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Ring out the Old Year, Ring in the New.

The more leisure you have the less time you have.

The man with a checkered career finds it is always his move.

Men who have time to get haircuts every week have too much time.

The fire of genius seldom finds ambition in the man who has money to burn.

Every woman thinks her understanding is at least seventeen times greater than her feet.

A good deal of Christmas drinking was behind closed doors, and some of it wound up in closed.

Never give a friend your correct address. He may be planning to send a wedding invitation.

Merchandise is being sold on the installment plan in Germany. Every purchase there, of course, is a "mark" down.

Soviet Russia now blames America for the business depression, this being a sort of irresponsible idea of responsibility.

It is an ordinary thing for Americans to look somewhat scornfully on the present European addiction to dictatorships.

So many of these success stories fail to mention the marvelous interference the great man had when he carried the ball.

Though Flo Ziegfeld has warned his chorus girls not to over-indulge in sports, they can be depended upon to exercise their rights.

Normal conditions will first return to those communities whose people evince a will for their return through honest effort to make them return.

So many articles appear in the magazines nowadays supposedly written by Henry Ford that one wonders when he finds time to turn out a batch of the automobiles bearing his name.

Philosophers live, or are supposed to live, in a world governed by reason. Politicians live without question in a world governed largely by emotion and prejudice, with reason playing a minor part.

By the way, have you seen anything of your son or daughter since their return home for the holidays? If not, don't worry. They will show up in time to ask for money enough to get 'em back to college.

"Love at first sight" may cool with more sight.

Hyle permits use of corn sugar in foods, unlabeled.

It isn't what a man stands for as much as what he falls for.

A Tennessee man says he hasn't slept for 16 years. He must be dreaming.

One of our economic troubles is that there is entirely too much reform for revenue only.

Professional basketball is passing in Western cities. Doubtless because of insufficient net returns.

If you think you are in a bad plight, just consider the case of Gandhi, the Indian statesman, who has no pants.

It is a matter of history that Knute Rockne never got a chance to follow his natural bent until he hit South Bend.

One way to relieve unemployment would be to declare war against some nation and put about five million men under arms.

It is averred that it is impossible to legislate morality into people, but Moses appears to have had the idea that laws would help.

Don't be fussy about the rainy weather. Remember, less than four short months ago we were shouting our heads off for rain.

A race isn't branded as inferior unless it feels that way. Who ever heard of anybody's scorning the proud American Indian?

Once there was a boy who thought his mother was to try her hand at arithmetic when she told him he was driving her to distraction.

In Egypt a plate over the door means there is a marriagable girl in the house. In America a flivver in front of the house says it.

If that fountain pen you received on Christmas won't write, let the baby play with it. It will be certain to then flow copiously.

A Baltimore woman was held up and robbed of \$10,000 by her cook. Usually a person who can get that much money is called a chef.

The charge made on the floor of Congress that Mr. Hoover "was a Democrat when he returned to this country from England and accepted office as a Democrat," won't hold water. Hoover hasn't enough fighting blood in his veins to be a good Democrat.

## THE ASHES OF THE CZARS

An Agent of the government which bought Alaska from the despot of the north unknowingly paid the final offices of respect to the last of the czars and the Romanoff family. Janin, French general of the Czech legions in Siberia after the war, states that the ashes of Nicholas II and his family are in his burial vault outside of Paris, and the New York Times publishes an interview with Franklin Clarkin, former American vice consul at Harbin, in which the positive assertion is made that the remains were transported under the American flag through the bolshevist lines.

It was inevitable that the autocracy of the Romanoffs would end in a tragedy. What a wonderful opportunity to make the Russ nation great and strong and happy each had! One after another in the line let the chance slip, and the dynasty was exterminated. Even the ashes of the last of the Romanoffs may not be returned to the homeland soil. That the economic, social and political upheaval was caused by the ruling house and the coterie of powerful aristocrats can not be disputed. The Romanoffs and their friends brought on the destruction. The present absolutism will move on to another tragedy, from which the free and happy Russia will spring.

## ACCUSING THE BOOTLEGGER

It might be well to consider, along with the problem that the bootlegger raises in society, whether he is not being made a scapegoat for criminals of an even more sinister kind.

A man is killed. A "bootlegger" did it. A barn is burned. "Moonshiners" set the torch. A dead body is discovered. It spells a "rum war." Smuggling operations are suspected. The coast guard searches for "rumrunners."

