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Well, almost Valentine day.
Easter is just around the corner.
Have you that New Easter bonnet?
Fine spring weather in the middle of the winter.
He who views the future with fear gets mighty little happiness out of life.
The last syllable in his name properly defines the Wickersham report on prohibition.
There would be fewer day dreamers if there were a way of taxing a man's yearnings.
Australia wheat crop this season has just been officially estimated at 200,000,000 bushels.
If Niagara Falls keeps on falling apart, pretty soon honeymoons will be discontinued altogether.
The man who knows it all doesn't know one thing. He doesn't know how many people yearn to kill him.
A Chanute, Kan. paper reports the sale of a buggy whip. And believe it or not that really is news these days.
The war department has placed a \$300,000 furniture order with an Illinois factory. Probably for arm chairs.
There wasn't much furor about the eleventh birthday of prohibition, but there'll sure be a bonny wake when it dies.
"Enjoy a good night's sleep," says a patent medicine advertisement. How can a person enjoy anything when unconscious?
Our perfect picture of a pessimist is the man who is already worrying about the skimp that will follow the next period of prosperity.
The Red Cross is making poor progress with the campaign to raise \$10,000,000. Less than one-fourth of the sum has been pledged.
Einstein says he doesn't understand Americans. Well, Albert, you have nothing on us. We don't even pretend to understand you.
When it comes to ups and downs most people think they have more downs than ups, but the elevator man gets a 50-50 break with his.
Heavy, heavy! Stands over Hoover's head! Power trust battle, extra session; appointee's row; unemployment; wheat prices.—Oh, me, Oh me!

The Armours have been powerful factors in the development of the West.
Prohibition has at least demonstrated the impossibility of talking anything to death.
A bootlegger leaving a fortune is not news but a college professor leaving a fortune is news.
The man who tries to dodge his obligations usually finds the detour much rougher than the road.
A thoughtful mother teaches her son how to use the can opener so he will not go hungry after he marries.
The cotton growers and the manufacturers of their product should be heartened by the latest Paris fashion notes.
News dispatch says "Detroit is suffering from shortage of liquor." Why don't they do like other folks and drink paint?
"Why do you drink?" the seafowl was asked. "Brother," he replied, "I don't even know what I drink, let alone why."
This artificial silk which the chemists say they can manufacture from natural gas should be just the thing for light summer wear.
Conscience made its appearance in the world about 5,000 years ago, according to an archeologist, and hasn't reached the Senate yet!
Those Texas Siamese twins who testified they had been held in bondage since childhood probably meant they had been bound together.
The Associated Press reports five persons dead as the result of drinking an anti-freeze mixture. Hereafter they won't have to worry about freezing.
Practically all men and women who have attained positions of distinction and influence have shown qualities other than the capacity for hard work.
According to the 1930 census the population of Texas is 5,821,272; Wisconsin, 2,930,282; Rhode Island, 687,282; South Dakota, 690,755; New Jersey, 4,028,027.
It would seem, therefore, that it is up to us to do something to help our own people, based on the blessed assurance that the Lord does help those who help themselves.
A radio fan writes to say that Alfred Smith made a better Red Cross appeal than Herbert Hoover. Nothing surprising about that. He would make a much better President.

TURKISH DRUG TRADE

While seeking agreement on a plan for general disarmament and the banishing of war, Geneva steadfastly has failed to reach any agreement among the interested powers as to the outlawry or control of narcotic drugs, their production, and manufacture, distribution and smuggling.

Now comes Turkey, though not a member of the League of Nations, proposing at least the combatting of the illegal drug traffic. The Angora Government wants "to do all in its power to prevent drug smuggling," and is ready to co-operate with foreign countries in this respect.

But Kemal's Government is up against serious obstacles. In Istanbul, for example, there are three drug factories which manufacture annually large quantities of cocaine, morphine, heroin and other narcotics. These, though under Government supervision, are owned and managed by foreigners. According to the League of Nations figures, the annual combined output of these factories greatly exceeds legitimate medical requirements. The League, so it says, would like to see this production curtailed. But the Turkish Government, with an assured demand from Christian countries for the product, is loath to give up what constitutes one of the country's principal riches—opium.

