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THE ILDE WORD

Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment.

Matt. 12:36.

Public opinion to most of us is what we want to listen to.

"Red" Grange, football hero, has a movie offer. He may tackle it.

The only way some men can get home at night is to be held up.

A man used to be "next" at the barber shop, but he ain't any more.

The secretary who keeps minutes should always have plenty of time.

Many people are attempting to lift mortgage while riding around in it.

A strawberry vote now would show a great majority favoring cooler weather.

Attitudes use to make us think of spradly, crawl-legged things, but now it makes us think of static.

When a woman's a little sore on her husband, she often feels she can get even by advising girls not to marry.

After all, there is something to be gained by not being famous. You escape having a cigarette or a soap named for you.

After all, when you get it figured out, we are all trying to sell something to folks we think do not know as much as we do.

Parking in front of the store if she wants to is now considered as much of a triumph as the social variety with the average woman.

Chauncey Depew at 91 says the world is getting better, and pays his compliments. His judgment may be at fault, but his eyesight certainly remains good.

Here's how a boy describes having his tooth pulled: "The dentist got a good hold and pulled with all his might, and just before he killed me the tooth came out."

We enjoy reading and hearing about other people's troubles very largely because it gives us comfort to know there are others who have a still worse time than we do.

There's always one advantage about having sick folks at home, there is always a chance that the neighbors will bring more good things than the sick folks can eat.

The ancients give so many of their gods short names that it would have been a pleasure to have been a copy reader and head writer in those days.

INVENTIVE PREPAREDNESS

In connection with the aircraft argument which because of the Mitchell case is before the people more than at any previous time since the war days, it is interesting to note the war time attitude of both the German and allied military chiefs the use of tanks in trench warfare. In both camps there was an obstinacy which blocked utilization of this efficient weapon.

Trench warfare was the result of German ingenuity and foresight. The Germans were prepared, in 1914, to conduct it and they had heavy guns on hand with which to annihilate a similar system on the part of the enemy. But beyond artillery their vision was cramped. They tried one idea—poisonous gas—and it was successful.

But in both the German and allied headquarters the tank theory was refuted. Tanks were invented long before, pictures of them appeared in magazines shortly after the Boer war. But their first use in the World war came only after Winston Churchill rode over the heads of the high command and forced the manufacture and shipment of tanks to the western front. They were immediately successful; the Germans fled and military authorities say if a coordinated advance had followed the tanks raids the war would have ended then, in 1916.

These are cities as illustrations of the fact that our military men, those who have worked to high places in the army and navy organization, have become molded in a set frame which does not permit the entrance of "any originality and which is at heart opposed to any change which will upset carefully drawn plans of warfare. They lag behind invention, around themselves only when a crisis has threatened.

Perhaps later years will show us that in reality General Mitchell sacrificed himself that America might realize this stagnancy of military leadership. But new generals cannot be created over night. Nor can veterans who have earned reward be discarded without reason. One remedy might be to have both the army and navy employ a staff of engineers, such as is employed by the large automobile factories and keep them continually at work investigating and exploring the future from the standpoint of defense. Reliance could be placed upon the reports of such a staff. The military men would have recruited, without loss of prestige, the intelligence and vision which has won so many battles in the history of the world.

THE REAL NEED

They are proposing to spend \$3,000,000 for an additional office building for the house of representatives in Washington, in order that representatives, like senators, have at least two office rooms apiece. As it is, house members "have but one room each, in which to receive visitors, hold conferences, and house three or four clerks."

His office was his desk, on the floor of the house of representatives chamber, where he wrote his own letters, by hand, with a pen. His business with the departments he conducted by tramping around to them himself, on his own feet.

And yet, there was more attention to public affairs, and more reputation to be made in congress than now. The new offices are, of course, needed. Modern business methods make modern equipment necessary.

But if half as much attention were paid to modernizing the methods of congress itself as the physical equipment and assistance of congressmen for their personal work, it might save the people the price of a dozen office buildings in a single week.

LIGHTNING

The danger of death by lightning is very small. It is almost negligible. But not quite. Men are killed by lightning. The season of thunderstorms is at hand, and it is only the part of common sense to minimize the danger as far as possible.

