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PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? It is like a grain of mustard seed which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all seeds that be in the earth. But when it is sown it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.—Mark IV, 30 to 32.

The foundation of justice is good faith.

"Peace on Earth and Good Will to Man."

How about that good resolution? Almost time.

Court has adjourned until after Christmas.

Leap Year is almost here. Your opportunity, girls.

Poverty may pinch an honest man, but it never destroys.

Many sections of the country report booziness as usual.

The Journal wishes everyone a very Merry and Happy Christmas.

Los Angeles movie star's auto hit a train. You can't always get by on your looks.

An apple a day is becoming to expensive it is just about as cheap to call the doctor.

A Cincinnati (Ohio) dentist's cat has a gold tooth and had better start staying home at night.

Well, Coolidge announced he is running for president, but it didn't come as a bombshell.

If everybody is going to help Germany get back to financial and political health Tovarish Trotsky will be disappointed.

"Doc" Cook probably regards the Arctic region as being quite temperate after his chilling experience in federal court.

One of the strangest things in this world is how much ado is made over Santa Claus and how little attention the stork gets.

The work of thirteenth century locksmiths is still in existence, but you can say that about thirteenth century jokesmiths.

There are more autos than houses in New Hampshire. Many people have more autos than money, also more autos than sense.

The report that an honest bootlegger can't make any money probably was started by the regulars who fear a new kind of competition.

Prime Minister Baldwin probably understands now the force of the adage that a parliament in hand is worth two in the ballot boxes.

Oklahoma jurists hold that he who fools around the biting end of any army mule should bandage the consequence and charge them up to experience.

Certain aspects of the horoscope of President Calvin Coolidge "indicate a very sudden and unexpected change to take place in political circles or otherwise resulting in his retirement to private life after the next presidential election," according to a study of the stars by the Rev. Arthur W. Brooks, who contributes a horoscope of the president to one of the current magazines. It is not necessary to study the stars to reach the conclusion that Chilly Cal will be defeated. It is plainly written in the minds of the American people.

The number of fatal accidents and serious injuries caused by carelessness in the matter of crossing railroads is growing so serious that it demands attention, more than has been given to it in the past. All the responsibility for such accidents reasonably cannot be supposed, or fairly proved, due to the carelessness of individuals. The public should demand that private persons shall exercise as much care as is demanded on the part of the railroads. Then these crossing accidents will be very much reduced in number, saving lives and money.

LINES TO REMEMBER

Keep not standing, fixed and rooted;

Briskly venture, briskly roam;

Head and hand, where'er thou foot it,

And stout heart are still, at home.

In what land the sun does visit,

Brisk are we whate'er betide,

To give space for wandering is it

That the world was made so wide.

—Goethe.

If people hated wars as they do

aying for them, perfect peace would prevail.

And, if you don't know how to

tune in, your radio will always sound like a family argument.

It's a wise farmer who knows his

condition—after reading what the politicians say about it.

You may criticize a man's business

methods, but never offer suggestions when he is driving the car.

King George is buying his first

new car since 1910. The old one can't quite tote its accessories.

One observation is that Christmas

isn't as noisy as it used to be, but uses more gallons to the mile.

Civilization is the scheme whereby

men make more complicated the business of preying on one another.

It doesn't make much difference

from whom you are descended. What counts most is your ability to ascend.

An old timer is one who can remember

when Christmas was celebrated in honor of a birth at Bethlehem.

At last the thought of his country

has come to Bergdoll. He demands his kidnapping damages in American money.

The Russian soviet government has

forbidden the people to celebrate Christmas. It's a merry country, isn't it!

Even if we were of the same political

party, Calvin Coolidge is the man we would ask to go on a note to pay our taxes.

When two young people are in love

with each other it would be cruel to force them to submit to an intelligence test.

A Pennsylvania man cracked a nut

with the butt of a loaded revolver, but he won't eat it until after the surgeons let him out of the hospital.

In the congressional dictionary,

Senator Brookhart sets it down that he is a champion rifle shot. And he's no slouch at shooting off his mouth, either.

There's one thing about the present

Mexican revolution that makes it better than its predecessors, and that is that it's farther away from the border.

It is what goes with your gift, the

thing you cannot pay postage on and which does not need to be wrapped in the parcel, that makes the Christmas remembrance worth while.

A legal aid society, having collected

statistics for forty-seven years, finds that mothers-in-law are the champion home breakers. It is sad to discover that stale joke is true.

The Europeans are tickled half to

death over the unofficial representation of the United States on the committee that will inquire into Germany's ability to pay, which shows how easy it is now to tickle Europeans.

London hears that an anti-Lloyd

George bloc is being formed in the Liberal party, but it will occur to followers of British politics that there always has been one and that it usually has been unsuccessful in keeping Lloyd George down.

BEING CHEERFUL

Can you be cheerful in the face of adversity—yes, even in the face of approaching death?