There is much smuggling. Legitimately and illegitimately, the world continues to be cursed by a traffic in a something more deadly and devastating than any traffic in human beings ever was. Until the Christian countries of the world, England in particular, place the ban on this infernal business, restricting it to the requirements of the medical profession, it will thrive and thrust its noisome and deadly ways throughout the earth to the degradation and death of millions. There is no excuse but the excuse of greed and soulless indifference to human welfare for the continuation of a scourge more dreadful than any inflicted by battle or disease.

The fellow who horks his horn in a traffic jam is a full brother of the chap who rushes to the bank to draw out his money every time he hears a wild rumor.

Bold bandits continue to prove that there are more ways of getting money out of banks than by stuffing their portfolios with bum notes and worthless mortgages.

One paper asks for a more appropriate name for bootlegger. It's a title of long standing, originating when men wore boots. Perhaps "hipnotist" might answer the demand.

Florida has the longest tidal shore line (not including islands), with 1,987 miles. The state having the shortest is Pennsylvania, with a brief mileage along the Delaware river.

Oklahoma is a picturesque and spectacular state. Her people are picturesque and spectacle loving. Her oil fields and gashers are more so. Even her governors are picturesque.

The sun, we read in a scientific article, loses weight at the rate of several million tons per day and we know a lot of pleasing plump ladies who would like to find out how it does it.

It seems so inexplicable, now, doesn't it, that millions of people didn't want to stop drinking because you got a law to that effect? More inexplicable that anybody fancied they would.

Fear of making mistakes has made failures of as many men as mistakes have made successes. Failures are awed into retrospection by the same possibilities-of-mistakes challenged by success among men.

The senate gets more arrogant. Senator Walsh, of Montana wants the president to return the nomination of one of the member of the power commission to the senate for reconsideration of that body.

The lower house of Congress has decided to have "committee hearings" on the Senate \$25,000,000 drought relief measure. In the meantime people are starving to death in the drought-stricken area.

In the days of pioneering in the west when the Indian was a source of terror to traveling companies and scattered communities, some of the more astute leaders found that it was cheaper to feed the natives than to fight them.

In event a special legislative session is held, it will not be held until late February. That's something to be thankful for, anyhow. If the lawmakers get on the verge of starvation prior to the call maybe the Red Cross will come to their aid.

INVESTOR AND POWER INDUSTRY

A short time ago Martin J. Insull, president of the Middle West Utilities Co., issued a statement in which he charged that "certain politicians, journalists and college professors" had, through their misleading statements, intimidated investors in the electric power and light industry, and thus endangered prosperity. Some unkindly critics, reading this statement, might recall that a few years ago the electrical utilities, through an organization in which Mr. Insull was a prime mover, engaged in a nation-wide propaganda campaign, in which particular efforts were made to "sew up" the journalists and the professors through a lavish expenditure of funds. The critic might point out that, in view of the notorious activities of the Insull organization in Illinois politics, this disapproval of politicians hardly comes with the best of grace. But despite the atmosphere of hokum which envelops Mr. Insull's statement, the issue which he raises of the relation of the investor to the power industry is too important to be dismissed lightly.

Certain basic facts must be recognized. In the first place, the electric light and power industry is one of America's great industries. Most of it is in private hands, with a capitalization in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000,000. It is steadily growing, and has some 3,000,000 stockholders, many of them persons of small means. Whatever decision Congress may reach about Muscle Shoals, whatever New York State does about the development of electricity from the St. Lawrence, and whatever headway the movement toward Government ownership may make elsewhere, for many years to come an important part of our electrical utilities will be run and developed by private enterprise. Therefore protection of the investor and encouragement of further investment in order to finance developments are of great importance.

