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Fake rabbis who withdraw wine from storage obviously for sacramental purposes but actually to circumvent the prohibition authorities are continuing much to intensifying the "humidity" in New York, according to Prohibition Director Yellowley. The official has appealed to the patriotism and religion of the law-abiding Jewish element to intercept these law evaders.

The 2,500 inhabitants of a California poultry yard began a new strange they alarmed the neighborhood. Three hundred geese were fighting, 200 ducks were dashing madly over the pond, and 2,000 chickens either were lying on their backs, flying about the yard, or taking sides with the geese in their attacks. The police discovered the birds had been eating sour mash. Search revealed an illicit still.

Dr. Hereward Carrington, research officer of the American Psychological Institute and Laboratory, is making preparations to "weigh the soul of a human being" and to photograph the "astral body." He recently returned from England bringing "spirit" photographs.

Actresses, bootblacks, waiters, hat boys, cafe owners, physicians, judges, and society women—in fact every one who left a good impression on the soul of a man who remembered little acts of kindness and courtesy—were beneficiaries in the will of the late Joseph Higgins, of San Francisco, whose \$250,000 estate was ordered divided among 102 persons.

A Brooklyn man said goodbye to his wife, six children, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren and packed off to bed. When he awoke the next morning they had all departed, taking most of the furniture, without leaving a note in explanation.

The United States has fewer than 2,000 unidentified and unknown dead of the world war. Forty-six thousand bodies have been returned to this country and 13 per cent. of these now rest in Arlington cemetery.

Efforts of a London bookseller to sell an unpublished Kipling manuscript, which the author does not remember having written, is likely to result in legal action to prevent its being published. It was written 38 years ago, and is a satire on Anglo-Indian society.

Five years ago the bureau of fisheries assisted in planting some Atlantic coast lobsters in Puget sound. All of the lobsters were branded with the mark "E-17." One of these lobsters has been taken from the waters of Oregon, 500 miles south of Puget sound.

The Lovers' Cooperative Union of Hammon, N. J., is still doing business. Its record to date is 252 weddings. Applications for membership are coming from America, New Zealand, Chile, Spain, Scotland.

Two Chicago girls, visiting at a villa in Fiesole, above Florence, wrote home recently that they breakfasted each morning "on a terrace over a rare garden, under a brocade of purple wisterias, splashed with yellow butterflies."

John Fuha, tenant farmer near Duquoin, Ill., sold out and moved to Germany. He had \$600 in real American money. Exchange is so high that he changed the \$600 into enough marks to buy a completely furnished five-story hotel.

A chicken hawk spying on pigeons from a secluded position under the ball in the city hall dome at Baltimore was captured. When released it swooped under a passing automobile and perched on the hood of a small car across the street.

In Belgium, 13,000 people, more than two-thirds of the prewar population, have returned to Ypres. Many are living in cellars and temporary huts, while the rebuilding proceeds as fast as possible.

After two years of training, Edward Rammer, of Yorkers, N. Y., 20 years old, has been accepted for enlistment in the United States army. Two years ago Rammer tried to enlist, but was refused because he was underweight.

The old Continental Hotel in Hoboken, N. J., known for years as the "emigrant hotel" where hundreds of immigrants spent their last night on American soil, is being remodeled into an apartment house and a small theatrical hotel.

A woman at Allentown, Pa., suffered from stomach trouble for years. An X-ray photograph disclosed she had two stomachs, almost normal in size. A Philadelphia surgeon performed an operation joining the two stomachs.

Complaints from society men in Paris that they are frequently taken for waiters, caused the proprietor of a new cafe to garb his servants in green corduroy breeches, white silk stockings, buckled shoes, silk shirts and William Tell hats.

Senator Brookhart of Iowa gave "Wildfire" as his middle name in his biographical sketch for the new congressional directory. Also he places emphasis on his ability as a rifle man.

Oiga Samaroff, pianist, adopted the name at the start of her career. She took the advice of friends, who told her that to be a success in America she should have a foreign sounding name.

