

Valentine Party

The Home Benevolent Charity Club members are the sponsors of a unique Valentine party to be given at the hall located at 1133 M street.

The price has been reduced to 25 cents so that every one will be able to be present. The hall should be filled since every one knows the splendid type of work that this group of ladies is doing among the needy.

Rambling Thoughts

I think it was last week in my mental wanderings that friendliness was one of the stations at which I tarried for a brief period; what is a friend? Listen, my hearers.

A jewel whose luster the strong ac-

ids of poverty and misfortune cannot dim.

A triple alliance of the three great powers, love, sympathy and help. The jewel that shines the brightest in the darkness.

A diamond in the ring of acquaintances.

A star of hope in the cloud of adversity.

As I am trying to give this line of thought in broken doses, I pause in order for the mental system to assimilate the ideas given.

"Cogito ergo sum." So reads the Latin proverb, meaning in literal translation, "I think, therefore I AM."

"As A Man Thinketh"

"You will be what you will be; Let failure find its false content In that poor world, 'environment', But spirit scorns it and is free.

It masters time, it conquers space; It oows the boastful trickster, Chance, And bids the tyrant, Circumstance Uncrown, and fill a servant's place.

The human Will, that force unseen, The offspring of a deathless Soul, Can hew a way to any goal, Though walls of granite intervene.

Be not impatient in delay, But wait as one who understands; When Spirit rises and commands, The Gods are ready to obey."

Proverbs, 23:7. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Let us turn to something of a lighter vein. Teacher to one of the boys who was sitting in the school, "James, sit down in front." James: "I can't, I'm

not made that way." History Teacher: "What was the Sherman Act?" Bright Pupil: "Marching through Georgia." My journey is ended for this time. Peace be with you! I. B. Smith.

Lincoln Has Nine Libraries, Says Mrs. Carrie Read

In 1899 effort was made to have free libraries in all large towns, while in many places they were already established, according to Mrs. Carrie Read, head of the children's department in the Lincoln public library.

"There are nine libraries in Lincoln, without counting the school libraries," stated Mrs. Read. "The one at the Nebraska university containing the oldest and most valuable books. We have, in our city library, between ninety and one hundred thousand volumes, several of which date back to the early part of the nineteenth century."

The books are used and mended until they are but a bundle of frayed paper; then they are demolished. "Andrew G. Carnegie, millionaire steel magnate, who donated funds to libraries all over the world, donated seventy-five thousand dollars to our public library," continued the speaker. "Only one man has contributed a collection of books; the rest are purchased with money given by the state."

About two-tenths of every cent is taken from the taxes for the upkeep of the city library.

The Farmers' Plight

All over the United States, although more noticeably in the great central area between Pittsburgh and Denver, known as the Mississippi Valley, there is a spirit of unrest among the farmers which, as we view it, foreshadows material and perhaps radical changes in our social and economic scheme of things.

When the farmer is getting no income from his farm he certainly cannot pay his debts or the interest on them, nor his taxes. The movement for a moratorium on tax and mortgage payments is growing rapidly. It may have far-reaching effects. We have a feeling that in the long run it is going to be better for creditors to give their honest debtors time, than it is for them to seize property which cannot under present conditions earn the interest on its cost.

As we see it, the whole world is going through a drastic economic readjustment which will, we believe, wind up by a very widespread and general compromise on all existing debts and a fresh start for everybody. Much of our trouble is due to the fact that such a high percentage of our agricultural production has been in the past for the export market. That market is rapidly diminishing, as one country after another finds ways of supplying its needs without importing.

We think that the forced economic reorganization which is now under way must result in the reduction of our agricultural production to our own internal demands. That this will benefit every grower of crops or livestock is unquestionable. The most prosperous farmers in the world today are those of France, who produce only enough to supply the needs of the French people and are protected by their government from competition from outside.

It seems to us that we ought to be able to apply at least as much intelligence to our own agricultural problems as the French do to theirs.

