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There is no cultured way to relieve the bite of a chigger.

The only thing cool in a lot of homes at this time of the year, is the argument at the dinner table.

In the old days, women reckoned time from the arrival of their first baby; now they do it from their first permanent.

What this country needs is more dark horses. Not the political kind, but the kind that pulls the plow and the wagon.

One can't feel so badly about his own business when he sees how the smart boys have run the government head over heels in debt.

We judge from the general lack of it at the two recent conventions that political etiquette for 1932 has decreed that it is illbred to point with pride.

The old bureau in the home was a place in which you could hide money and find it when you wanted it. A government bureau is a place where you put your money, but never find it again.

In commemoration of the 1,000th anniversary of the Icelandic Althing in 1930, the Canadian government has decided to give the Icelandic government \$25,000, the interest on which is to be used to support Icelandic students at Canadian universities.

Kansas has been getting the worst of it on all sides, the Newton Kansas concludes, and in illustration cites the fact that Joubert Shouse was skidded into the discard and the announcement that Fatty Arbuckle was born in Smith county both came the same week.

The Mexican ministry of agriculture is striving to develop an improved variety of jumping bean. The ministry is not going to be satisfied, we hope, until it develops a variety that will jump from the producer clear over the middleman into the lap of the ultimate consumer.

For some reason or other, the news report that Thomas Whitehorn, full-blooded Osage Indian, gave fifty ponies for his bride is strangely interesting. And we're not quite certain but that the Osage pay-as-you-go plan isn't superior to the white man's method. He, for instance, usually gives an electrical refrigerator, an expensive solitaire and a sport coupe for his wife, taking care of the installments later on as best he can.

"A national disgrace" is the conduct of the galleries in both of the recent national conventions.

One thing that is wrong with the country today is that too many leaders are trying to follow the crowd.

We suggest that Uncle Sam replace the eagle on his dollar with a carrier pigeon so those we lend to foreign countries can come back.

Remember the good old days, when you could measure a man's importance by the amount of gilt he had on his shaving mug at the barber shop.

The more one reads of the David Hutton testimony, the more amazed he becomes over the fact that Mr. Hutton turned a barytone instead of a tenor.

Now that the show is over at Chicago and the house lights have once more been turned on, some of the dark horses prove to be even darker than we had supposed.

The Prohibition party is holding its national convention in Indianapolis, and the local bellboys and ginger ale magnates are taking things philosophically.

The first beets out of the garden have a slightly metallic taste. They represent about \$10 in seed, work and energy when they might have been purchased from the corner grocery for a nickel.

There seems to be some confusion over the meaning of the words "juror" and "jurist." A juror sits on a jury; a jurist sits on a case, and frequently on the lawyers; but very seldom on the jury.

Things have been nicely arranged in Siam so that the people undertake the burdens of government, while the king remains king. Now the ex-kaiser of Germany, Alfonso of Spain, and the others, may reflect on what chumps they are.

Judge Ben Lindsey says 6 million young men in America are too poor to marry, but probably when the final returns are in it will be found that about 4 million of them went ahead and married anyhow. And a few of the others managed to find girls with good jobs.

The reason why chiggers are so much more active, not to say vicious, on Fourth of July picnics than at ordinary times, is fairly obvious. They are frightened by the noise of the firecrackers, and leap about in desperation, frequently reaching great and almost incredible heights.

Asked by her mother whether she had a pleasant time while out riding with her boy friend, a fapper replied: "Oh, yes; you know I was in good hands all the time."

We dissent from the opinion that people neglected to hang out flags on the Fourth of July because they were not patriotic. It was because most of them left home about noon Saturday, the 3d, and didn't get home until the morning of Tuesday, the 5th.

That big gavel which Joubert Shouse had in his hand when photographed in advance as permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention should not be a total loss to Mr. Shouse. Mr. Shouse will not get to use it as chairman, but if the Democratic platform is adopted by the country he may be able to use it as a bung starter.

National party conventions are very interesting and all that, and we glow with glad anticipation as we read all the benefits their platforms hold out to us; but we hope in your reading of the political news you didn't overlook the more important, if less prominently displayed fact that hog prices have gained, and are holding their gains.

A 4-year-old has been much interested in lightning bugs this year and has been greatly mystified, as have scientists and theorists who have been unable to account for light without heat. Yesterday the young man came excitedly to his mother and said, "Mother, I just saw a lightning bug in the yard and he had not turned on his light."

A Kansas candidate who picked up a hitchhiking young man now minus his car and some clothing he had in the car. The hitch-hiker also is missing. The candidate perhaps should not be given the usual censure. He probably mistook the hitch-hiker for another candidate and wanted to do a fraternal turn.