The bird with the most beautiful voice will be selected from 1,500 rufflers entered from England, Germany, Canada and United States at the International Roller Breeder's association in Chicago.

Margaret Lindsey Williams, a British artist, will paint a portrait of President Harding. Sittings have been arranged for January. She has made portraits of King Edward VIII, Queen Alexandra and the Prince of Wales.

Vaccination badges are quite the rage in London. A minor outbreak of small-pox led to a warning from physicians to make certain of vaccinations. Girls are wearing all kinds of attractive badges to warn others not to touch their arms.

Native carts with narrow wheels are not permitted to use a new highway in China which has been opened from Wehsien to Hwanghsien, a distance of 143 miles.

The Chicago Church Federation, representing the Protestant churches in the city, has fixed its budget at \$300,000 for the year. Minneapolis is organizing a federation.

A million tulip bulbs recently arrived in Bellingham, Wash., from Holland to be distributed over the Puget Sound country. "Tulips in every yard" is a Bellingham slogan.

Mme. Schumann-Heink has accepted an invitation to become a life member of the Congressional Country club, of Washington, D. C.

Winchester, Wis., claims the only pair of oxen in the state. They are the most popular pets on the farm, and are used daily in farm work.

The man who helped the original Eliza cross the ice of the Ohio river at Ripley, Ind., in 1850, is dead. He was Maj. M. M. Lacey, of Fountain City, Ind.

DIVORCE INCREASE SHOWN BY REPORT

Nebraska Department of Vital Statistics Ratio Nearly Doubled in Last Ten Years.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—The last report of the state department of vital statistics shows that during the past year there was one divorce for every three and a half marriages, nearly double the ratio that existed 10 years ago. The department chief contents himself with saying this is a deplorable situation, without offering any remedy.

The report shows that it costs 4 cents per capita to maintain the state bureau of health as an entirety.

GOVERNOR-ELECT GIVES NAMES OF SECURITIES

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—Secretaries and employees under the civil code administration who have consented to remain in their positions after the first of the year and until it is determined what disposition shall be made by the legislature in regard to these positions are announced by Governor-elect Charles W. Bryan, as follows: State sheriff Gus Hyers; H. H. Antles, secretary of the department of public welfare; J. E. Hart, secretary of the department of trade and commerce; F. A. Kennedy, secretary of labor; Mrs. M. Butler, assistant to Phil Bross, finance secretary; J. W. Mayers, chief clerk, department of agriculture and G. K. Leonard, assistant secretary of the department of public works.

George E. Johnson, secretary of the public works department, did not reply to the inquiry of the new governor as he is out of the state. Mrs. Butler will be retained for the present as acting secretary of finance and Mr. Mayer probably will take the place temporarily of Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture.

D. A. R. ORGANIZE CHAPTER AT COLERIDGE

Coleridge, Neb., Dec. 22 (Special).—Through the efforts of the organizing regent, Mrs. Leand Douglass; Mrs. P. Spencer, of Lincoln, State Regent, and Mrs. E. W. House, of Wayne, state corresponding secretary, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, were in Coleridge, recently, to assist in the organizing of a local chapter. Fourteen charter members were taken into the new chapter. Coleridge is the only town of its size in the state, with such an organization. The officers of the new chapter are: Regent, Mrs. Myrl Douglass; vice regent, Mrs. Mable Frost; recording secretary, Mrs. Laura Simon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruth Barber; treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Collins; registrar, Miss Fanny DeBow; historian, Mrs. Martha Sheets; Librarian, Mrs. Bertha Peck; chaplain, Mrs. Salome Linkhart.

BRYAN SOON TO GIVE OUT PLANS

Nebraska's Governor - Elect Ready to Show Program as to Code Secretaries — In Predicament.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21 (Special).—Governor-elect Bryan promises soon to tell the public what he proposes to do about the code secretariats. He promised to repeal the code when he was a candidate, but as that requires legislative action and the code department will keep functioning, the new governor must do something about the men to run them. The present secretaries were asked to stay for an indefinite time, but they have other jobs in prospect and declined. Mr. Bryan has been beating the political bushes to find six men who are willing to accept jobs that the appointing power promises will be taken away from them as soon as he can get the legislature to consent. These pay \$3,000 a year, and there is always a possibility that the appointees will try to convince the legislature that they are too valuable to dispense with.