Sunday School Lesson

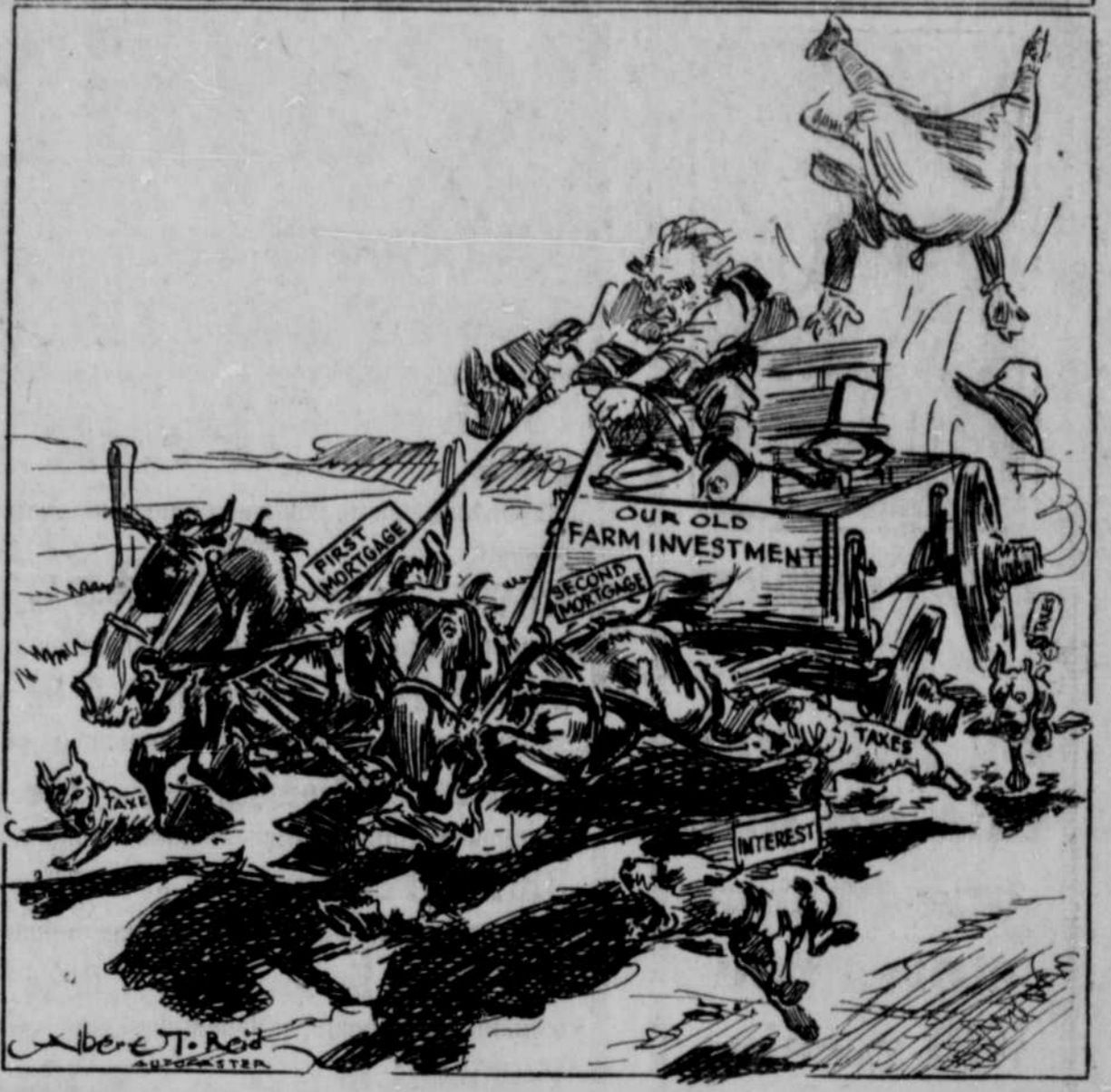
By Charles E. Dunn Jesus Teaching By Parables. Lesson for February 12th. Mark 4: 1-20.