Most of those who are killed by lightning are not in their homes. They are out somewhere in the open. Probably they are seeking shelter under trees. The worst possible thing to do in a thunder storm is to snuggle under a tree. Any tree is likely to be the lightning's target, and this is particularly true of trees like the elm which have much sap. The oak, which is a dry tree, is surely immune.

Lightning which "strikes" a tree more frequently than it finds anything else. A man in the open is so small a mark that the bolts of Olympian wrath usually scorn to kill so insignificant a thing.



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Plattsouth, Neb.

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A man under a tree which is struck by lightning may escape with only a severe shock, but he is likely to be killed by some electric prank.

It is to be remembered that water is a good conductor of electricity. For this season the sappy elm is struck more often than the desiccated oak. For this season, too, it is wise for the wanderer in a thunder storm to have his raiment as wet as possible.

If one's clothes are dry the lightning is likely to course through the watery fluids of the human body, bringing sudden, complete and indisputable death. But if the garments are saturated until they are wetter than the body the lightning may follow them to the earth, ripping and tearing them but not necessarily ripping and tearing the man within them.

Of course the man whose clothing is struck by lightning must suffer a severe shock, but even this is better than the alternative of being surely electrocuted.

If you are caught in the woods in an electric storm the best strategy is to get out of the woods.

The next best plan is to get as wet as possible.

If there is a brook rather than to wait for the rain to do the wetting,

Eschew the forest and seek wetness.

Thus you will probably attain old age in spite of the lightning.

Because the lightning has never struck you it is no safe assumption that it never will.

The chances are a million to one in your favor.

But there is no sense in ignoring the millionth chance.

Then again it takes the house cleaning session to bring about that warm combination of a red hot momma and super-heated papa.

NOTICE, LOT OWNERS

All persons who have not paid the assessment for 1925 on their lots in the Young cemetery, are requested to do so. Pay to D. A. Young or leave it in the Murray State bank.

D. A. YOUNG,
m19-3d-4tw
Secretary.

NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE

In the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

Hattie M. Strain, Plaintiff, vs. William E. Strain et al, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under

and by virtue of a decree of the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, entered in the above entitled cause on the 16th day of May, 1925,

and an order of sale entered by said

Court on the 18th day of May, 1925,

the undersigned sole referee will, on

the 27th day of June, 1925, at 2 o'clock p.m., at the east front door of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, in the Village of Alvo, Cass county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, that is

to say, ten per cent on the day of

sale and balance when said sale shall be confirmed by the Court, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots sixteen (16), seventeen

(17) and eighteen (18), in

Block five (5) in the Village of

Alvo, Cass county, Nebraska.

Said sale will be held open for one

hour. An abstract showing marketable title will be furnished.

Dated this 18th day of May, A.D. 1925.

C. E. TEFFT,
Sole Referee.

CARL D. GANZ,
Attorney.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

For License to Operate a Pool and Billiard Hall.

Notice is hereby given that the

undersigned will on the second day

of June, A. D. 1925, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the court house in Plattsouth, Cass County, Nebraska, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of said Cass county

for License to operate a pool and

billiard hall in the building situated

on lot Five (5), block three (3), in

the village of Manley, Cass county,

Nebraska.

Dated this 21st day of May, A. D.

1925.

BENTON W. LIVINGSTON,
Plaintiff.

By A. L. TIDD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NO- TICE 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 Jesse R. McVay, deceased:

On reading the petition of L. M.

McVay praying that the instrument

filed in this court on the 4th day of

May, 1925, 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 Jesse R. McVay, deceased;

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 1st day of June, A.

D. 1925 at 10 o'clock a.m., to show

cause, if any there be, why the

prayer of the petitioner should not

be granted, and that notice of the

pendency of said petition and that

the hearing thereof be given to all

persons interested in said matter

by publishing a copy of this Order in

the Plattsouth Journal, a semi-

weekly newspaper printed in said

county, for three successive weeks

prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand, and seal of said

court, this 4th day of May, A. D.

1925.

A. H. DUXBURY,

County Judge.

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As every student of politics well

knows, if the solid South is ever

broken, it will happen only when the

negro is completely eliminated from

political affairs. In other words,

there is not a ghost of a show for

the republican party to capture a

real Southern state while the negro

has any form of participation in par-

ty affairs, and it is in realization of

this fact that the Southern States

Republican League has been formed.

Just how far it will get remains to be seen.—Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

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