DIVORCE SET ASIDE BY NEBRASKA COURT

Omaha, Dec. 21 (Special).—As the result of District Judge W. G. Sears' ruling setting aside her divorce, the former Mrs. Arthur Brandenburg finds herself, from a legal standpoint with two husbands on her hands. They are Roy Cameron, former hired man on the Brandenburg ranch near Sidney, Neb., whom she married after divorcing her first husband, and Arthur Brandenburg, who is her second husband. The divorce was set aside on the grounds that she was not a bona fide citizen of Douglas county when she sued for divorce. Until her marriage to Cameron is annulled she technically has two husbands, attorneys in the case contend. Brandenburg brought suit here to have the divorce granted his former wife set aside, and charged that his former wife had conspired with Cameron to obtain the divorce.

GUN THIEF ADMITS HE IS ESCAPED CONVICT

Stanton, Neb., Dec. 21.—Joe Lutker, arrested here for stealing two guns from Charles Nolte, of this place, has confessed that he is an escaped convict and that he is wanted by the prison authorities of Huntsville, Tex., to complete a three year sentence on a charge of forgery. A telegram to the Huntsville prison confirms Lutker's confession. He will probably be returned to Texas.

DESTITUTION IS LESS THIS YEAR

Norfolk's Charity Organizations Find Former Dependents Are in Prosperous Condition.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 21 (Special).—There is less destitution in Norfolk and vicinity this year than ever before, according to a canvass by the Civic league, the local charity organization. Poor people have been able to find work and many of those formerly on charity lists have become independent in the past 12 months.

A good Christmas is in store for the poor kiddies of the city. A community Christmas tree adorns the intersection of the city, the gift of the Rotary club. The Elks are playing Santa Claus with a big program for the kiddies and big dinners, for the families. The Lions club is assembling clothing and the Civic league is putting on a charity ball to raise funds to keep the needy comfortable during the next 12 months.

BOOTLEGGER IS GIVEN SIX MONTHS IN PENITENTIARY

Pender, Neb., Dec. 21.—Earl Rose, charged for the third time with bootlegging, was sentenced by Judge G. T. Graves to serve six months in the penitentiary.

Graves was arrested by Federal Agent K. Hart two weeks ago. He had recently served a sentence of 60 days in the Fremont, Neb., jail on a similar charge and several indictments are now pending in federal court against him charging sale of liquor to Indians.

SAYS HER HUSBAND USED CAVE MAN TACTICS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—Attorneys for Mrs. Lydia Rath Baker, who are asking the supreme court to annul her marriage to a Clay county farmer, told that tribunal in a brief that the husband, Grover C. Baker, was a direct descendant of Stonehatchet, that he used cave man tactics in wooing her and that instead of a stone club he wielded an axe and a marriage license. He told her that, having secured the license the law compelled her to marry him. She believed him and eloped with him and his sister. Four days of marriage was enough for her, and she went back home.

The lower court denied her request for annulment on the ground that she knew what she was doing.

TRAPPING BUSINESS IS NOT SO GOOD THIS YEAR

Wentworth, S. D., Dec. 21.—Trapping is not so profitable as it used to be in the Wentworth district, according to trappers who for years have made a practice of taking fur-bearing animals from the streams and lakes of this district. The cold weather and the draining of many small ponds have greatly interfered with the trapping of mink and muskrats. They also charge that during the hunting season numerous muskrats were shot and killed by hunters from outside the district. The trappers also claim the polecat season opens too late to make a polecat trapping profitable, although these animals are numerous.

MURDER CHARGE ALSO AGAINST ALLEGED HEN THIEF

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 19.—Testifying against Francis South, Beatrice, in a chicken thievery case, Harold Daniels, Spencer, Ia., declared he and South had made several raids on farmers' flocks. Unusual interest attached to the trial because South is one of a trio charged with the recent murder of Charles Wolf, local teamster.

