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Add similes: As cocksure as a bleacher baseball manager at a world series game.

The expert who said pie is not made of dough alone would probably admit that neither is a bank roll.

Probably it is proper that gold should be yellow in color. It always plays the slacker in times like these.

Sometimes a man's credit is better than his banker believes it to be—but that doesn't convince the banker.

How did so many people live to become elderly in the days before it was decided that almost all ailments were caused by defective teeth?

You can always tell when a new book by a philosophical writer is improving your mind. At page six you commence to yawn, and at page ten you are sound asleep.

There are a lot of folks in our towns and cities who, when they feel face to face with starvation, back the car out of the garage, go to a movie, and forget their troubles.

It is rather hard to convince a farmer that times are getting better when he has to use two and one-half bushels of cottonseed in purchasing the cheapest package of cigarettes.

Maybe Notre Dame's football opponents are caught asleep so often because the players get to wondering how to spell the names of the Notre Dame players and forget to watch the ball.

The next war between nations will be fought with poisons, says a military expert. In that event, these United States will be in fine shape. We can mobilize a million bootleggers overnight.

Speaking of economy, that West Virginia baby born with four thumbs on each hand, but no fingers, was carrying things a bit too far. However, he may grow up to be an expert hitch-hiker.

Glenn Wilbur Voliva says the world will come to an end in 1935. Now, there's a way out of all our troubles. Why not everybody issue bonds to cover their indebtedness, payable in 1936?

Mass meetings don't mean much when farmers who might want to participate are unable to defray expenses to the meeting place. In all, the world is often governed by revolution but rarely by resolutions.

What in the world do people talk about when there isn't a world series going on?

Wall Street, harassed by bulls and bears, now has the British lion to worry about.

Who is more uncomfortable than a 6-foot 3-inch, 220-pound man in the rumble seat of a Ford?

Finlanders, we read, call moonshine liquor "korpikusen kyyneleita." Evidently theirs is about the same as ours.

Before all the people get through telling what the country needs, prosperity will be back on an 8-hour shift.

So many scientific reasons for criminality have been discovered that just plain cussedness is being overlooked.

We are beginning to find out that some problems can't be solved by passing resolutions or hold an indignation meeting.

Now that Al Capone's income has been cut to \$2,000,000 we can expect the gangs to take matters into their own hands and bring back prosperity.

If newspapers are going to print auto routes to all the big games this fall, it would be a bad idea if they suggested going to them on the water wagon.

In Virginia a man committed suicide by blowing himself up with ten sticks of dynamite. His method may have been rather rough, but he certainly knew what he wanted.

Up in Indiana you can purchase a marriage license with six bushels of wheat. The magistrate who performs the ceremony should be entitled to at least one peck at the bride.

A professional reformer says that it was the "rough element" in The American Legion that voted for a referendum on the prohibition question. Yes, some of those boys are mighty rough. They were especially so at Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Verdun, and in the Argonne Forest.

Man, after experimenting for years, has finally discovered that by an ingenious mixture of castor oil, ethylene, glycol, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen he can make a silk fiber almost as good and not more than three times as expensive as the one a Chinese worm has been manufacturing for centuries.

## SHAKESPEARE IN LOW GEAR

That Shakespeare was a lawyer, barristers have long been convinced from the wealth of legal knowledge shown in his works. From time to time sailors, for similar reasons, have felt equally sure that he must have spent several years afloat. And scholars, from the classical allusions in his plays, have often concluded that he was a man of professional learning. No one hitherto, however, has supposed that Shakespeare was a motorist. But from data compiled in a recent letter it seems evident that he had a copious and exhaustive knowledge of automobiles that would not disgrace a garage hand. In opposition to this theory there is, of course, the trifling difficulty that in Shakespeare's time motors had not been invented. Such a slight anomaly, however, has never been known to discourage the determined "researcher," and on other grounds the evidence is so overwhelming that only the most incorrigible of skeptics could refuse to recognize that the Swan of Avon was a handy man at the wheel.