A woman, described as one of the most beautiful in all England, is on trial for the murder of a gentleman friend who appears to have needed killing. But English justice is sterner than ours, and from the prosecution's opening remarks, the lady is judged to be in a tough spot. Perhaps her beauty is her only hope, and it remains for the jury to say whether beauty in England is, as we have been led to suspect from the British rotogravures, only a relatives term.

## WHERE ZERO IS THE GOAL

Strikes in the United States totaled less in 1931 than in 1929 despite the fact that the cut in factory pay rolls was 18 per cent, as compared with just under 1.5 per cent for 1929. This is the outstanding feature of the annual survey of industrial disputes just issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The figure for the last year is 894. It includes, of course, all kinds of strikes, big and little, those which were declared for many other reasons than wage disputes, and those which were settled almost immediately, as well as those which are still dragging on. That most of them were minor disturbances is apparent from one of the tables. This shows that 45 per cent of the 894 were settled within six days and 67 per cent within 14 days.

The significance of the figures is apparent when read in its historical context. The bureau's statistics go back to 1916. In that year there were 2758 strikes. The figure increased to 4443 in 1917, and then started to decline, until in 1928 it had dropped to 629. Last year's number of 894 is therefore only a fifth of the 1917 total, a contrast which, in view of the economic disturbances in the last three years, is truly remarkable.

Several explanations have been essayed to account for the phenomenon. Readers of the Monitor have quite properly called attention to the factor of prohibition. Another is the new wage relationship between capital and labor which has been developed within the last decade. Formerly wages were the first item in industrial costs to be cut in times of depression. Nowadays the pruning, when it becomes necessary, starts among other items, and wages are usually the last to come under the ax.

If such social theory, which happens to correspond with economic progress, can withstand the strain of the last three years, there is much hope that it will become even more potent when the economic tide turns, so that industrial disputes may resume their downward trend. Few satisfactions will be more gratifying than that to be obtained when the statisticians of the Bureau of Labor Statistics have to write "0" in their periodical survey.

## JOINT TARIFF ACTION

It is another step along the road of return to rational tariffs that Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway appear to have taken. In 1930, these six European nations joined in the Oslo protocol and agreed not to heighten their tariff barriers. Now their foreign ministers, meeting at Lausanne, declare by resolution for tariff reductions that will encourage trade and put an end to policies of national isolation "before the economy of the different countries has been transformed in a manner quite contrary to all the fundamental principles of a sane, rational division of labor between different nations."

Although very obvious that small, compact countries can act together more readily than the large nations, the example becomes conspicuous. If under one government, the six in the group would rank as a major power. The basis evidently exists under which they may act virtually as a unit and go much farther than they have yet in demonstrating the advantages of tariff systems that encourage international, as well as strictly domestic trade.

Students of economics the world over hope the north Europe sextet of small nations pursues the further course now outlined unflinchingly. All the difficulties admitted, still it is not impossible that major powers of Europe and the Americas before long should act in concert for tariff reductions. Cases in point of improved conditions thus brought about by others elsewhere would be an invaluable argument for it.—Detroit News.

## STATE POLICE

Objections advanced by Governor Bryan to the scheme of putting the state law enforcement organization under control of a new "public safety commission" made up of seven state officers are supported by every consideration of public welfare. The division of responsibility under such a plan is not its only weakness. An even worse feature is the temptation it would give for political manipulation by a majority of the board and the building up of a machine based on patronage.

That is not the kind of a state constabulary or police for the people of Nebraska want. It savors too much of the system in vogue in some of our larger cities, where police jobs are distributed as a reward for party service and the whole organization is used during campaigns to keep the existing regime in office.

There have been proposals from time to time to remove bank supervision and control from the governor's hands and place them under a board of half a dozen members. The same thing has been agitated with respect to highways. Fortunately for Nebraska these attempted changes have not succeeded.

The governor is the man chosen by the people of the state to conduct its affairs and administer its laws. Other elected officials are assigned specific duties, but under the constitution of Nebraska the governor is the one responsible to the people for law enforcement and general administrative policies. There should be no interference with his authority in these matters.—Lincoln Star.

The Chicago Cubs' flashy new shortstop has been wounded in a gun-struggle with a lady friend, who refuses to say why she shot him. If the sports writers were as enterprising as the political writers, there would be a "plot" in which it would seem that the lady friend was in the employ of the Boston Braves or the Pittsburgh Pirates. As it is, it merely looks like a unrequited love affair.