It is the supreme test. Not many men can measure up to it. A man was telling us the other day about calling to see a sick friend, an old pal who, afflicted with an incurable disease, had been reduced in flesh to a mere living skeleton.

Weak and emaciated though the patient was, he sat up in bed, with a cheerful grin on his face, and said: "Say, old man, I'm getting so thin that it will take only four pallbearers to carry me."

Do you think you could feel that way after the doctors had told you the end was a matter of but a few days?

THE LAMENTERS

When we are lamenting about the young people and what is to come of them, we might bear in mind that these self-same young people will be engaged in lamentations of this and that sort thirty years hence. So why all the worry about the question?

There is always something to lament, and the older people are better at lamentation than the younger ones. It is doubtful if Jeremiah would have left any reputation as a lamenter if he had died young. The fact of the case is that middle-aged people are in a position to see both sides—whether they are drifting and whence come them. The young, on the other hand, see only one side and the very old can't see either side very clearly. This situation puts nearly all the mental strain on the middle-agers and they become attached to reform. Becoming serious-minded which is the fate of all of us when we pass the all-day-sucker stage is a terrible thing to do. It is disturbing, unsettling and endless. When one becomes serious-minded he can visualize himself through a new vista of years wrestling with problems and leading movements, perhaps toting the banner with his own hands. Even the most imperious reprimander of the young cannot expect them to be as secure in their estate as he is in his for he has the advantage of observation and experience while they have no more in their favor than their permission to view him as an exemplar. If the young were so ungracious as to emit the cold truth at all times, sometime they would let it be known that they don't want to be like their elders. This might astound the elders profoundly, for one of the advantages in being mature is in feeling like a model for the immature to come up by.

KILLING MACHINES

Compared to the French guillotine during the reign of terror, the American automobile is not such a piker after all as a handy mode of taking life. It bumped off over 13,000 Americans last year.

In the foggy days of the world, when history was young and the wheelbarrow regarded as a marvel of mechanical ingenuity, people died mostly of hard living conditions, fights with bears and bobcats and wars with one another. Also they often ate things they found growing in the woods that proved poisonous, and sometimes they got bones wedged in their throats and died of strangulation or from the doctor's efforts at relief. Countless families perished in plagues, and half the children of a family died in infancy from the dogs they slept with. All that was in times of the tribe and the sort of state rights each man set up for himself in his relation with whatever king claimed him. Considering that it had to come through, it is surprising that the human race survived until the era of Calvin Coolidge. And now another menace confronts civilization which threatens it even more than ignorance of sanitation, hygiene and cuisine threatened the ancients. It is the automobile. It is not only slaying its thousands, but it is changing the form and face of cities and unsettling land and rental values. The character of the people is changing, and the family that used to tend a garden and milk a cow now builds a garage and irrigates an automobile in the back yard. Families that used to brag on their ancestors now brag on the number of miles they get to the gallon and how fast they ran when matching a race with a supposed motor cop.

Meantime a different group of people are being killed by rubber tired methods every day. The streets and roads are more terrible. And the motor shortage is eating up the life insurance policy all over the nation.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

In sentencing a prisoner convicted of wife beating a New York magistrate said: "If I had my way I would have you tied to a whipping

post in the middle of the street while half a dozen strong men lashed you back, or else I would have you so branded that all decent men who met you in the street would shun you."

It might be a good idea to impose the penalty of a sound flogging for some offenses and wife beating would be a very good one to begin with. But the law imposes no such penalty. It is the duty of a judge to do what the law directs—not to tell what he would like for the law to give him permission to do. It may be taken for granted that the criminal who was lectured reserved the severest treatment but the judge had no right to soil the crime by expressing his own passionate feelings from the safety of the bench.

Men ought to respect the courts but how can they if the judges carry and display on the bench the passions of men. A judge who does a thing of this kind is safe from punishment for contempt of court because he is the court and has the sole power of inflicting this punishment. But he is really more in contempt of court than any man he fines for contempt can be. The court is supposed to be without passion. It has its hold on public respect because it is supposed to be the cold blooded truth instrument of the law. A judge is a man and a man has his natural feelings but he should keep the man and the judge entirely separate when on the bench. If he is only a man while sitting on the bench he is entitled to no more respect than any other man. He is entitled to respect that should be and is acquired to the law by all good men.

A judge has no right to lecture a prisoner and not one out of ten who, while on the bench, does lecture a prisoner would repeat his denunciation if he met him face to face away from protection. It is an injudicial thing and a cowardly thing. He is like the kid that, standing on a roof, abused a wolf that was passing by. If he has anything to say as a man he should say it out of court.

"NO TAX-EXEMPT CITIZENS"

"Unless he gets a bill for direct taxes the average man does not know how large a share of that direct taxation he is shouldering in his cost of living. If he did, he would sit down and write his senators and congressmen, telling them to get behind Mellon's plan for tax reductions."