His private preference as a car owner is perhaps revealed in his exclamation in "Troilus and Cressida," "Give me Swift for transportation," while in "Hamlet" he draws public attention to a famous brand of petrol with the words, "This Lapwing runs away with the Shell." He was not a one-car man, however, for there is an unmistakable note of satisfaction in his remark in "Henry VI," "Here is the Talbot." Nor was he above making mistakes now and again. Some of them indeed are rather surprising in a writer of such universal knowledge. In "The Merry Wives of Windsor," for example, he asks, "Which of you know Ford of this town?" No doubt the inhabitants of that pleasant royal borough soon put him on the road to Detroit.

But what sort of a motorist was Shakespeare? He was not immune from the ordinary trials of the owner-driver. His question in "Macbeth," "Whence comes this knocking?" will strike a responsive chord in many a breast. He was emphatically a law-abiding motorist. His dislike of excessive haste is shown in his outburst in "Hamlet," "O most wicked speed," and again in his cautious advice in "Henry VIII" (showing here perhaps somewhat less than his usual wisdom), "To climb steep hills requires slow pace at first." It is gratifying to know that the greatest of English poets was essentially the sort of man who would not attempt to cross the streets while the lights were against him.

One of the former husbands of Peggy Hopkins Joyce is in trouble with the courts. He has been sued for \$10,000 for shoes purchased by Peggy prior to the nuptial event. Sounds like the bride might have walked home from the wedding.

If you want to find one cause for the economic crisis, observe the large number of folks who, although their homes are heavily mortgaged, bowl up and down the highways at from 40 to 60 miles per hour with no place to go—nothing to do when they get there.

Read the Journal Want-Ads

## "BEST FOR THE COUNTRY"

A recount of the ballots in the Eighth Illinois congressional district develops that the republican incumbent, who was issued a certificate of election, was defeated. A new certificate will be issued, this time to the democratic candidate. With this replacement, the democrats would have 215 members of the new house, of representatives, which meets in December, and the republicans 213 members.

This incident that the next house of representatives will be organized by the democrats, with Garner of Texas as speaker, and democrats in control of the committees. One might naturally conclude that the prospect would be a cause of worry to the republican leaders. But the truth appears to be quite to the contrary. For a good many months, indeed, it has been talked, in the political columns of the press, and in places where politicians congregate, that it would be for the best interests of the republican party, and strengthen it in the approaching campaign, were that party to lose control of the house, as it has already, in every way except nominally, lost control of the senate.

Here, for example, is Albert Shaw, in the Review of Reviews, lamenting republican disorganization and factionalism, and going on to say: "Actual republicans would better serve their party and the administration if they would admit the plain fact that the democrats have a plurality in the senate, and ought to be made to take the responsibility. If the real democrats have a majority over the real republicans in the house, it will be best for the country—and in some ways it will be advantageous to the republican administration—if the democrats are permitted to elect their candidate for speaker and to organize the principal committees."

Here is sounded a note of dismay, of dread of responsibility, of defeatism. There is a plain acknowledgment that, because of the inability of the republican party to function it will be "best for the country" as well as for the party to let the opposition party take charge.

This same humiliating confession is made by the Chicago Daily News, now under the management of Colonel Frank Knox, once bull mooser, now regular Hoover republican. That newspaper says:

"In view of the circumstances certain to obtain when the house assembles, the smart thing for the republican membership to do would be to pass control, and responsibility along with it, to the democratic party. Such a course would better promote republican success in the next election than would assumption of a wholly fictitious control of the house, accompanied by a very real responsibility in the public mind for what the house might do. From the administration standpoint it is possible, and indeed almost probable, that the president would receive more intelligent and effective co-operation from a democratically controlled house than from a nominally republican house, which would be actually controlled by the radicals. The latter wear the livery of the republican party and spend all their waking hours in creating obstacles to the successful administration of public affairs by the party to which they pay only a lip allegiance."