These conclusions frequently prove correct. They are as frequently proved to be erroneous. In many instances crimes which should be traced and punished are neglected and forgotten because of the ease with which pat conclusions are arrived at.

It isn't a new problem. During the "white slave" hysteria, which was the result rather than the cause of the Mann Act, countless runaway girls were bent on capturing "white slavers" than finding the runaways. Every missing girl was a "victim" of the traffic.

These situations prove that war hysteria is not the only form of public frenzy.

Chile has appropriated extra funds for road, rail and irrigation projects.

One way to get rid of the remainder of that Christmas turkey is to pass it out to a tramp at the back door when your wife isn't looking.

A cheering note for those who hope for a prosperous New Year is sounded by Rome C. Stephenson, president of the American Bankers' Association.

We are told by an economic expert that "the curve of the business cycle has been flattened." The old question arises, who'll get out and pump it up.

And speaking of party regularity, did Mr. Hoover's distinguished Secretary of Agriculture support the Republican candidate for President in 1912?

When television finally becomes general it will be a confounded nuisance to get out of bed and put on your clothes before answering the telephone.

Probably the saddest word in any tongue is "furthermore" the one with which the contentious wife reopens the argument when it has languished.

Fairy story: Once upon a time a great orator got up and announced, "This is not a particularly intelligent looking audience but I shall do the best I can."

J. Ham Lewis didn't say flatly that he would finish ahead in November. What he said was "I find it embarrassing to have two charming ladies running after me."

Watch out for pneumonia this winter. The New York Life reports that pneumonia was responsible for 7.5 per cent of all deaths among its policy-holders during the first eleven months of the current year.

Since 1915 automobiles in this country have increased by not less than 1,000,000 vehicles yearly. By the end of 1930 some 28,000,000 cars of all kinds will be running around on the nation's roads and streets.

## THE VALLEY IMPLIES THE HILL

When we are riding the high places of prosperity few people pause to think that then the way is being prepared for a decline; and fewer still seem aware, when we are treading in the valley, that then economic forces are making for an ascent. Such, however, are the history and the nature of those business depressions; each has within itself conditions which produce the other.

The question of the most popular concern, though not the most important, is how long will the valley last? The one we are now traversing began some sixteen months ago. During the last fifteen years as many as twelve major depressions stand recorded. Some continued for years, but most of them were shorter; and omitting the "panics"—a word which, significantly enough, is not heard today—we find that the majority spent themselves in about fifteen months. From an authority on such things we take the following summary:

1837—The panic of that year ushered in a depression of nine months, being preceded by six months and followed by a revival of almost a year. Then came a depression of three and a half years.

1846—This depression lasted about fifteen months, with six intervening months of prosperity.

1857—A financial panic resultant depression lasted about one and a fourth years.

1866—Following the War Between the States, this depression lasted some two years.

1873—A panic with a vengeance; times were hard for four and a half years.

1884—The depression, preceded by more than a year of decline, continued for about twenty months.

1891—For six and a half years this depression prevailed, "with a year's interval (1892) of improvement and nine months (1895) of slight revival."

1907—Depression lasted somewhat over a year.

1911—A let-down of about twelve months' duration.

1914—Five months of unfavorable reaction, followed by approximately one year of depression.

1920—Fifteen months of depression, preluded by three downward months. A moderate trade revival of four months was followed by prosperity.

1924—Six months of decline, six of depression, and six of gradual recovery marked that period.

While averages would mean little or nothing in figures like these, because each case has its peculiar circumstances, it is nevertheless worth noting that within the last three decades the depressions have been briefer than before and that since the Federal Reserve system began functioning the erstwhile panics, produced largely by unsound policies in banking and currency, have virtually ceased. What we have experienced in the last twelve or sixteen months is tersely summed up by that veteran leader and thinker of the field of finance, Colonel Leonard P. Ayres. In an interview in Collier's he says: "Factories and merchants have been getting rid of their surpluses. Meanwhile we have not been producing on a large scale. We are manufacturing shortages. In good times we manufacture surpluses which bring on depressions. In slow times we manufacture shortages which cure depressions and bring good times. You ask me where we stand now. I see in all depressions four phases: First, there is prosperity; second, decline; next comes depression, and then recovery. Described differently, the first phase is confidence, the second is doubt, the third fear, and the fourth hope."