A dispatch from Japan announces that the Russian Soviet government has massed 300,000 troops on the Siberian frontier. Now that Japan has found it out, the Soviet troops probably should watch their step, or Japa may send a couple of regiments of Shanghai veterans over that way, and there'll be a sharp engagement.

Now that we've all become resigned to Greta Garbo's return to Sweden, she doesn't go. It's sometimes difficult to decide just the proper thing to do under such circumstances. Some hostesses would fire the help and let the guests begin making their own beds and helping with the dishes.

Night baseball, we suspect, will arouse more feminine interest in the morning sports pages than daytime baseball ever did. For one thing, there will be need for checking up the story husband told about an 18-inning tie game when he got in at 3 o'clock.

## WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS IN LIFE

The younger generation may be trusted to develop its own ideas and ideals. It will because it must. And it must for the simple reason that the older generation cannot contribute much in the way of suggestion or action. The older generation is too conservative to sense the paramount problems sufficiently to make a beginning toward their solution.

With education becoming more and more intensified and more and more distributed in this country every year, the younger generation naturally devotes a good deal of time in preparing for that success in life, which in the individual's case as averages go has definite plans and objectives. Possibly, a change will be necessary not only in plans but in aims. Obviously, the younger generation will recognize this and adjust itself accordingly.

The younger generation may commence to inquire at no distant time whether trends in education have been in the right direction. Also whether they have been properly adjusted to the individual and to the times. The economic, social and political order of American civilization. Young people must do this for the reason that they will recognize in greater degree as the years are added, the fact that times and conditions have changed with respect to the opportunities for marked individual successes in a material sense.

Educators may have erred for some years in permitting developments along lines of technical training. Or, rather, in not discouraging matriculants at the outset against preparing themselves in college or university for the definite goal of great material success, which in short is wealth and the power that accompanies it. Parents, too, have erred in this. Mostly, their hope for their children is that they may be educated with the idea that the one brought particular star in their lives is wealth. Today young men and young women are educated in ways calculated to increase their earning powers. Little attention is given to the work of preparing them for the greater and nobler task of performing valuable service in behalf of society as a whole.

The success and failure must be interpreted differently in the future. A man may accumulate a fortune and be of no account to society. His contribution may be to himself only rather than to the world. Another man may never possess wealth and yet be remarkably successful. For he may have been able to contribute largely to the civilization of which he was a part. Thus by a new and more accurate measurement the first man would be a failure and the second a success.

The younger generation will discover that money, itself, is not a dependable yardstick by which to measure a man's value to society. Could the teacher who has labored through the years and grown old in the service of education without accumulating wealth be a failure, and another whose narrowed conceptions have been confined to a selfish but successful business enterprise be accorded a place of high honor? One might as well say that the brilliant statesman had failed while his neighbor, a greedy manufacturer, or banker, or merchant, had been an amazing success.

The younger generation will enjoy a new and different perspective of life. It also will be a better one. Boys and girls of today who are in high school or college or university will come to realize that even as all's not gold that glitters there are

things of great value that have no intrinsic worth. Performance may be worth more in the scales of human life than possessions. Service may be a greater contribution than public benefactions. In the next 10 years or so institutions of higher learning will have made new plans for education in this country, for they are under obligation to society to meet the needs of the times as they develop. The full development of inherent talents through education will possess a greater moral force and a value more real than will preparation for material success alone.—Sioux City Journal.

The saddest convention delegate was the fellow who wore his bullet-proof vest at Chicago every day—despite the heat of the weather and of politics—and, far from being struck by gangsters' bullets, was assaulted by nothing more serious than a bit of soft-boiled egg from off the fork of a slightly incubated gent who was trying to eat it Chinese fashion.

Since Rudy Valee has not been able to sing us out of the depression, we suppose it will necessarily be left up to the statesmen. This is letting Rudy down rather hard, though. You know it was said that during the last war there were more song writers developed than there were generals, but don't tell Rudy that, he might grow discouraged and quit singing through his nose.

## LIBBY HOLMAN TESTIFIES

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Apparently on the verge of a breakdown, Libby Holman Reynolds was quoted as telling a coroner's jury in a secret session that she had no recollection of her husband's death, except for a brief "flash" in which he called her name, followed by a pistol shot. An official connected with the closely guarded inquiry at the magnificent Reynolds estate gave a synopsis of the testimony of Mrs. Reynolds, former blues singer on Broadway, but declined to permit the use of his name.

"She said her mind was an absolute blank from the time she went to bed Monday night," he said, "until some time Wednesday afternoon, except for a brief 'flash' when she saw Smith Reynolds with a pistol, heard him call her by name, 'Libby,' then heard a shot." Reynolds, heir to the R. J. Reynolds tobacco millions, was found dying on a sun porch of the palatial Reynolds home, Reynolds, about 1 a. m. Wednesday. He died in a hospital four hours later. Mrs. Reynolds was said to have testified she had not been drinking.