Court officials stated that South will face the murder charge regardless of whether or not the jury finds him guilty of the theft count. This is taken to mean he will not be sentenced on the theft charge if found guilty, at least until he has faced trial for murder.

CHILD KILLED BY BOY WITH SMALL RIFLE

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Billy Ferenstein, 3, was accidentally shot and killed here Monday evening by Bobbie Hyde, 12, at the home of his father, Max Ferenstein, a machinist. Bobbie had a .22 rifle with which he had been hunting rabbits and pointed the gun playfully at the youngster, thinking the safety lock was on.

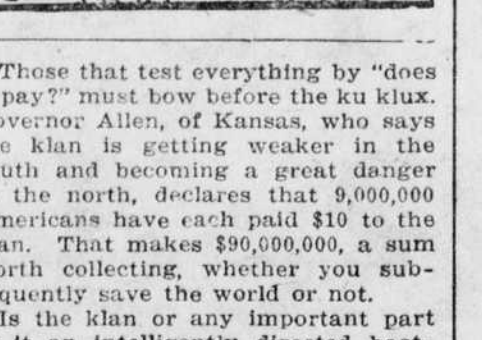
Last Sunday when I sat all dressed with mother in my very best, I heard a funny sound I knew— "Ah there was Binkie in my paw!" He put his paws up on my knee. And wagged his tail, and looked at me. And mother dear got very pink. And said, "I don't know what to think!" I heard a funny sound I knew— "Ah there was Binkie in my paw!" He put his paws up on my knee. And wagged his tail, and looked at me. And mother dear got very pink. And said, "I don't know what to think!" I heard a funny sound I knew— "Ah there was Binkie in my paw!" He put his paws up on my knee. And wagged his tail, and looked at me. And mother dear got very pink. And said, "I don't know what to think!"

FEEDERS ARE STILL IN DEMAND

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 21 (Special).—Over 300 buyers looking for feeding cattle were disappointed here when it was announced that due to storms in western Nebraska livestock being assembled for a sale here could not be brought to the railroad points. Several carloads of steers were sold, the top price being \$7.15. Notwithstanding that hay has jumped to \$15 and \$16 per ton, feeders continue to buy feeding cattle. Some alfalfa hay is selling around \$18 per ton.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Withdrawn I watch the world go by. With cold and disillusioned eye I look at all the faults I see The way head waiters look at me.



Those that test everything by "does it pay?" will bow before the ku klux. Governor Allen, of Kansas, who says the Klan is getting weaker in the south and becoming a great danger to the north, declares that 9,000,000 Americans have each paid \$10 to the Klan. That makes \$90,000,000, a sum worth collecting, whether you subsequently save the world or not.

Three comets are visible to astronomers, swinging on their regular journeys toward the sun, to turn around that ruler of our system and go off again on their strange paths. Once the announcement of three comets at one time would have agitated the entire human race. Some would have died of fear, others would have run to their cellars, all would have fallen upon their knees to pray. They might well do that yet, but not through fear of comets. These three comets are cataloged. They, and the whole comet family travel with a few exceptions, as regularly as a suburban train. No mystery about it.

Joseph Jaworki, sitting in the "last minute cell" in a new black suit given to convicts just before they are killed by electricity, was waiting to be led out into another room and shocked into another world. At the last minute the governor of New York postponed the death.

The fact that Jaworki hadn't a friend in the world, that nobody called to see him or lifted a finger to save him from death after his conviction, seems to have aroused sympathy. He is the first condemned man reprieved by the New York governor.

Sympathy works strangely. You would say that such a man would be one that could best afford to be electrocuted. Without a friend in this world, he might have found some in the next.

Bonar Lay (tells England that Germany is very near the point of collapse. He also says that the plutocrats of Germany have shown cowardice in not paying the reparations. With what money could they pay the reparations? And what security could Germany give them? We know by experience that very rich patriots always want security.