This is from an advertisement of the Saturday Evening Post. It ought to set every taxpayer who has read it to thinking. It is a fact that there are "no tax-exempt citizens." Every man and every woman pays taxes. If in no other way, they help to pay the taxes passed on them by others and reflected in excessive living costs. Relatively the poor pay most, for they can least afford the present cost of living.

For some reason there are members of congress who are not in accord with the Mellon tax proposal. That proposal is to cut taxes, not impose new ones. It is to apply the present and prospective surplus to its utmost to relieve the people in substantial measure of their tax burdens and to lower the cost of living. Individual taxpayers should let their representatives in the senate and the house know where they stand. If the people are for tax reduction, then a lot of their representatives in the senate and the house know where they stand. If the people are for tax reduction, then a lot of the representatives are wrong. They should be set right.

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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.

HOME SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

By G. E. NAGER, Its Attorney. d17-47

CAUGHT BETWEEN

The interstate commerce commission finds itself caught between two fires, congress in the transportation act of 1920 ordered it greatly to extend its activities. The budget bureau in line with its practices elsewhere seeks a substantial reduction in the appropriation for the commission's activities.

In its annual report the commission sets the problem forth clearly and without prejudice. It merely seeks to place before president and congress the fact that it cannot expand and contract at the same time; that congress must choose between greater activity on the commission's part and a reduced commission budget.

While recognizing the high character of the work performed by the budget bureau since its creation, one can scarcely approve entirely economies that have been affected in certain branches of the service at the cost of reduced public activity. Both the budget and the congress in their desire to reduce expenditures after the war lost sight in certain cases of the real objective to be sought in public activity. It was so in the case of the army, postoffice department and the customs service. It is likely to be true also in regard to the activities of the interstate commerce commission.

The commission much more directly than congress has been the public agency of effective railroad regulation during recent years. Better than congress or any individuals or groups on the outside, it is in a position to know both the needs of carriers and shippers and during all the years of its administration it has never been charged that the commission sought to promote the interest of one group at the expense of the other. Its activities have been in public interest, and the public has profited from them.

To try to save a few thousand dollars through curtailing the commission's activity would be questionable economy. Every dollar saved in public service is not necessarily a dollar earned.

THE BLADE THAT WINS

The co-eds in the sociology classes of the University of Minnesota were recently the recipients of questionnaires regarding the kind of husband they would like to marry and what qualities they deemed most essential in the future bridegroom. It is significant that wealth was not stressed in a single answer. Some did not even mention it as a necessary possession, but one and all raised their voices on high in favor of good looks in a spouse.

This was tempered down by some to moderately good looking, but the homely boys were passed up cold as prospects. Athletes were the most highly favored and a number of sagacious souls included good dispositions among the desirable characteristics that would win their hearts.

The answers proved that the handsome lads can win in a walk over all the worth while specimens of masculinity who are not endowed with an Apollo Belvedere beauty. The reason is that it flatters a lady's ego to be the proud possessor of a handsome mate. She knows that all the other women are envying her and reluctantly admitting that she must be some enchantress or she could never have corralled him away from all the other girls.

However sterling the qualities of a lonely husband, his wife knows that when the anvil chorus begins over afternoon tea the consensus is that he married her because he could.

n't get anyone else. Also, most women love beauty quite as ardently as men, but they are only recently beginning to admit the fact.

NEW VERSE FOR BANANA SONG

Yes, we have no old ladies, We have no old ladies today. We have flappers and young things And bachelor girls And all kinds of modern females; We have youthful grandmothers And numerous others— But, yes, we have no old ladies, We have no old ladies today.

Royalty has a hard time these democratic days. Two lovely princesses, Beatrix and Marie, of Spain, are of marriageable age and presumably ready to take up housekeeping on some to be applying. In fact, royalty is short on all kinds of good matches and as the Spanish beauties could not be allowed to pick a man in the way they probably would desire it is possible that they must do without—or anyway wait a long time.

One religious leader says the modernist represents flexibility, while fundamentalist stands for fixity. Laymen may choose sides with a clear understanding of the issue.

It is announced that three Americans have won heavily at Monte Carlo. It is not announced how many have lost heavily, but one suspects that that is on account of Monte Carlo's efficient press agent.

That chain prayer nuisance has been started again and the postoffice department has issued a "fraud order" against it. The simple minded people who follow the directions of the senders and copy the inane and senseless message for fear of "great harm" deserve to be pitied, but the government sees nothing but trouble in the spread of such nonsense.

We have about come to the conclusion that it is not so much lack of knowledge that keeps the people from prospering. It is more a lack of will power to make the best use of knowledge they possess. A farmer was approached by an agent with a good book on better farming and his reply was: "No use for me to buy your book on good farming, I am not farming now as well as I know how."

Our idea of an over-worked housewife is one who lives six blocks from the bakery and five from the delicatessen grocery.

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20—HEAD OF HOGS—20

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