There is no desire on the part of the critics of these utilities to get something for nothing. They know that the investor is entitled to his return, both as a matter of justice and as a practical problem in insuring the expansion of industry. But they believe that responsibility does not end with the relations between the public and the investor. The heads of great corporations which solicit the funds of the public are to a certain extent trustees with public responsibilities, and where they are in an industry where natural conditions make competition impossible, their responsibility both to the investor public and the customer public becomes doubly great.

What is the situation which we find in many of our power utilities? Through a system of non-voting stock and pyramiding of holding companies the investor has been disfranchised and control concentrated in the hands of a small group who frequently make little or no cash payment for their stock. A recent Government report cites the case of the control of an investment of \$375,000,000 by \$1,000,000 of stock. The case, the extreme, is symptomatic of a situation which has alarmed many careful observers of public utilities finance. In the frequent shufflings of securities which seem to characterize public utility holding company finance, assets have too frequently been written up and additional securities issued. The thinking investor may well ask: where is the investment that will justify the earnings necessary to pay dividends, in case the fairness of existing rates is challenged by public authorities? Millions are spent on propaganda. The managing director of the National Electric Light Association says: "Don't be afraid of the expense. The public pays the expense." The investor may well ask whether he has any right to expect the public to pay the expense. When certain leaders in the industry fight any attempt at effective regulation of the network of intercorporate relations, it would be surprising if some doubt did not arise as to how well faith was being kept with the public and with the investor.

The investor does not derive his suspicion from the politician, or the journalist, or the professor. The facts are written where he who runs can read: unchallenged figures and documents in Government reports. The critics of the utilities need not draw on Moscow for their inspiration when they ask for an effective regulation of the tangled maze of financial relationships. The United States Supreme Court said, nearly 15 years ago, in regard to railroad regulation, that "there can be nothing private or confidential in the activities or expenditures of a carrier engaged in interstate commerce," and that the powers of governmental investigation "extend to all activities of carriers and to all sums expended

by them which would affect in any way their benefit or burden as agents of the public."

The politicians, the journalists and the professors are facing realities when they ask that the affairs of the power industry, no matter how entangled by holding companies, shall not be beyond the scope of public regulation. This is as much for the protection of the investor as it is for the protection of the consuming public. If the leaders in the power industry will recognize this they need have no fear about the continued flow of investment funds into that great industry.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

POLITICS!

By attending strictly to business of an urgent nature and neglecting that distracting game of politics for the time being, congress could complete all necessary work before adjournment of the short session on March 4. But that is asking a lot of Congress, especially of the upper branch of Congress as now constituted. No doubt something will be left undone until too late; in fact, senate insurgents propose to see that something is left undone. Why? Politics!

Emergency relief measures, which President Hoover and his cabinet and a congressional majority believe are adequate until the seventy-second Congress convenes next December, were passed before the Christmas recess, but still the senate talks of more relief spending, while supply bills essential to carry on the government for another year remain unpassed. While the senate quarrels over relief of those already provided for, it holds over the heads of thousands of government employes the threat of unemployment, or at least, many payless months.

Filibuster and other tricks to defeat and delay will not be tolerated at such a time. Resorting to them at a time when the cost may be computed in human suffering, would deserve severe treatment at the hands of the voters. This is a time when reason only should appeal.

A CRUSADER FOR HEALTH

Alfred W. McCann, who died in New York a few days ago, was a veteran of those stirring days when pure food legislation was a crusader's cause and not an accepted fact. Like many another who has donned the warrior's armor, a personal experience led to his fight for a principle: he dined on oysters that violently disagreed with him. Immediately McCann set out to learn why food vendors were permitted to sell commodities unfit for consumption or harmful in effect. He joined Dr. Harvey W. Wiley in the fight that led to the pure food and drug law, and was vigorous in investigating packing plants, canneries, dairies, bakeries and other sources of food stuff. His aggressive brought more than 50 suits for libel. McCann won them all, in addition to hundreds of other actions he brought against violators of the food laws. Known as one of the nation's leading authorities on foods, McCann of recent years had devoted his time to writing and making radio addresses on the subject. The present generation owes much of its progress in health and well-being to such pioneers in this important field.