And what, by the way, happens, when a nation collapses financially? We haven't seen that yet. Will German money lose all its value so that it will be necessary to trade potatoes for hats and stockings for butter? That will make commerce difficult. Will a wild revolution be started? That won't help western Europe to collect indemnities.

They have had a brilliant idea in Europe for settling their troubles. The idea is to borrow a little more money from the United States. By and by you will be taxed in some shape to supply the money for that new lending. Later when the money is not paid, as it probably will not be, the people in general will stand the loss—whether by government taxation or worthlessness of bonds distributed among them.

Writers and officials, powerful in Russia, are opposed to Santa Claus, angels, and all "myths" as they call them. A fight is made against all religious celebrations. "Angels are symbols used to enslave the child mind," say the communists.

They are mistaken. Angels, belief in God and His kindness, lift the child's mind from dull earth toward the sky. That is not enslaving.

A little pig running around in the mud of the pigsty has an enslaved mind, but he never heard of any angels.

Everything is done in the brain. Weismuller, young American of German blood, beats all world's record in swimming. Before Weismuller the world's great swimmer was a Hawaiian duke, and he was almost born in the water.

The duke announces that he is through with swimming and just now it is useless for anybody to compete with Weismuller.

Sarazen, Italian, whose ancestors never saw a golf club, can beat all Scotch golfers; Weismuller, young German-American, of Chicago, beats all the swimmers including the Hawaiians that have lived in the surf. You swim, play golf, and do everything else with the brain.

The suggestion about lending \$1,500,000,000 to Europe seems reasonable to financiers. They see a "take-off" in that transaction. The suggestion of \$1,500,000,000 to be lent to our farmers on good American security, is earnestly and "patriotically" opposed by the financiers. If the government lends money to farmers at 5 per cent. or less, what becomes of the poor little country banker that would like to lend money to the farmers at 10 per cent. or more!

CHARLIE BARRETT—GOOD FARMING.

By Dr. W. J. Spillman.

When the National Farmers' Union was organized in December, 1905, it made the mistake of not electing Charlie Barrett president. The man they did elect broke down in a few months. His successor lasted less than a year. Finally, in September, 1906, at the first annual meeting, the mistake was remedied, and Charles Simon Barrett, of Georgia, was made president, apparently for life, for he has been re-elected to this office 15 consecutive times.

For many years before that time Barrett was widely known in the state of Georgia as a progressive farmer. He had been made state president of the Farmers' Union. He is now one of the most widely known national leaders of organized farmers, and undoubtedly one of the best liked. With the exception of two years, he has been chairman of the National Board of Farm Organizations since it was founded four years ago. His advice is probably sought by more southern members of congress than that of any other man in the country, and northern congressmen have come to appreciate his insight into agricultural conditions his intimate knowledge of what farmers are thinking about, his progressive but sane views of all things relating to agriculture, and his utter lack of any sectional prejudices.

If you want to get on the good side of this remarkable leader of men just call him Farmer Barrett. That is one title of which he is distinctly proud. And if you want to get him to talking eloquently, just mention fruits and flowers. These are his hobbies. He can talk all day about them and never repeat himself or say a thing that isn't interesting. On his home farm he has 10 acres of flowers, and every variety of fruit that can be grown in central Georgia. There is an 11-acre park in front of his house that is the pride of that part of the state.

There are two things that Barrett like to do better than anything else: One is to farm, the other is to preside at farmers' "meetings," as they call them down south. He admits the first of these; the second I judge from having seen him in action many times. He owns six farms in Georgia and two in Florida. Every dollar he owns is invested in farming. Most of his farms are show places, and people drive many miles to see them. They range in altitude from sea-level to 1,700 feet, and from north to south a distance of 496 miles. He grows an amazing variety of crops, many of them being in the nature of experiments. His Georgia friends and admirers have a standing offer of \$1,000 for any one who produces a greater variety of farm products than he. On his 360-acre farm in the Nacoochee valley, in White county, he grows corn, cotton, beans, peas, oats, rye, sorghum, apples, peaches, pears, quinces, cherries, plums—"Oh good Lord it would take an hour to tell you all of them," he exclaimed at this point in answering my questions.