Just how far we have advanced within the fourth phase the reader may decide for himself. Certain it is, however, that the valley implies the hill.

## A GOOD INDICATION

Maybe it's just the hard times, and maybe the country is recovering its sanity. We'd prefer to believe the latter to be the case; but, anyhow, you can judge for yourself.

Some tried staging a Marathon dancing contest in a suburb of a large middle western city the other day. Seventy couples signed up, together with four solo dancers, and the affair got under way in the usual manner.

But after a fortnight, with 11 couples remaining on the floor, the contest fell to pieces. Its promoters explained that it was not making expenses, due to woefully insufficient patronage by the public.

As we say, this may just be due to hard times. But hard times or not, it is a good sign when the general public begins to stay away from a marathon dance contest.

Of 6,000 veterinary students in Soviet Russia, 2,400 are women.

## UNIFORM AIR LAWS

The conference called by the Secretary of Commerce and attended by delegates of 48 states to discuss uniform air laws, heretofore referred to by the Enquirer as one of the more important present public functions, has just concluded its deliberations, the delegates returning to their respective states.

These delegates went home convinced of the wisdom of statements made by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who urged the enactment of uniform air laws, made compact in a simple code, which he considers to be necessary to aviation.

Colonel Lindbergh told the delegates that fundamentally the worth of aviation lies in its ability to transport persons and goods over distance in the least possible time. Its relative importance is measured by its ability to remove time from distance.

Air transport is becoming an integral part of business generally. Commercial air transport leads private flying. Rules and laws must be simplified, says the Colonel, until the individual thinks no more of the act of flying than he does of driving an automobile. Many states have to be crossed in a single flight, and in many landings have to be made. The rules governing flying thus must be simplified.

The delegates to the Washington Air Conference returned to their homes filled with the purpose and intent to urge the completion and enactment of such laws and regulations as were suggested by the country's highest aviation authority, and it is not too visionary, as he said, to look forward to the time when we will be able to mail a letter in New York in the evening and have it opened the next morning in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

## NO PARTY

Admiral Pratt, the highest American naval ranking officer, has testified before the House Naval Committee that Great Britain retains superiority of sea power over the United States despite technical parity under the much-acclaimed London Treaty.

The American Admiral contends that rule of the sea will remain with England until the United States builds up its merchant marine, for the reason that Britain's numerous naval bases give to that country a power unequalled on the sea under present conditions.

Admiral Pratt was discussing the \$134,000,000 navy building program which the navy proposes to start the next fiscal year. His contention is that the United States, with fewer naval bases, needs bigger ships to meet conditions which made Great Britain seek more vessels.

The point of bases, he said, was not raised at the London Conference by American delegates because "it would have complicated the question so much we might not have been able to reach an agreement of any kind."

Something for the House Committee to think about. The first rational thing to do would appear to be for this country to build up to the limits for the London treaty—and afterward to be guided by the circumstances of swiftly and continuously changing world conditions. A paper parity would be a poor defense against hostile shells and scarcely could guarantee the expansion and security of America's now tremendous trade interests on the seas.

## NO PARTY IS LOGICAL

Senator Borah is right in asserting that a few able leaders cannot organize a new political party; that it is a grass roots proposition; and that at present there is no great dominating issue on which the grass roots will unite. History is strewn with the wrecks of parties—the Greenback, Populist, Socialist (in many varieties), Prohibition, Bull Moose. None succeeded because none had a sufficiently wide appeal to break down the sentimental attachment that gathers about the names of the two old parties.

This is an unhappy situation and distressing to logical persons like Prof. Dewey, the philosopher, who recently invited Senator Norris to come out and head a new party. Logical persons think a party ought to stand for some logical body of principles, preferably conservative or radical.

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Evidently each contains both conservatives and liberals, with all sorts of conflicting creeds. Republicans of Wall street have no more in common with Senator Norris's Nebraska Republicans than Democrats of Tammany Hall have with the Texas Democrats. Yet they persist usually in staying within the same organization.

The John Deweys are always trying to get this disconcerting situation straightened out and voters properly aligned in two logically made parties. But the voters refuse to march by logic.

