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Dare President Coolidge veto the River Bill?

Reasoning from the East St. Louis incident, the nursery has its terrors, too.

Famous fallacies: "When you carry an umbrella you know it never rains."

"Stop and shop" is the word before Christmas, afterward it becomes just "stop."

Once upon a time a man dropped a collar button and it did not roll where he could not find it.

Allimony is a system by which when two people make a mistake, one of them continues to pay for it.

If Cal's silence is golden why can't we get a reduction in federal taxes during this session of congress?

Gertrude Ederle had a stiff neck after a plunge in the Pacific. We can hardly wait to hear what relieved her.

It used to be: "Join the navy and see the world." Now it's "Play football for Notre Dame and see the world."

Some statesmen's idea of farm relief is to give the farmer a chance to put another mortgage on the old home place.

A circus elephant escaped recently in Kansas. This would seem to indicate that elephants are not such dumb animals.

After saying a prohibition agent recently shot a man sitting on a jug, judges should take warning and not sit on too many cases.

That Texas girl who is now much in the limelight must be a born desperado after marrying a young lawyer she went out and robbed a bank.

Here's a thought that ought to find lodgment in your mind this evening: More people are killed at grade crossings on Sunday than are killed in the churches.

"Another Eagle Hit by Airplane" says a headline. The birds might as well decide right now that they'll have to establish some safety zones and traffic signals.

Crime fiction is alluring. It possesses an advantage over the news reports of a homicide in being always able to provide a satisfactory solution of the mystery.

Something should be done to prevent the Turks from renaming Constantinople "Mustafakemal." Making a cigarette as out of one of the most glamorous cities in Europe in outrageous modernism.

To careful students of history we make this point: George Washington was a very young man and unmarried when he gained a reputation for truthfulness. It is quite possible that he changed quite considerably after marrying Martha.

A Los Angeles dispatch says that Charlie Chaplin's wife is to file for a divorce immediately. We await with feverish impatience a summary of allegations in the bill of complaint, fondly hoping that Lita will say Charley hit her in the face with a custard pie.

Overdoing?

Hurry, Worry and Overwork Bring Heavy Strain.

MODERN life throws a heavy burden on our bodily machinery. The eliminative organs, especially the kidneys, are apt to become sluggish. Retention of excess acid and other poisonous waste often gives rise to a dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning perfectly is often shown by burning or scanty passage of secretions. More and more people are learning to assist their kidneys by the occasional use of Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic. Ask your neighbor!

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One thing about these skirts is that they don't bag at the knees.

Now the good old Yellow Peril will be laid away until the next emergency.

"Money makes the mare go," and that is what it takes to make Christmas go.

The best thing about these frosty mornings is the steaming hot buck-wheat cakes.

When more scandalous divorce suits are had, the English will not know about them.

The river bill has passed the senate with 57 for and 9 against. No doubt of passing the house.

The best way to make crime unpopular is to insure the speedy and several punishment of criminals.

Probably the man who went into the Hall of Fame at Washington and shot himself was an art critic.

We have had quite a long time preparing for Christmas, and perhaps the most of us will enjoy the happy event.

The senate does not believe that prohibition should be enforced the way it got into the Constitution—under cover.

The old assertion that all girls like to be different is erroneous. If they did a few of them would be wearing cotton stockings.

Well, well, here come the Christmas neckties. Last year did you notice how popular beards became right after the holidays?

Josephus Daniels says in effect that the arm of justice may be far-reaching, but it isn't quite long enough to reach the high-ups.

The bachelor says that he never met a girl who was prettier than she thought she was, nor a man who was smarter than he thought he was.

Smith has accepted the appointment to the vacancy left by the late Senator McKinley, but will he be accepted? Not if the court knows herself.

Medical science has developed so amazingly within the past few years that it is now almost impossible for a doctor to find anything all right about a patient.

The latest fad in silk stockings has a likeness of Santa Claus painted on the knee, the idea being to get a good picture of Santa Claus where everybody can see it.

Mussolini says he longs to see America. We would invite him to come right on over, but it's practically certain he should find himself jobless when he got back.

A New Jersey preacher says most persons afflicted with the "psychoanalysis" fad will be cured if you ask them to spell it. At that, it is easier than thropomorphization.

Of course, one can't always tell by surveying the hoisery in the street which girl will get the most in her Christmas stocking, but one can pretty nearly tell which one ought to.

A Chicago clergyman says publishing the marriage banns would eliminate divorces. Our headline: Minister says if more marriages were banned, more divorces would be banned.

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THE BOY AND HIS MOTIVES

Six motives, according to Superintendent Miller, of Aberdeen, Ohio public schools, govern the adolescent boy: "Pride, hero worship, sense of responsibility, chivalry, purpose in life, and the gang spirit."

What the adolescent boy himself would say concerning the analysis of his rough-and-tumble soul, is doubtful, though our guess is that he would say nothing. He is too busy living to philosophize. Certainly, however, he is susceptible (sometimes keenly so) to influences that touch his pride, his hero worship, his dawning sense of respectability, his callow wangs of romance and chivalry, his social instinct groping in the "gang spirit."

Well-directed these motives tend high to manhood and god citizenship; perverted, they lead to an age of trouble, if not of misery.