Golden Text John 15:8. We study this week the familiar parable of the sower who sowed his seed in different kinds of soil. The principal lesson Jesus here teaches is that the victory of divine truth depends upon the quality of the persons to whom that truth is taught, just as the yield of the harvest is dependent upon the nature of the soil into which the seed is deposited.

Note that there are four kinds of people described. 1. The hard-headed, represented by the way-side, where the seed cannot penetrate, and is eaten by birds. How many there are in that class the Bible calls "stiffnecked!" They are "hard-boiled," affecting what has been called "the mucker pose." Such folk may hear, but they cannot re-

Can't Somebody Head 'Em Off?

By Albert T. Reid



spond. Their hearts are petrified, God's seed can find therein no nourishing lodgement.

2. The superficial, represented by the rocky soil. These shallow persons are to be preferred to the hardhearted, but they are far from fullness of life. Easy-going, smugly self-satisfied with their own narrow circle and outlook, their religion withers away in a time of stress.

3. The worldly, represented by the thorny soil. How many there are so preoccupied with secondary pursuits, their lives so cluttered with externals that the main secrets of happiness, the root sources of spiritual power are smothered!

4. The devoted, represented by the good ground yielding an abundant crop. These are steadfast, loyal, their hearts honest and receptive, open to the truth, and willing to obey it. Paul knew such, and tells us they were a comfort unto him. The seed rests warmly and securely within their breasts, and brings forth rich and hardy grain for the glory of the Lord and the bounty of His Kingdom!

saying, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." We are trained to speak well. But are we expert in the art of listening?

Easy for the Quacks

The ease with which charlatans of all kinds, particularly medical quacks, defraud the public would be incredible were it not for the evidence to be seen on every hand.

Soon after Franklin made his famous kite demonstration in electricity, everyone was discussing the new force. A doctor named Elisha Perkins manufactured a lot of short metal rods, which he claimed were charged with electricity and therefore capable of drawing disease from the human body. He sold many of the rods—one pair to George Washington.

Electric belts and similar appliances have been sold by the millions, not one of which, of course, had any curative

value whatever. A few years ago a widely advertised product called Sanatogen, had an enormous sale, and testimonials were obtained from many persons of prominence.

One promoter acknowledged making \$45,600 profit in a year from the sale of a "chemical ring" supposed to cure diseases of the blood, but in reality no more efficacious than a twine string tied around one's finger.

But we can hardly wonder at the success of quackery in a state of civilization which will accept a mass of medical superstition as gospel truth.

An odd paragraph in the account of a revival meeting appeared in an Iowa newspaper, which read: "Last night Evangelist Scoville spoke on 'The Bible Hell' and Mr. Deloss Smith sang 'We Will Meet You There!'"

An Indian girl winner of a beauty contest is called "Pretty Bear." We understand that most of the bathing beach favorites have been that way, too.

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Are You One of the New Income Tax Payers?



Table with columns for Income Taxpayer, NET INCOME (\$1100, \$1800, \$2600, \$3600, \$5100, \$6100) and rows for Single, Married (no children), Married (1 child), Married (2 children), Married (3 children).

Above are charted income tax figures which should be of special interest to all, inasmuch as new rates apply and various incomes are effected in different ways. The above table supplements the outline as given in our Washington Column at the left. Only personal exemptions have been deducted in the above chart. You may have other deductions to further reduce your tax.

Speaker, N. D. House



Mrs. M. D. Craig, prominent in North Dakota Republican circles for 10 years, is the first woman Speaker of the N. D. House of Representatives. She is also believed to be the first woman ever to hold such office in the U. S.

Kingfish Rests



U. S. Senator Huey P. Long, self-styled Kingfish, as photographed in characteristic pose on his trip to New York for a rest... after his filibuster in the Senate.

The Half-Moon Curl



Joyee Stillman, posed this new coiffure at the national hairdressers' conclave in New York. It is known as the half-moon curl... and it is predicted that it will be popular during coming months.

Cleaning-Out Hollywood



Murray W. Garsson, investigator from the Department of Labor, is in Hollywood to "clean out" racketeers, aliens, white-slavers, illegal naturalization and smuggling of Orientals.