THAT LOS ANGELES TRIAL

After threshing it out for two days, the jury finally agreed that Daisy De Boe did steal from her employer, Clara Bow.

The trial was a strange spectacle. Clara Bow's manner of living was presented in much detail, until at last Judge, to use his own expression, decided to "take a hand in it" deploring "the orgy of mud-slinging," he said the question to be determined was, Did the accused steal money from Clara Bow, as charged? Before the Court's intervention it was Clara Bow who, apparently was on trial, not the defendant. Indeed, the defendant had a jolly time of it and whispered repeatedly in most of the front pages of the land how much she had to tell and how rapturously eager she was to tell it.

After the Judge spoke, the show abruptly ended and the trial began. We do not know why the Judge did not speak at the outset. We do not know, either, why Clara Bow's attorney did not "object." The ways of the law are beyond the layman. But the unfairness, gossiping giggling and injustice of the exhibition staged in the Los Angeles trial is another blow at public opinion's respect for the law.

Congress may appropriate \$25,000,000, in spite of the protest of the President, to feed the starving, but, as tersely remarked by Will Rogers in his radio talk last Thursday night, it will become available only after thousands have perished.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The undersigned will offer for sale at Public Auction at the farm 2 1/2 miles west and 2 miles south of Murray; 4 miles north of Nehawka and 8 miles east and 1 mile north of Weeping Water, Nebr., on—

Wednesday, Feb. 11

beginning at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with lunch served by the ladies of the Murray Presbyterian church, the following described property:

Four Head of Horses

One black mare, 4 years old, wt. 1400; one black mare, 10 years old, weight 1500; one black mare, smooth mouth, wt. 1200; one sorrel horse, smooth mouth, weight 1200.

Cattle and Hogs

15 HEAD OF CATTLE consisting of three red milk cows, 5 years old; three red stock cows, 3 years old; one red cow, 8 years old; two red steers coming 2 years old; two red heifers coming 2 years old; four bull calves and one heifer calf, all coming 1 year old.

9 HEAD BLACK POLAND CHINA HOGS

—Eight sows and one thoroughbred boar.

Farm Machinery, etc.

One Deering 7-foot binder; John Deere 2-row cultivator; John Deere 1-row riding cultivator; Avery 1-row walking cultivator; Avery corn planter with 140 rods of wire; John Deere disc; Newton wagon, new box; Hart-Parr 12-24 tractor, good condition; Oliver 2-bottom tractor plow; Sattley gang plow; John Deere 14-in. walking engine; McCormick hay rake; Hoosier endgate seeder; 2-section harrow; 30-foot corn elevator, horse power; 1-row lister with drill; Dain mower; Jenks automatic swinging hay stacker; hay rack; hay rack; two sets 1 1/2-inch work harness; one single harness; saddle; one buggy; 9 1/2-barrel wagon tank and pump; 3-barrel stock tank; Cowboy tank heater; two steel grain bins; dehorner rack; grindstone; woven wire stretcher; John Deere drilling machine; John Deere corn sheller; one 55-gal. gas barrel; one 52-gal. feed cooker; several tons of hay; feeding oats; No. 16 De Laval cream separator, in good condition, and other articles not listed.

Terms of Sale

On sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand. On sums over \$10, a credit of six months time may be arranged for with the Clerk on bankable note, bearing interest of 8% from date. No property to be removed until settled for.

Henry Kircher, Owner.

REX YOUNG, Auctioneer
W. G. BOEDEKER, Clerk

The reading public is getting tired of modern fiction and showing a revival of taste for the old atmosphere of clean romance and adventure. It hankers for the old romanticism and sentimentality.