A. B. Walker, lifelong chum of Reynolds, was taken into custody by police as a material witness to events surrounding Reynolds' death. Although he was being kept under surveillance, the nineteen year old boy who told the first story of the shooting was not placed in jail and officers indicated he might be allowed to sleep in a guarded hotel.

## LONG SENATE TALKS TRYING TO ROBINSON

Washington, July 8.—Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, democratic leader and a senate member for nearly 20 years, confessed to the senate today that its lengthy speeches sometimes try his patience.

"When a senator once takes the floor," he remarked somewhat wearily, "nobody but Almighty God can interrupt him—and the Lord never seems to take any notice of him."

## 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 Christina Rummel, deceased:  
On reading the petition of Max J. Rummel, William Rummel, Edward Rummel, Charles Rummel and Lucille Rummel praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 29th day of June, 1932, 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 Christina Rummel, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate and the administration of said estate be granted to William Rummel 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 29th day of July, A. D. 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioners 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 29th day of June, A. D. 1932.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

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## SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.  
Pursuant to a stipulation entered into between the State of Nebraska, plaintiff, Walter C. Johnson, defendant, and The General Motors Acceptance Corporation, in the case entitled The State of Nebraska, Plaintiff vs. Walter C. Johnson, Defendant, in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, I will sell at the west front door of the Court House at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on the 16th day of July, 1932, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, One Deluxe Chevrolet Coupe, 1931 Model, Engine No. 2832862.  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska, June 13th, 1932, A. D.  
ED W. THINGAN,  
Sheriff of Cass County, Nebraska.

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of John P. Gorder, deceased.  
Fee Book 9, Page No. 395.  
Notice of Administration.  
All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and testament and praying for administration upon his estate and for such other and further orders and proceedings in the premises as may be required by the statutes in such cases made and provided to the end that said estate and all things pertaining thereto may be finally settled and determined, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 22nd day of July, A. D. 1932, and that if they fail to appear at said court on said 22nd day of July, A. D. 1932, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest the said petition, the court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Henrietta Gorder or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.  
Dated this 22nd day of June, A. D. 1932.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

MINUTES of Meeting of the Village Board of Greenwood, Cass county, Nebraska, held on the 28th day of June, 1932.

The Village Board of the City of Greenwood, Nebraska, met in regular session at the regular meeting place in said Village, on the 28th day of June, 1932, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p. m. The members of the Board present were E. A. Landon, Chairman; E. O. Miller, Dr. N. D. Talcott and Rex Peters. R. E. Mathews was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landon. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Bills were allowed as follows:

R. E. Mathews, \$7.90; John E. Turner, County Treasurer, \$67.50; Ashland Gazette, \$10.65; The Kosmeyer Company, \$2.95; Andy Mays, \$23.40. Total, \$112.54.

Bill from the City of Lincoln in regard to poles salvaged was read and clerk was instructed to write the engineer that the bill would not be paid until the streets that were crossed by the pipe line were repaired and drained.

Judge Cosgrave was in attendance and gave his opinion on the proposed contract with the Light Company.

Motion by Dr. Talcott was made, and seconded by Miller, that the levy made for Water Bonds and interest be rescinded and no levy be made. Village Clerk to notify the County Clerk of the action of the Board. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Talcott that a levy of three and five-tenths (3 5/10) mills be made for street lighting purposes. Motion was carried.

The Chairman then had submitted to the Village Board, the proposition of the sale of the Village distribution system and transmission line to the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company.

After a thorough discussion of the matter by the Village Board, it was decided to accept said proposition and it was moved by Trustee Dr. N. D. Talcott, and seconded by Trustee E. O. Miller, that an election be held in the Village of Greenwood, Nebraska, on the 8th day of November, 1932, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said village the question of selling to the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Company the electric distribution system in the Village of Greenwood, Nebraska, and the electric transmission line extending from a point adjacent to the Village of Waverly, to Greenwood, Nebraska, a distance of approximately seven (7) miles, and that notice and proclamation for calling said election be immediately submitted for publication as required by the Statutes of the State of Nebraska.

Upon the motion being put by the Chairman, the following Trustees voted "Aye": E. O. Miller, Dr. N. D. Talcott, Rex Peters, E. A. Landon. Those voting "Nay," None.

Moved by Peters and seconded by Talcott that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.  
(Signed)—  
L. C. MARVIN,  
Clerk.

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