Clearly the republican party is desperately sick when its spokesmen talk like that. And because the republican party, which is the party in control, is sick and feeble and helpless and knows it, is probably a very important reason why the rest of the country is sick too. The party cannot control itself. It is eaten by a cancer, or tormented with a dual personality, or whatever one may choose to call it. Anyhow, it is unable to manage its own household. How then can it be expected to manage and direct public affairs wisely, courageously, with vision and vigor? It can't be—and it isn't—and it doesn't.

But conditions have come to a tragic stage when the Grand Old Party is caught praying aloud that the democrats may control the next house, and the next senate too, "for the good of the country" not only, but to avoid a further pitiful expression of republican impotency in a period which demands brave leadership.

One can sympathize with President Hoover, who for so many months has been a captain almost helplessly adrift in the storm. He has learned what a hollow and frail shell his party has become, and how torn with dissension and mutiny is its crew. Under such circumstances it calls for extraordinary courage to essay to play a captain's role, and so, for the most part, the shell has been left to drift, towing the country about aimlessly along with it.

The conclusion is unavoidable. It would be "the smart thing" and "best for the country," not only to

"pass control" of the house and senate to the democratic party, but control of the presidency along with it.—World-Herald.

## THE PERENNIAL CHALLENGER

The fame of Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton, K. C. V. O., went far afield because of his valiant but fruitless quest for the premier prize of the sailing pastime. His name was a byword for resilient courage and fine sportsmanship far beyond the borders of the British Empire. Repeatedly vanquished, he won greater renown than most victors.

Persons who regarded his vast contributions to the industrial celebrations of the British Empire in the jubilee year of Queen Victoria as something in the nature of a "splurge" were compelled to "haul in their sails" as years went by and the genial Irish baronet continued to uphold the loftiest traditions of Britain in sailing conquests. In the last thirty years, Sir Thomas has sailed the blue ensign to the masts of no fewer than five yacht in an able though unsuccessful fleet of Shamrocks.

Aside from his sporting enterprises, generous contributions to public welfare enterprises frequently marked the career of the man who rose from the place of a humble Glasgow grocer's boy to the head of a great mercantile establishment.

The year 1930 loomed brightly in Sir Thomas's long career as an international yachtsman. To be sure, Shamrock V bowed to the defending boat, but the American people would not permit him to go home empty-handed. Entirely through public subscriptions, a cup valued at several thousands of dollars was presented to the Irish knight. Upon this occasion, Sir Thomas remarked that while he would "try and try again in the hope of lifting the America's Cup," the trophy presented by the American people "represents something far finer."

The crowning point in Sir Thomas's career came earlier this year when he was elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron. It was the first time that a man had arisen from such humble circumstances into the circle of those privileged to fly the white ensign at sea. On the strength of his character, Sir Thomas Lipton won a high place in the hearts of people throughout the world.

## GERMANS SUSPEND POLITICS

The mandate which President Von Hindenburg has given to Chancellor Bruening, to form a personal cabinet, irrespective of party affiliations, temporarily ends any semblance of democratic government in Germany. The republic has become a complete dictatorship. For some time past it has been administered as a modified dictatorship, through the use of the president's extraordinary powers under the constitution, to institute financial reforms by decree, instead of by parliamentary action. Now those powers are to be applied in such a way as to mobilize the entire nation, to meet the economic emergency, and to prevent all party or individual obstruction.

The creation of a "national" government in Germany naturally recalls the similar action taken in Great Britain a few weeks ago. In both cases the object has been to submerge party antagonisms in a time of national emergency and to enlist the services of the ablest men of the country, without regard for their political connections. Although most of the Labor party leaders declined to co-operate, the attempt has been largely successful in Great Britain, and has produced a ministry, composed of the outstanding leaders of the Conservative, Liberal and old Labor parties. What the result will be in Germany remains to be seen.

There is a great difference, however, between the arrangements under which the two ministries are to operate. In Great Britain parliament is still supreme, and the political parties are continuing to function. In Germany the reichstag has been rendered ineffective, together with the complicated party system. The reason for this difference is probably to be found not so much in the nature of the crises confronting the two countries, as it is to the greater experience which the British have had in self-government. Germany is handicapped by the fact that her voters have had real charge of their government only since the World War.