George Yeager, Attorney LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To the heirs, devisees and legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of John R. Sheffer and wife, Martha Sheffer, the heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives of all other persons interested in the estate of John R. Sheffer real names unknown, Catherine Coleman, the heirs, devisees, legatees and personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Catherine Coleman, Jane Coleman, the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Jane Coleman; E. B. Coleman, William Coleman, J. H. Coleman, Mathilda Pearson, Lucy Garrett, M. L. Coleman, Mary Laughlin, Amanda Cheverant, Amy Farmer and all persons having or claiming to have any interest in the following described real estate, to-wit: Fractional Lot Seven (7) in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, thence North Thirty (30) rods, thence West 1336 feet, thence South Thirty (30) rods, thence East 1336 feet to the place of beginning, real names unknown, and Le. V. Sheffer, first and real name unknown.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 10th day of January, 1931, Catherine Coleman, Hettie G. Wright, Ella May Marshall, Ada P. Gullion, Isa O. McLeese, Mattie J. Bailey, Lula A. Landon, Myron E. Coleman and Elmer C. Coleman, filed their amended petition as plaintiffs against you and each of you as defendants, the object and prayer of said petition being to quiet the title of the plaintiffs in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Fractional Lot Seven (7) in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, thence North Thirty (30) rods, thence West 1336 feet, thence East 1336 feet to the place of beginning.

You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 2nd day of March, 1931.

ELLA MAY MARSHALL, Plaintiff.
By GEORGE YEAGER, Her Attorney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.

In the County Court.

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

To the creditors of said estate:

You are hereby notified, that I will set at the County Court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on the 20th day of February, 1931, and on the 22nd day of May, 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., on 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 20th day of February, 1931, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 20th day of February, 1931.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 23rd day of January, 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

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NOTICE OF SUIT IN PARTITION

Dora Raney, Plaintiff
vs.
Ina M. Gidley et al.,
Defendants.

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To the Defendants: Ina M. Gidley, Harry J. Gidley, Homer O. Reason, Violet Reason, Harold H. Reason, Bessie L. Hanson, Lars Hanson, Gertrude Struthers, George Struthers, Eleanor McCoy, Walter McCoy, The Unknown Heirs, devisees, Legatees, Personal Representatives and all other persons interested in the several estates of Frank Parker, deceased, Anna May Reason, deceased, and Stella M. Wright, deceased, real names unknown, and all persons claiming or claiming any interest in Lots 1 and 2 in Block 10, in Carter's Addition to Weeping Water, in Cass county, Nebraska, real names unknown.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on January 27th, 1931, plaintiff in the foregoing entitled cause, filed her petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, wherein you and others are made parties defendant, for the partition of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots one (1) and two (2) in Block ten (10) in Carter's Addition to Weeping Water, Cass county, Nebraska—among the parties interested therein, to-wit: The plaintiff, Dora Raney, and the defendants: Ina M. Gidley, Homer O. Reason, Harold H. Reason, Bessie L. Hanson, Gertrude Struthers, Eleanor McCoy, Orville Wright (a minor) and Lovia June Wright (a minor), according to their respective rights and interests therein, as may be found, confirmed and decreed by the Court, and that all defendants named in said petition are required to set up and assert their claims, if any they have in or to said real estate, adverse to the owners thereof and that the same be considered and concluded by the decree of the Court, and for equitable relief and for costs.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1931, or your default will be entered in said cause and a Decree in Partition entered therein as prayed for in said petition.

Dated: January 30th, 1931.

DORA RANEY,
Plaintiff.
By John M. Leyda,
Her Attorney.

George Yeager, Attorney LEGAL NOTICE

In th District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To the heirs, devisees and legatees of John R. Sheffer and wife, Martha Sheffer, the heirs, devisees and legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of John R. Sheffer and wife, Martha Sheffer, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in Lot 8, in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 6th P. M. in Cass County, Nebraska, thence North Thirty (30) rods, thence West 1336 feet, thence South Thirty (30) rods, thence East 1336 feet to the place of beginning, real names unknown, and Le. V. Sheffer, first and real name unknown.

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ELLA MAY MARSHALL, Plaintiff.
By GEORGE YEAGER, Her Attorney.

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