Happy the boy who has a home, a school, and a community that helps him to make the best of the powers musing within him. And so to help is a major business of communities, schools, and home.

MR. DANIELS WAS EXCITED

Josephus Daniels was so worked up over the verdict in the Fall-Dohney case that he failed to say precisely what he meant. He said the acquittal is the worst thing that has happened to a free people since Runnymede. We hope this won't be construed as a reflection on Runnymede. We are sure Dr. Daniels maintains the kindest thought for the feudal barons who wrested the Magna Charta from King John in the famous year of 1215 thoughts infinitely more kind than he entertains for the oil barons of 1926.

That an effort will be made to change the bank guarantee law in the coming session of the legislature, there is no mistake. Those conspirators had better drop the matter. The people of Nebraska are for the law just as it is, two to one.

Phone us the news.

Dr. John A. Griffin
Dentist

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Public Interest Wins

The senate has passed the waterways bill carrying an appropriation of \$60,000,000. The item of special significance and satisfaction to the Mississippi Valley country is the provision of \$12,000,000,000 for improvement of the upper Missouri, between Kansas City and Sioux City Iowa. Opposition to this item was routed by one blast from Senator Reed of Missouri.

The suggestion was made by a senator from Ohio that an assessment of 50 per cent of the cost of this work be levied on property owners along the Missouri. This was obviously an impossible condition and was manifestly designed to defeat the project, Senator Reed instantly accepted the challenge. Citing the fact that Federal government had financed the costly program of the Ohio River's improvement without calling in local assistance, the Missourian issued an ultimatum. If the people of the Middle West were to be singled out for discrimination, if the policy of river improvement were to be changed so as to inflict special penalties upon this section of the country, he wanted to "know it now." And if that were the scheme, he served notice that he would oppose the whole bill. That was a fight for which the enemy apparently had no stomach. The senator from Ohio and the interests which approved his unfair and peculiarly ungracious stipulation retreated from the fray without striking another blow.

The portion allotted the upper Missouri, it is pointed out, will not complete the work. Its only an installment. But, as Senator Reed observed, this action "will put the project automatically in the next appropriation bill." It means that the long fight has been won.

There is a bigger meaning than this in the senate's action. This bill was passed "without even a roll call." The purport was to clear all foes. The latter are licked. The Federal government is now officially committed to water transportation. It has accepted the mandate of the public interest which insistently demands the cheap transportation which only our improved and fully equipped rivers can provide.

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MR. BECK'S OPUS

Mr. James M. Beck, former Solicitor-General of the United States, has hurried to the rescue of two distressed persons—Vare of Pennsylvania and Smith of Illinois. He has written a book, entitled "The Vanishing Rights of the States," which sets forth that the Federal Senate may not require a certificate of character from any man who is elected to that body. If the man is 30 years old, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state that elected him, the senate must welcome him into its solemn and reverend company.

Did the stranger at the gate spend an unconscionable large amount of money for the nomination? None of the senate's business.

Did he accept an enormous campaign contribution from special interests which he was in official position substantially to punish or reward again none of the senate's business.

By whatever way the member-elect reaches Washington—bribery, blackmail or what you will—it is all right, so long as he gets there.

What of the years before? Hush! Not a word. Not a glimpse. Let not the senate dare to pry into the man's past. He may have been an erring brother. He may have been a bad egg. He may, in the indulgence of Beck, have been an embezzler. Once more all's well. The constitution has bottled all that up and sealed it forever, and forever enjoined the senate from taking so much as a peck.

Thus reasons James M. Beck, as told in detail in the Sunday St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Thus a reputedly "great constitutional lawyer" undertakes to degrade the "noblest instrument ever struck from the mind of man," by making it the shield and buckler for political infamy and corruption.

THE RELEASE OF LANGLEY

John W. Langley, former congressman from Kentucky, is now free to resume his curious career which was interrupted a year ago. At that time, Langley began serving a sentence of three years for violating the prohibition laws. He was just paroled after serving one year.

Langley was in congress many years and was known as one of the dependable adherents of the Anti-Saloon League. Wayne B. Wheeler never had to crook his finger to tell John how to vote. John knew. It was not above Langley however, to scorn a private chance to make money by violating the very law which he upheld in his official position.

After Langley's conviction, his term in congress expired. But the Tenth District, located in the fastness of the Eastern hills, re-elected him. Langley resigned when he entered Atlanta, but soon afterward his wife was elected to fill his seat in the house of representatives.

With only a slight interruption therefore, the Langley seat has stayed in the hands of the family. Mrs. Langley is now representing the Tenth District at Washington, and it is rumored that John is on his way to Washington to be her secretary.

In view of his record will the Langley vote be cast as a wet or a dry one? To some, that might represent the most complex of problems. But no one who is familiar with the personality of Langley will doubt that the Anti-Saloon League can bank on the Langley vote, now as heretofore.

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of James Hall, deceased:

On reading the petition of William Minford, trustee of said estate, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this court on the 10th day of December, 1926, and for approval of his final account, and for a decree of distribution of the funds now in his possession as such trustee, according to the last will and testament of said James Hall, deceased, determination of heirship, and such other and further proceedings as are necessary, and for his discharge as such trustee.

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 5th day of January, A. D. 1927, at ten 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 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 weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court this 10th day of December, A. D. 1926.

A. H. DUXBURY,
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