Perhaps it is just as well. Each party represents moderately progressive views, and moderately progressive legislation goes forward, whichever is in power. There are no violent breaks if one party goes out and the other goes in. From the legislation enacted in the last forty years a visitor from Mars could hardly have told which party was in power in Washington.

As has been said this situation is maddening to the intelligentsia. But human nature is just that perverse.—Kansas City Star.

A dispatch says Sinclair Lewis blushed when handed the Noble Prize for literature. Then there is some shame in the fellow, after all.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.  
In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Ransom M. Cole, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1931 and on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1931 at nine o'clock in the forenoon of each day, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 16th day of January, A. D. 1931 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 16th day of January, A. D. 1931.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 17th day of December, 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

(Seal) d22-3w

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

Daniel G. Golding, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Charles L. White, et al, Defendants.

To the Defendant, Charles L. White:

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of July, 1930, the plaintiff filed his suit in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object and purpose of which is to foreclose a tax sale certificate on Lots 572 and 573, in the Village of Greenwood, in Cass County, Nebraska, and equitable relief.

You are hereby required to answer said petition on or before Monday, February 2, 1931. And failing to do so, your default will be entered and judgment taken upon the plaintiff's petition. This notice is given pursuant to an order of this Court.

DANIEL G. GOLDING, Plaintiff.  
By A. L. TIDD,  
His Attorney. d22-4w

## NOTICE OF HEARING

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Claire De Lone, Incompetent.

To Claire De Lone, and all other persons interested or concerned in the guardianship of Claire De Lone, Incompetent:

You are hereby notified that Nellie M. Parmele, Guardian of the above named Claire De Lone, Incompetent, has filed in the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska, her final report as guardian of the said Claire De Lone, Incompetent, together with a petition for the final approval and allowance of her accounts as guardian and for her discharge as said guardian and for an order of court accepting her written resignation herein filed as such guardian;

You are further hereby notified that Lillian Harmer, has filed in this court a petition requesting the appointment of herself, or some other suitable person to be selected by the Court, as guardian of the said Claire De Lone, Incompetent, to succeed the said Nellie M. Parmele, as guardian;

You are hereby further notified that a hearing will be had in said matter upon the final report, together with all other matters pertaining to said guardianship, and upon said petitions herein filed as aforesaid on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room in the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at which time, and place you or any of you may appear at said hearing and make objections to said final report or petitions, if any you have, why said report and petitions herein filed should not be allowed and approved and the prayer of said petitions should not be granted.

You are hereby further notified that said County Court will on said day of hearing make such orders as may be for the best interests of said Claire De Lone, Incompetent.

By the court.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska.

(Seal) d23-3w

## ORDER OF HEARING on Petition for Appointment of Administratrix

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.

In the matter of the estate of Anton Krajcek, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Frances Klema, praying that Administration of said estate may be granted to Frances Klema as Administratrix.

Ordered, that January 23rd, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of 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 successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Dated December 26th, 1930.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

## ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Accounts

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary L. Wiley, deceased:

On reading the petition of Perry Nickles, Administrator, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1930, and for final settlement of his account and discharge as such Administrator:

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 14th day of January, A. D. 1931, 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 successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness whereof, I have heretofore set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

(Seal) d22-3w

## NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS

To Harry Ross Manspecker and Mrs. Harry Ross Manspecker, real name unknown, his wife, non-resident defendants, and all persons having or claiming any interest in Lots 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 in U. W. Wise's Out Lots in Government Lot Number 19, in Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 14, East of the 6th P. M., in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, real names unknown, defendants not found:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 20th day of December, 1930, Margaret Elizabeth Manspecker, as plaintiff, filed her petition against you in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, said petition now being on file in said court, the object and prayer of said petition being to quiet the title of plaintiff as against you and each of you in the following real estate: Lots 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 in U. W. Wise's Out Lots in Government Lot Number 10, in Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 14, East of the 6th P. M., in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, and to exclude you from all interest in the same; also that you are not from asserting any title to the same.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of February, 1931.

MARGARET ELIZABETH MANSPECKER,  
Plaintiff.

By E. R. Leigh,  
Her Attorney. d29-3w

## 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 Robert Troop, deceased:

On reading the petition of Lois R. Troop praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 18th day of December 1930, 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 Robert Troop, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to H. A. Schneider, as Administrator with will annexed;

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 16th day of January, A. D. 1931 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 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.

In witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

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