of Texas, Says Mellon Plan for Tax Reduction is Misleading.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Substantial relief would be afforded by the Mellon tax reduction plan to only 525,000 individual income surtax-payers, Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the house ways and means committee, declared tonight in a statement. He asserted, however, that "most of the administrative amendments embraced in Secretary Mellon's tax reductions and several others not included should have early and favorable consideration." Coming on the heels of the plan to be derived, Mr. Garner said that "congress could repeal the entire income taxes of the 6,136,000 with incomes of \$5,000 or less, which would involve a loss of only \$92,790,000, thereby leaving the \$25,000 large income surtax-payers as the chief beneficiaries of the plan."

"I am astonished," said Mr. Garner, "at the amount of false or misleading information that is being so systematically fed out to the American people to the effect that great and wholesale tax reduction would result to the people generally under the Mellon plan. Such propaganda is a fraud on the country."

## Railroads, Like Father and Mother, are Taken for Granted


THE children come home from school. One goes to Mother, to have a sore finger wrapped up. They eat their evening meal. Father helps with the lessons. They go to bed and sleep—taking it all for granted. Something happens to Father or Mother . . . then . . . the children realize . . .

A thousand miles away, you board a train. Tomorrow you are home. It took your great-grandfathers several weeks to make the same trip. At meal-time they stopped and built a fire. At meal-time you step into a first-class restaurant on wheels. The coffee, the sugar and spices, the fruits, even the bread and meat, have been carried to you by the railroads.

Night comes, and the covered wagon that stopped to let the horses rest, has been replaced by the Pullman and 60 miles an hour. Nothing to do but slip between the sheets, and ring for the porter if anything is wanted—taking it all for granted. The railroads are not like Father and Mother—transportation service you must go on . . . nothing happens . . . so you do not realize . . .

Night and day, rain or shine, winter and summer, thousands of men and women of the Rock Island Lines are "on the job"—that you may be served—that you and your friends may reach home in safety—that your daily supplies may reach your door. Railway service is the most vital thing in your daily life.

Our interests are mutual—helpful suggestions are appreciated.



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Secretary Mellon. A complete redraft of the act has been forwarded to the committee by the secretary with a statement to Acting Chairman Green that treasury officials are ready at any time to present their arguments in favor of the proposed revisions.

Mr. Mellon, in a summary of his suggestions published today, emphasizes that the proposed reduction in the tax on earned incomes of \$4,000 or less amount to 4 per cent, a 25 per cent reduction being recommended for all incomes below \$4,000 with an additional 25 per cent off for those derived from wages, salaries and professional fees.

**FARM BUREAU NOTES**  
Copy for this Department furnished by County Agent

**Poultry School**  
The school held at Weeping Water was instructive and interesting. Mr. Summers of the Extension Poultry Husbandry, talked to the school boys and those who have an accredited flock. Most of the accredited flock owners should have attended this meeting.

**Christmas Week**  
The Farm Bureau will take a short vacation Christmas week, but some one will be in the office to answer calls all but Christmas day.

**Housekeepers' Union Meets**  
About twenty-seven women met at the home of Mrs. Guy Ward Monday, December 10th, for an all day meeting. The time was spent drafting patterns for set-in sleeve dresses. Thirty patterns were drafted and as many waists cut and fitted. In the afternoon decorative stitches were finished. At noon a delicious cafeteria dinner was served.

**Fabrics and How to Know Them**  
The ladies of Eagle and community are making a study of silk and wool fabrics. They are studying the different textures and learning names and how to use them. An interesting part of the meeting was the burning test to ascertain the purity of silk and wool. A contest was held to see who could give the names of the most silk and wool fabrics. The four highest were Mrs. A. M. Longman, Mrs. Anna Frohlich, Mrs. LaRhea Umland and Mrs. Gussie Longacre. At the next meeting the women will take up the cutting and fitting of set-in sleeve dresses.

**Mynard Ladies' Club Meets**  
The ladies of Mynard met at the home of Mrs. R. C. Carey. The women took measurements and drafted banglow sleeve dresses. At the close of the meeting the hostess served delicious refreshments.

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**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT**  
To Albert D. Weiton, non-resident defendant:  
You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of December, 1923, the plaintiff, Home Savings & Loan Association, a corporation, filed in the District Court of Cass county, its petition and suit against you, impleaded with Charles Chalfee, Ella Chalfee, E. R. Birdsall, first real name unknown, and Bessie Birdsall, defendants, the object and purpose of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage made, executed and delivered by you to the plaintiff on or about the 24th day of May, 1922, covering the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 276 and 277 in the Village of Greenwood, Cass county, Nebraska—

and for a judgment against you for any deficiency which may remain after the application of the proceeds of sale of said above described real estate to the payment of plaintiff's claim, and for general equitable relief, all of which will more fully appear in a petition filed in said court. Unless you answer said petition on or before the 28th day of January, 1924, the allegations therein contained will be taken as true, and judgment and decree rendered accordingly.

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Its Attorney. d17-4w

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