The contract he makes with his tenants is a very liberal one. He furnishes land, buildings, teams and equipment, and divides the proceeds half and half. He pays half the fertilizer bill, and lets the tenant say how much to buy. Tenant and owner each pays for the ginning, threshing, etc., of his share of the crop. The tenant is left absolutely free in his farming, but it is definitely understood that the farming must be both profitable and satisfactory to owner and tenant, otherwise the contract ceases. His tenants buy anything they need and send him the bill. He has no trouble in getting good men on his farms; most of those now farming his land have been with him for years. Last year was the first time his tenants failed to make money. But he did not hold them responsible for this, for the losses were due to things beyond their control.

Every one of his farms is noted for the great variety of things produced. The main dependence is, of course, on the standard crops of the region, the other things being grown largely for experimental purposes. He has planted fully half the fruit trees of all his farms with his own hands. On his home farm he has some 60 trees of varieties of fruit, as well as nut trees.

Some American fathers, deep in business, see little of their children. This illustrates it: A small boy's dog named "Paddy," and dearly beloved, was killed by an automobile. The mother broke the news gently to the little boy, saying at last "Paddy is dead."

To her intense surprise there was no sorrow or any emotion. Later the boy was howling dimly: "My dog is dead, my dog is dead."

"But darling, I told you early this afternoon that Paddy was dead," said the mother.

"Oh," replied the child, "I didn't know you said PADDY, I thought you said DADDY."

His Own Fault. From the Stanford Chaparral. Hubby—You're three-quarters of an hour late. What do you mean keeping me standing around like a fool?

The Wife—I can't help the way you stand.

The Third. From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "Oh, Percy, did you hear? Algernon is taking calisthenics and getting muscles!"

"Dear me, Clarence, can it be? But, then, Algernon was always so eccentric!"

Any rate of speed over 60 miles an hour is considered excessive. But you can think of speeds of several hundred miles an hour, if you try hard enough. When it comes to considering an actual, material object traveling ceaselessly at a rate of 2,500,000 miles an hour, you are not going to get very far in any attempt at visualization. Yet this is the speed of a certain star, known to the learned as RZ Cephei, which has just been measured by the astronomers of the Harvard observatory.

RZ Cephei is a neighborly star. To be sure, it is so distant that it cannot be seen at all without the aid of a powerful telescope, but it is only 3,800 light-years distant from the earth. A light year, of course, is the distance traveled by light in one year. Light has speed of about 670,000,000 miles an hour. From this, it is easy if one has a large sheet of paper to find out how far it travels in a year, and then to estimate in miles the distance represented by 3,800 light-years. Still RZ Cephei is neighborly, for there are objects in the sky which are hundreds of thousands of light years remote from us.

Now, although RZ Cephei is bowling along through the dimly cold ether at the amazing speed of 2,500,000 miles an hour, it requires many years for observers on the earth to notice any change in the star's position. The Harvard people watched it for 31 years before making their statement as to its speed. And even in 31 years the change in position is so extremely slight as to be measurable only with the finest and most accurate instruments.

Inasmuch as it requires light, traveling 670,000,000 miles an hour, 3,800 years to come from RZ Cephei to the earth; there is no danger that the star itself, going only 2,500,000 miles an hour would soon smash into us, even if it were traveling straight in our direction. If we were stationary and RZ Cephei were rushing malignantly at us it would take him 1,000,000 years to catch us. So we do not have to worry about that.

But it is a little disquieting to think of vast bodies tremendously greater than our earth dashing about in space in such a terrific hurry. Especially so when the astronomers tell us that in addition to all the luminous stars which we can see there are doubtless countless numbers of dark stars which we cannot see at all. We can know what the visible stars are doing, but we cannot even guess what a dark star is contemplating. Anyway, 2,500,000 miles an hour is too fast for comfort.

Too Fast for Comfort.