Under the circumstances, Germany is fortunate to have two such men as President Von Hindenburg and Chancellor Bruening to head a dictatorial government. Both command public confidence in a high degree, because they are considered to be above personal ambition. It is fortunate, too, that such cordial relations exist between the president and



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the chancellor. Their foreign policy is likely to be moderate and based upon an honest attempt to meet Germany's obligations abroad.

## MUST FACE FACTS

Amidst these chaotic conditions we cannot make progress if we refuse to face facts. Facts are stubborn things. We cannot alter them with romance, or by trying to set aside the simple rules of reason. There is much grumbling and growling just now because salaries of public employes and wages of workers are being reduced. These reductions are unfortunate, of course, but in an overwhelming majority of instances investigation will show that they are brought about by stern necessity.

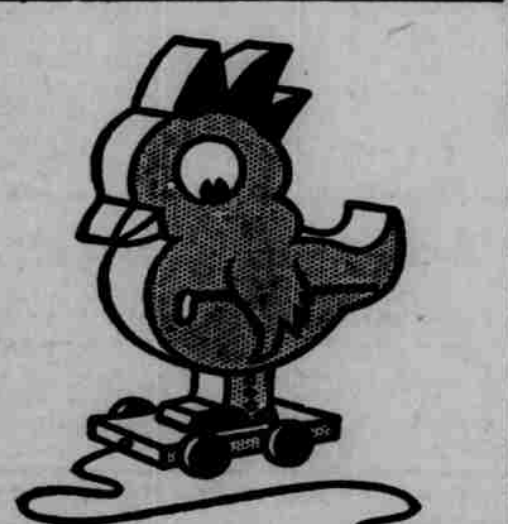
It is better to have a job at reduced wages than to have no job at all. Multiplied thousands of unemployed, able and efficient men and women, would be glad to jump into any of the places where pay has been reduced.

Every form of business and industry has been compelled to reduce operating expenses, and the wage roll is always the chief item of the overhead. In many instances wage reductions will not work hardships because of the increased purchasing power of the dollar.

Perhaps a frank recognition of these fundamentals would have been better at the outset. At least, it would have caused less complaint. In every period of depression costs of business and industry have been forced to yield to declining markets.

Politicians and hare-brained theorists with their cheap nostrums and artificial remedies cannot cure conditions such as these. The merchant who cuts down his sales force does so because sales have been lessened, and he is figuring frantically to break even.

This is likewise true of the manufacturer who faces a restricted market for his commodities. There can be honest differences of opinion on what brought about this economic crisis, but there can be no difference of opinion as to the necessity for recognizing facts as they exist.



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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. In the County Court. In the matter of the estate of C. N. Barrows, 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 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, and on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1932, at ten 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 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 21st day of September, 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

## ORDER OF HEARING AND Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska, ss. State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Fred G. Coryell, deceased: On reading the petition of Laura Coryell, Administratrix, praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this Court on the 28th day of September, 1931, and for final distribution of the assets of said estate and for her discharge as Administratrix; It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court, on the 30th day of October, 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 hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County Court this 25th day of September, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

## ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska, ss. State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Green Piggott, deceased: On reading the petition of Jennie E. Jenkins praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 23rd day of September, 1931, 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 Green Piggott, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to James Earl Jenkins as executor.

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 23rd day of October, 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 25th day of September, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

## ORDER OF HEARING AND Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska, ss. State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the Matter of the Trusteeship of the estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased: On reading the petition of Julius Ploetz, Executor, and Winfield R. Ross, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Augustus F. Ploetz, deceased, praying a final settlement and allowance of their account filed in this Court on the 23rd day of September, 1931, and for assignment of said trust funds to Frank A. Cloldt, as Trustee of the Estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased, and for discharge of Augustus F. Ploetz as 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 23rd day of October, 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 hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1931.

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